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Quotable quotes

From JUNE BAPTIST STUDENT

"IN the face of the confusion of standards and conflict of morals which bewilder us, the Christian faith does not offer another set of standards; it offers the true and authentic center of life—the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Lonnie Kliever, Ph. D. candidate in religion, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

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"THE sin of pride is perhaps the most defacing of God's image in man, and the most damaging in its effect upon others, for it inevitably leads to injustice. Class is set against class, race against race, and dogma against dogma."—Raymond A. Coppenger, chairman of the Philosophy Department, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

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"THE quality of life called goodness is not naturally a human quality but a divine gift."—Mahan Siler, Jr., assistant minister, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

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"THE Christian knows because he is known; he loves because he is loved; he can forgive because he has been forgiven."—Franklin M. Segler, professor of pastoral ministry, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Southern Baptist Convention facts

Prepared by Committee on Promotion, Southern Baptist Convention, June 5-8, San Francisco

THE Southern Baptist Convention is made up of 28 state Baptist conventions or general associations, each independent, but cooperating.

Here are some significant Baptist distinctives:

Baptists, because of their historic belief in the free religious choice of each person and in the autonomy of each Baptist church, use terms that may differ from those used by members of other religious groups.

For example, it is never "The Baptist Church" unless referring to one individual congregation of worshippers. Rather, it is "Baptist churches."

Churches send "messengers"—not delegates—to conventions. The churches have NOT delegated authority to their messengers. Though a certain church's messengers may vote for a particular convention policy, the church is not bound to observe it.

No one can "speak for" the Southern Baptist Convention or any of the cooperating state conventions—not even their presidents. The president, like any other Southern Baptist, speaks only for himself.

The title "executive secretary" among Southern Baptists means that the individual is the top staff executive for a particular agency.

The term "cooperative program" describes the channel through which Southern Baptists support missions and benevolent work of their respective Baptist state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The fact that one Baptist agency is called a commission, another a board, another an institution, does not indicate that one holds superiority over the other.

Voting in convention business is done by messengers from the churches. The number of messengers each church may send to the national convention is based on the church's membership.

Attendance is not limited to messengers, but only messengers can vote on business presented to the convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 "to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad, and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the kingdom of God."

The SBC carries on its work through various agencies, including boards, commissions and institutions.

Each state convention has agencies of its own and operates colleges, hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions. The Southern Baptist Convention has no jurisdiction over agencies and policies of a state Baptist convention.

How little it costs!

How little it costs just to say a kind word

Or to help lift the load of a brother!


How happy one feels at the end of a day

Filled with loving deeds for another!

—Lydia Albersen Payen, Stuttgart

Travel Tip

A TRAVELING tip if you're not in a hurry going to or returning from the Southern Baptist Convention at San Francisco: Holders of Western clergy permits may use them on Canadian National and Canadian Pacific trains from Seattle to St. Paul via Vancouver, the Canadian Rockies and Winnipeg. Fares to and from Seattle via Canada are essentially the same as via direct lines inside the United States. (BP)



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EP Evangelical Press.

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New Name for Southern Convention

By BRUCE H. PRICE
Newport News, Virginia

WHETHER or not to change the name of the Southern Baptist Convention has become a perennial issue. There are many reasons why the name should be changed, and only one why it should not be. That one is sentiment.

In 1845 the name was appropriate because the geographical location of the convention's work was in the South. Having expanded until we have churches in all fifty states, the name "Southern" is a misnomer. This should be sufficient reason for the selection of a new name.

However, there is a better reason for making a change. How much appeal would a denomination with the name "Northern Baptist Convention" make in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and other southern states? We are naive if we think the word "South-

ern" is inviting in other sections of the nation.

Home missionaries serving outside the South come face to face with this problem. Many of them believe a more descriptive name would be more conducive to winning people to Christ and reaching local Baptists by a transfer of church letter from Baptist churches outside of Dixie.

The suggestion has been made that "Southern Baptist" is a doctrinal description and has become synonymous with orthodoxy. It would not take long for the same thought of orthodoxy to be transferred to a new name. A rose would not be any different if given another name.

Dozens of new names have been suggested. The most appropriate which has come to my attention is "Cooperative Baptist Convention." The objection may be offered that other Baptist groups are cooperative, too. In reply it is noted that other Baptists have the names: American, National and North American and all three of these words are descriptive of other Baptist organizations on the continent.

Eventually we shall choose a new name. The sooner the better.

Truman to speak

FORMER President Harry S. Truman will speak at a retirement dinner May 28 in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Pope Binns of Liberty, Mo. The dinner will be given by the board of trustees of William Jewell College (Baptist) for Binns, who is leaving July 1 after 19 years as president. (BP)

Swedes study union

The Swedish Baptist Union has appointed a committee to study whether or not it should join the World Council of Churches. The Union is a member of the Swedish Ecumenical Council. Of 23 Baptist Unions in the European Baptist Federation, four belong to the World Council. (EP)

Graduation speaker



DR. HALL

DR. ANDREW M. Hall, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, will give the graduation sermon at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, at 10:30 a.m. May 22.

The alumni informal student luncheon will be held at 12:45. The commencement speaker at 8:00 p.m. in the chapel will be Arkansas Attorney General Frank Holt. There will be 57 in the graduating class this year.

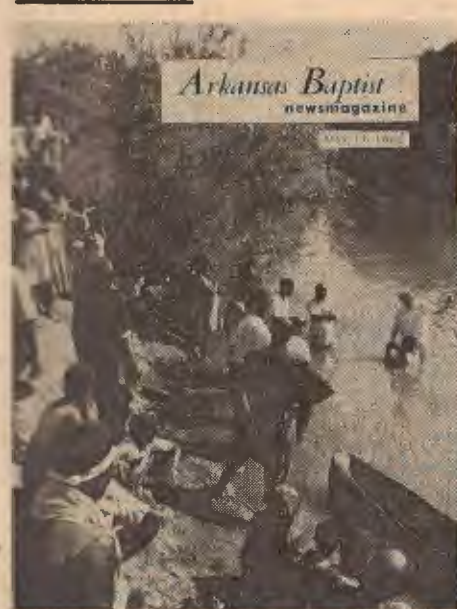
U. of A. Baptists to hold meeting

THE Baptist Former Student's Association of the University of Arkansas will hold its spring meeting May 26 at Baptist Student Center, 323 S. Elm, in Little Rock.

The meeting will begin with a free luncheon at 12:15 p.m. A nursery will be provided at a nearby church. Reservations for the luncheon and the ages of all children to be cared for in the nursery must be forwarded to the Baptist Student Center in Fayetteville by May 22. All Baptist former students of the U. of A. are urged to attend.

The group was formally organized at Homecoming last year to provide a medium by which former students could maintain contact with each other and the BSU program at the U. of A. Jim Blair, Springdale attorney, is Chairman of the Steering Committee.

The Cover



Foreign Mission Board Photo

SOUTHERN Baptist Missionary William E. Lewis, Jr., baptizes a new Christian in a river near Tukuyu, Tanganyika.

[In the Letters to the Editor column this week Missionary Clarence A. Allison reports on the work in this field.]

This paper and politics

ALTHOUGH we feel that the editorial policies of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* are fairly well known to those who read the paper from week to week, it might be appropriate at this time to discuss our policy on dealing with politics and political issues. As a religious weekly, the official organ of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, this publication is politically non-partisan, being neither for nor against any political party or parties. But we endeavor to be partisan on issues, feeling that Christians should stand up and be counted on civic and moral questions. This has sometimes resulted in the editor being accused of being pro- or anti-somebody who happens to be in office or aspiring to be. For example, our stand against the ill-fated bond issue last year caused us to be branded as being against those who favored the bonds. Of course, one obviously cannot deal with political issues without becoming involved, at least indirectly, with political personalities. But such involvement is purely incidental to the greater involvement of speaking out for what we believe to be the right.

The *Arkansas Baptist* will not come out for or against any of the candidates in the immediate or coming elections. We carry no political advertising. But we will endeavor from time to time to inform our readers on the issues before us and, in certain matters, the avowed stands taken by the various candidates for office. As in the races two years ago, we shall carry information gathered by the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas from the candidates themselves. This will be reported as nearly as possible in the words of the candidates as they reply to the CCFa questionnaire, and, of course, when candidates choose to ignore the questionnaire, as some of them did in the previous election, their failure to answer will be noted so that the voters can have this for consideration in judging the candidates.

No amount of talk or print will have any effect on the way some people vote. But we believe that the majority of the people of Arkansas are open to a more or less unbiased consideration of the facts and that they can be counted on to vote their honest convictions on issues and personalities, come election day. So, we are concerned that every voter know the facts and we are unalterably against smoke screens, talking through hats or out of both sides of the mouth, and anything else which is not honest and square and aboveboard. This is where we shall endeavor to stand regardless of whose chances of election or re-election may be involved. So help us, God.—ELM

'Traveling mercies'

FREQUENTLY, as we Christians are about to leave on a journey, we pray for "traveling mercies" or "traveling graces." The main thing uppermost in our minds on such occasion is our need for a kind and loving Providence to watch over us and "keep us from all harm." In every-day language, we ask the Lord not to let anybody run over us and to save us from running over somebody else. And we usually request it in about that order.

One does not have to travel far—even if he has safety belts and is a sane, skilled and law-abiding driver—to realize that he is on the firing line on just about any road he travels. Far more Americans have been killed on the highways than ever died in the trenches on battle fronts. And when you are killed by an automobile, you are just as dead as if you had been vaporized by a nuclear bomb. The fact that there may be some pieces left to be picked up by the undertakers after a highway massacre is not much comfort.

The greatest single cause of highway "accidents" is driving at excessive speeds. Once a driver has taken it on himself to pay no attention to the rules of the road that have been set up for the mutual benefit of all who travel, he becomes a potential killer.

We Southern Baptists talk a lot about the "Christian witness," and we try to make much of the fact that only about three out of a hundred of us ever witness personally to the lost. But if we think of the witnessing all of us do in the way we drive and the way we conduct ourselves on the highways and wherever we are, we must realize that 100% of us witness every day. For one to take his stand publicly as a Christian then to flout the laws of his country, even the laws governing the use of the highways, is a hurtful contradiction.

So, when we pray, "Lord, give us traveling mercies," let us pray that the Lord will help us to be righteous and merciful as we travel.—ELM

Name change for SBC?

WILL Southern Baptists consider again the advisability of changing the name of their convention? In a brief article entitled "New Name for Southern Convention," by Dr. Bruce H. Price, pastor of First Church, Newport News, Va., which this paper has just received, Dr. Price, a former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, predicts: "Eventually we shall choose a new name. The sooner the better." He proposes as the best he has heard suggested: "Cooperative Baptist Convention." We'd like to resubmit our proposed new name: "Baptist Convention USA."—ELM

PIONEERING is something "you don't hardly see no more." Except, of course, on TV. Or in outer space. Or in nuclear laboratories and on or near launching pads.



ELM

Young couples just starting out to keep house used to start where their papas and mamas started, with a few straight-back, cane-bottomed chairs, a cook stove, a bed, a waterbucket with dipper, and place settings for six. But not anymore.

Now, both of the newlyweds are "gainfully employed" and all they have to worry about is the total of the monthly payments. The extent of their sacrificing or pioneering is to struggle along with an economy or compact car for their second car, and, perhaps, to forego for a little while the luxury of Color TV.

There are not many things left for you to do with your hands anymore, except fishing, golfing, or using can-openers.

It's getting harder and harder, even in politics, to find anybody who knows the difference between a middlebuster and a Georgia single-stock.

We are missing a lot in these times when so few of us ever work enough to get up a real sweat. If everybody could just get back to ploughing in new-ground a few days we wouldn't need so many psychiatrists. There's nothing like ploughing in acres of stumps, rocks, and vines to take your mind off of everything else. And after working in new-ground, anything else you ever have to do will seem so-o-o-o easy.

Even public worship has been made easy for everybody. It used to be that whole congregations knelt for prayer, back before the church house floors were carpeted from wall to wall. Now we sit in plush, air-conditioned surroundings and scarcely bow our heads. With tithing, "pack-the-pew," and the Cooperative Program, we can be pretty self-sufficient.

When the preacher preaches on "leaving all to follow Christ," about the only "leaving" the most of us have in mind is that the little four-year-old girl centered on when she thanked the Lord in her sentence prayer in the Beginners Department for "when this is over and we can get out."

We still sing "Must I Be Carried to the Skies on Flowery Beds of Ease," in church once in a while. But there are not many of us going around humming it anymore.

Edwin L. McDonald

From Tanganyika

GREETINGS from East Africa!

The Long Rains have begun in Dar es Salaam. The heat has moderated somewhat, and I feel energetic enough to write a note to you. Alta and I want you to know how much we enjoy reading the Arkansas Baptist. It really fills a gap in our lives with the news from home. We are grateful to the First Baptist Church of Walnut Ridge, who send it to us.

I wish you could come to East Africa, especially to Dar es Salaam. The drive from here to the town of Iringa, 300 miles upcountry, is a continuous scene made beautiful by millions of multi-colored Morning Glories. The countryside is looking typical of the lush tropical scenes of Africa. There's beauty here that rivals that of any place on Earth.

One great fear is with the Country now. That is that floods will destroy the crops and the famine will increase. Since last November floods have ravaged much of the land and left the people without sufficient food. Already, the RAF has dropped many tons of corn from the air. Now there is a team of Americans here to drop more tons to starving people in the Rufiji River Valley. All the corn has come from America, and the people are deeply grateful for it.

Today we begin a new term of Adult Education classes here at the Dar es Salaam Baptist Center. We expect about 200 men and women to enroll for classes in English, Swahili, Sewing, Cooking, and health. Most of them are Moslem and hostile to the Gospel, but they come for the classes and we try to live the Gospel before them. Pray for us.

Again, we appreciate getting the paper. God bless you and your work, and all of Southern Baptists.

Come to see us sometime!—Clarence A. Allison, Box 2731, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika

Washington worship

I HAVE been ministering in the Washington area for some three and one-half years. Among the concerns of pastors in the area is an interest in the spiritual welfare and religious influence of our statesmen. This has been a subject of much discussion in our pastors' conferences. We have been very disturbed to discover that many of our statesmen who have been prominent in Baptist activities within their home states do not find the time to participate in services of worship in the National Capital Area.

Baptists of Arkansas should be pleased with the witness borne by some dedi-

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Freedom and Catholic Power in Spain and Portugal, by Paul Blanshard, Beacon Press, 1962, \$3.95

Does military expediency justify American financial and moral support of two of the most despotically governed countries in the world—Spain and Portugal—where dictators Franco and Salazar have ruled with substantial backing from the Catholic hierarchy? Why is the United States the only great Western ally remaining to Franco? Is it because the American public is ignorant of what really goes on in Spain that there has been no outcry against granting Franco more than \$1,200,000,000 in military and economic aid?

These are some of the many pertinent questions Dr. Blanshard, a recognized authority on Roman Catholicism, deals with in this timely book.

Museums Directory of the United States and Canada, edited by Erwin O. Christensen, American Association of Museums, Washington, D. C., 1961

This directory covers the museum field—art, history, science, and special museums. Also included are art centers and associations; historic houses and historical societies; colleges and university museums; children's museums; aquariums, arboretums; botanical gardens, herbariums, planetariums, and zoos; libraries with collections other than books; preservation projects; government-sponsored parks, wildlife refuges and historic sites.

The listings are arranged by states and provinces. Listings for Arkansas cover one and one-half pages. Arkansas place listings include Berryville, Fayetteville, Garfield, Helena, Hot Springs, Little Rock, Pottsville, Russellville and State College.

The Goodness of God, by R. L. Middleton, Broadman Press, 1962, \$2.50

The author is a Nashville, Tenn., businessman and Baptist Sunday School department superintendent who writes for a hobby. This, one of nine books he has produced, consists of 21 devotions on a variety of subjects. Chapter titles include: Their Dedication, Our Inspiration—What Our God Can Do, Our Hands, God's Tools, Unconscious Greatness, We Are Most Richly Blessed, Life's Golden Extras, God's Gracious Providences, and Fortified for Life's Storms.

The Epistles of Peter, by Cary N. Weisiger III, Baker, 1961, \$2.50

Dr. Weisiger, pastor of the Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, here presents sermonic material dealing with the epistles I and II Peter, which are of unusual import for today. This is another in the series of Baker "Proclaiming the New Testament."

Christianity begins at home

By MRS. J. H. STREET

"THERE is an increasing realization on the part of all the principal churches that religious education cannot rest upon the slender reed of 45 minutes a week of Sunday-School instruction. The formation of the child's religious life and his convictions must, in large measure, take place in the home."—Pike

QUESTION: "It is disturbing to me that so many of the teenagers involved in vandalism and juvenile delinquency come from families who are active church members.

"Is this not a reversal of the Scripture, 'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it' (Proverbs 22:6)?"

ANSWER: No, today's baffling state of affairs is not a reversal of the Scripture you quote.

The situation does call for the facing of some probing could-it-be questions.

Could it be that some of us are substituting churchanity for Christianity? Our sons and daughters have telescopic insight into our characters. They are easily disillusioned. They react strongly against inconsistencies in adults. They are allergic to pious veneer.

One mother's face is still red when she remembers having questions about some associates her son was acquiring. At one point in the course of their talking it over he said, "Mother, the things you are saying don't sound like the way I've heard you teach that God is no respecter of persons."

She learned, then, if a mother will invite her son's friends in, provide things for them to do, and be cordially insistent that their visits together be in her home, one of two things will usually happen. Either the associates in question will begin to fit into the standards and ways of that home, or else they will quickly lose interest and the associations will soon pass.

Could it be that our homes have delegated the spiritual development of our youth to the churches? Have we been more conscientious about providing vitamins for their bodies than for their souls? Have we omitted family Bible reading and prayer, and regular family councils in the home?

Could it be that our home approach to Christianity has been negative? As in the case of the little girl who thought her name was "Annie Don't?" Do we have meaningless religion rather than vibrant Christianity? Have we been long on criticism and short on praise for our children?

Could it be that the "big ears" of the "little pitchers" in our homes heard more gossip and belittling remarks about the neighbors than expressions of appreciation for their good qualities? Even concerning our church leaders, have we been more readily critical than prayerful for and appreciative of them?

Could it be that by precept and example adults have taught lack of community pride and cooperation? get-by attitudes toward the laws of our land? hostile reactions toward law enforcement officers?

Could it be that dads and mothers are so busy making a living and attending meetings that they cannot be families who "work together, play together, and pray together"?

Could it be that our home discipline has wavered between unreasonable demands and weak acquiescence? Have we surrendered

home and family decisions to patterns of life dictated by outside influences? Are we so indoctrinated with the perils of the adolescent period that we are afraid to take a firm stand for the right and against the wrong?

Could it be that sometimes we adults mistake the thoughtless misdemeanors of bouyant youth for delinquent traits?

Let us not forget that patience, love, and prayer will in time transform trying teenagers into acceptable adults.

Perhaps it would be a constructive move for all the troublesome teenagers to receive a personal copy of this "Open Letter to a Teenager," sent out by the Denver Juvenile Court (copied from an exchange bulletin):

"Always we hear the plaintive cry of the Teen-Agers: What can we do? Where can we go? The answer is—

"Go home and hang the storm windows.

"Paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves. Mow the lawn. Wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub some floors. Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job.

"Help the minister, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. Study your lessons. And then when you are through—and not too tired—read a book.

"Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your village does not owe you recreation facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so that no one will be at war, or in poverty, or sick, or lonely again.

"In plain simple words—Grow up. Quit being a cry-baby. Develop a backbone, not a wishbone; and start acting like a man or a lady."

Be patient!

Rosalind Street

[Mail should be addressed to Mrs. Street at 2309 South Fillmore, Little Rock, Ark.]

Of Hebrews and critical problems

PAUL didn't write Hebrews. Not at least, according to the Greek text. Of course, you may argue that Paul really did write Hebrews and just chose not to disclose it in the book. But, if so, where do you get your information that Paul *did* write it?

Oh, you saw that little editor's note in your English translation: "The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews." Well, now that's what is not in the Greek text. The text contains only the words "To the Hebrews." Somebody besides the author put the rest of that "title" there.

Scholars who are familiar with the Greek of Paul's letters on the one hand and of Hebrews on the other are convinced by the dissimilarities alone that Paul did not write Hebrews. Most reverent scholars are content to say with Origen, in the late second century: "Only God knows who wrote Hebrews." Perhaps we could leave the matter there. But some are impatient to do so.

We were discussing this and related critical problems in a seminary class a while back. One of the students wanted to know why we didn't forget all about these critical problems and just "preach the Gospel."

Perhaps there are better answers to his question than the one which I gave. On the spur of the moment, I answered not as a professor but as a parent: "I want my son and my daughter," I said, "to hear about these matters from reverent and sympathetic people like you."

And they *will* hear about them, in this age of rapidly advancing education. But I don't *want* them to hear for the first time from an atheist English professor in a state university that Paul didn't write Hebrews and that Moses didn't write Genesis. I want them to hear from well-informed and well-respected pastors, education directors, and Sunday school teachers that Ephesians wasn't addressed to

Ephesus, that the millennium is not necessarily to be understood literally, and that there are verbal differences among the several Gospels which cannot be reconciled with present evidence. At the same time, however, I want my children to be reassured that such critical

Baptist beliefs

CONFESSION

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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THE WORD for "confession" occurs only six times in the New Testament where it is rendered "profession" (I Tim. 6:12; Heb.



DR. HOBBS

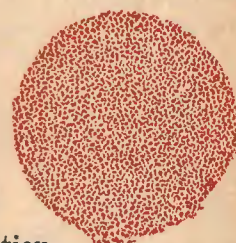
3:1; 4:14; 10:23); "confession" (I Tim. 6:13); and "professed" (adjective) Cor. 9:13). The verb form appears twenty-three times. It is variously rendered as "confess" (17 times, cf. Matt. 10:32); "profess" (3 times; cf. I Tim. 6:12); "promise" (Matt. 14:7); "give thanks" (Heb. 13:15); "confession is made" (Rom. 10:10). The basic meaning of the word is to say the same thing; to give assent or agree.

Thayer points out the relation between profession and confession. "Profess" (Latin, *profiteor*) means to declare openly and voluntarily. "Confess" (Latin, *confiteor*) means to declare fully, as yielding or changing one's convictions. Thus with respect to Christ the word means to declare openly, to speak out freely and voluntarily one's change of allegiance from Satan to Christ (Luke 12:8). With respect to sin it connotes an open acknowledgement to God (I John 1:9). Confession of sin with the idea of forgiveness is to be made to God, not man.

studies in no way destroy the Bible as a vehicle of the revelation of God.

You can make your own decisions about these and other such matters. But my judgment is that truth frankly faced will more nearly elicit a response of enduring faith from my children and yours than we could ever hope to secure from truth evaded, ignored, concealed, or denied.

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A classic use of the word is found in Romans 10:9-10. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus [Jesus is Lord], and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness [justification]; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Here "confession" is more than saying some words. It involves the conviction that by His resurrection Jesus is Lord to such a degree that you will stake your life and soul on it. In Paul's day pagan worshippers said, "Caesar is lord." To refuse was to risk death. Many Christians paid with their lives to say instead, "Jesus is Lord." Confession, then, involves the complete loyalty of one's life to Christ. It is an open, voluntary espousal of Christ as one's Saviour and Lord.

Note that in Romans 10:9 Paul puts confession before faith. His emphasis is on open confession. In Romans 10:10 he reverses the order, faith, then confession, the proper sequence. We confess what we have already believed, as it becomes the outward expression of an inner experience.

The New Testament holds forth no case for "secret discipleship" (Matt. 10:32-33). One should not place his hope in such.

Arkansas All Over

Lawson dedication

LAWSON Church will observe its 50th anniversary and the dedication of its new building on May 20.

The church was organized in 1912 as a part-time church with preachers from El Dorado often doing the preaching. It has now grown to a church of 134 members, with 101 enrolled in Sunday School, 79 enrolled in Training Union, and an active WMU and Brotherhood.

The new building was started with Rev. Joe Burnett as pastor and was completed this year under the leadership of the deacons, W. A. Chaney, J. A. Talley, A. A. Wallen, J. A. Pomeroy and John L. Stegall and former pastors.

The new building was completed with funds from "love offerings" and donations. It is now debt free.

Rev. Doyle Jameson, pastor, welcomes all who have helped share in the building of this new building. The services will begin at 2:30 p.m. and immediately following there will be an open house from 3 to 5 p.m.

Report mission interest

PINE Grove Church, Sweet Home, reports an increased interest in missions. The budget for 1962 shows an increase in Cooperative gifts from 10 percent to 12 percent and 100 percent increase in associational missions.

The church has two institutional missions under the direction of Mrs. Robert Diemer, Community Missions Director. A weekly service is conducted at Granite Mountain Nursing Home and a monthly service for Florence Crittenden Home for Negro girls. The church also participates in helping a church in Longmont, Colo., where Rev. Jackie Pinnell from Lincoln, Ark., is pastor.

Pine Grove's pastor, Joseph A. Hogan, and Mrs. Hogan will work in an Indian church Vacation Bible School and revival near Eufaula, Okla., May 28 to June 1. Mr. Hogan will preach in revival services each night.

Dr. Warmath resigns First, El Dorado

DR. WILLIAM Walter Warmath recently resigned the pastorate of First Church, El Dorado,



DR. WARMATH

The El Dorado church honored Dr. Warmath on Wednesday evening, May 2, with a "love and appreciation" service in the auditorium and presented to him a check as a love offering from the church membership.

After the service in the auditorium a reception was given in the church dining room for Dr. and Mrs. Warmath and Bill, their 10-year-old son. Members of the church were joined by friends from other churches of the city for this occasion.

Dr. Warmath has been active in civic and community affairs. He served Arkansas Baptists as a member of the Executive Board and for two years was a Trustee of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital. He is a trustee of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Warmaths have three other children besides Bill: a daughter, Mary Frances, a junior at Ouachita; a son, Jerry, who will graduate from Southern Seminary in June; and another son, Van Snider, who will graduate from the Arkansas School of Medicine in June.

Winslow calls pastor

REV. A. F. Wall of Arkansas City, Kansas, has accepted the pastorate of Winslow Church in Washington-Madison Association, the superintendent of missions, Alexander Best, reports. Mr. and Mrs. Wall and their three children will move into the parsonage after the school term ends.

Progress at Ft. Smith

SUNDAY, May 6, marked the first anniversary of Rev. Hugh R. Horne in the pastorate of Calvary Church, Ft. Smith.

During his pastorate, the church bulletin reports, there have been 58 public professions of faith, with a total of 122 applying for membership. Eleven young people have dedicated themselves to church-related vocations and there have been 132 public rededications.

The Cradle Roll department has been reactivated; the Married Young People's Department was revived; a Young People Away department and Nursery division organized. An active youth program with a youth director was instituted and a new pastor's home was secured.

First, Warren begins mission

SOUTHSIDE Mission, sponsored by First Church, Warren, was established Sunday, May 6, with all regular services scheduled plus revival services each night of the first week.

Rev. Don R. Williams was the evangelist, and Jack A. Reed led the music.

The new mission is located on south Main Street in Warren. Mr. Williams, superintendent of missions for Bartholomew Association, will stay with the mission for up to three months to direct its development. Rev. W. E. Speed is pastor of First Church. Mr. Reed is music and education director.

YOUTH Week activities were held at First Church, West Memphis, May 13-20. Robert Crofton served as youth pastor; Leon Adams, music director; and Bobby Naylor, educational director. Approximately 100 positions of leadership in the church were filled by young people during the week, Robert Holley, educational director, reports. Rev. Tommie Hinson is pastor.

Licensed to preach

GERALD Bounds was licensed to preach Jan. 17, at Central Church, Jonesboro, Curtis L. Mathis, pastor.



MR. BOUNDS

Mr. Bounds, 25, is a student at Arkansas State College. He and his wife and their two children live at 623 East Matthews, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

He preached his first sermon Sunday night, April 8, and has had the opportunity to supply in several churches since that date.

College City Church has unique service

COLLEGE City Church at Walnut Ridge held a unique service May 6 which was designated "Christians in Russia Day."

Members and visitors were asked to attend dressed to fit the occasion with the women requested to omit makeup, dress in drab colors and use a shawl for a head-covering while the men were advised that ill-pressed suits and the omission of a tie would not only be suitable but preferable, since most Russian men are "slouchy in appearance" and do not wear ties.

The service began at 10 since Sunday School is outlawed in Russia. Three sermons were scheduled plus a "Russian wedding."

The day was planned to make the congregation realize "what it would be like to live where the government was fully against all religion and had been for 43 years," said the church bulletin. Dr. H. E. Williams is pastor at College City.

ROVER Church was host to the Yell County singing convention April 29. Several singing groups, from Hot Springs, Russellville, Danville, Plainview, and other parts of the state, were well represented. After Sunday morning services, dinner was served at the church. There were about 225 present. Bobby Hethcox is pastor.

Pilot district chosen for Religious Education

DISTRICT No. 4, composed of Ouachita, Buckner, Concord, Clear Creek, and Dardanelle-Russellville associations, has been chosen as the Religious Education Division Pilot Project District.

While a number of associations over the state have voted to ask the project to be in their area, West Central District is the first to have all associations vote for the project. Since this district has both rural and urban churches, it is considered a good testing ground for the new program.

The pilot project will be an experiment in enlisting and training workers for, and promoting and planning the work of, Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and Church Music on the associational level. The plan calls for placing a Religious Education director in the district to work with and through associational leadership to try to improve their ministry to churches.

Southern Baptists' basic approach to meet the needs of the thousands of churches not able to afford paid Religious Education help has been to conduct conferences and clinics on the associational level. This is still considered to be the ideal way to inspire and train church leaders for more effective service in their churches.

The Pilot director will be available to the five associations named

above to assist in enlisting and training lay workers in the associations and to assist in promoting and planning the work of Religious Education.

Arkansas' Pilot Project is the first of its exact nature ever to be tried so far as is known; thus, Religious Education leaders over our entire Southern Baptist Convention will be awaiting the results of this experiment. Three of our convention leaders have said that this may well be the answer to our most difficult, yet, most essential, ministry; namely, providing trained lay leadership and vital meetings for churches when they meet at Associational Religious Education meetings.

The missionaries of the five associations are: Jay W. C. Moore, Concord; Al G. Escott, Ouachita; Ford F. Gauntt, Buckner; Paul Wilhelm, Clear Creek; and William Woodson, Dardanelle-Russellville. They have each demonstrated a keen interest in the project and report a great anticipation on the part of their associations for the same.

J. T. Elliff, director of the Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Division, will supervise the work of the Pilot director. He reports that work will begin immediately in the West Central District under his direction and it is hoped the director will be chosen and moved into the area by Aug. 1.

New Arkansas Baptist subscribers

Church	Association	Pastor
New Budget:		
Pine Tree, Colt	Tri-County	J. C. Latham
Wood Springs	Mt. Zion	O. S. Conley
New budget after trial:		
Good Hope	Calvary	Henry Wright
Second, Russellville	Dardanelle-Russellville	Herbert Hodges
Three months free, new church:		
Western Grove	Boone-Newton	Paul Taylor

Journalism awards

A THIRD - PLACE plaque in General Excellence and five individual awards were won by the staff of the Ouachita College campus newspaper, *The Signal*, at the annual spring meeting of the Arkansas College Publications Association in Hot Springs May 2.

In competition with 13 other newspapers from colleges throughout the state, *The Signal* scored 3,315 points, only 35 short of the 3,350 scored by the first-place *Harding Bison* and 10 behind the second - place *Arkansas A&M Weevil Outlet*.

Carl Willis, sophomore from Paragould, won first place in editorial writing, with an editorial entitled "The Enemy Within." Wayne Hardin, junior from Arkadelphia, took second place in both sports features and sports column. Hardin, who is sports editor of both *The Signal* and the *Henderson Oracle*, took first place in sports writing on a story written for *The Oracle*.

Lloyd Percy, junior from Norwalk, Calif., placed second in sports writing. Percy served as editor of the award-winning *Signal*. Gerald Congleton, senior from Pine Bluff, tied for third in photography, with Walter Nunn, of Hendrix.

First, Prescott, to observe 75th birthday

FIRST Church, Prescott, will observe its 75th anniversary May 27 with special memorial services for all deceased members. Memorial flowers will be placed at the rostrum by the families and the church for each as their names are called.

First Church was organized in 1876, the church bulletin recounts, with the first building constructed in 1887. A new brick sanctuary replaced this structure in 1905 and the present building was erected in 1924. The East annex was added in 1954 and a new education building is scheduled for construction early in 1963.

Rev. William R. Woodell is pastor.



MR. MAY



MR. HAYGOOD

Two to get degrees at New Orleans

TWO Arkansans will be among 161 candidates to receive degrees May 18 from New Orleans Seminary.

They are Orlan Phillip May, Fordyce, candidate for the Bachelor of Divinity degree; and Joseph Franklin Haygood, Hazen, candidate for Master of Church Music degree.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Miss., will speak at the commencement ceremonies.

Used pews needed

TOMMAHAWK Mission is interested in securing "used" church pews. They need 16 pews, 12 feet in length. Another need is offering plates. Can you help? Write Herbert T. Blanton, Box 663, Yellville, Ark.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions

Reports progress at Jacksonville

PASTOR B. Franklin Bates of First Church, Jacksonville, reports the church has voted to borrow \$245,000 to refinance present property and build a new two-story educational unit. The new building will house four departments for Juniors and Intermediates; eight nurseries and four beginner departments, with a total capacity of from 550 to 600.

Expansion of the auditorium has just been completed to bring its seating capacity to nearly 1,000. Sunday School and Training Union attendance have increased steadily, Pastor Bates adds, with 927 in Sunday School and 358 in Training Union Sunday, April 29.

Revivals

FIRST Church, Green Forest, Ark., has a revival. Gus Poole, pastor; April 15-25 with Chester Roten, evangelist; Stafford, music; five for baptism.

PIKE Avenue Church, North Little Rock, R. H. Dorris, pastor; April 15-22 with Rev. J. T. E. state director of Religious Education, evangelist; Carol Dur First Church, Jacksonville, solo Darrell Wood, music director for baptism, nine by letter, surrender to the ministry.

WESTSIDE Church, Magnolia, C. W. Nash, pastor; April 29-16 with V. E. Defreece, Flat River, Mo., evangelist; Earl Bailey, director of education, Central Church, Magnolia, music; three for baptism, three by letter one redemption.

PARKVIEW Church, El Dorado, Herman Sandford, interim pastor; April 22-29 with Rev. Jesse R. evangelist; Mark Short, music for baptism, 11 by letter, three join other churches.

BLACK Rock Church, D. Bourns, pastor; April 22-29 with Boyd Baker, State Sanatorium, evangelist; Pastor Bourns, music for baptism, eight redemptions.

REV Bill Lewis, Paragould, was the evangelist Mar. 26-April 6 at Lindenwood Church, St. Louis, Mo. Herbert "Red" Johnson, Mount Home, led the music. There were 52 professions of faith, six additions by letter, over 200 redemptions, and two surrendered for special service, the pastor, H. Shults, reports.

FIRST Church, Hatfield, Harold Brewer, pastor; April 8-15 with Dr. E. Butler Abington, DeQueen, evangelist; Earl Hays, Hatfield, music; seven professions of faith, two by letter.

CALVARY Mission of First Church, Mena; Otis Mills, pastor; April 16-27 with Harold Brewer, Hatfield, evangelist; Clement

"Zeke" Cummings and Mrs. Marie Turner, music; four professions of faith, one by letter.

HIGHLAND Heights Church, Benton, Dewey Greene, pastor; Rev. T. H. Jordan, former pastor First Church, Van Buren, evangelist; 13 additions.

FIRST Church, Flippin, April 22-29 with Bill H. Lewis, evangelist; Howard King, singer; 27 professions, 26 for baptism, six by letter.

MOUNT Pisgah Church, Millington, Tenn., April 29-May 6, Bill H. Lewis, evangelist; Herbert "Red" Johnson, singer: 27 for baptism, eight by letter.

EVANGELIST Bill H. Lewis, 615 North Eighth St., Paragould, has an open week July 8-15. He may be contacted at his home address.

Jacksonville church adds evangelist

FIRST Church, Jacksonville, has extended a call to Rev. Jerry Don Abernathy, graduating student of Southwestern Seminary, to become minister of evangelism and missions. The call has been accepted and Mr. Abernathy will move on the field May 21.

Mr. Abernathy will supervise all evangelism through the organizations of the church, teach evangelism training courses, instruct members in the art of visitation and soul winning, conduct an afternoon worship service in the Convalescent Center for crippled children, work with the Chapel Hill Mission, (mission of the FBC) in leading its workers in an aggressive evangelism program, conduct the new members training class each Sunday evening at Training Union time, and supply the pulpit in the pastor's absence.

In addition, he will assist the Brotherhood in organizing a lay-preaching team to minister in different churches in the area on Friday and Saturday nights as a gospel team. Dr. B. Franklin Bates is pastor.

Graduate study grants for OBC graduates

THREE senior political science students at Ouachita College have received grants for further graduate study, Dr. Bob Riley, chairman of the Political Science department, has announced. They are Mike Huckabay, Clarksville; Johnny Jackson, Waldo; and David Rison, Perryville.

Huckabay has received a fellowship to Vanderbilt University Law School. He is president of the local Young Republicans' Club and immediate past state president of the same organization. He is also a member of the Beta Beta social club.

Jackson has been awarded a full assistantship in the Political Science department at Baylor University. He is president of the student body, local and state president of the BSU, and a member of the Rho Sigma social club.

Rison has received a scholarship to George Washington University Law School and will be working with Representative Wilbur Mills. He is a member of Blue Key and the Young Democrats Club.

All four political science candidates for graduation in May have now received study grants, since Don Wood, of Hot Springs, had previously accepted a scholarship to Cornell University Law School.

Hope Association

M. T. McGregor, Supt. of Missions

THERE are two new pastors in the association. Pisgah called James Henderson, Hooks, Tex., as pastor and he has accepted. Ralph White, Texarkana, has been called as pastor at Genoa and is already at work on the field.

J. D. PASSMORE, who went to Washington state recently for a mission revival, has been called to work in that area and has resigned at Calvary, Hope, to accept this challenge in the Great Northwest. He has done a splendid work at Calvary and we hate to lose him from the association.

Greene County Ass'n.

By Theo T. James, Missionary

ORVAL Kahn was ordained to the ministry April 29, at Stone-wall Church. Rev. H. O. Schultz was the moderator of the ordaining council; Rev. Guin Renshaw, clerk; Rev. H. W. Johnston, preacher of the ordination sermon.

Others taking part in the service were Rev. E. A. Cook, Rev. Robert L. Rose, Rev. Charles Abanathy, Rev. James Moore, Rev. Raymond Lyons, Rev. Hal Gallup, Rev. Kenneth Morgan, Billie Brewer, A. E. Johnson, Myron Jordan, Paul G. Hicks, S. L. Houston, Chester Shirley, Ben F. Brewer, Johnnie Baker, Dan Roush, M. Williams, and Leonard Boozer.

Mr. Kahn is pastor of the Stone-wall Baptist Church.

PASTORLESS churches are: Fairview, Spring Grove, Oak Grove, Alexander, Walls Chapel and Rock Hill.

REVIVALS IN California: Rev. Lendol Jackson, pastor East Side Church, Paragould, and Rev. Theo T. James, missionary, join with others from Arkansas in the Baptist Jubilee Revivals in California, May 27-June 3. Rev. Jesse Reed, department of Evangelism of Arkansas, directs the Jubilee Revival Crusade. Mr. Jackson preaches at First Church, Tulare, and Mr. James, at Mt. View Church, Porterville. They will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco, June 5-8.

BETHEL STATION: Jerry Weaver, a senior of Paragould High School, led the youth revival April 27-29. There were three professions of faith and two re-dedications. Rev. Carl Hodges is pastor.

MONTHLY Workers Conference for Greene County Baptists is May 17, West View Church, Paragould, with Training Union emphasis. The theme is "Group Learning." Beside the conference period the program consists of sermons by Rev. J. R. Wiles, pastor, Light Church, and Rev. Leonard Bunch, pastor, Mounds Church. Mrs. M. L. Mitchell is the associational director.

BY THE BAPTIST PRESS

Union, Corpus Christi name honorary degrees

TWO Southern Baptist colleges have announced honorary degrees to be awarded.

Paul Haryey, news commentator for American Broadcasting Co., Chicago, will be given the doctor of humanities degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Haryey will deliver the commencement address there on May 28.

Other honoraries from Union then will go to:

Fred Wood, pastor, Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis; Union graduate, who will receive the doctor of divinity degree.

W. A. Pennington, professor of metallurgy and chemical engineering at University of Maryland, College Park, Md., Union alumnus, on whom will be conferred the doctor of science degree.

University of Corpus Christi, in the Texas city of the same name, will present the honorary doctor of divinity degree to William H. Colson, secretary of city missions in Corpus Christi.

New Orleans alumni in annual meeting

ALUMNI of New Orleans Seminary will meet for breakfast at Del Webb's Towne House, Market at Eighth, San Francisco, June 6 at 7 a.m. Alumni President R. Houston Smith, Pineville, La., will preside.

Featured on the program will be Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman, J. Hardee Kennedy, dean of Theology, and California alumni Grady C. Cothen, Fresno, and Joseph Daniel, Hollywood.

Since the manager of Del Webb's will have to be advised early of the final figure for the breakfast, alumni are urged to write the Seminary immediately to make certain they have a reservation. The price of each ticket is \$2.

Robert C. Creed, of Rohwer, is president of the Arkansas chapter.

SBC Executive Committee proposals

THE budget for 1963, a new procedure for amending the Constitution of the Convention, and removing exceptions for rotating "local board" members are among the dozen or more recommendations from the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here.

They will go before the 1962 session of the Convention at San Francisco next month for adoption.

Other recommendations make changes in technical wording to bring the Constitution and bylaws into closer harmony with each other, provide for representation of Indiana Baptists on several SBC agencies and call for printed ballots to be used by messengers in voting.

Budget of \$19,792,500

Executive Secretary Porter Routh of Nashville said the total proposed 1963 budget for SBC agencies is \$19,792,500. This is the basic amount needed to meet operating and capital needs. Any funds received beyond this sum would go to foreign and home missionary advance only.

The proposed 1963 budget compares with the grand total 1962 budget of \$19,013,500.

The Executive Committee recommends the Convention adopt a procedure for amending its Constitution so that subsequent amendments must be approved at two successive Conventions.

Presently, amendments may be presented at one session, without a vote, and voted on at the following year's session.

Another recommendation calls for eliminating the exception which has been granted to "local board members" of the SBC agencies. Presently, agencies may retain "any local member whose technical service . . . in such matters as medical, legal, and financial operations seems to make

it advisable that he be continued as a board member."

"Local members" live in the city, or within a short distance, of the agency on whose board they serve. Those covered by present exemption have not had to rotate off the boards periodically as have other members of the agencies.

To make the adjustment easier, the recommendation is that it be implemented gradually over two years and take full effect by time of the 1964 Convention.

Indiana Baptists reported more than 25,000 members of affiliated churches, which has made them eligible to have representatives on all agencies whose charters permit.

Printed ballots proposed

Printed ballots for the messengers (elected by churches to vote on Convention affairs) would be provided when they register their attendance at the Convention. A count of important votes, such as the election of officers, would be announced only if a majority of messengers requested it, if the recommendation passes. Vote counts are not presently reported, only the outcome.

The Executive Committee recommended that a proposed week on the Convention calendar to promote the Cooperative Program be "postponed for the time being." The Cooperative Program is the financial plan to support state and nationwide Baptist work.

Other ways in which the Cooperative Program may be promoted are listed.

In continuing to prepare an Organization Manual of SBC Agencies, the Executive Committee will present for adoption the program descriptions of two more agencies—the Southern Baptist Foundation and Southern Baptist Hospitals.

Baylor degrees to church worker, doctor

BAYLOR University will grant honorary doctor of law degrees to a Baptist minister of education and to a 92-year-old doctor and Baptist deacon.

The degrees will go to J. Earl Mead, retiring educational director at Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas for the past 36 years, and to Dr. William P. Ball of Cleburne, Baptist deacon for 50 years who recently gave Baylor \$54,530 for a medical student loan fund.

Choirs attraction for music meeting

A LINEUP of choirs from Southern Baptist institutions is expected to be the most popular attraction on the program of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference at San Francisco June 4-5.

The conference of church music directors immediately precedes the opening of the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention. They will meet in the chapel of Golden Gate Seminary in nearby Mill Valley, Calif. T. W. (Jack) Dean of Ft. Worth is president.

Another point of interest on the program is the discussion of contemporary hymnody on Monday afternoon. "Primitive Baptist Hymnody," a talk by S. E. Boyd Smith, of Riverside, Calif., and other presentations are expected to help the musicians understand the musical heritage of Southern Baptists.

On Monday evening, John P. Newport, from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, will speak on "Contemporary Art Forms and Communicating the Gospel."

Institutions whose choirs will appear before the Church Music Conference include Golden Gate Seminary; Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex.; Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; The Baptist Hour Choir, Ft. Worth, which sings on programs of the Convention's Radio and Television Commission; Southwestern Seminary; and Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

[Detailed program is on page 14.]

Convention change

THE following is a change in the Convention program for San Francisco for Friday morning, June 8. It revises the previous agenda for the period of time, 10:45 to but not including 11:20. Here is the revised version:

10:45: Committee on Denominational Calendar, Allen W. Graves, Ky., chairman.

10:50: Historical Commission, Davis C. Woolley, Tenn., executive secretary.

10:55: Committee on Public Affairs, C. Emanuel Carlson, D. C., executive director (Joint Committee); Walter Pope Binns, Mo., chairman.

11:00: Address: "Baptist Heritage and Religious Liberty," Robert A. Baker, Tex.

Annuity Board trustees waive 'delay' penalty

TRUSTEES of the Annuity Board voted to waive the delayed participation penalty in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan to anyone who joins before Jan. 1, 1963. The waiver also removes the penalty from any person currently in the Protection Plan who may have been affected by it.

Executive Secretary R. Alton Reed said this action was made possible because of the continuous increase in the number of churches and pastors who have joined the Plan in recent months. At present, some 67 percent of all churches are in it.

Reed said the waiver also allows the Annuity Board to make adjustments in annuity checks to widows and disabled persons who were penalized because of delayed entry into the Plan. All adjustments were effective as of May 1 and will be reflected in their checks of May 31.

The waiver affects only the Southern Baptist Protection Plan, Reed said.

Previously, a minister penalized himself from full protection of widow and disability benefits if he delayed joining the Plan for more than a year from the date he entered denominational service.

William Jewell calls alumnus H. Guy Moore

H. GUY Moore, pastor for the past 15 years of Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, has been elected president of William Jewell College, at Liberty, Mo.

He succeeds Dr. Walter Pope Binns, who is retiring June 30 after 19 years as president. William Jewell is the senior Baptist college of Missouri.

The announcement of Moore's election was made by Charles F. Curry of Kansas City, president of the trustees, shortly after Moore read his resignation to his congregation in Ft. Worth.

Moore is a native of DuQuoin, Ill. He will be 53 in July. He graduated from William Jewell in the class of 1931 after working his way through college, serving tables in the dining hall and doing other jobs on campus. His professional training was completed at Southern Seminary, Louisville, with the master of theology degree awarded in 1933.

His honors include an honorary doctorate and a citation from William Jewell.

Church schools qualify for educational TV aid

CHURCH colleges and other private agencies will be eligible for participation in the federal program of aid to educational television, according to a bill cleared for the President.

The Senate and the House agree on a conference report on their bills to establish a program of educational television for the nation. The final version, as sent to the President, would include church-related institutions and non-profit organizations engaging in educational television.

The original Senate bill called for \$51 million for a five-year program of grants to the states. The House version provided for a four-year program of matching grants totaling approximately \$25 million. The conference report agreed upon by both houses authorized \$32 million over a five-year period for federal matching grants.

PROGRAM

Southern Baptist Church Music Conference

Chapel, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
San Francisco, California
June 4-5, 1962

T. W. (Jack) Dean, President; W. Rudolph Howard, Church Group Vice President; G. Maurice Hinson, Seminary Group Vice President; Frank G. Charton, State Group Vice President; Paul McCommon, Secretary-Treasurer.

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 4

T. W. Dean, Presiding

- 10:00 Call to Order
Presentation of Program
- 10:15 Welcome Harold K. Graves, President
Golden Gate Seminary, Calif.
- 10:20 Worship in Song
- 10:30 Concert The Chapel Choir, Golden Gate Seminary
Carlyle D. Bennett, Director
- 11:00 President's Address
- 11:10 Reports
Budget Committee Bill Santo, La.
Executive Committee Paul McCommon, Ga.
- 11:20 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:35 Worship in Song
- 11:45 Concert The International Choir, Wayland Baptist
College, James D. Cram, Director, Tex.

AFTERNOON SESSION

W. R. Howard, Presiding

- 2:30 Worship in Song
- 2:40 Contemporary Hymnody
"A Historical Background - Primitive Baptist Hymnody"
- S. E. Boyd Smith, Calif.
"The Hymn Text - an Evaluation of the 1960 Hymn
Competition" - Loren R. Williams
"The Hymn Tune - a Problem of Acceptance and Need"
- William J. Reynolds, Tenn.
- 3:25 Worship in Song
- 3:30 Reports
Membership Committee J. William Thompson, Tenn.
Committee on Ethics Paul McCommon
- 4:00 Concert The Chapel Choir, Baylor University, Tex.,
Euell Porter, Director

EVENING SESSION

Maurice Hinson, Presiding

- 7:30 Worship in Song
- 7:40 Concert The Baptist Hour Choir,
Joe Ann Shelton, Tex., Director
- 8:20 "Contemporary Art Forms and Communicating the
Gospel" John Newport, Tex.
- 9:00 Ministers of Music Sing R. Paul Green, Tenn.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 5

Frank Charton, Presiding

- 9:30 Worship in Song
- 9:40 Reports
Registration Committee Frank Bozeman, Ga.
Missions Committee Sara Thompson, Tex.
"Music in Our Contemporary Foreign Mission
Program" Bill H. Ichter, Brazil
- 10:20 Departmental Conferences
Church Musician W. R. Howard, Chairman, Ky.
Music Educators Maurice Hinson, Chairman, Ky.
Denominational Workers Frank Charton,
Chairman, Tenn.

- 11:10 Worship in Song
- 11:20 Concert, The Faculty Quartet, Southwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary, Joe Ann Shelton, Soprano, Frank
Stovall, Tenor, Virginia Seelig, Contralto, Charles Wil-
liamson, Bass, John Woods, Accompanist, Tex.

AFTERNOON SESSION

T. W. Dean, Presiding

- 2:00 Worship in Song
- 2:10 Report of the Historical Committee Eugene Quinn, Ky.
- 2:30 Departmental Conferences
- 3:15 Worship in Song
- 3:20 Introduction of New Officers
- 3:30 Concert, A Cappella Choir, Hardin-Simmons University,
Tex. Edward Hamilton, Director R. Paul Green
- 4:10 Ministers of Music Sing

West Point student director appointed

EUGENE Maston, graduate student at Columbia University, N. Y., has been chosen as the first Southern Baptist student director for New York City and United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. The position begins July 1.

His salary and expenses will be provided by the student department of Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board. His work will be under the supervision of the department of Training Union and student work of the Maryland Baptist State Mission Board,

Baltimore, according to Sam A. High, secretary of the Maryland department of work, who announced the appointment.

Maston is the son of T. B. Maston, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. The younger Maston is working on a doctorate in the philosophy of religion and plans to enter the teaching profession.

Student teams formed

A GROUP of New Orleans Seminary students have formed an organization to supply evangelistic teams for revivals this summer.

Seven evangelistic teams will be available beginning May 20 for week-end crusades, full week crusades, city-wide crusades and youth retreats and encampments.

Called "Crusaders for Christ," the teams are now available to begin week-end revivals. Closing date for other types of meetings will be Aug. 31 to enable the students to enroll in the Seminary for the fall term.

Crusaders for Christ will be able to supply preachers, singers and a chalk artist for revivals. Organization headquarters are set up at 4569 Providence Place, New Orleans 26, La.

Making Convention trip meaningful

SOUTHERN Baptists attending the 1962 Convention June 5-8 in San Francisco will have help from the Home Mission Board in reporting their trip and meeting. Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission agency, announced preparation of items designed to make the travelers' trip more meaningful and to help them tell others about their trip.

The board is offering, on a share-the-cost basis, 35-mm. color slides on California, San Francisco and other mission points, as well as slides of some Convention personalities. These will be available at the Home Mission Booth during the Convention.

For the trip to and from the Convention, the May issue of *Home Missions* magazine was produced as a national travel guide.

An opportunity for the Convention messenger to meet the missionaries has been provided through a reception from 3 to 5 p.m., June 6 at the Vista Room, Whitcomb Hotel, in San Francisco. The presentation of home mission work to the Convention on June 7 stresses the people, places and progress in mission work.

"The Convention messenger who spends his time wisely in traveling to and from San Francisco, and who participates in the proceedings while there, will return home with an exciting report of what Southern Baptists are doing, both at home and abroad," Redford said.

Leaders on preview trip

WASHINGTON, D. C.— (BWA) — Seven Baptist youth leaders from the United States and Canada are making a preview tour of the Holy Land area, preparatory to the meeting of the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, July 15-21, 1963.

Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said that the traveling party includes:

John Binder, Forest Park, Ill.; C. William Black, San Antonio, Tex.; David Evans, Valley Forge, Pa.; Gunnar Høglund, Chicago, Ill.; William H. Jenkins, Richmond, Va.; Lovelle A. Maxwell, New York, N. Y., and Bruce Neal, Toronto, Canada.

The trip, which began April 27, has been arranged, Denny said, through the cooperation of Michel Touma, general commissioner of tourism for Lebanon; Finlay Graham, a missionary who heads Beirut arrangements committees for the conference; and the Pan American, Middle East and El Al airlines.

After several days in Beirut and points of Biblical interest in Jordan and Israel, the party will fan out for visits with European youth groups. Neal and Jenkins plan stops in Rome and London; Binder in Copenhagen and Hamburg; Høglund in Stockholm and Oslo; Maxwell in Paris; Black in Barcelona, and Evans in London and points in Wales.

[Reservations for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention trip to the 1963 Beirut Conference, headed by Erwin L. McDonald and Tom J. Logue, of Baptist Building, Little Rock, are now being made. — Editor]

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DR. LOGUE

BSU Director. Mr. J. T. Midkiff is serving as Baptist Student Director.

BSU Center. There is no Baptist Student Center on Southern's campus, but there are plans for a Student Union building which will house the BSU activities.

Work on the foundation has just recently begun.

BSU Activities. Daily devotional services are held at noon and at 6:00 p.m. Other activities include socials, mission services, an annual Religious Emphasis Week, and an annual BSU Revival.—Tom J. Logue, Director

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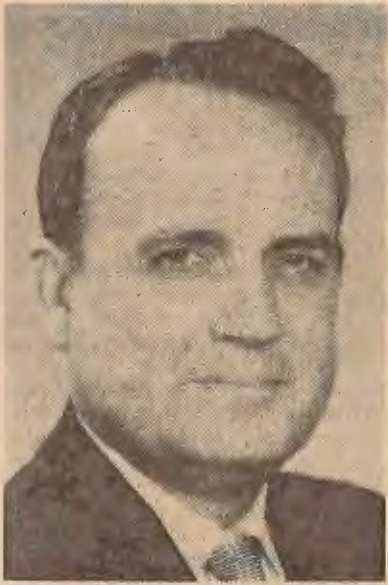
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- 7:00 Song & Praise Harrison Johns
- 7:15 Bible—"The Prodigal Son" Dr. J. P. McBeth
- 7:50 What is Happening to People
In Rural Areas Dr. Carl A. Clark
- 8:25 Song
- 8:30 Sermon William L. Kreis



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TUESDAY MORNING

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Bible—"The Good Samaritan" Dr. J. P. McBeth
- 8:40 Trends Affecting Churches Dr. Carl A. Clark
- 10:00 Recess
- 9:20 Evangelism in Rural Churches Jesse S. Reed
- 10:15 Budgets in Rural Churches Dr. Ralph Douglas
- 10:50 Know Your Church Field Rev. Leonard G. Irwin
- 11:30 Song
- 11:35 Sermon Max L. Taylor
- 12:15 Dinner

TUESDAY EVENING

- 6:00 Supper
- 7:00 Song & Praise Harrison Johns
- 7:15 Our Church Development Program Rev. Walter Jesser
- 7:30 Strengthening Churches in Declining
Communities Dr. Carl A. Clark
- 8:10 Song
- 8:15 Sermon Dr. J. P. McBeth

WEDNESDAY MORNING

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- 8:00 Bible—"The Rich Fool" Dr. J. P. McBeth
- 8:40 Task of Rural Church in Present Day
Culture Dr. Carl A. Clark
- 9:20 Deacons in Rural Churches L. J. Ready
- 9:45 Roundtable on above subject
- 10:00 Recess

- 10:15 Work Your Church Field Rev. Leonard G. Irwin
- 10:50 How Big is Your Church? Dr. C. Z. Holland
- 11:30 Song
- 11:35 Sermon Dennis James
- 12:00 Dinner

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- 11:30 Song
- 11:35 Sermon Dr. Paul Roberts



PREACHERS for Sunday School conferences at Glorieta Assembly, by weeks, are l. to r.: June 28-July 4, Kenneth Chafin, professor of evangelism, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth; July 5-11, W. O. Vaught, pastor, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; and July 12-18, Henry Allen Parker, pastor, First Church, Orlando, Fla. For reservations, write E. A. Herron, Glorieta, N. M.

Training Union

Have you observed Youth Week?

HAVE YOU observed Youth Week in your church? Have you reported your Youth Week? We believe that scores of churches have observed Youth Week, but only the following nineteen churches have reported them at the time of this writing (May 8):

First, Newport; Lonoke; Prairie Grove, Russellville; Emmanuel, Piggott; West View, Paragould; First, Jacksonville.

First, Dover; Caney Creek, England; First, Cherry Valley; First, Tillar; Providence, Fayetteville; Light;

First, Ravenden; Pickles Gap, Conway; First, Flippin; First, Marmaduke; Westmoreland Heights, Mena; Nieswander, Marked Tree; Trinity, Rogers.

If you have not sent us a report, please use the report form in the center of the Youth Week tract or use this report form:

REPORT OF OUR YOUTH WEEK

We observed Youth Week at the _____ Baptist Church of _____ (City) _____ (State)

_____ (Association) _____ (Date)

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We (do) (do not) plan to make it an annual event.
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—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Missions, Evangelism

"By all means win some"

California revivals

THE BRETHREN in the South Tulare and Sequoia associations in California have asked me to direct revival crusades May 27-June 3. I have secured 20 Arkansas preachers as evangelists for those crusades.



MR. REED

In one of the associations there are nine churches. Not one of the pastors is on the field full-time. Each one of them does secular work to help pay expenses. Most of the churches are small and are struggling. They are beset by many problems and some are having a hard time existing. We need your prayers as we go.

The following brethren are going for the crusades:

Rev. Robert Blann, Camden, Calvary Church; Rev. Lee I. Dance, Little Rock, Pulaski County Association; Rev. Loren V. Henson, Bentonville, Benton County clerk; Rev. Mike Carozza, Nashville, Nashville Church; Rev. R. B. Crotts, Wynne, Wynne First Church; Rev. Tom Lawing, Harrison, Woodland Heights Church; Dr. I. M. Prince, Cotton Plant, Cotton Plant First Church; Rev. Ray Tweed, Leachville, New Providence Church; Rev. Billy Green, Pea Ridge, Pea Ridge First Church; Rev. Gus Prince, Little Rock, Riverside Church;

Rev. Lendol Jackson, Paragould, East Side Church; Rev. Claude Hill, Austin, Old Austin Church; Rev. Ernest Hawkins, Arkadelphia, Biene Church; Rev. Carl Overton, Berryville, Berryville First Church; Rev. David Railey, El Dorado, Immanuel Church; Rev. Thomas J. Burkes, Jr., Arkadelphia, South Fork Church; Rev. Theo T. James, Paragould, Greene County Association; Rev. James Evans, Conway, Faulkner Association; Rev. Henry Evans, Ft. Smith, Spradling Avenue Church; Rev. A. D. Corder, Mountain View, Mountain View First Church; Rev. Fred Cowardin, Conway, Pleasant Grove Church; Rev. Jesse Reed, Little Rock, Director of Evangelism.

The churches or associations where these brethren are pastors or missionaries should not charge these meetings against these men as "love-offering" revivals, but help pay their way to the Convention. This will be a good mission work. — Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

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cated statesmen from your fine state. Among them is the Honorable E. C. Gathings, delegate from the first district to the House of Representatives. Mr. Gathings quietly assumes his place to worship in our sanctuary every Lord's Day. It is a thrill to see him Sunday after Sunday especially when one is so aware of the busy schedules our Congressmen maintain. It is gratifying to see one so faithful when ministers are speaking of the spiritual negligence of many who have been elected to responsible positions of national leadership.

I am glad to know Mr. Gathings; and I just thought that the Baptists of Arkansas should know that in this man they have, not only a faithful representative in the interest of our country, but a man faithful to his responsibilities before God.—Jack F. Coffey, Pastor, Downtown Baptist Church, 212 S. Washington St., Alexandria, Va.

'On calling pastors'

YOUR editorial "On Calling Pastors" is a timely statement. Thank you for speaking out on this problem.

We have as many requests for information on how to call a pastor as any other in the entire field of church administration.—Howard B. Foshee, Editor, Church Administration, Nashville, Tenn.

SBC tourist centers

FOURTEEN SBC tourist information centers will be open May 30 to June 3 for the convenience of those driving to the Convention in San Francisco.

Refreshments, information, displays and a warm welcome are planned for those who stop. The conveniently located centers are at a Southern Baptist church on each major highway entering Arizona, Utah or Idaho from the east and at five major metropolitan centers.

Arizona centers are located at Holbrook, First (No. 66); Springerville, First (No. 60); Duncan, First Southern (No. 70); San Simon, First (No. 80-86); Tucson, First Southern; and Phoenix, Baptist Building.

In Utah, visit Vernal, First (No. 40); Moab, First (No. 160) or Salt Lake City, Rose Park.

Idaho has centers at Idaho Falls, Calvary (No. 20); Pocatello, First Southern (No. 30); Twin Falls, First Southern; and Boise, First Southern.

Nevada offers an interesting center at First Southern Baptist Church in Las Vegas. Watch for the markers or check the local telephone directory to locate the center.—E. W. Hunke, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.

Middle of the Road

By J. I. COSSEY

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Field Representative,

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine



MR. COSSEY

ACCEPTED. When I had a feeling that Christ had accepted me as His child, perfect happiness came into my inner life. It was my happiest moment.

Another high hour was when I was accepted into church membership.

Another thrill came with complete assurance that God had accepted me as a preacher. For me to accept the call to be a preacher was and is of supreme importance. Just being an ordinary gospel preacher is of more importance to me than any position that could be offered to man.

All the places of service that have been open to me have made me humble. Just to feel that God, the church, society, family, friends, business, and places of service have accepted me has been a source of joy through the years.

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Hero in feathers



By MABEL MILLER

HERE is a true story of a hero that died not long ago. He left a record that anyone might well be proud of.

Let us go back to the fall of 1943. A small village in Italy was to be the target of an air raid. Some officials learned the attack was not needed. How were they to get word back that the airmen need not make the raid with its useless but certain loss of life? Delay would be fatal.

Elected to carry the message was G.I. Joe, a homing pigeon. With the important orders inside a metal tube fastened to his leg, Joe was thrust aloft. Anxiously soldiers watched the tiny bird soar upward. Could he make it with no protection but the instinct in his little body to once again reach home?

Up into the troubled sky Joe soared. Ahead lay home, but ahead also lay possible death.

Joe's courage carried him through. He landed on the airstrip twenty miles away just as seven planes were warming for take-off. The message called off the raid in time to save an estimated one thousand lives.

Joe was given a medal for gallantry. Later he was brought to Churchill Loft, the United States Army's pigeon hall of fame at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, to live out a life of well-deserved retirement. Five years ago the Detroit zoo asked for him. Joe was a popular favorite with young and old until his death at a ripe old age in July, 1961.

Now Joe's name is among the other heroes in feathers. Another is Cher Ami. This pigeon belonged to a troop of

United States soldiers who one day became lost in the Argonne Forest in France. Surrounded by the enemy, the men were starving. They were without ammunition and all means of communication had been cut off. The position looked hopeless, unless . . .

Could a tiny, defenseless bird wing its way through poison gas, smoke, and bullets? Not all homing pigeons are brave. Was Cher Ami brave enough?

A hand tossed her into the air. For just a moment the bird hesitated as terror must have filled that small beating heart. Then love of home overcame fear. In awe the soldiers watched the tiny gray bird soar and become lost in the blue sky.

Again a bird had proved its courage. In a little while, thanks to Cher Ami's bravery, planes were on their way with food and ammunition and the lost battalion was saved.

Cher Ami, like G.I. Joe, made many trips. Not all of them ended as happily as this one. Should you ever visit the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., you can see Cher Ami. Since her death, her little feathered body has been carefully stuffed and mounted.

You will see many honorable scars on her battle-marked body. The wound of a bullet shows on her breast. Another bullet cut off one leg. Even with a leg gone, Cher Ami reached home that day, her mission accomplished.

Not every homing pigeon can be trained to carry messages of this kind. The bird first must prove that it possesses tremendous endurance and has

courage and ability to overcome great odds.

Training starts with short flights when a bird is four months old. It does not reach top capacity for flight until it is five years old. Once on a flight, it does not stop for food, drink, or company.

From such perseverance and courage a tiny bird steps out from the pages of natural history and is given a page the honor record of human history.

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God's Wondrous World

Piggy bank plants

By THELMA C. CARTER

DO YOU know that there are plants called "piggy bank" plants and "savings-account" plants? Root vegetables such as the potato, turnip, and carrot, the flower bulbs of the hyacinth, daffodil, and tulip, and countless other plants have been called "savings account" and "piggy bank" plants.

The potato is a fine example of a plant which saves and stores for the future. In reality, the potato is the end of a growing shoot of the potato plant which is swollen with stored food. Flower bulbs are examples of food storehouses, which save certain amounts of moisture, sugar, starch, proteins, and minerals.

Great trees, like great manufacturing plants, work to store food products in their branches and stems. Smaller plants, such as vines and ferns, have their own particular way of saving for future needs. Even cactus plants have storehouses in their thorns and spines.

There are important reasons for plants to save and store food. They not only live upon a portion of the stored food, but also they save extra food for young plants.

The chemical work going on inside plant life is miraculous. In our wonderful world, plants are the only kind of life capable of making use of sunlight in making food and creating growth. Along with God's sunlight, plants use the raw materials found in the sky, land, and sea.

Surely the psalmist had observed the wonders in nature when he said, "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done" (Psalm 40:5).

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THANKS

By SALLIE BRISTOW

Giving thanks for another day
Is easy when things go right,
But how thoughtful to pause and
say

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The coming day of the Lord

By TERREL GORDON

Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Fayetteville

May 20, 1962

2 Peter 3:3-13; Jude 24, 25

JESUS is coming! "In God's time, the cataclysmic 'day of the Lord' will come, and the world as we know it will be no more." Perhaps there has not been an age in which the possibility of the elements melting with "fervent heat" (v. 10) has been as widely accepted as in our age. Still, it is possible that there has never been an age of more skepticism and scoff-



MR. GORDON

ing than our age.

In the face of these conditions, the purpose of this lesson is to help Christians face the challenge of living victoriously and courageously in our day.

The doctrine of the "Coming Day of the Lord" occupies a very prominent place in the New Testament. There is much evidence that Christians of the first century felt that Christ would return during their lifetime, and that the earth age would end. However, the air of expectancy seemed to be cooling off as scoffers appeared upon the scene to remind the Christians that "Christ has not returned as you claimed."

Peter wrote to help Christians of his day to "accept the challenge of living courageously for Christ in the midst of a difficult world." What is written here was first written for people of Peter's day. It is sometimes hard for us to remember this, and to get ourselves properly positioned relative to a passage of scripture.

If we are to think of Peter's message here as prophetic, then, it must be prophetic in the sense of telling forth a message, and not so much in foretelling a date. He said, "I stir up your minds by way of remembrance" (v. 1).

The scoffers were present on the scene then. Peter thought of his day being the "last days." This expectancy should characterize every age.

Jesus shall come!

THERE was no question in Peter's mind that the Lord would return. He reminds his readers that the prophets

and apostles had spoken clearly of that great day. Peter had heard the Master speak of His return (Jn. 13:36ff). Evidently he had heard the message spoken by the "two men in white apparel" (Acts 1:1-11) as they assured the "men of Galilee" that Jesus would return. The presence of scoffers did not mean that Jesus would not return. Rather, their presence fulfilled prophecies. Peter wrote with assurance, "the day of the Lord will come."

Just as Peter was certain of the Lord's return, he was certain of the uncertainty of the time. The Lord would come "as a thief in the night." This was not to teach the purpose of His coming, but, rather, the manner of His coming. Jesus was not coming to steal. Rather, His coming is to be with suddenness; while men are not thinking about it the Lord suddenly appears.

It could be that while men of our day argue about their timetables and charts that Jesus could come. Peter does not spell out the details of the Lord's coming, even though he had walked at the Lord's side. For one to speak dogmatically today about these details is but to arouse the scoffers and the skeptics.

Peter longed for the Master's return. However, he felt that there was good reason for the delayed return. He felt that the coming of the Lord would be a "day of judgment" (v. 7), as did Jude (vv. 14-15). He uses the flood experience to refute all arguments that such a judgment is not possible. The delayed return does not disprove the teachings that He shall return, for, with God, time is relative (v. 8).

Christ's delayed coming is occasioned by a wise and gracious God, who in longsuffering wants to give men opportunity at salvation (vv. 9, 15). We need to remind the scoffers of our day that the delay is in their interest; that it is only because of the mercy of God that judgment has not already come upon them and us. The delay is no indication of God's slackness concerning His promise.

Jesus shall come! That assurance brought joy to Peter. What does it do for you, and others whom you know? It will be a wonderful day for those who long for his coming.

Live for that day!

WHILE the Lord delays his coming we should make the most of the time. While the time of his coming is uncertain, we should make certain about our preparations for his coming. It certainly would make a great difference in our world if every so-called Christian lived in expectancy of the Lord's return. It is to our shame that we have so many "practicing scoffers" on our church rolls.

To heed and practice what Peter taught would make a great difference in the influence of Christianity today. Consider his instructions, along with ideas from Jude. We Christians are to search our lives in view of that day, and live Godly lives in this present age (v. 11). We are expectantly to await that day (v. 12). We are not to be panicky, but watchful (v. 13).

It is good that God has not set a date, for only those who love the Lord will be received when he comes, and not the scoffers who wait until the last minute. We are to be diligent in our efforts to be at peace with Him and our fellowmen (v. 14). We are to set upon the delayed coming to be diligent in evangelism.

To be confronted with the certainty of Christ's return should not drive us into hiding. Rather, it should drive us out into the streets where others are so much in danger of the impending judgment. God's longsuffering toward mankind in the delayed return of our Lord should be incentive to evangelism regardless of our views concerning the last days (v. 15). Many are in peril, and we need to snatch them from the fires (Jude 21-23).

Even as others scoff, we are to remain steadfast, loyal to God's truth; always on guard lest we be led astray (v. 17). We are to be busy growing "in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord" (v. 18). To be victorious in the age of scoffers, one must be on the offensive.

Yes, Jesus is coming! While he delays his coming we are to bring glory to his matchless name as we live for him now! (v. 18; Jude 23-24).

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'Cross-eyed bear'

A SMALL girl came home after visiting the church of one of her little friends. "What did you learn in church today?" questioned her mother. "We sang about a cross-eyed bear," she replied. "Tell me more about the song," the confused mother requested. "We sang, 'I will glory in the cross-eyed bear'" (cross I bear).

Memory verse

JIMMY Stokes, small nephew of Mrs. E. F. Stokes, quoted this scripture to his mother as she was teaching him his memory verses: "All scripture is given by perspiration of God."

Preacher, beware!

FRED E. Luchs, pastor of the First Congregation Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was questioning his little daughter about Bible personalities. "Who was Matthew?" "I don't know, but I know who Stephen was." "Who was he?" "A preacher." "What happened to him?" "He was stoned to death." "Why?" "Because his sermons weren't any good."

They're worth it!

A LITTLE boy was among those whom the teacher asked to make a list of things for which they were thankful, and why. He wrote: "I am thankful that I have to wear glasses. They keep the big boys from fighting me, and the little girls from kissing me."

Reached his limit

ELMER, 13, was puzzled over the girl problem and discussed it with his pal, John. "I've walked with her three times," he told John, "and carried her books. I bought her ice-cream sodas twice. Now, do you think I ought to kiss her?" "Naw, you don't need to," John decided after thinking a moment. "You've done enough for that girl already."

Modern youth

THE geography teacher asked Bobby a question about the English Channel. "I don't know," answered Bobby. "We don't get that channel on our television set."

No Columbus

FATHER: "Why were you kept in at school?" SON: "I didn't know where the Azores were." FATHER: "Well, in the future, just remember where you put things."

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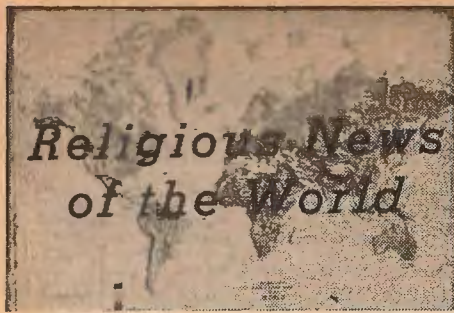
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'Freedom of religion'

MOSCOW (EP)—Constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion do not apply to children, said Serge P. Pavlov at the opening session of the Congress of the Komsomol (Young Communist League) here.

Pavlov, secretary of the League, said the organization's special concern was "to protect children against the influence of parents and relatives who are believers. The freedom of conscience written into our Constitution applies to adult citizens who can answer for their actions," Pavlov said, "but no one should be permitted to do spiritual harm to a child, to commit coercion against its weak consciousness."

Pavlov also warned against what he called new measures by the clergy of the Russian Orthodox Church to win over Soviet Youth. These, he asserted, consisted of "organizing hikes, singing popular songs and playing games."

Premier Nikita Khrushchev attended the meeting and was greeted by four minutes of applause as he entered.

Evidence lacking

SALISBURY, So. Rhodesia (EP)—Portugal has absolutely no evidence to convict a Methodist missionary of subversive work here.

So said Methodist Bishop Ralph E. Dodge of Lourenco Marques. He objected particularly to allegations by Dr. J. Pereira Bastos, Portuguese consul general here, that the Rev. Wendell Lee Golden, of Rockford, Ill., went to Umtali in Southern Rhodesia to continue "subversive work" among Mozambique Africans. Golden and three other Methodist missionaries were jailed for three months last year by the Portuguese government for alleged anti-state activities in Angola.

Amish & Social Security

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (EP) — Leaders of the Old Amish Order have gone to court to prove their right to stay out of the Social Security system.

But the action came only after a long period of study while leaders of the church pondered whether or not it was immoral to become involved in litigation at all.

The group has maintained that Social Security violates their religious belief. They object to participation in the government plan for a number of reasons, including a fear that it will lead young people to shirk their Biblical responsibility to care for parents, widows and orphans, transferring this responsibility to the State.

The members traditionally have rejected insurance plans, maintaining that these imply a lack of faith in the judgment of God.

Now, after finally deciding that they can go to court with clear conscience, the suit has been brought in the interest of an Amish farmer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Y. Byler, of New Wilmington, Pa. It seeks to recover three horses taken by U. S. agents from the couple to satisfy the husband's unpaid Social Security taxes.

Recognizing Israel

WOLFSBURG, Germany (EP) — West Germany was labeled "shameful" by Dean Heinrich Grueber, prominent West Berlin Protestant leader, for withholding diplomatic recognition from the State of Israel.

The clergyman, who spent three years in concentration camps for his efforts to aid persecuted Jews during the Nazi regime, was invited to Wolfsburg to speak on the effect of the Adolf Eichmann trial on Israeli-German relations. He had been one of the witnesses at the trial in Jerusalem.

Reasons given for Bonn's hesitancy in establishing diplomatic relations with Israel were that it fears the Arab countries might retaliate by recognizing Communist East Germany.

Exemption to churches

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The Supreme Court has rejected a plea that it consider the constitutionality of tax exemptions granted by a state to church properties.

The refusal allows to stand a decision of the Rhode Island Supreme Court which had held that such exemptions are within the exclusive authority of the state legislature.

It all began when General Finance Corporation of Cranston, R. I., filed an appeal, charging that its city taxes totaling \$842 would have been \$30 less but for exemptions granted on church properties and on those held by veterans and their widows, Gold Star parents and others.

The corporation held that the exemption for churches violated the First Amendment to the Constitution by constituting "establishment of religion."

The Rhode Island court, however, ruled that exemptions for churches served a public service and did not violate the constitutional principle of separation of Church and State.

Now the opinion of the Supreme Court justices that no "substantial federal question" is involved in the Rhode Island case allows the decision of the Rhode Island court to stand.

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