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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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Eva Luoma

*Fall and Falling Leaves —*

*When Nature Paints the Landscape in Gorgeous Colors*

## Conference On Religion To Attract 250 Laymen

(Reprinted from page 1 of the LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL,  
Louisville, Kentucky, October 10, 1955)

Some 250 business and professional men from all over the country will come to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in January to talk about how to better put their Christian faith into practice.

The three-day invitational conference will bring to Louisville such men as evangelist Billy Graham; the Governor of Tennessee; the president of the American Bar Association; a former president of Rotary International; an atomic scientist; the senior editor of Reader's Digest; Howard E. Butt, Jr., grocery-chain owner and part-time evangelist; several prominent bankers, and the heads of some large corporations.

The idea for the pioneer conference came up in a conversation one day between Charles E. Curry, president of Home Federal Savings, Kansas City, and Dr. Cort R. Flint, administrative assistant at the seminary.

### Lay Conference Proposed

"Why can't laymen have a conference where they can sit down and talk about putting religion to work in their business?" proposed Curry.

Dr. Flint was agreeable. He put the idea to Dr. Duke K. McCall, seminary president, and a few days later Curry flew to Louisville to arrange the conference.

The conference, called a layman's leadership institute, will be January 12, 13, and 14 and have as its theme, "The Layman In World Evangelism." Although it is the first of its kind drawing men from so wide an area, the institute planners hope to form an organization to continue the conferences annually.

Curry will preside at the opening Thursday-night session, at which Horace H. Hull, Memphis, president of Hull-Dobbs Motor Company, will speak on "Soul Winning Ex-

periences," and Butt, from Corpus Christi, will talk about "The Layman In World Evangelism."

Dr. Gabe A. Payne, Jr., of the Hopkinsville Medical Clinic, will officiate at the Friday-morning session. Dr. McCall will define evangelism under the topic, "The Main Business of a Christian," and Mr. Graham, from Montreat, N. C., will lead a discussion on "Prospects for Evangelism — America, Britain, Continental Europe."

Maxey Jarman, Nashville, chairman of the board of the General Shoe Corporation, will tell "How to Evangelize the World—One Layman's Idea" on Friday afternoon and Stanley High, Pleasantville, N. Y., Reader's Digest editor, will discuss "The Christian Witness of a Journalist."

On Friday evening, Hebert J. Taylor, Chicago, chairman of the board of Club Aluminum Products Company, will speak and Tennessee Governor Frank Clement will discuss "The Need for Christians In Politics."

### Parley to Hear Scientist

Ralph Overman, an Oak Ridge, Tenn., scientist, will talk about "The Christian Witness of a Scientist" Saturday morning and Ben Wooten, Dallas, president of First National Bank there, will describe "The Christian Witness of a Businessman."

Frank Nelson, Racine, Wis., president of the American (Northern) Baptist Convention, will preside Saturday afternoon when Dr. Nelson Bell, Asheville, Graham's father-in-law, will talk about "The Christian Witness of A Doctor." At the same session, Smythe Grambrell, Atlanta, president of the American Bar Association, will discuss "The Christian Witness of a Lawyer."

Mr. Graham will close the conference Saturday night with a sermon on "Our Christian Heritage."

## Baptist To Be Whipped For Religious Beliefs

BOSTON, August 30, 1651—(BP)—Obadiah Holmes, part-time Baptist minister, today chose to be whipped at the stake rather than to pay a fine of thirty pounds for his religious activities.

Holmes insisted on taking thirty lashes in a public whipping although fellow Baptists pleaded with him to let them pay his fine. The whipping is expected to take place here at an early date.

"I believe that I have been called upon of the Lord to suffer for my faith," Holmes said in his prison cell today, "even as the Saviour and others have suffered. Moreover, if I consented for the fine to be paid, that would be an admission of guilt, and I have committed no wrong."

Holmes was arrested recently with two other Baptists, Rev. John Clarke and John Crandall, and was charged with conducting illegal worship services and engaging in other practices prohibited by church and state. Clarke is pastor of the Baptist church of Newport, Rhode Island, and Holmes and Crandall are members of his congregation.

The trio were interrupted by constables as they conducted a Sunday morning service in the home of William Witter near Lynn, Massachusetts. Witter is an aged, blind member of Clarke's congregation.

Massachusetts Governor John Endicott pronounced sentence on the Baptists in their trial held here, declaring that they "deserve

to die," but instead ordered fines totaling fifty-five pounds.

Although friends already have paid the fines of Clarke and Crandall, they evidently share the sentiment of Holmes. The fines were paid without the knowledge or consent of the prisoners.

Crandall thought only bond had been posted for him in order that he might go home and comfort his family before his ordeal at the stake. He protested vehemently when he returned to prison and discovered that the bond had been accepted in payment of his fine.

Holmes has suffered persecution for his religious convictions for many years. He fled to America about 1638 seeking the religious freedom he was unable to find in England, only to be banished from Salem, Massachusetts, for his beliefs. He moved on to Rehoboth, Rhode Island, but again encountered opposition from authorities and joined Clarke's Baptist church in Newport last year.

Baptists, because of their insistence on separation of church and state, freedom of worship, opposition to the Established Church, their peculiar doctrine of baptism, and because of other beliefs and practices, have met opposition throughout the colonies for years.

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## The Delays Of Love

A Devotion by the Editor

"He abode two days still in the same place where he was."

One of the most beautiful and intimate relationships of the life of Jesus was with His friends of Bethany — Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. In this home Jesus found companionship and understanding. He found that which rested Him from the strain of His contacts with the curious and selfish populace. This home was a haven to Jesus.

Evidently, Jesus enjoyed Martha's cooking — she was a domestic person. He must have appreciated Mary's quick spiritual perception — she was a deeply religious person. Sure He admired the manly courage of Lazarus — he must have been a dependable person.

Because of this intimate relationship, the sisters notified Jesus of the critical illness of Lazarus, their brother. But Jesus delayed His coming for two days. In the meantime Lazarus died. "Lord, if thou hadst been here my brother had not died," was the plaintive cry of the sisters.

The story is told of a fishing fleet which had gone out from a small harbor on the east coast of Newfoundland. In the afternoon a great storm arose, and when night came not a single vessel had found its way into port. All night long the wives and mothers and children paced up and down the beach wringing their hands and calling upon God to save their loved ones.

To add to the horror of the occasion, toward morning one of the cottages was found to be on fire. As all the men were away, it was impossible to save the building. To the joy of all, when morning broke, the entire fleet was found safely anchored in the bay. But the wife of the man whose home had burned, meeting her husband, exclaimed, "Oh, husband, we are ruined, our home and all it contained was destroyed by fire." To which he replied, "My dear, thank God for the fire; it was by the light of our burning cottage that the whole fleet found its way into port."

It may sometimes be necessary for God to burn a cottage of ours that others may find their way to Jesus.

"This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby" (John 11:4).

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## From The Editor's Desk

# The Revival Is Genuine

## Some Contributing Factors

The revival of the Christian religion is making itself felt throughout the world, particularly in the United States. This is true in spite of the froth, in spite of the religious racketeers, and in spite of the fact that many people have simply gotten on the band wagon.

### War

The horrors of World War II, its destruction of life and property, and the obvious fact that the next world war would almost certainly annihilate civilization as we know it today, caused people to ask what recourse have we and in what may we find refuge? The only answers to those questions was to be found in a spiritual revival. Only a spiritual revival could prepare the nations of the world to live at peace with each other and thus prevent a third world war and cure the causes of war.

Radio commentators and newscasters for the first time began to recognize that the only escape from the holocaust of war was in a resurgent of spiritual forces and a re-evaluation of spiritual values. Newspapers and magazines have given more attention to religious themes since the war than ever before. Civic clubs and secular organizations have repeatedly emphasized the necessity for a spiritual revival. As an example, the American Legion has sponsored a "Back to God Movement."

Military leaders have emphasized the need for spiritual revival. A notable example is found in General Douglas MacArthur who has stated time and again that the only alternative to a war of destruction was a revival of interest in spiritual things. Government officials have taken more notice of spiritual values and have placed more emphasis upon a spiritual approach to national and international affairs.

At the close of World War II many laymen were asking, what can the churches do to save the world from such a war as we had just gone through? Missionary interest among the laity was quickened and missionary programs were expanded along with the expansion of the local church program.

### Atomic Bomb

The atomic bomb has convinced the world that there is "no place to hide." From the first bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, until the present day with the phenomenal development of fission material, it has become ever clearer that if men do not learn through spiritual experience to control themselves, they cannot be depended on to control the atom and hydrogen bombs. The only responsible power capable of controlling the passions of men and the destructive forces in their hands is a vital spiritual experience. Only character can control power and turn it to useful ends. Only spiritual experience can build character so that it will

control power and turn it to useful ends.

The scientists who have delved into the very heart of nature and split the atom seem to be more frightened than anyone else lest this power which has come into the possession of man should fall into the hands of irresponsible men and be released on the world for destructive purposes. These scientists know that only character, spiritual character, disciplined character, can take charge of atomic power and turn it into channels of usefulness and service. These scientists have repeatedly reminded the world of the need of a spiritual revival and have called upon the people to return to their religious faith.

### Churches

Such as the foregoing is the background against which churches and denominations have reappraised their mission in the world. There is scarcely an evangelical denomination in the world and particularly in the United States which has not felt the movement of revival forces working among them. Expanding church and denominational programs, the great upsurge in church building, the growing expansion of missionary programs and other phases of church and denominational life cannot be wholly explained by the rise in economic conditions. It is true that prosperity has provided the funds with which to pay the expenses of this expansion, but that is only a part of the story. People are praying. They are actively engaged in Christian service. They are volunteering in ever-increasing numbers for special religious service, the ministry, missions, and other types of Christian service. It is doubtless true that if hard times should return many would fall away. But surely nobody believes that the advance in the Christian program throughout the world would collapse. It might be halted temporarily, but the spiritual forces at work in the world today are too powerful, their roots are sunk too deep in the life of the peoples of the world, and the momentum of the revival movement is too great for the clock of spiritual interest to be turned back.

### Southern Baptists

Since we are a part of Southern Baptists and have felt the forces of revival working among them, we can speak with more assurance concerning Southern Baptists than any other particular group. The last ten years since the end of World War II has been the period of the greatest growth of Southern Baptists and the greatest expansion both of local church programs and the denominational program. This has doubtless been true of other denominations as well. However, it seems from the evidence at hand that Southern Baptists have entered with greater zeal and determination into the revival spirit than some others and have promoted a more

vigorous program of evangelism both in the denomination and in the local churches. Perhaps it would be pardonable to say that Southern Baptists seem to have led or at least they have been in the forefront of the renewed interest in evangelism and revival.

Witness the simultaneous revivals sponsored by the Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board as well as by state conventions, district associations, and by cities. Only last Spring we had what we called a nationwide evangelistic crusade. Only a few years ago we had a simultaneous crusade west of the Mississippi River and a year later the same type of crusade east of the Mississippi River. It is safe to say that during the last ten years more revival meetings have been conducted by Southern Baptist churches than in any twenty or thirty years in the past.

However, this revival of interest in evangelism and other phases of church and denominational life is not confined to the revival campaign or crusade. It is a week by week emphasis in most of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The increased emphasis on evangelism at home has been matched to a considerable degree by the increased emphasis on missions around the world. For the past ten years practically every year has seen an increase in the number of missionaries sent out by the Foreign Mission Board. The advance program of missionary interest has in some measure captured the imagination of Southern Baptists. Their response to that advanced program has been steady and increased every year.

### Billy Graham

It seems obvious that Billy Graham has come to the kingdom for such a time as this. Without in the least discrediting Billy Graham, it is doubtful if he could have achieved such success as has attended his ministry before World War II. It is equally doubtful that he could have achieved the success which has attended his ministry if the factors contributing to a religious revival already mentioned had not obtained. World War II, the atomic bomb, the scientists, the revival of interest in churches and denominations prepared the stage for Billy Graham. The Lord has used Billy Graham in a powerful way to capitalize on the spirit of revival and evangelism working among His people. Wherever Graham has gone in America or in the lands abroad there has been demonstrated a renewed interest in spiritual things and in spiritual values. People have gladly thrown off their complacency when they were offered a spiritual dynamic in place of pious platitudes. The multitudes have demonstrated their hunger for the simple word of God.

The success of Billy Graham's crusades cannot be explained wholly by his organization, publicity, and prior buildup. In spite of such preparation if Billy Graham did not answer the heart hunger of people with the word of God, his crusades would flop.

In general, people have discovered that philosophizing and rationalizing is not sufficient to meet the spiritual needs of life. Those needs can be met only by a dynamic spiritual experience with the Lord Jesus Christ and more people than ever before are finding that experience and in it the answer to their soul's deepest need.

# Kingdom Progress

## Music Director



DAVID L. CUNNINGHAM

David L. Cunningham assumed the duties of music director of Towson Avenue Church, Fort Smith, October 1.

Mr. Cunningham is the son of Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Cunningham, Mr. Cunningham was formerly pastor of the Alma Church. He is now pastor of the Baptist Church at Coweta, Oklahoma.

Mr. Cunningham is a sophomore at Ouachita College. He is a licensed minister and a mission volunteer. He plans to continue his studies at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, when he completes his studies at Ouachita, after which he plans to go to a foreign mission field.

Harlan Abel is pastor of Towson Avenue Church.

## Association Commends Walker

The Ouachita Association in its annual session recently commended Pastor W. M. Walker of the First Church, Mena, to the Baptist brotherhood as a full time evangelist.

Pastor Walker has resigned the Mena church effective January 1 to enter the field of full time evangelism.

## Ministers' Wives' Conference

Theme: The Minister's Wife and the Moslem World

Song  
Prayer

Devotional, Mrs. Percy F. Herring, Osceola.  
Piano Solo, Mrs. Seibert Haley, Jonesboro.  
Program, Mrs. N. P. Howington, Little Rock,  
Leader.

Solo, Mr. George Starke, Little Rock.

Speaker — Mrs. John Miller, Camden  
Business Session

Tea

Time of meeting, November 14, 2:00 p. m.

Place of Meeting, Green Room, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Officers: Mrs. H. L. Lipford, president; Mrs. N. P. Howington, program vice president; Mrs. Lawson Hatfield, social vice president; Mrs. Seibert Haley, fellowship vice president; Mrs. Dale McCoy, secretary and treasurer.

## Another Unit Completed At Searcy, First

By MRS. W. H. SCARSDALE

Church Secretary

First Church of Searcy has completed another unit of its Educational Building. This is a children's building and comprises eight thousand square feet; providing for five nurseries, two Beginner Departments, three Primary Departments and one Junior Department.

It is of modern, fire proof construction and will accommodate two hundred and fifty children. The equipment has been designed for latest instruction, using graded lesson material with centers of interest and activity.

This building makes possible multiple departments throughout the Sunday school. Dr. Edgar Williamson with an approved faculty led the church in a splendid Enlargement Campaign October 2-9. This resulted in an organization of 120 with 20 departments and 69 units. The entire Sunday school was reclassified and graded and placed in new department homes. This was a very successful and busy week, and First Church is very grateful to this fine faculty for their splendid work.

The census revealed a large possibility for our church and we have started upon a new day in our task of reaching these for Bible study and for Christ, our Saviour and their Lord.

## Faulkner Association

By JAY W. C. MOORE, *Missionary*

Pastor T. B. Wall, of the Beryl Church, was elected moderator of the association in the recent annual meeting. He succeeds O. M. Stallings.

T. W. Hayes, pastor of the Pickles Gap church, was elected to serve his fifteenth year as clerk.

Baptisms increased 50 over last year; VBS enrollment increased 240 over last year; the increase in total membership was 171 over last year; the Sunday School enrollment showed an increase of 59 and gifts to missions was \$4,511 over the preceding year.

Raymond Strickland of Little Rock has accepted the pastorate of the Brumley Chapel Church. He succeeds Charles Mason who resigned to accept the pastorates of the Wooster and Bono churches.

The Formosa Church has gone from half to full time. They have under construction an addition that will care for several Sunday school classes. George Harris, Ouachita College, is the pastor.

## Mosley Goes to Pine Bluff

Ernest Mosley, present education and youth director of First Church, Arkadelphia, has accepted the call of First Church, Pine Bluff, to fill a similar position. Mr. Mosley will begin his services with the Pine Bluff church on November 1.

Mr. Mosley is a graduate of Ouachita College, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is an ordained minister and has had experience both as a pastor and as an educational-youth director.

Mr. Mosley is married to Vivian Bachman of Malvern. They have one child seven months old.

## Subscription Analysis Arkansas Baptist

### New Club:

Graves Memorial, North Little Rock, Pulaski County Assoc. Graves Memorial is sending the paper to all their servicemen.

### Clear Creek Association

12 churches with budgets; 3 with clubs; 12 with neither.

### Concord Association

18 churches with budgets; 8 with budgets; 11 with neither.

### Conway-Perry

3 churches with budgets; no clubs; 12 with neither.

### Current River

4 churches with budgets; 4 with clubs; 13 with neither.

Watch for the analysis of the churches of your association in future issues of the *Arkansas Baptist*. We are publishing the analysis with the hope that it may stimulate other churches to adopt the budget plan of subscriptions to the *Arkansas Baptist*.

## W. S. Johnson Chair of Education

The Ouachita College board of trustees voted recently to establish the W. S. Johnson Chair of Education, it was announced by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president.

Funds endowing the chair of education will come from the late Dr. Johnson's properties which he willed to Ouachita College prior to his death, July 12.

Dr. Phelps stated that income from the properties will be sufficient to pay the salary of a full professorship in the education department.

Dr. Johnson was the first native Arkansan to earn a Ph. D. degree. It was awarded in 1899 by Yale University. He was a B. A. graduate of Ouachita College. As educator, he taught public school as a youth, headed Mountain Home Baptist Academy, was a member of the University of Arkansas faculty where he led in the organization of the school of education and home economics department. He also was a member of the faculty of Southern State College in its infancy, also of the faculty of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La. He left Arkansas and went to Oklahoma where he was an initiator of the idea of combining several agricultural colleges into the now great A. and M. College at Stillwater.

He retired some years ago, but continued to be active in the First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia and several hobbies. His Arkadelphia real estate consisted of a number of business and residential houses and was deeded to Ouachita College. He specified the income would come to him until his death when it was to go to the college. Dr. Johnson substantially supported his alma mater for a number of years, and recently he helped finance the remodeling of a dormitory which now bears his name.

## Alma, First Church, Receives 14

Jerry W. Hopkins, pastor of the Harvard Avenue Church, Siloam Springs, was the evangelist in a recent revival meeting at First Church, Alma. M. A. Turman of Little Rock was in charge of the music. The meeting resulted in 14 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism.

Kenneth R. Grant is pastor of the Alma church.

## Groundbreaking For Golden Gate Seminary

By HARRY R. KOONTZ



Turning the first shovel of dirt to officially mark the beginning of construction of Golden Gate Seminary's new campus, from left to right, are: Floyd D. Golden; Guy W. Ruthland, Jr.; Clarence E. Kennedy; E. Hermond Westmoreland; and Harold K. Graves.

Dreams and plans of a new campus for the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary began to materialize Friday, October 14, at 11 o'clock when groundbreaking services were held at the permanent campus site on Strawberry Point, Marin County (about four miles north of Golden Gate Bridge on the Redwood Highway). Dr. Harold K. Graves, president of the Seminary, was in charge of the program in which members of the building committee of the school's board of trustees participated. These are: Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and president of the board; Guy W. Ruthland, Jr., businessman, Decatur, Georgia, and chairman of the finance committee; Dr. Floyd D. Golden, president of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico, and chairman of faculty personnel; Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma; and Clarence E. Kennedy, Berkeley businessman, secretary of the board and chairman of properties committee. These and other Baptist and civic leaders joined the Seminary faculty in the ceremony.

One of the younger major institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention, Golden Gate Seminary is a result of a denominational need for a theological center of training on the populous Pacific Coast where Southern Baptist membership has grown tremendously in recent years. (Currently, 160

churches in Northern California alone are being served by Seminary men and women). The continuous growth of the Seminary's student body (up 15 per cent this year) and faculty — and the accompanying demands for classroom, library, and dormitory space — make expansion from limited, temporary city quarters in Berkeley inevitable. Thus, the large operation now under way at Strawberry Point is to develop the 126-acre site into a fully planned community for the religious, educational, residential and recreational use of the Seminary.

It is anticipated that the first-phase job, which formally began with the groundbreaking ceremony, will take 8-10 months and will consist of earth moving, grading, etc. Although preliminary plans are completed for all buildings in the first stage of development, structures will not appear until 1957. Seminary leaders predict that first-stage construction will be completed by the fall of 1959 at the earliest and will accommodate 500-700 students. Ultimate provision is for 1200-1500 students, many married and with children, and who will live on the campus with their families. Of the present enrollment of 269, 77 per cent are married.

Because basic curriculum studies at Golden Gate are pursued in theology, religious education and sacred music and are on a graduate level comparable to post-graduate work in a university, units of the new cam-

## Eugene L. Hill Elected To Foreign Board Staff

Dr. Eugene L. Hill, Southern Baptist missionary, formerly of China and more recently of Malaya, was elected secretary for missionary education and promotion by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its semiannual full meeting Oct. 12 in Richmond, Va. The position has been vacant since Dr. Frank K. Means, who formerly held the post, was named secretary for Latin America one year ago.

Dr. and Mrs. Hill and their 14-year-old son, John Lowell, are now in the States on furlough at McAlester, Okla. Mrs. Hill, the former Louise Heirich, is a native of McAlester.

Dr. Hill is a native of Durant, Okla. He attended Southeastern State College, Durant, and received the B. A. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. From Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., he received the Th. M. degree in 1935 and completed the Ph. D. in 1943, while on furlough from the foreign field.

Dr. and Mrs. Hill were appointed for China in 1935 to take over the duties at Graves Theological Seminary, Canton, which had just been laid down by Dr. M. Theron Rankin upon his election as secretary for the Orient. For 16 years Dr. Hill was professor of New Testament interpretation at the seminary and later became its president. Mrs. Hill taught in the Pool In Bible Training School and the Pooi To Girls' Middle School.

As secretary for the Foreign Mission Board's department of missionary education and promotion, Dr. Hill will direct the task of keeping Southern Baptists informed about the progress and prospects of their mission activities throughout the world. Media through which this is done include **The Commission**, a monthly world journal; an annual series of graded mission study books; audio-visual aids, such as films and filmstrips; press representation through the denominational and secular press; various phases of promotion; schools of missions; and field representation.

Dr. Hill will assume his new duties on January 1.

## Carroll County Reports

Carroll County Association held its first Training Union officers clinic at the First Church, Berryville, October 17-18. Robert Dowdy, associate state Training Union director, directed the clinic. Bedford Jackson, associational missionary, and Otis Walker, associational Training Union director, assisted Mr. Dowdy in the clinic.

pus' academic area have been designed to fall into those categories. The teaching force of 21 men and women consists of a specialized group who have attained advanced degrees in their respective fields.

Since acquisition of the Marin County site in 1953, John Carl Warnecke, Aia, San Francisco and Oakland architect of national prominence, and his associates, have been engaged in studies of the site and the institution's building needs. The site plan developed by the firm was approved last spring by the seminary trustees.

Although Golden Gate Seminary is geographically far away from much of the Convention, this "child" of Southern Baptists has become truly a lighthouse in the far west. Students now in attendance represent 31 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and four foreign countries. This is the institution's fourth session under the leadership of Dr. Graves.



# Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

## Urge Moral Safeguards In Reserve Training Program

Careful safeguards over the moral conditions that will surround military camps where 18-year-old youths will take the new six-month reserve training program have been urged in a report submitted to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson by the National Security Training Commission.

The new program, which was opposed by some religious groups when legislation authorizing it was before Congress early this year, got under way Oct. 1 with a group of men. The Army plans to train 90,000 youths during 1956.

The commission recommended tough military training for the youthful reservists, who after completion of the six-month training camp indoctrination will spend seven and one-half years in the active reserves.

But, most of its report was concerned with the need of meeting the moral problems involved in taking large groups of 18-year-olds out of their normal environment.

The commission said the military establishment should insist on rigorous enforcement of military and civilian regulations prohibiting prostitution in the vicinity of the training camps and banning the sale of intoxicating beverages to the young trainees on or off the base.

For the dual purpose of assuring maximum time for the training program and minimizing the hazards of outside temptations, the commission recommended that the trainees be given "little, if any, leave or time off base."

Camp commanders were urged to provide adequate recreation facilities on the base and suitable accommodations where families and friends of the trainees can visit with them on weekends and during off-duty hours.

## Hoover Stresses High Cost of Crime

Crime costs the nation \$14 for every dollar given to the churches, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said in Washington.

He told the International Association of Chiefs of Police that the cost of crime, when all factors are considered, is almost \$20 billion annually.

"The crime problem is essentially a youth problem," Mr. Hoover declared.

"Law enforcement and the entire community must concentrate more and more on the problem of the juvenile. Last year, 57.6 per cent of all persons arrested for auto theft were under 18 years of age. Forty-nine per cent of all those arrested for burglary and 43.6 per cent of those arrested for larceny were in the same age group."

The FBI chief said that the "alarming situation" with regard to juvenile theft might be "quickly remedied" if parents were held legally and financially responsible for the criminal acts of their children.

Mr. Hoover reported that during the first six months of 1955 there was a downturn in the national crime rate for the first time in seven years.

## Reports 1,579 American Missionaries in India

Of the 2,088 American citizens presently in India, 1,579 are engaged in missionary work, Deputy Home Minister B. N. Datar told the Lower House of parliament.

He said 302 of the non-missionaries are there on business and 207 for study.

## Rights Subcommittee Counsel Resigns Over Religious Freedom Inquiry

Marshall MacDuffie of New York resigned as chief counsel of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights in a dispute over the conduct of an inquiry into freedom of religion.

In a statement Mr. MacDuffie said his disagreement with the subcommittee stemmed in part from its circulation of questionnaires dealing with religion.

The subcommittee sent 10,000 questionnaires to religious leaders. It also scheduled a week of public hearings on freedom of religion. The hearings were called off by Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D.-Mo.) after some religious leaders protested that Church-State relations would be "too hot to handle"

Mr. MacDuffie is known to have felt that the questionnaires invited criticism of Supreme Court decisions involving Church-State separation. He believes, a reliable source said, that a Senate committee should not be a party to criticism of the nation's highest tribunal.

## Suicide Increase in Sweden Laid to Declining Christian Influence

An increase in suicide attempts in Sweden has been ascribed by several leading daily papers to a decline of Christian influence among the people.

According to reports, the number of suicides in the country has doubled in the last two years. There are 1200 attempted suicides a year. The latter figure is greater than the annual total of traffic fatalities.

Unhappy marriages or love affairs rank first as motives for suicide attempts. Next come alcoholism and psychic disorders. Economic difficulties or disease are third on the list of causes.

## Baptists Ask FCC Improve Radio, TV Programs

A demand that the Federal Communications Commission improve radio and television programs was made at the 138th annual meeting in Coventry, R. I., of the Roger Williams Association of Baptist churches.

The association, representing 38 of the more than 100 congregations associated with the R. I. Baptist State Convention, urged the FCC to eliminate "scenes of violence and destruction and murder; dramatizations that magnify brute force, and practices that disrupt the family and vitiate human life."

In a special resolution, the association also urged the FCC and all others having to do with radio and television programs to end the advertising of liquor and cigarettes.

# A Smile or Two



You never get the right kinds of chicken feed. A print doesn't go with stripes.

The children had all been photographed and the teacher was trying to persuade them to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at when you are grown up and say, 'There's Rose; she's married,' or 'That's Billy; he's a sailor.'"

A small voice at the rear of the room piped up, "And there's teacher; she's dead."

Tom— "Say, Bill, how did you get that swelling on your nose?"

Bill— "Oh, I bent down to smell a brose in my garden."

Tom— "Not brose, Bill, rose. There's no 'B' in rose."

Bill— "There was in this one."

Doctor: "There's really no reason to worry about that habit of talking to yourself."

Patient: "But doctor, I'm running out of things to say."

It would be only fair to bring out a higher-powered, faster pedestrian every year, too.

She: "You certainly keep your car nice and clean."

He: "It's an even deal — my car keeps me clean, too."

In the Public Health Department two radiologists examined an x-ray photograph.

"Good photo," one said.

"Fairly good, but it flatters the left lung," said the other.

A southern cotton picker, listening to the speech of a perspiring candidate at a country picnic, remarked:

"He sho' do recommend hisself powerful high."

Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.) has just returned from a visit to his 6-year-old granddaughter, dejected. Shortly before he visited his daughter's family, the paternal grandfather had been there and had built a chair for the granddaughter. "I'm a very lucky little girl," the child told Grandfather Hays. "I have one granddaddy who is a Congressman and one granddaddy who is smart."

—Quote.

## News From Baptist Press

### First Texas Negro Churches Affiliate

Two Negro Baptist churches have been admitted to fellowship in the Austin Baptist Association, which co-operates with the Southern Baptist Convention.

By a 99 to 25 vote, the association accepted Ebenezer Baptist Church, one of the largest Negro churches in Austin, and 19th Street Baptist Church into its fellowship.

According to available information, it is the first time that Negro churches in Texas have been admitted into associations of Southern Baptist churches.

Both Negro churches pledged their full support of the association's program. Each, however, retains its affiliation with a Negro Baptist convention.

The Ebenezer church, with over 1,000 resident members, has recently completed a \$300,000 building program, according to Associational Moderator Durand H. Bonner. The 19th Street church has 200 members.

Bonner, pastor of Austin's Congress Ave. Baptist Church, said that after the vote was taken to admit the two churches, one of the opponents of the admission made the motion that the association record a unanimous vote on the matter.

"There was no antagonism and the whole meeting was conducted in the spirit of Christ," Bonner declared.

### Baptist Press Survey

The Austin association's action followed shortly after two Negro congregations in New Mexico — at Las Cruces and Albuquerque — also joined associations affiliated with Southern Baptists.

A recent Baptist Press survey showed that those are evidently the only churches joining associations, although some individual churches in the Convention have admitted Negroes as church members.

Negro churches in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention are generally affiliated with either the National Baptist Convention of America or National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., which have state and associational organizations similar to those of Southern Baptists.

The Southern Baptist Convention works with the Negro conventions in the Baptist World Alliance and Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. It also is a joint operator, with the National convention, Inc., of a Negro seminary in Nashville, Tenn.

Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, said that local Baptist associations are self-governing and may admit whom they choose into their fellowships.

### Church Finance Clinic Slated For Nashville

A church finance clinic will be held in Nashville, Tenn., in December in connection with the meeting of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The clinic, first of its kind, opens at 9 a. m. Dec. 10. The finance committee of the Executive Committee is scheduled to meet at 9 a. m. Dec. 13 with the full Executive Committee session opening at 9 a. m. Dec. 14.

Members of the promotion committee of the Executive Committee, state Baptist editors, heads of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, and state secretaries have been invited to the church finance clinic.

"It is almost imperative that state secretaries and also stewardship secretaries attend this clinic," Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, said.

### Air Force Designates 3 Southern Baptists

Three Southern Baptist ministers will take part in preaching missions for Air Force personnel overseas this fall and next spring.

They are among 14 clergymen designated by the Air Force to conduct "Protestant preaching missions" among its servicemen.

The Southern Baptist ministers, dates of their preaching missions, and sites:

William H. Andrew, First Baptist Church, Bryan, Tex., in the Canal Zone, Oct. 2-15.

Frank K. Brasington, First Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md., in North Africa, Oct. 13-Nov. 3.

R. Lofton Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., in Germany and France, Feb. 12-Mar. 29.

### Home Board Conducts Negro Work Sessions

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will conduct its annual Negro work conference Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

Guy Bellamy, secretary of the Board's Negro work department, said meetings will be at S. A. Owen Junior College, in Memphis.

Leaders in many Southern Baptist agencies and institutions will be on the conference program and the program of the advisory council, which meets at the same time.

The advisory council consists of teachers of Bible at Negro colleges which cooperate with the Home Mission Board's Negro work program.

### Alliance Sites Studied

Baptist World Alliance leaders are giving favorable consideration to a site outside Europe or North America for the 1960 session of the Alliance Congress, Tokyo, Japan; Australia, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, each has invited the Congress — as have Miami, Fla., and Havana, Cuba. All Congresses to date have been held either in Europe or North America.

### 600 Acres Donated To Wayland College

A Plainview woman has donated 600 acres of land to Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, as a memorial to her late husband, who had a lifelong interest in Christian education.

Mrs. Gertrude Van Howeling, who came to Plainview 50 years ago, presented the gift, largest single one Wayland has received since its founding in 1909.

Trustees of the Baptist school plan to sell the land and to use the money to build the Arie Van Howeling Memorial Library. Plans for the library will be ready Mar. 1.

### Furman Trustees Ban Frat Houses, Dances

When Furman University moves to its new \$15 million campus at Greenville, S. C., there won't be any fraternity houses on the property.

This was decreed by the Baptist school's board of trustees at a recent session. The trustees also resolved that no organization of Furman University shall sponsor any dances.

### Newton Chapel

The chapel in the new educational building at Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., will be called Newton Chapel in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Louie D. Newton. A former Southern Baptist Convention president, Newton has been pastor of the Atlanta church since 1929.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### When Converted?

**Question:** Our pastor said that he was brought up in a church, attended regularly, and did not know when he was saved.

My experience has been different. I remember the time and place. What is your experience in this matter?

**Answer:** I remember precisely when I received Christ as my Savior. It was an overwhelming, life-changing, dramatic experience.

But the human memory is very tricky. Many people who have received Christ, show real evidence of conversion, are trusting wholly in His grace, do not remember the time, place, or feeling connected with their salvation.

The important thing to remember is not the point of conversion but the fact. Being saved is a conscious experience. We are not converted in our sleep. We must consciously commit ourselves to the living Christ, renounce our self-dependence, and rely upon Him as Savior and Lord.

A friend of mine argues that he believes in capital punishment but does not remember when he began believing in it. But conversion is not an intellectual belief. It is commitment, repentance, trust.

Emotional experiences of conversion will vary widely from person to person, but it must be at a given point in time.

Your pastor may not remember, but if he is saved it occurred at one time and at one place.

### Alliance President Gets Souvenir Picture Album

Theodore F. Adams, Baptist World Alliance president, recently received a souvenir album of pictures from Russia. They were taken during a tour Adams and three other Baptist ministers from America made in August.

The four ministers were on a 3500-mile preaching journey to Russian Baptist churches. Many of the pictures show worship scenes, some with Adams in the pulpit.

Several of the pictures were featured in a page display in the Times-Dispatch, daily newspaper published here. Adams is pastor of Richmond's First Baptist Church.

### Presbyterians Choose Los Angeles For Hospital Site

Presbyterians propose to build a hospital in Los Angeles with construction scheduled to begin in June.

It is expected to cost \$1,156,000.

Methodists recently launched construction of a hospital in the Los Angeles area. Southern Baptists also are considering building a teaching hospital there. The Presbyterian site is across town from the sites of Methodists and Baptists.

### State Editor Honored

Finley W. Tinnin got a "birthday" cake recently when he observed his 35th anniversary as editor of the **Baptist Message**, state weekly newspaper of the denomination. The cake, presented by State Executive Secretary Floyd B. Chaffin, bore these words: "35 Faithful Years."

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### Dr. Bruce Has Heart Attack

While conducting a revival for First Church, Monticello, Dr. H. D. Bruce, President of East Texas Baptist College, was stricken with a heart attack and is in the Drew County Hospital, Monticello. His condition is reported to be favorable.



# A Summer Camp at Ridgecrest for Boys

By WILLIAM H. CRUTCHFIELD

I spent five weeks this past summer at Camp Ridgecrest and the blessings I received are always so very present that they must be shared with others.

## The Setting

Camp Ridgecrest for Boys is nestled among the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains where God has provided Nature with the finest sunshine, fresh air, satisfying rains, majestic mountains, and peaceful forests on earth.

The purpose of the camp is to develop in the hearts and lives of everyone, whether camper or counselor, a closer walk with God, a greater appreciation for the physical body, and a keener knowledge of what makes this earth tick.

One of the most beautiful spots and one of the most worthwhile features of the camp is the outdoor Chapel, which is impressively situated beneath a natural arch of rhododendron trees. The only addition of man to this natural place for worship was the piecing together of rustic logs for bridge, seats and pulpit. Here the campers can realize how the groves truly could have been God's first temple and instantly feel the spirit of reverence.

## Daily Devotional

An outstanding and significant part of each day is the Morning Watch. In the Chapel, campers and counselors assemble for a period of meditation, Bible reading and prayer. Each day thus begins on a high plane of spirituality. Further, every effort is made to maintain this high level throughout each day.

Every Sunday morning all the campers and counselors change from shorts and T-shirts into their Sunday's best and off they go to Sunday School and church. Every counselor teaches a Sunday School Class of six boys. At these classes the counselor gets to know the boys better and their spiritual problems can be dealt with individually. Camp Ridgecrest Staffers believe spiritual growth is as real as physical growth and much more satisfying. After Sunday School everyone meets in the Church for morning worship.

Sunday evening worship is usually religious films from the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## The Counselors

The camp pastor is Dr. Jack Watson, a professor from the seminary at New Orleans. He makes a special effort to counsel with every member of the Ridgecrest organization.

Young ladies from the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly help the staffers at camp have a real inspirational training union each Sunday night before the religious movies are shown. This gives the campers a break from seeing all boys and better still it gives the counselors a chance to meet some lovely Baptist girls. This is more important than it may seem.

The camp is set up as an Indian Nation, called Ridgecrest Nation. This nation is made up of three tribes; Apaches, Choctaws, and Navajoes. Every Friday night these tribes sit around the "Council Fire" which is built at a very secluded and picturesque area of the camp. One of the most important functions of the council ring is promotion. Every camper must prove himself worthy before he is promoted. The highest rank is Little Chief.

As the Indians long ago called on a "great

spirit" to watch over them, Ridgecrest Nation calls on our "Great Spirit, God" to watch over their camp fire and also not to let the fire die out in their hearts.

## Weekly Hikes

Every week some group goes out on an overnight hike. Each hike is almost a college education in itself. These hikes are not endurance test but a truly "learning experience." God's great world is pointed out as the hike progresses. Even the beauty in a tiny mountain daisy is observed.

The two most impressive hikes are to Mt. Shumont and Mt. Mitchell.

Mt. Shumont is a very high peak south of the camp. Located below this mountain peak is breath-taking Lake Lure. You can see Chimney Rock Falls in the distance and the overhanging clouds are almost within reach.

Mt. Mitchell is the highest mountain peak in Eastern United States. The day we visited this mountain, it was completely blotted out by clouds. The temperature was 58 degrees. Did you ever have trouble keeping warm in August?

The overnight part of this trip is not actually spent on Mt. Mitchell. The camp is made at Carolina Hemlocks. This is a modern camping area at the foot of Mt. Mitchell. The big thrill comes from riding the rapids in a shallow river nearby.

## Camp Fire Devotions

Each night just before "sack time" a big camp fire is built. Many spine tingling tales have gone up with the smoke from the fire. After the ghost stories are over and several peppy choruses have been sung, the group becomes silent, a devotion is given and a prayer is offered up to our Heavenly Father. The counselors sometimes have a prayer service after the campers go to bed.

A camper has an opportunity to learn boating, swimming, horseback riding, tennis, crafts, and hiking under expert teaching. Many of the counselors are outstanding in some field. This summer we had the BSU President of Texas, the number one quarterback from the University of North Carolina, a diving champion from Arkansas, the number 8 ranking tennis player in the United States, and an All-American candidate in basketball from Wake Forest University. Every counselor is skilled in some activity.

## Personal Responsibility

The campers learn to be responsible for their own personal articles. Every morning each cabin is thoroughly inspected and given a rating. The cabin receiving the highest ratings gets an Honor Plaque at the end of each week. At the end of the camping session the all-time honor cabin is recognized.

The big council ring where all the awards are made is the last scheduled event. There is a trophy for the most improved and best camper in every tribe and a trophy for the best in every activity. I was fortunate to have the "Best Camper" from the Apache Tribe in my cabin. He was small in stature but his heart made up for that. This little boy was Gil Wheeler from Miami, Florida. He was appropriately named "Playful Peanut" in the council ring after he made the highest rank, Little Chief.

## Where Was Arkansas?

In writing this article, I hope I have made Camp Ridgecrest appeal to some of you. I

## Grace, West Memphis, Has Week of Dedication

Pastor T. D. Douglas reports a successful week of Church Dedication at Grace Church, West Memphis. Services were conducted each night September 5-8. The old building has been remodeled and is debt free.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, was the speaker for the first service. He spoke on the subject, "My Church." On Tuesday evening Adron Blankenship, foreign missionary to Brazil, spoke on "My Church and World Missions." Pastor Walter Yeldell of First Church, West Memphis, was the speaker for the Wednesday evening service. His subject was "My Church and Arkansas Baptists." Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, spoke on "My Church Dedicated" in the Thursday evening service.

A building program is under way and a new auditorium will be constructed in the near future. The present church membership is 400; Sunday school enrolment 260; Training Union enrolment 140.

## Arkansas Club at Southern Seminary

By JOHN T. LAMB, Publicity Chairman

The Arkansas Club of Southern Seminary met in the Faculty Center in connection with the first Missionary Day, October 12. The hosts were Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris Ashcraft and Dr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Ward. President Pete Church presided over the meeting and introduced Darrell Ross who outlined the activities planned for the year. Our guest speaker, Ruben Franks, missionary to Santiago, Chile, was introduced by vice president James E. Conard. Mr. Franks told of the needs in Chile and brought some interesting thoughts on the call of a missionary. The highlight of the day was the message brought by Dr. Eugene Nida, secretary for versions of the American Bible Society.

## Books Received

The Book of Acts

By Frank Stagg

Broadman Press Price, \$3.50

The Baptist Deacon

By Robert E. Naylor

Broadman Press Price, \$1.75

Dynamic Sunday Talks to Children

By Joseph A. Schofield, Jr.

W. A. Wilde Company Price, \$2.00

hope you will make plans for your son to go to camp. I want Arkansas better represented. There was not a single camper from Arkansas the last session and only one the first. Three of the counselors were from our state. Besides myself there was Jim Johnson from Little Rock and the University of Arkansas, and Jim Holbrook from Russellville and Ouachita. I am teaching school at Charleston, Arkansas and did my college work at Arkansas A & M, Arkansas Tech, and the University of Arkansas.

If you are interested in the camp in any way, write George Pickering, Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Mr. Pickering is the camp director plus being one of the finest Christian gentlemen I have ever known.

Those interested in Camp Crestridge for Girls may write Arvine Bell, Camp Crestridge for Girls, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Arvine is a graduate of Ouachita and many of her counselors are from Arkansas.

## Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

### Luther Lives On

Martin Luther is "more alive in the world today than at any time since he posted his 95 theses on the Wittenberg Church door in Germany 438 years ago this month," according to Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions, Inc., the religious agency which sponsored the film biography of the Protestant Reformation leader.

The Luther film, produced and distributed internationally by Louis de Rochemont Associates, has been drawing capacity audiences and evoking editorial reaction in London, Havana, and Caracas in recent weeks. Simultaneously the 16mm release of the same picture in the United States "has inspired church groups here to take over where the theatres left off," Lee said. Theatrical distribution in this country terminated September 1 after the picture had been seen by an estimated 20 million Americans.

Lee reported that over one thousand American churches had purchased 16mm prints in the first month of its "permanent ownership" availability, which he described as "a new concept in film utilization in the religious field." Claiming that a record had already been set, he explained, "No other religious or feature film has this number of prints in circulation as far as we know." The approaching local observances of Reformation Day (October 31) throughout the country were credited by Lee as contributing toward the heavy initial demand for prints.

### Improvements Planned For Ridgecrest And Glorieta Assemblies

Ground was broken this month for a new building at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly, according to R. L. Middleton, director, business division, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The building, which will cost approximately \$150,000, will be available for the 1956 season, beginning June 1, 1956. It will accommodate the Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Sunday school and Training Union conference groups and will be a demonstration building with the latest equipment and materials for developing teaching techniques.

Middleton said that extensive renovations of all cottages at Ridgecrest are now under way, and facilities at Glorieta Assembly will be improved also.

Bids were opened Oct. 18 for enlargement of the Dining Hall at Glorieta and an addition to the Hall of States of 48 bedrooms, complete with private bath. Middleton said construction will start Nov. 1.

### October Appointees

Young people appointed by the Foreign Mission Board at its October meeting are:

Jean Carlisle, Tennessee, for Mexico; Minor Davidson and Mary Boydston Davidson, both of Oklahoma, for Malaya; Fred E. Halbrooks, Jr., and Hazle Crow Halbrooks, both of Alabama, for Equatorial Brazil; Thomas O. High, South Carolina, and Katharine Younts High, North Carolina, for Nigeria.

Marjorie Jones, Louisiana, for Nigeria; Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Mississippi, for Nigeria; Lowell E. Ledford and Shirley Stephan Ledford, both of Arkansas, for Peru; Maxine Lockhart, Texas, for Nigeria; L. Parkes Marler and Martha Ellen Townsend Marler, both of Mississippi, for Korea; and Billy B. Tisdale, Arkansas, and Helen McWilliams Tisdale, Texas, for the Philippines.

ment our earnest desire to have our coreligionists enjoy the privilege of worshipping in their own chapels."

### Latin America

The report on Latin America, given by Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for that area, dealt with mission strategy. "Our strategy in Latin America is identical with the Board's strategy in the rest of the world," Dr. Means said. "It rests on two solid pillars: the teachings of the New Testament and 110 years of Southern Baptist experience in world effort."

Dr. Means listed in six general statements the Board's strategy in Latin America: (1) To face the world with realism — the kind of realism that Christ himself possesses. (2) To open new work in unoccupied areas. (3) To develop strong national Christians. (4) To strengthen existing work which has already attained a degree of maturity. (5) To reinforce the missionary staff from among the finest young people in the churches and schools of the Southern Baptist Convention. (6) To engage in long-range planning."

The Board authorized a Latin American Conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, early next year. Between 35 and 40 representatives of the Missions of Latin America will come together to get a comprehensive view of the total task.

### The Orient

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, the Board's secretary for the Orient who has just returned to his office in Tokyo from a brief survey trip to Pakistan, the second such trip this year, said in his report that the new nation of Pakistan offers an open door of mission opportunity to Southern Baptists.

Pakistan was formerly a part of India but became a separate nation within the British Commonwealth in 1947. In population, Pakistan is one of the major nations of the world, ranking near Japan and Indonesia at about 80,000,000 people. Islam is the dominant religion, and it was on that religious basis that Pakistan became a separate nation.

Pakistan is divided into eastern and western parts, separated by more than a thousand miles. East Pakistan is smaller, but much more thickly populated. It is the section under immediate consideration as a possible Southern Baptist mission field.

Dr. Crawley reported: "Something of the tremendous spiritual need there can be seen in the fact that Christians number less than one-third of 1 per cent, at the very broadest possible estimate. And there are fewer than 150 evangelical missionaries among the 46,000,000 people of East Pakistan — a ratio of only one missionary for any evangelical denomination to more than 300,000 people. Such a great shortage of missionary witness overshadows even the need in our other Orient fields."

The major groups at work in East Pakistan are Baptists — British, Australian, and New Zealand Baptists. Those missions welcome Southern Baptists to come and work alongside them, says Dr. Crawley. The particular region to which Southern Baptists are invited includes the capital city of Dacca (population about 500,000); the district of Faridpur, west of Dacca (with nearly 3,000,000 people); and the subdistrict of Comilla, in Tippera district east of Dacca (with almost 2,000,000 people).

### Foreign Mission Board Adopts Budget of \$7,501,081 for 1956

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its semiannual full meeting in Richmond, Va., October 11-12, elected Dr. Eugene L. Hill secretary for missionary education and promotion; adopted a budget of \$7,501,081.68 for 1956, the largest in the 110 years' history of the Board and an increase of \$351,339.03 over the budget for 1955; and appointed 16 young people for overseas service, bringing the total number of active Southern Baptist missionaries to 1,022.

Continuing its program of accelerated advance on foreign fields, the Board raised its goal of missionary appointments from 100 to 125 per year, and voted to begin missionary work in Kenya and-or Tanganyika and in East Pakistan.

A portrait of the late Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Board from January 1, 1945, to his death on June 27, 1953, was unveiled at the opening session held in the auditorium of Grace Baptist Church, Richmond.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, said in his report that during the next two years of special emphasis on world mission advance, the Foreign Mission Board will undertake to provide information and facilities for accentuating the mission emphasis in all parts of the Convention.

"Convention-wide planning for world mission advance is unlike anything we have known before in the Southern Baptist Convention," Dr. Cauthen said. "God is at work in the hearts of Southern Baptists. The Foreign Mission Board has a privilege and responsibility as never before. We are walking before Southern Baptists with a deep conviction of the worth-whileness of this task.

"We are going forward with courage around the world. We must try to enter the open doors. We can step up the tempo of what we are doing around the world by sharing with those in other places what Christ has done for us. It could well be that this emphasis will enable the Foreign Mission Board to arrive at its minimum objective of 1,750 missionaries at a far earlier date than heretofore has been anticipated."

### Africa, Europe, and the Near East

In accepting the report of its committee on Africa, Europe, and the Near East, the Board voted to assure French Baptists of its support "with our prayers and so far as may be practical with our material resources." Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, was asked to investigate a situation in France which indicates that a number of outstanding men of that country have left one of the large Protestant groups and are interested in the Baptists. The recommendation said, "If the persons in question are found to be true to Baptist principles, every reasonable effort should be made to relate them to the French Baptist Union."

Another recommendation asked that appreciation be expressed to the Spanish Ambassador to this country, Jose Maria Areilza, for his efforts in behalf of religious minorities in Spain. It said in part: "Especially are we grateful for the privilege accorded us to buy property in Malaga. At the same time, we deplore the closing of the Baptist church at Elche and the fact that four other churches have been closed by Government order for periods varying from one to several years. We respectfully request the Spanish Ambassador to convey to his Govern-



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## Let's Have "Cottonpatch" Crusades In Arkansas

A great deal of publicity has been given to "Cottonpatch" Crusade at Pecos, Texas — a crusade to reach the Mexican cotton pickers through special services conducted nightly in their camps by Spanish speaking preachers. It is the same type of work we have been doing in Arkansas for a number of years. We have won over 1,000 to the Lord. But this year we had to discontinue this ministry because of lack of funds.

We suggest, therefore, that churches, associations, Brotherhoods, and other organizations see what can be done in those areas where the Mexicans are concentrated. Order some Spanish literature from the Baptist Publication House, El Paso, Texas, for distribution. If you cannot secure a preacher this late in the season, plan now to put on a real crusade for them next year.

My son, Carroll D., preached in First Church, England, last Sunday. He came home relating an unusual experience. When the invitation was given, a Mexican who had sat near the back and listened with undivided attention, came forward. He could not speak English well enough to be understood, but he gave expression to his feeling by patting his heart, and pointing upward. Carroll and the presiding brother interpreted it to mean that he was giving his heart to the Lord. The church accepted him as a candidate for baptism, and gave him the hand of Christian fellowship.

Carroll stated, "Dad, that made me see the value of having someone who can know Spanish to preach to them." It also shows the heart-hunger of these 18,000 people who sojourn in our state for a few weeks. They are more receptive to the Gospel here than in Mexico.

### Chaplain Richmond Gives Interesting Survey

E. A. Richmond, our Chaplain in the Arkansas Boys Industrial School, passes on to us an interesting survey which was prepared by Charles A. Stuck, Chairman of the Board. The information is taken from 100 case histories.

The average age is about 15 years. Their education is slightly over the seventh grade. Their families average 5.5 children. Most of the homes have been broken by death or divorce. 88 percent come to the school because of liquor. 3 percent had parents of subnormal mentality. 3 percent were so neurotic or mentally retarded they needed to be in a different type of institution. (But we do not have one.) 52 percent of the boys are from wet communities. 6 percent are from homes where both parents work. 7 percent of the boys' mothers

are known prostitutes. 3 percent of their fathers have deserted their families.

Chaplain Richmond adds his own personal feeling about the cause of their delinquency. He says: "It is the personal opinion that outside of liquor, one of the greatest contributing factors is a four-fold delinquency — of the child, of the parent, of the church, and of the community. ALL HAVE FAILED TO DO THEIR PART. We need to start more family altars, have more parental counseling, more pastoral counseling, and our communities need more supervised recreation furnished by community and at the church."

### Clyde Hart Reports On Negro Extension Schools

"Through our department we are trying to help the Negro preachers that are already on the field in setting up Extension Schools and Lending Libraries throughout the state. At the present time we have Extension Schools and Lending Libraries in operation at Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Magnolia, Eudora, Helena, Alexander, and Hot Springs. Serving as teachers in these schools we have the following white Baptist pastors: Rev. Wilson Deese of West Helena, Rev. Rel Gray of Helena, Rev. Homer Bradley of Eudora, Rev. Henry Kaehey of Village, Dr. John Dodge of Hot Springs, and two Negro preachers — Rev. Taylor of Dermott College and Rev. Williams of Little Rock. The Home Mission Board is paying the cost of these Extension Schools. Several others will be in operation before the end of the year.

"In a recent survey we found that in a group of 14 pastors in the school at Helena, only one had had training above the High School level. Eight out of the 14 had training of Grade School level only. These men were all pastors of Baptist churches in that section. In Eudora out of 15, only one had had Junior College training. In Magnolia out of a group of 25 Negro Baptist pastors, only 2 had had two years of college training. The rest of them were in High School grades, and the most of them were down in the Grade School level. In Little Rock out of an enrollment of 35, four of them are learning how to read and write. This gives you some idea of the great need; both for a short range program of helping those who are pastors of churches now, and of a long range program of developing a college for the training of their preachers and leaders for the future."

Clyde Hart.  
Missions Dept.  
C. W. Caldwell, Supt.

## Preachers and Evangelism

I have been thinking a great deal about John the Baptist, who was the forerunner and introducer of Jesus Christ.

The world today sorely needs preachers of his type. John the Baptist was not a self-pleasing, self-projecting, self-promoting evangelist. He was but a voice crying in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord."

John was a road-maker for the royal feet of the Saviour of men. He was neither sponsored nor honored. The imperative need of this hour is for a generation of preachers who are soul-kinsmen of John the Baptist. It is easy to see why John wore a leathern loin cloth. He never got a love offering large enough to buy anything else.

John the Baptist was not called to push over sand hills or to straighten out cart ruts. His task was a formidable one to the extreme. The sun-scorched, fire-baptized, desert-bred prophet had to bulldoze mountains, shake kingdoms, terrify kings, and stab a nation awake.

Preachers today have a great deal that John did not possess, but John had something that most preachers do not seem to have today, and that was the gift and endowment of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist did not go to the centers of population to preach, he went to the desert, by the side of the River Jordan. The cities and centers of population round about, went out to hear this unique and unusual preacher preach a bold and dynamic message of repentance. He uttered a call to righteous living which made men different when they were served. He demanded that sinners bring forth fruit meet for repentance before they were baptized.

Yes, every great spiritual awakening the world has ever known came as a result of the preaching of preachers like John the Baptist. It is our conviction that here in Arkansas and throughout the nation, spirit-filled, unafraid preachers will have more to do with effective evangelism than any other group of people. God has ordained, "by the foolishness

of preaching to save them that believe."

We need prophets — men who are true to God, who believe in His infallible Word, who have no fear of man, who are fully consecrated to the Lord, and who know what it is to be flung into the heart of the world's need — as flaming heralds of the Cross! Oh, for a mighty revival.

I may be wrong but it is my conviction that a wonderful revival is to usher in the return of the Lord. I know things are getting worse and worse, but the seriousness of things in our day does not preclude a revival. God is able to work, even alongside the developments of iniquity. Is there not the Latter Rain yet to come?

And may it not be that when God is travelling in the greatness of His strength, and multitudes are in the Valley of Decision, and the world is being turned upside-down by the preaching of the Word in the power of the Holy Ghost, that then the Lord will appear and gather to Himself a tremendous harvest?

I. L. Yearby, Sec'y  
Dept. of Evangelism

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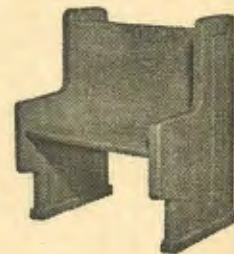
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# Children's Page

## Tricks Or Treats

By CHARLOTTE OFFEN

On Halloween Jimmy, Larry, Michael, Doreen and Susan went about their neighborhood playing Tricks or Treats. They had been almost all around their block when they came to the Larsons' house.

"We'll knock at Mr. Larson's door just to see what he will do," said Michael.

"No use," said Larry. "They won't have anything for us. Besides, I doubt if they know anything about Halloween."

Mother said we shouldn't bother Mr. and Mrs. Larson," Doreen said. "They're very old and quite poor. She said it might embarrass them if we asked for treats and they didn't have any."

Susan giggled.

"Oh, then we could pull some really good trick on them," she said.

"I don't think that would be much fun," said Jimmy. "He is awful old and can't walk very well."

"That's right," said Doreen. "We should be careful about bothering people like Mr. Larson."

"He's old and cranky," said Michael.

"He's not cranky," said Jimmy stoutly. "Mr. Larson is a good man. Remember all those corn-stalk fiddles and funny little toys that looked like men from Mars he made for us. He said he'd make me some more when he cuts that little patch of pop corn."

"That's right," said Doreen. "And one day last summer I was over there when Mrs. Larson was making cookies. She gave me some and they were really good."

"Tell you what," said Jimmy, "why don't we turn the treats around and surprise the Larsons?"

"Surprise them? How?" All the others shouted together.

"Well, let's knock on their door and when they open it we will all shout, 'Happy Halloween!' Then we'll go in and each of us will give them a treat."

"Let's do it," said Larry and Doreen.

"Oh, that will be fun!" cried Susan.

The children were very quiet as they gathered on the Larsons' front porch. Jimmy knocked, and when Mr. Larson opened the door the children all called at the top of their voices, "Happy Halloween, Mr. and Mrs. Larson!"

Mr. Larson smiled at them and his wife hurried to the door.

"Land sakes, if it isn't a pack of little goblins! Do come in and let us look at you," she said — just as if she knew all about Halloween.

The children stepped inside and



stood silently while the Larsons tried to recognize each one.

Finally Mr. Larson gave up and said, "I don't know who you are, but I hope you are having lots of fun."

Jimmy laid an apple on a little table.

"We'd like to share our treats with you, this year," he said.

Each of the others reached into his sack and brought out some treat and laid it beside Jimmy's.

"Now isn't that just the nicest thing that ever happened to us, Mother," Mr. Larson said, smiling.

"I think it's wonderful — just wonderful! Thank all of you so very much."

There was a happy sound in Mrs. Larson's voice that made all the children look at her in wonder.

"And now we have a little something for you, too," she went on. "We were beginning to think none of you were coming to see us, tonight. You've made us very happy by your visit."

She went into the kitchen and returned carrying a big panful of popcorn balls.

"We made these especially for the little goblins who wander around on Halloween night," she explained.

When Michael saw them he cried, "Popcorn balls! How I love them! Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Larson."

And the next minute he was eating the one they handed him.

"Mrs. Larson, this is the nicest treat we've had tonight. Thank you very much," said Larry.

Jimmy was smiling happily behind his mask as he turned to leave.

"Happy Halloween!" he said again.

"Happy Halloween!" cried the others as they followed him out.

"Good night children, and thank you for your treat," said Mr. and Mrs. Larson.

"They're nice," said Doreen.

## Spanish Baptist Union Adds Eight New Churches

Eight new churches were admitted into the Spanish Baptist Union at its biennial convention held in the First Baptist Church, Madrid. This brings the number of Baptist congregations in the organization to 37 with a combined membership of 2,100 persons.

The three-day meeting, attended by 89 messengers and numerous visitors, was preceded by a two-day convention of the Spanish Woman's Missionary Union.

The theme of the general convention was "Our Baptist Heritage." Much of the discussion centered on the condition and prospects of Baptist work in Spain and the problem of Protestant civil marriages in the country. The messengers told of many

cases of persecution and difficulty, but a general spirit of optimism and faith in the future was evident in all the meetings, according to Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, Southern Baptist missionary.

The need for a co-operative program of supporting all phases of Baptist work was discussed and a committee was named to work out the practical aspects of such a program.

Special preaching services were held each night. "Of special blessing to the convention was the presence of Professor Santiago Canclini, Baptist leader of Argentina, who is spending more than two months in Spain in evangelistic meetings," reported Mrs. Whitten.

Forty-four women attending the eighth annual convention of the Spanish Woman's Missionary Union heard a report on the opening of a home for the aged, saw the presentation of the first year-book published by the organization, and adopted an organized plan for mission study. Four new missionary societies were accepted in the organization.

The theme of the convention was "Behold the Lamb of God"; and inspirational messages were presented on "Behold the Lamb of God in Study and Prayer," "Behold the Lamb of God in Missionary Education," and "Behold the Lamb of God in Stewardship and Missions."

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"We certainly had a good time there. I'm glad you thought of stopping Jimmy."

"I am too," he said. "Wouldn't it have been too bad if they'd had no one to give those popcorn balls to?"

"It surely would," said Larry. "And didn't Mrs. Larson look happy — just as if she knew all about Tricks or Treats."

"I guess she does, at that," answered Jimmy.

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### JACK-O-LANTERNS

By JULIA W. WOLFE

Upon a certain Halloween  
When not a soul was nigh,  
A jolly jack-o'-lantern spied  
A golden pumpkin pie.  
Now, Jack-o'-lantern's funny  
mouth  
Was very, very wide;  
To play a prank this Halloween  
He put the pie inside.  
Said Jack-o'-lantern, "After all  
That pie was mine, you know;  
And now it's in the very place  
In which it used to grow.

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### THE WISHING WELL

by GEORGIA and HOWARD PARIS



## Looking For the Men and the Boys

We are looking for you and the men and the boys of your church to be among those present on Brotherhood Night at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, on the eve of Monday, November 14. The boys will be special guests at the Brotherhood Night service.

Preceding the Brotherhood Night program will be the annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper, which will be served in the Dining Room of Immanuel Church.

The Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper begins at 5:20 and the program to follow will continue until 6:40. The Brotherhood Night service begins at 7:00 o'clock.

### Promoting Brotherhood Night

The pastor of every church in the state and the president of every church Brotherhood have each been mailed a Brotherhood Night Promotional Packet, with some suggestions for promoting Brotherhood Night attendance. These suggestions are:

1. Display prominently the Brotherhood Night Poster. Put the poster up immediately and give it an opportunity to speak its message.

2. Make announcements concerning Brotherhood Night at all of your congregational services. Call attention to the fact that the personalities on the Brotherhood Night program are the choicest.

3. If your church has a Brotherhood, the Brotherhood Executive Committee should give earnest attention to the business of building a worthy attendance of your men at the Brotherhood Night program. The Brotherhood should be challenged to attend — to the last man!

4. Announcements concerning Brotherhood Night should be made in Men's and Young Men's Sunday School classes and in Adult and Young People's Training Union Departments.

5. Set up a Brotherhood Night Transportation Committee. Enlist men (with automobiles) who will be willing to make the trip and take a carload of men with them. Organize a Brotherhood Night Caravan from your church.

6. Tell your men that other men from all over Arkansas will be coming to the Brotherhood Night meeting, and that many of these men will be driving back home after the service. **And your men can do the same!**

7. Tell the women that they too will be welcomed guests on Brotherhood Night, along with all the boys and girls who can come.

8. Let your people know that Royal Ambassadors will be special and honored guests on Brotherhood Night. **Help the boys to get there!**

9. **Pray for the greatest Brotherhood Night of them all!**

10. Do anything else you can think of to help get the word around.

Every Royal Ambassador Counselor and pastor in Arkansas has been sent a Special Royal Ambassador Bulletin publicizing the Fellowship Supper, together with a Reservation Sheet for the Supper.

Tickets for the Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper are \$1 each, and will be reserved on a first come — first served basis, up to the capacity of the Immanuel Dining Room (350).

Speakers at the Supper will include Frank Black, associate to Ed Hurt, who is working with the Brotherhood Commission in Royal Ambassador promotion; and Billy Bob Tisdale, recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary to the Philippine Islands. Mr. Black will also appear on the Brotherhood Night program, where Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, will be the chief speaker.

The programs for both Brotherhood Night and the Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper will be published in this column in the issue of November 10.

### An Unfortunate Omission

The middle-page spread of the current issue of the Brotherhood Journal, under the caption, "Royal Ambassador Leadership in the States," leaves out Arkansas. This is indeed unfortunate. Arkansas pioneered in Brotherhood promotion of Royal Ambassador work; and the Arkansas State Brotherhood Department will assume the total responsibility for all phases of Royal Ambassador promotion on January 1, 1956.

The omission was due to a misunderstanding of the Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador relationship in Arkansas by the editor of the Brotherhood Journal, who seems to have thought that since the Arkansas Brotherhood Secretary does not at present have an associate, the Brotherhood Department here is not at present in the business of promoting Royal Ambassador work. Nothing could be further from the facts.

The Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood Department is up to its neck in all phases of Royal Ambassador work. The new associate, when he comes to the Brotherhood Office, will not be the Royal Ambassador Secretary. Instead, he will work with the Brotherhood Secretary in the promotion of the entire range of programs covering work with men, with young men, and with boys; and will help to build the Integrated Man-Boy program which is so critically needed among Southern Baptists.

Nelson Tull, Sec'y



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In 1954 "M" Night (Training Union Mobilization Night) was observed in 891 of the 1,029 associations of the Southern Baptist Convention with an attendance of 323,349. Only 138 associations did NOT have an "M" Night meeting.

In 1954 in Arkansas, EVERYONE (100%) of the 45 associations observed "M" Night, with an attendance of 16,607, an average of 369 per association.

#### Arkansas Figures for 1954

(Please send your goal and meeting place to the Training Union Dept., 306 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock.)

ASSOCIATION	ATT. 1954	GOAL Dec. 5, 1955	MEETING PLACE
Arkansas Valley	248		
Ashley	235		
Bartholomew	286		
Benton Co.	470		
Big Creek	56		
Black River	238		
Boone	142		
Buckner	295		
Buckville	51		
Caddo River	123		
Carey	303		
Caroline	475		
Carroll	226		
Centennial	380		
Central	600		
Clear Creek	755		
Concord	1,637		
Conway-Perry	102		
Current River	218		
Dardanelle-Russellville	278		
Delta	390		
Faulkner	174		
Gainesville	175		
Greene County	344		
Harmony	171		
Hope	418		
Independence	200		
Liberty	1,264		
Little Red River	169		
Little River	333		
Mississippi Co.	560		
Motor Cities	434		
Mt. Zion	430		
Newton	32		
Ouachita	166		
Pulaski	1,594		
Red River	651		
Rocky Bayou	96		
Stone-VB-Searcy	374		
Tri-County	179		
Trinity	406		
Washington-Madison	343		
White County	87		
White River	274		
Woodruff Co.	225		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,609</b>		

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# Jesus Proclaims His Mission

By BURTON A. MILEY

## Sunday School Lesson

October 30, 1955

Luke 4:16-24, 28-30

but ion. This Jubilee year, as it was called, was the divine safeguard against monopolies and provided for a periodic redistribution of the wealth and privileges of the Jewish people. Priests with silver trumpets proclaimed this acceptable year of the Lord (Leviticus 25:8-17). Jesus accepted the responsibility of this year in its every spiritual demand.

When Jesus had finished reading He sat down. One can imagine that the eyes of the group were fastened upon Him. The news of His miracles had overspread the country. Nazareth had heard and maybe this was the reason for the tense attention given to Jesus. "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." What a surprise to the people! The people in astonishment said: "Is not this Joseph's son?" Jesus understood the attitude which they held toward Him. He sensed their judgment of His works elsewhere by absence of any of His miracles among them. Jesus advised them that "No prophet is accepted in his own country" (vs. 24).

### THE REJECTION

Jesus told of two Old Testament characters who bore out the fact of God's goodness to other people. The widow of Sarepta was supported by God's goodness through His prophet, Elijah. The other was concerning Elisha and the cleansing of Naaman the Leper. The people heard these words and immediately saw the application. God's ministries were not always offered all Israel. Here was one who claimed to be Messiah, and yet He first had not announced in His own home town the purpose of life. The people felt slighted. Please read Matthew 13:54-58.

They looked for a Messiah who would come with wonder works and with political aspirations. Here was one that was approaching the task from spiritual values. They heartily disapproved. His direct application of the works such as Elijah and Elisha to His neighbors in Nazareth was more than they could stand. Immediately they were filled with wrath. The service was interrupted to lead Jesus out to destroy Him by casting Him over the brow of the hill. It is hard for one to imagine the hate, wrath and frenzy expressed by these people toward one reared in their midst. There is no hatred so violent as that which has been fed by religious fervor.

### JESUS CONTINUES

It is a commendation to the poise of Jesus to note that He went along with the people without resistance. Had His disciples been present they would doubtless have intervened for His safety. "But he passing through the midst of them went his way" (vs. 30). Was this deliverance miraculous? Did Jesus carry sufficient power that they dared not lay hands upon Him? He moved from their midst and returned to Capernaum where His ministry was continued with the benedictions of God.

Nazareth, from which nothing good could come, (John 1:46) and yet which had a synagogue and gave early training to the life of the world's Saviour, rejected Him. Literally this was where He came

unto his own and His own received Him not. He was not able to do many great works there because of unbelief. The little town could only go down in history as a hindrance instead of a help to the Saviour. What is the record of your town or community?

### PRACTICAL LESSON

"As His Custom Was." This is a revelation of one good habit. Jesus was a synagogue-attending person. It was not the unusual service that drew Him, but the regular service. No Christian can be very strong in the Lord or effective in the Kingdom's service without the church-attending habit in his life. People should expect a Christian to be in service on the Lord's Day. Absence should be the exception.

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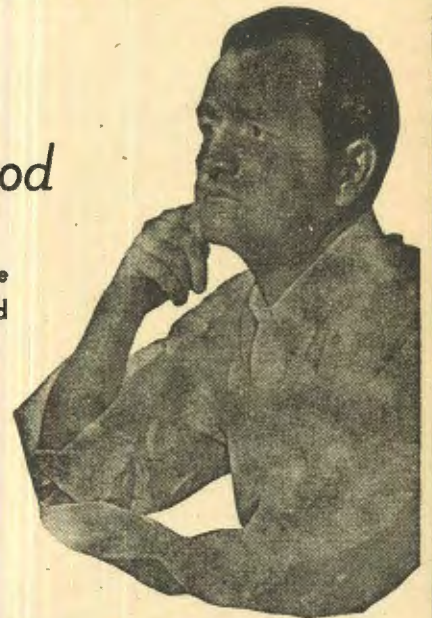
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## Encouraging Reports

Of course we can not go on indefinitely reporting what individual churches are planning to do for the Cooperative Program in 1956. For the next two or three weeks this page of the paper will necessarily be given over to some other matters that clamor for attention at this time. In an early issue the quarterly report will be published and then some additional appeals will be in line.

Nearly every report that comes in is encouraging. Churches that are in the midst of building programs are increasing their gifts for the Cooperative Program. We agree with them that building operations should not penalize our missionary undertakings. As a church increases its budget it should increase its mission gifts. We do not believe that it is at all in keeping with the New Testament for a church to increase its interest at home and reduce its interest in the world mission causes. We want to register our deep appreciation for the fine loyal mission spirit that is manifested in many of our pastors and churches. The President of the Convention has far reaching plans in his own church operations but he is proposing a large increase in contributions for the Cooperative Program next year. Perhaps he will make public announcement of it by the time the Convention meets. It will be an interesting announcement and a challenging story. — B. L. B.

"Dear Dr. Bridges:

"You will be happy to know that First Baptist DeWitt, has increased gifts to the Cooperative Program the percentage that you asked. We also plan to make lump sum gifts from any surplus we may have this year.

Best Regards and may the Lord bless you—  
Norman E. Lerch."

## Associations are Accepting

Many of the associations are voting to accept a definite quota as a goal to reach in 1956 for the Cooperative Program. Moderators and State Board Members and Missionaries are working at the job and many of them are asking individual churches to assume a given amount. Asking is all Baptists can do but we are trying to be good askers. Many of the associations have already voted to accept a definite quota. — B. L. B.

## 15% Increase

Lloyd Cowling has been pastor in Dierks about two months. He finds a great spirit among the church people. The church voted to increase their gifts to the Cooperative Program by at least 150 percent over their present giving. They will also include the "Arkansas Baptist" in every church home. What an increase! Thank you, Pastor Cowling. — B. L. B.

## Davis and Caney Creek

Caney Creek Church in Caroline Association will give more money in 1956 for the Cooperative Program. The increase will be 28 1-3 percent. This is a fine challenge to all the rest of you. Pastor W. E. Davis is leading this full-time rural church in a marvelous manner. Thank you, Caney Creek. — B. L. B.

## Isn't This a Good One

"Dr. B. L. Bridges  
Baptist Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas

"Dear Doctor Bridges:

"Our Church, Piney, has raised its cooperative goal this year again. We gave 13 percent of all gifts last year and the church voted last week to give 15 percent of our income this year and our budget is set for more than \$2,000 more than last year. Pray for us that we will meet our budget and that our church will continue to remember "World Missions" when making up the budget each year. Sometimes it is hard to get rural people to go forward but our people are in full accord with the Cooperative Program. I believe the reason for so many rural Churches failing to go forward in missions is due to leadership and challenge. I trust that I will ever be able to lead people forward. Our Church met its budget last year of over \$15 thousand dollars and I think this is pretty good for a rural church our size. We are debt free and making plans for new building and a church bus. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,  
William West."

## Burgess and Monticello Northside Church

The Northside Church in Monticello is increasing its Cooperative Program gifts as much as 50 percent for 1956. J. P. Burgess is a great believer in Cooperative Missions and his leadership is manifest in this good church. Brother Burgess became pastor of the church in May, 1954. At the beginning of the associational year there were 54 in Sunday School. At the end of the associational year in September, 1955 there were 96 in average attendance in the Sunday School and there had been 40 accessions to the church. This good church is growing rapidly under the leadership of Pastor Burgess. — B. L. B.

## Bentonville Increases Cooperative Program Gifts

First Church in Bentonville, B. G. Hickem the new pastor, will increase its Cooperative Program gifts more than \$700 for 1956. It will be remembered that this church is laboring under a debt on a new building. The heroic and missionary minded pastor is unwilling for a local building to rob the missionary cause. Isn't this an inspiration and an encouragement and a challenge to all churches having a new building obligation? Thank you, Bentonville. — B. L. B.

## Barling and Gustavus

The Barling Church has new pastoral leadership. Louis Gustavus goes to them from Glenwood. The church has voted a large increase for the Cooperative Program of 1956. Instead of giving \$20 per month the church will give \$60 per month. They will be on the percentage basis and in all probability they will sometimes give \$70 per month. What an increase! Thank you, Brother Gustavus. — B. L. B.

## Correct Your Diary

The new 1956 Arkansas Baptist Dairy dates the 1956 State Convention on November 13-15. This is an error. The Administration and Finance Committee, early this year, authorized the procurement of the Robinson Auditorium for November 20 and 21, 1956. We are reasonably sure that the Convention will endorse this proposal and schedule the Convention for November 20 to 22, 1956. —B. L. B.

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## "God Being My Helper"

By C. C. WARREN

Pastor, First Baptist Church,  
Charlotte, North Carolina

President, Southern Baptist Convention

I have just finished reading Dr. R. A. Herring's book entitled, *God Being My Helper*. In it he strikes a note that needs to be sounded in clarion tones throughout Christendom today.

Dr. Herring says, "The world has never seen a time when so much training and so much organization was matched with so little power." He reminds us that the needed power of the Holy Spirit is still available in direct proportion to one's willingness to pay the price for it. He probes the reader's heart with the paramount question of the Lordship of Christ.

This scholarly and practical discussion of the Holy Spirit, with striking illustrations from the author's rich experience, is designed especially to help those who have not attained but are willing to "press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." If every preacher, deacon, teacher, and every Christian occupying a place of kingdom responsibility will read the book slowly, carefully, and ponder its truth, a new stream of power will revitalize our denominational life.

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According to one statistician, the average person spends at least thirteen years of his or her life talking. On a normal day something like 18,000 words are likely to be used, roughly equivalent to a book of fifty-four pages, while in a single year, one's words would fill sixty-six books, each containing 800 pages . . . Stewardship of time, money, talents, all these — yes, and of words, also.

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## The Great Divide

