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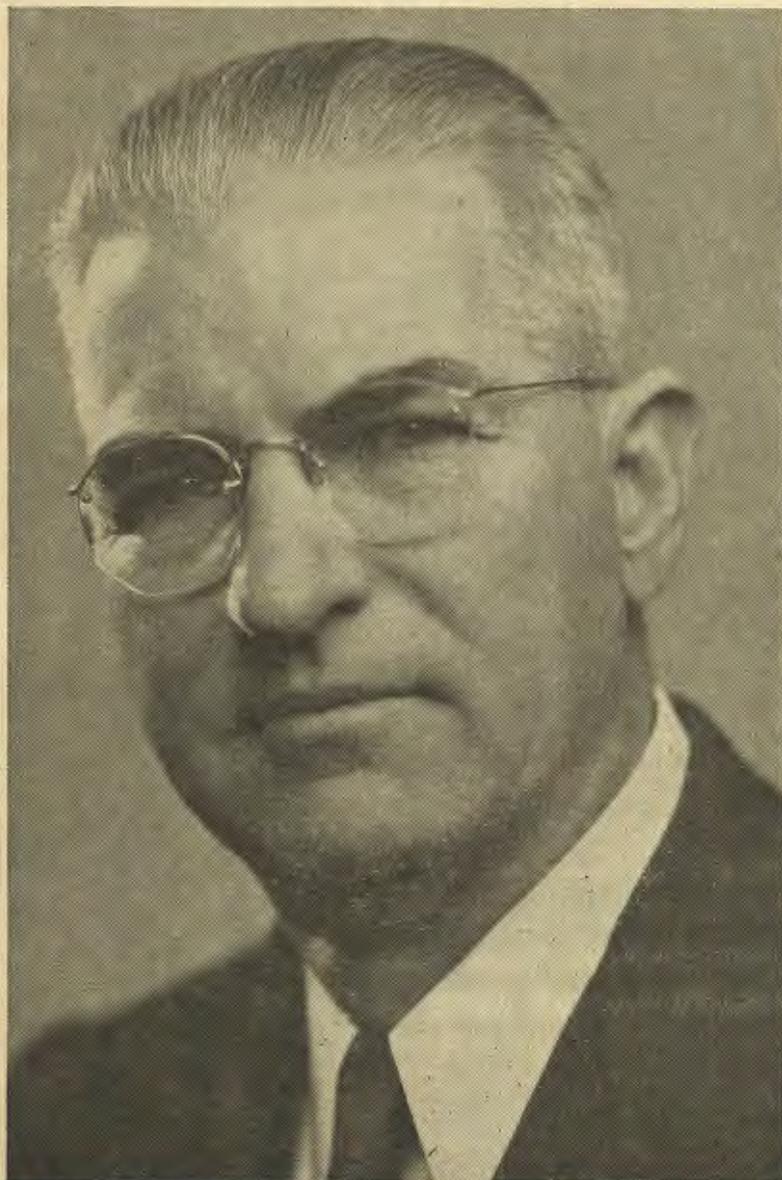
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Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock

Featuring the Two Presidents



C. C. WARREN, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
President of Southern Baptist Convention
(Tuesday Afternoon Speaker)



THEODORE F. ADAMS, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.
President of The Baptist World Alliance
(Wednesday Afternoon Speaker)

Convention Opens at 9:30 Tuesday Morning, Nov. 15
Closing Session, Thursday Morning, Nov. 17

Let's Keep the Record Straight

By D. HOYLE HAIRE

Al Smith, one time candidate for President of the United States on the Democratic Ticket, used to say "Let's look at the record." In connection with the question to come before our Convention relative to nominations for the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, it will also be instructive to look at the record.

This writer has closely followed the question mentioned above and nowhere has he seen written, or heard spoken, any suggestion that "a change be made in our State Convention Constitution to allow associations to elect members to the State Executive Board" as was stated in a recent article entitled "Congregational Government — A Doctrine Fast Losing Ground."

The suggested change is merely to give permission to the Associations to recommend to the Committee on Nominations the names of those whom the Association thinks would be good Executive Board members from that Association. Any given Association may or may not take advantage of this permission. Thus, the only practical effect this would have which is different from the present system would be to enlarge and expand the resources of the Committee on Nominations. The State Convention would still be doing the nominating through its regularly appointed Committee and the State Convention would still be doing the electing through its regularly elected messengers. If the Committee on Nominations wished to ignore the recommendation from the Association and substitute another name it would have a perfect right to do so. Also, if the Convention wished to ignore the recommendation of its Committee and substitute another name, it would have a perfect right to do so. It is wrong for the Committee on Nominations to have access to the fullest kind of help and information about those it must recommend for an office?

The wisdom of using the bounds of the Associations as a guide in determining how many members to elect to the Executive Board has also been questioned. Both experience and common sense indicates that the constitution of the membership of the State

Executive Board along Associational lines is one of the wisest moves our Convention has made in this field. The State Convention has to have some method in selecting its Executive Board members and this is far better and far more just than any plan previously used. Has the independence and sovereignty of the State Convention been infringed upon merely because we use the bounds of the Associations to determine how many members there will be on the Executive Board of the State? Who can cite any instance of such infringement? It seems that the cry of "wolf" is being made where there is no wolf.

If the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, as stated in its Constitution, is "independent and sovereign in its own sphere" then it has the power to make this change, if it so wills, and after it has been made it will still be "independent and sovereign in its own sphere." What confuses some is the fact that the same persons who compose our churches are the ones who compose our Associations, and the same persons who compose our Associations compose our State Convention. The genius of our Denominational life lies in this: that we keep each organization separate and independent of the other, yet there is a practical cooperation together that is marvelous to behold. Did we say cooperation? Yes, and surely there is the secret of the whole matter. This entire question resolves itself into a search for a better method of cooperation between the State Convention and the local church and association, without which cooperation each one would be vastly crippled and injured.

Our denomination is a living, growing, active, and dynamic organism in the midst of a society that is also active and dynamic. In the fields of Sunday School and related organizations we have developed new and better methods to meet the challenge of the changing times, holding ever to our revered principles. In the field of church polity we must continue to develop new and better methods (not principles) to meet the changing times, while at the same time we hold steadfast, without wavering, to our ancient and revered principles.

Cooperative Program Is Channel For Intake, Outgo of Love

A fruit of compassionate love, channeled through the Cooperative Program, is personified in Amelio Giannetta, missionary to the Italians, Richmond, California.

"You have fed me, dressed me, given me an education, and through your light sent abroad, you have led me to the Lord," the Home Mission Board missionary told a recent group.

"It is also because of your faith in the Cooperative Program that I am able to work among my people in the San Francisco Bay Area," he continued.

Giannetta's Baptist parents died when the lad was six years old, and he went to the G. B. Taylor Baptists Children's Home in Rome, Italy, which is operated by the Southern Baptists Foreign Mission Board. Here, "because of your contributions. . . I was provided with all of the blessings of life for 14 years."

At 19, Giannetta was called into the ministry. The following year Giannetta left the children's home, and in 1946, he came to the United States. He graduated from Missis-

sippi College, Clinton, Miss., and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1953, Giannetta and his wife, Lidia, were appointed by the Home Mission Board to work with the Italians in the San Francisco Bay Area, California. The territory now covers four associations in which are located 65 churches. "My work is to help them reach the Italians in their community," he says. About 75,000 Italians live in this area.

"My testimony is an illustration of God's marvelous blessings upon the Cooperative Program of our Southern Baptist Convention. I am the product of your missionary program," Giannetta said.

About 20,000 people a year commit suicide in the United States—a rate of sixteen for every 100,000. The rate is higher among divorced than married persons; among professionals than non-professionals; white-collar workers than laborers; officers than enlisted men in the armed forces; whites than Negroes; and urbanites than country people.

—Survey Bulletin.

Moral Perplexity

A Devotion by the Editor

"My God, My God, Why?"

Someone has said, "There should be some understandable relation between what happens to us and the love and goodness of God."

"Why?" Jesus asked. Every day we hear men and women asking "why?" It is not a wicked question nor a question of unbelief unless we make it so. It is, in fact, a question of faith. If there were no faith, the question would never be asked.

Recognizing this relation between what happens to us and the love and goodness of God, we should strive to discover the meaning of all that happens to us in the light of God's love and goodness. We may cultivate such an attitude that our "whys" will not be asked in a peevish or cross manner nor yet with a note of despair in them, but with an honest inquiry from hearts that may at the time be hurting yet trusting.

Someone has remarked, "you may think you see farthest in the day time, but you don't. At midnight you see the stars. You would be dreadfully short-sighted if you had to live always in the daylight."

It has been said, "in the long last God must do something for those who believe in Him, or else in the end they would stop believing." God will do something for us, in fact, is doing for us all the while, if only we had the vision to see it.

There arises this big question, what are we expecting God to do for us who believe? There are the self-seeking and the materially practical who make very definite demands upon God — they ask for sunshine or rain, good harvest, health, happiness, and so on. When they are disappointed in these things, it becomes difficult for their faith to survive.

There are the most spiritually sensitive who ask for forgiveness and the assurance of God's daily presence to keep and to cheer them. There are those of pioneering faith who ask for the reclamation of the world and human society, and are willing to hurl themselves against the prevailing order of things to bring about the desired change.

"With reason's eye we seek out God.
And catch sweet glimpses of His face,
But when we cannot see, faith comes
And trusts Him where it cannot trace."

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46).

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From The Editor's Desk

Attend the Baptist State Convention

The Baptist State Convention of Arkansas will meet November 15-17 at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Three sessions of the Convention, Tuesday afternoon, Tuesday night, and Wednesday night, will be held at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium in Little Rock.

Don't Miss It

The State Convention is an important meeting. It should be attended by all who can possibly come whether you are messengers or not. Attendance on the Convention will inevitably increase the interest of everyone present in the denominational program as a whole. We tend to become provincial and limited in our outlook if we do not attend these denominational meetings and mix and mingle with Baptists from all over the state. The fellowship at such meetings is invaluable as a stimulus to greater interest to wider horizons and to a more vigorous support of the program of Baptists.

The inspiration of Convention meetings is shared by all who attend. There is tremendous inspirational value in great mass meetings. One is jerked out of the narrow groove of his own limited field of service and becomes conscious that he is a part of a greater field of service that covers not only the state of Arkansas but the entire world. We have been called narrow minded Baptists. It is only necessary to attend the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention to realize that we are world minded Baptists, that our sympathies are as broad as human need, that our convictions are as deep as human depravity, that our efforts are as comprehensive as the commissions of Jesus.

The Baptist State Convention is informational. Information is provided concerning all the work that Baptists are promoting at home and abroad.

The Convention program will feature the Cooperative Program which is the lifeline of all our work, both state and Southern Baptists. It will show how by giving through the Cooperative Program any individual Baptist and any church may have a part in the whole state and Southern Baptist work.

Baptist Work Featured

Vital information may be had at the Convention concerning our state work. The work at Baptist Headquarters will be featured in such a way as to give vital information concerning the different departments and phases of our work. Information concerning our institutions will be presented at the Convention: The Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Ouachita College, and the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. One gets a comprehensive view of the whole state work including the work of the Executive Offices, the Sunday School Department, the Training Union Department, the Music Department, the W. M. U. Department, the Brotherhood, Foundation, Evangelism, Missions, the B. S. U. Department, the

Arkansas Baptist, our ministry to the sick, our provision for the education of our young people and our care for the homeless children.

Also the work of the Southern Baptist Convention will be presented at the Convention. This includes our seminaries where thousands of young men and young women are preparing for the ministry, mission work, and other special Christian service. The program of our great missionary boards will be featured in dynamic programs. We have a part in the ministry of missions in the homeland with hundreds of missionaries, aid in church building, and the work of good will centers, as well as other phases of the home mission program. Our foreign mission ministry will receive attention listing 1,022 missionaries working in 35 countries, teaching, evangelizing, and ministering in many other ways to the peoples of foreign lands, all for the purpose of leading souls to Christ.

You cannot afford to miss the Convention of Arkansas Baptists meeting in Little Rock on November 15-17 if it is at all possible for you to come, whether layman or preacher, whether messenger or visitor. Come one, come all!

Write Your Pastor A Letter

Did it ever occur to you to write your pastor a letter expressing your appreciation, your loyalty, and your love for him? Such letters would cheer his heart and give him courage in his work as pastor of your church.

Your pastor carries a heavy load. He must not only prepare sermons but he must visit the sick and carry on a program of general pastoral visitation. He is engaged in winning the lost to Christ. He plans for the organizations of the church. The community makes demands upon his time. The denomination looks to him to lead your church in co-operation with other churches in the denominational program.

Perhaps you have found occasion to criticize your pastor. Maybe it is to someone else rather than to him personally. You may have found fault with his pulpit ministry, with his visitation program, with his planning for the organizations of the church. But did you ever consider praying for him and did you think to write a letter telling him that you were praying for him, that you believed in him and that you would co-operate with him in the church program?

We give below a few excerpts from a letter written by a busy doctor, A. M. Reagan, M. D., to his pastor, Dr. W. A. Criswell of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and published in the *Baptist Standard*:

"My Beloved Pastor: My urge to bother you is usually suppressed by remembering the probable number of letters you get that you must read. It seems we all spend most of our conversation time talking to someone we would rather talk to — about third

The Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving Offering for the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage is authorized by the Arkansas Baptist Convention and is intended to supplement the allocation from the Cooperative Program to the Orphanage since that allocation provides for only a part of the support of the Orphanage by the Baptists of the state.

Under the leadership and management of Superintendent H. C. Seefeldt, the Baptists of Arkansas have made progress in providing for homeless children in the past few years. Three new buildings have been provided and paid for. These additional facilities have made it possible to increase the population of the Home so that there is now more than twice as many children to care for than was formerly the case. It is an axiomatic fact that when you more than double the population of an institution you must provide the means to care for the increase. This care must be provided by the Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage.

Arkansas Baptists have shown in recent years that they are willing to meet the increased obligation of their home at Monticello. We have no doubt that Arkansas Baptists will respond to the appeal of the Orphanage this year as they have in former years. Every Baptist church in the state should make a worthy offering during the Thanksgiving season for this one of the noblest undertakings that Baptists have ever promoted. You have been made aware of the need through the columns of the *Arkansas Baptist* and by various other methods by which the Orphanage has sought to publicize this Offering and appeal to the Baptists of the state for an offering. No one need be ignorant of the need or of the appeal. We must conclude if there are any churches or any Baptists in the state who do not respond to the appeal it must be because the homeless, helpless child finds no response in their hearts.

As editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* we appeal to every church and to every Baptist in the state to make a worthy offering during the coming Thanksgiving season to the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage at Monticello.

or fourth down a list of 'druthers;' but I want to tell you that I am lonesome when you are out of town or sick. You have been of late preaching mighty wonderful sermons as always. But there is a physical limit to human endurance, and you can't mount a Packard motor on a Ford chassis without stripping a gear occasionally.

"Well, you ought to be good and sleepy by now, and maybe you've got your mind off the bugs working on you in your adventure. Don't bother to answer my rantings. Just pray for me and know how much I miss you when you are out. Did you ever think how important the bugler is to the army? The regimental band is the show piece, but the call to arise, to put on the armor, to mess, to inspect, to raise the flag, to march, and to order the steps of the 'Mighty Army' is all through the day the bugler. I miss my bugler."

Does not your pastor deserve such a letter from you?

Kingdom Progress

To Represent Seminary At Arkansas Convention



J. L. GREEN

Professor J. L. Green will represent Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, on November 15-17.

Southeastern has this year 420 students representing 23 states and one foreign country. The Southern Baptist Convention's youngest Seminary has enjoyed a remarkable growth under the leadership of President S. L. Stealey since 1951 when it opened with four faculty members and fewer than 100 students.

Program For State Pastor's Conference

Little Rock, Arkansas

November 14, 1955

THE PASTOR AS LEADER

2:00 P.M.—Song Service, Robert J. McMillan, Jacksonville.

2:10 P.M.—Devotional: "The Pastor Leads People Nearer to God," Blake Westmoreland, Walnut Ridge.

2:30 P.M.—"The Pastor Leads in Meeting the Challenge of a Growing Community," Bernes Selph, Benton.

2:50 P.M.—Message in Song, Ouachita College Male Quartet.

2:55 P.M.—"The Pastor Leads in Financing a New Building"; "We Arranged for Home Mission Board Loan," Curtis Downs, Cherry Valley; "We Sold Bonds," Lawson Hatfield, Fordyce; "We Employed a Money Raising Organization," Wade Armstrong, El Dorado.

3:15 P.M.—Solo, George Starke, Little Rock.

3:20 P.M.—"The Pastor Leads in Fellowship and Recreation," Gerald Trussell, Warren.

3:40 P.M.—Organization and Business.

3:50 P.M.—Message in Song, Ouachita College Male Quartet.

3:55 P.M.—"The Pastor Leads His Fellow Workers," Ernest Loessner, Southern Seminary.

(Note: This meeting will probably be held in the chapel of Immanuel Church.)

News From Ouachita

Four Ouachita College students have been awarded the Eastern Star Award for Religious Training, it was announced by Miss Frances Crawford, registrar.

They are Linda Day, freshman from Malvern; Frank Hickingbotham, sophomore from McGehee; Nona Johnson, freshman from Pine Bluff and Dan Atkins, senior from Blytheville.

The \$400 scholarships are to be used for books, tuition, board, clothing or medical aid. The scholarship program has been instituted on a national scale by the general Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. It is designed to encourage young people to enter the field of religious leadership, to provide for more trained religious leaders.

The Arkansas Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter has a similar state-wide program, awarding a limited number of scholarships yearly to young people whose spiritual qualities, demonstrated leadership and capabilities, and proven need, show them worthy of financial assistance in their goals.

Open House

For High School Students

Ouachita College will hold open house for Arkansas high school students on Nov. 4.

Letters of invitation have been sent to the high schools over the state. No program is being planned; the event will be an informal visit to the campus. There will be conducted tours, and the students will visit classes and have all the college facilities at their disposal.

Dedicates Church

Mr. G. T. Blackmon, associate professor of religion and Greek at Ouachita College, brought the message in a dedication service at the Pleasant Hill Church in the Sardis community near Bauxite on October 16. The church dedicated a new parsonage.

Mr. Blackmon served the church as student pastor while attending Ouachita from 1927 to 1930. He served the church as full time pastor from 1934 to 1937. During this time, the present church building was erected.

The pastor of the church is W. F. Panell, a 1954 Ouachita graduate. His daughter, Joyce, is a freshman at Ouachita this year.

Church Organized; Pastor Ordained

John Thomas Fynn, a ministerial student at Southern Baptist College, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Carson Lake Church, Osceola, October 16.

Pastor G. W. Smith of First Church, Wilson, served as moderator of the ordaining council; Pastor James Rihard of Luxora Church served as clerk; Pastor Percy Herring of First Church, Osceola, conducted the examination; C. S. Womack presented the Bible; Harold Ray delivered the charge; J. B. Lovett offered the ordination prayer; Pastor William Kreis of Wardell Church, Joiner, delivered the ordination sermon.

This was not only a great day for the pastor of Carson Lake Church, but for the other members as well. Along with the ordination was the organization of the church with 39 charter members. Before its organization it was a mission of First Church, Wilson.

Subscription Analysis Arkansas Baptist

New Budget: Fairview Church, Leachville; Mississippi County Association.

New Clubs: First Church, Flippin, White River Association, P. L. Harrington, pastor; Percy Church, Hot Springs; Central Association; Beirne Church, Red River Association.

Dardanelle-Russellville Association has one budget; 4 clubs; 16 with neither.

Delta Association has 9 budgets, 8 clubs, 16 with neither.

Faulkner County Association has 3 budgets, 4 clubs, 18 with neither.

Gainesville Association has 4 budgets, one club, 12 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**.

Report of Committee on Executive Board Representation

We, your Committee on Executive Board Representation present the following report: The Committee met at Little Rock October 20, 1955 with four members present.

We agree that (one dissenting vote) since the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is composed of messengers chosen from co-operating Baptist Churches, and since it would not be in keeping with Baptist Faith and Practice, (known as Baptist Polity) that one body should name the officers or board members of another; that the Associations co-operating with the State Convention, their boards or Moderators do not have the authority to "choose" the representatives who shall compose the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, or any other board or committee or officers of the said convention.

However, in order that the Committee on Nominations, appointed by the President of the Convention annually, whose duties it is to nominate to the Convention members of boards, committees etc., may be better informed as to the personnel of the co-operating associations; we recommend that an addition to the by-law No. 2 pertaining to "Officers" first paragraph line five (5) following the words "Nominating Committee" insert — "composed of twenty-five (25) members, only one of whom shall reside in any given association."

RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION:

We further recommend that Article VI Section 1 of the constitution be amended as follows; insert on line eight (8) after the words "five (5) members" the words, "upon the removal of any Executive Board member from the bounds of his or her association his or her membership on the Executive Board ceases therewith; his or her successor in office may be named by the Executive Committee of the Executive Board to hold office until the next meeting of the Convention."

One member of the Committee not present concurs with report by letter to the Chairman.

T. L. Harris, Chm.

Ordination Service At Raynor's Grove



FLOYD S. SHEEKS

Two ministers and one deacon were ordained by Raynor's Grove Church, Woodruff Association, in August. Floyd S. Sheeks and Dewey Thompson were ordained to the gospel ministry and John Lamberson as a deacon. Mr. Sheeks is pastor of the Raynor Grove Church.

The ordaining council was composed of eighteen preachers and deacons of Woodruff County Association. A. C. Rudloff, Walnut Ridge, served as moderator and also led the examination. Sidney Holcomb, pastor of Cotton Plant Church, presented the charge. Gus Prince, associational missionary, delivered the sermon. Ordination prayer was led by F. E. Wisner, Cotton Plant.

Benton Goes to Springdale

James W. Benton accepted the call of Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale, and delivered his first sermon as pastor Sunday, October 30. He leaves First Church, Greenwood, to become pastor of the Springdale church.

Before going to Greenwood, where he served for two and a half years, he was pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, and Campbell College of Campbell, Kentucky. He attended Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and has completed work toward his Master's degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton have two children, a son, eight years of age, and a daughter, three.

Deacon Priest Passes Away

Walter K. Priest, of Ward, a deacon in the Ward Baptist Church since its organization, passed away on October 5, at the age of 81 years. He was living in the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Presley, Little Rock, at the time of his hospitalization, just prior to his passing.

Mr. Priest was known among his friends as an outstanding Bible teacher, a singer, and for his visitation work among the sick and underprivileged.

He attended McKay Mission, W. Dawson King, pastor, during his stay in Little Rock.

Pastor Thomas W. Dove reports a revival meeting at Dallas Avenue Church, Mena, October 17-26, in which Dr. John L. Dodge, pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, was the evangelist. There were 30 additions to the church.

A Letter to You

Dear Arkansas Baptists:

I wish it were possible for you to visit the campus of our Home for Children in Monticello, if you have not done so. One visit would greatly kindle your interest and enthusiasm for this worthy program.

Your Home for homeless, helpless children is now taking care of approximately 140 children, plus the staff — making 170 in the family. This is an undertaking that requires a great sum of money to finance. However, this needed finance can be adequately supplied if we as Arkansas Baptists will promote the "Thanksgiving Offering" in each church of our Convention. It is my firm conviction that 1,137 Baptist churches with a membership of 275,000 can and will give \$100,000 or more for this worthy cause, if we pastors will properly present and promote the program.

The amount allocated to the Home through the Cooperative Program in the proposed 1956 budget will only operate the Home for four months. The Executive Board, in the August meeting realized the need of this institution for 1956 and went on record unanimously for support and promote the "Thanksgiving Offering." As President of the Board, I would like to urge each pastor to attractively present and vigorously promote "One Day's Pay" for the Orphanage during the month of November.

Arkansas Baptists, let us give the "Home for Homeless Children" \$100,000 or more before Thanksgiving. We can do it provided the cause is presented and prayerfully promoted in the more than 1,000 churches of our great Convention.

Yours for a successful Thanksgiving Offering for the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage.

Rel Gray,

President, Executive Board

A Tribute to Arkansas Baptist Hospital

A recent patient at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital who wishes her name to be withheld writes in part as follows:

"Due to circumstances beyond my control, I became a charity patient in the Arkansas Baptist Hospital from September 28 to October 13. I was the occupant of bed 1, 5 west. . . I have never seen better team work than on 5 west wing. They were all kind, friendly, and efficient. . . To all who had a part in my care I want to say 'thank you so much.' To the staff doctor who supervised my case and to his assistants and consultants; to the surgeons, to the young medic; to the porters who wheeled the patients so quietly and carefully to the x-ray room, to the operating rooms, or to other points of destination ordered; to the nurses and aides with their ready smiles and hands; to Dr. Queen and his assistant whose devotionals bring peace to all who love the Lord; to the friendly smiling hostess; to all who work behind the scenes; and to the Baptists of Arkansas who made my stay at Arkansas Baptist Hospital possible, I say with heartfelt gratitude, 'thank you one and all.'"

"To those of you to whom God has given the power to get wealth, and to you who have meager store, I say 'Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal,' but give generously to the Mother's Day offering and other charitable causes for it will be wisely used and your talents will be increased.

"My prayer shall ever be, may God bless our institutions and all who work in them."

Sincerely,

An Ex-patient

Resolution

WHEREAS, an attempt is being made to build and operate a dog-racing track in Crittenden County, Arkansas, with pari-mutuel betting, and

WHEREAS, it is the firm and unshakable conviction of this group that gambling in any form is contrary to the will of God, and is sinful, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Christian people to live and rear their families without the evil influence of gambling and associated vices, and

WHEREAS, it is the conviction of this group that the establishment and operation of such a track would be greatly detrimental to the morals of this great state, and that this project would undermine the sound economy of this state, and

WHEREAS, it is the conviction that such an enterprise would cause an influx of undesirable people into the state,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Ashley County Baptist Association, duly assembled, consisting of messengers from twenty-one churches with 5,005 members that this group go on record as profoundly disapproving and condemning the proposed race track and-or any action being taken in its behalf. Be it further resolved that this association earnestly request that the Honorable Orval Faubus, Governor of the Great State of Arkansas, use all the power and influence at his command to prohibit the establishment of such race track, and also request that the State Racing Commission not grant any permit for such an operation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this Association, that a copy be furnished to Honorable Orval Faubus, Governor of Arkansas, and to any other person or group that this Association or its Clerk might think proper.

This resolution adopted this 14th day of October, 1955.

Progress at Leslie

The First Church, Leslie, is promoting an aggressive program which includes a number of projects.

Pastor Dale Barnett and the Leslie church had Evangelist John Moad of Dallas, Texas, recently in a revival meeting. There were 9 additions to the church, 8 of whom came on profession of faith and baptism.

The church has set up its Sunday school on a departmental basis. Sunday school attendance has increased so much that the church rented a residence and is using the pastor's home to take care of the enlarged organization and increased attendance.

The Leslie church is also in the midst of a building program, remodeling the present building and constructing a new educational building.

Included in the program of the Leslie church is the sponsoring of two missions, one at Alco and the other at Pindall. The church bought the Alco school building to house the Alco mission and is planning a new building at Pindall for the mission there. The Pindall mission is currently worshipping in a residence.

YMCA HAS HOMECOMING

"Second Homecoming and Enrollment Week of the Little Rock YMCA, November 13 to 19. The Homecoming will be Sunday, November 13, at 2:30 p. m. Open House on Friday, November 18, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. The YMCA invites you to these events, and to enroll in the 'Y' if you are not a member."



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Reports Big Baptist Growth In Soviet Asiatic Republics

Baptist churches are growing "surprisingly" strong in the central Asiatic republics of the Soviet Union, Robert F. Kennedy, chief counsel of the Senate Investigations Subcommittee, reported. He returned recently from a visit to that remote area with Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

Mr. Kennedy, a brother of Sen. John F. Kennedy (D.-Mass.) and member of a prominent Roman Catholic family, made the observation in a copyrighted interview published by United States News and World Report, national magazine.

Describing the impact of 35 years of religious persecution on the Moslem faith in central Asia, he said that in the ancient Moslem center of Bukhara there is only one mosque today "which looks as though it is about to fall down," and one school where 100 theological students are preparing to serve "all central Asia."

In 1917 there were 300 mosques and Moslem religious schools in the area, Mr. Kennedy said.

"There are a great number of Baptists in that area, surprisingly," he added.

"The minister in Tashkent said that in 1952 he had a congregation of 700 Baptists and now he has a congregation of 2,000.

"When we attended his church, there were over 1,000 people there and there was also a good-sized congregation in the Baptist church at Frunze (another city in Turkestan)."

Asked whether this was a result of missionary activity, Mr. Kennedy replied: "It might be. The newspapers in Russia keep deploring the fact that more people are going to church and that even members of the Communist Party are going to church. There might be some significance to that."

Citing several letters and editorials which appeared in the Soviet press during their visit to the Asiatic republics, Mr. Kennedy observed: "Evidently there is some sort of religious revival going on in Russia, but it is difficult for somebody who doesn't speak the language to get the facts on it."

He said that a number of Orthodox churches were open in the region he visited but those seen attending them were older people, mostly women.

"However, in contrast," he said, "at Baptist services there were a great number of young people and a great number of men."

Toynbee Asks New Christian Effort To Reconsecrate Man's Work

Western Christendom must make a new attempt "to reconsecrate man's work to God's service," said Dr. Arnold Toynbee, famed British historian.

Addressing a "Church and Work Congress" sponsored by the Albany Episcopal Diocese, he said such a reconsecration means an "eternal vigilance" by individuals to keep their work an integral part of their religion.

The three-day congress discussed ways and means of creating a closer relationship between religion and man's every-day work. It

featured panel discussions by eight professional groups.

Dr. Toynbee said that "Man at work can be happy and spiritually healthy only if he feels that he is working in God's world for God's glory through doing what is God's will."

He traced the history of man's attitude toward work and found that his most successful economic efforts were inspired originally by religion.

When work has become disassociated from religion and an end in itself, he said, it "has always become demonic and destructive."

"This demonic aspect of our deconsecrated business activities — our marvelous business organization and our marvelous technology — is a portent in our contemporary western life that is now arousing widespread concern and alarm in western souls," the historian said.

Chides Christians Who 'Give God a Tip'

Christians who "give God a tip" that "isn't even 10 per cent" were criticized by Dr. Henry Smith Lelper of New York, executive secretary of the Congregational Christian Churches' Missions Council.

"According to their own income tax reports to the government," he told a Midwest Regional Congregational Christian meeting "Christians give to the churches about 2 per cent of their incomes, and no one has been known to minimize what he can charge off as a tax deductible gift.

"We gather up the crumbs after we have eaten and we give Him the fragments. This is shown by the fact that every year the larger part of the giving of all Christians comes in at the very end of the year. That means, of course, that they have found out what they had left over and that they have not given systematically in advance and regularly."

Queen Elizabeth Honors Dr. Schweitzer

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, 80-year-old Protestant medical-missionary, theologian, musician and author, was invested by Queen Elizabeth II with the insignia of an Honorary Member of the Order of Merit at a ceremony in Buckingham Palace.

He and President Eisenhower are now the only two living non-Britons to be honorary members of the order, one of the most restricted the British monarch can bestow.

Dr. Schweitzer, winner of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize, was driven to the palace with French Ambassador Jean Chauvel.

On their arrival they were received by formally-attired members of the royal household and escorted to the audience chamber.

In conversing with Dr. Schweitzer after the ceremony, the Queen showed great interest in the hospital and leper colony he founded and directs at Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa.

The famed missionary doctor traveled third class from his home in Alsace where he was spending the summer.

A Smile or Two



I wish you'd stop referring to these ringside seats as if a fight were about to start.

Two Indians had been very much interested in the construction of a lighthouse on the coast near their reservation. When it was completed they watched it every night. One night a fog rolled in and the fog-horn blew continuously. "Ugh," said one Indian to the other, "light she shine, bell she ding-dong, horn she woo-woo, fog she come in just the same."

—Quote.

"Daddy, don't they ever give showers for the groom?"

"No, son. There will be storms enough for him after the bride begins to reign."

An elderly lady in the deep South found herself in a helpless state following the death of one of her aged servants. Not knowing how to replace her, she went out on the street and accosted a small Negro lad:

"Little boy," she said, "do you know where I can get a housemaid?"

"Yes'm," he replied, "my daddy's a good carpenter. He'll come around and build a house for you."

A long-winded lawyer droned on and on until the judge finally gave vent to a suggestive yawn.

"I sincerely trust I am not unduly trespassing on the time of this court," said the lawyer, with a touch of sarcasm.

"There is some difference," the Judge quietly observed, "between trespassing on time and encroaching on eternity."

—Clipped.

A man saw his minister walking a hundred yards ahead of him. That was on Tuesday. The minister suddenly disappeared. He had fallen into an open manhole in the sidewalk. The man who had been following close behind ran to the police station and shouted: "Hurry to the rescue, our preacher has fallen into a manhole." But the officer refused to be excited about the matter.

"Well," he said, "this is only Tuesday. You won't need him until Sunday."

"I just got out of prison this morning," a traveler told a man on the train. "It's going to be tough facing old friends."

"I can sympathize with you," said the other, "I'm just getting home from Congress."

News From Baptist Press

First Steps Taken For Atlanta School

First steps have been taken by Atlanta Baptist Association for a four-year Baptist university in the Georgia capital.

The Association adopted a committee report recommending the college be established. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., committee chairman, said there won't be any concerted drive this year for the school, however.

There was no immediate indication whether the Association would support the college individually or if it would be operated by state Baptists at large. There is no Southern Baptist school in the city now.

According to denomination's statistical records, there are no associations of churches supporting colleges by themselves. However, on several occasions, local associations and churches have paved the way for state conventions to launch new schools.

The Southern Baptist Education Commission in August, 1954, conducted a survey in Atlanta to determine potentialities for a Baptist college in Atlanta. The thinking then was more in terms of a junior college.

The Commission's summary was that "there appears to be little doubt that a Baptist college located in Atlanta. . . would attract a minimum of 500 students.

"Data regarding the economic wealth of the area give little reason for doubt that, with the right kind of promotion, ample financial support for such an institution could be elicited."

The Commission did not go on record favoring or opposing a school. Georgia Baptists operate on a statewide level three senior colleges — two for women students — and three junior colleges.

Davis, 16 Years Howard President, Is Acclaimed

President of Howard College, Birmingham for 16 years, Harwell G. Davis was honored recently by the Baptist school for his educational leadership.

George Koski, head of the school's music department, fashioned a bronze bust of Davis, which the school presented to him.

Many friends paid tribute to Davis, who "brought Howard College out of financial and academic bankruptcy" to its present "unquestioned academic standing." A completely new campus is under construction several miles from the old college site. Enrolment was only 600 when he became president; it is now 1695.

Shift In Site Of Colorado Meeting

A meeting to constitute the 26th state convention to affiliate with Southern Baptists will be held in Colorado Springs rather than in Denver in November.

The change of meeting places was announced by Willis J. Ray, state secretary for the Arizona convention, which is sponsoring the new convention.

Eighty-one of the churches making up the new convention are presently affiliated with the Arizona convention. The remaining 10 are affiliated with the Baptist convention in New Mexico.

The Arizona Baptist Beacon reports this may be the largest number of churches ever to form a state convention in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The churches are located in several different states — Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Atlanta Baptists Request Archbishop's Explanation

Hearing that a Catholic archbishop asked non-Catholics to give Catholic doctrines a "fair-minded study," the Atlanta Baptist Association requested him to answer three questions.

The letter to Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara, of the Savannah-Atlanta diocese, was prepared by Dick H. Hall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur. The questions to O'Hara are:

1. "Is one saved by 'grace through faith . . . and not of works. . . ' or (by) a satisfactory and continuing relationship with the Roman Catholic Church? If (the latter) give scriptural authority.

2. "By what authority did the Roman Catholic Church abandon. . . immersion. . . and baptize others than those who can receive and believe the gospel for themselves?

3. "In the light of (Bible) warning which condemns anyone who adds to or takes away from divine revelation. . . explain the scriptural sources of. . . purgatory, prayers for the dead, papal infallibility, the immaculate conception, prayers to Mary, the assumption of Mary, bowing. . . to statues, sale of indulgences."

In his announcement, the Catholic official urged education of non-Catholics, stating that many "grateful souls. . . came to know the Catholic church as it really is and not as it is often described by those who know it not."

To this, Hall's letter rejoined: "One wonders if the Roman Catholic Church, 'as it really is,' would not be found most perfectly in those countries (such as Italy) where that church is the predominant religion."

'Kittiwake' Name Given Mississippi Assembly

The name "Camp Kittiwake"—pronounced "Kittiway" — has been designated for the first assembly grounds to be owned by Southern Baptists in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

Located on the Gulf of Mexico coast, the assembly became property of Mississippi Baptists Oct. 15. On the 14-acre site are a central lodge, 10 spacious cabins, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and other facilities for accommodating 165 persons.

W. R. Roberts, of Jackson, state Baptist Brotherhood secretary, will manage the camp for the first year. The name "Kittiwake" is given to a small sea gull.

10 Per Cent Increase In College Enrolment

The Southern Baptist Education Commission reports net fall enrolments in 52 Southern Baptist colleges, as of Oct. 1, were 35,017. This is a 10 per cent gain over 1954 figures.

Additional enrolments in special night and extension classes brought the fall, 1955, grand total enrolment to 45,010.

Orin Cornett, executive secretary, said net enrolments in seminaries increased 3½ per cent, from 4,480 in 1954 to 4,636 this year. With special students, the current registration reaches 5,079.

New enrolments in academies and Bible schools totalled 2,488, an increase of 14.7 per cent from last year. Adding in special students, the total for this group is 2,641, he added.



Denominational Calendar

- 6-12 — R. A. Focus Week
- 7 — State Sunday School Associational Leadership Conference.
- 14 — Brotherhood Night; R. A. Fellowship Supper.
- 15-17 — Arkansas Baptist State Convention Meets.
- 28 — W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.
- 29 — State Executive Board Meeting.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Love by Mail

Question: I am a girl of twenty-eight. I am writing to a man thirty-two whom I have never seen. He writes me nice letters and wants to come to see me. I am a Christian. Should I let him come to see me or not? Do you believe in this kind of courtship?

Answer: If you have every reason to think that your thirty-two year old man is honorable and if you can see him in a fairly protected environment, I see no objections. There is nothing inherently wrong in a letter writing courtship. Make plain to this man that you are a Christian and do not deceive him in any way. This is the Christian principle involved, just plain honesty.

Your circumstances are a little odd. But I have known of people who found mates through the lonely hearts clubs. It is not easy for some girls to meet the right man, and every reasonable means needs to be used. I rather admire your spunk,

However, there are many unprincipled men in the world. Don't stick your neck out too far. And don't build up too great hopes. Some marriages are worse than old-maid-dom. He may be ugly as a mud fence and as cruel as Satan. But—

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may;
Old time is a-flying.

R&A Board Assets Over \$40 Million

Assets of Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board on Sept. 30 were \$40,479,392, according to Executive Secretary R. Alton Reed.

Income for the first nine months of the year amounted to \$7,323,983. Total disbursements and expenditures were \$1,958,406, making a net gain of \$5,244,577.

Investment income showed an increase of \$492,983, and receipts from premiums and dues showed an increase of \$1,353,898.

YOUTH NEEDS A CHALLENGE

Recently I watched our neighbor's seventeen-year-old son drive away in his new blue and cream convertible. It took only a turn of the key and the powerful car purred out the drive—on it's way to the new church down the street.

Everything has come the easy way to young Johnny. He's taken for granted the new church, youth hall, fine home, spending money—as part of his natural birthright. When his father commented, "I don't know what's wrong—Johnny's bored, restless," I couldn't help thinking, "There's been no challenge in the boy's life—no sense of personal victory."

—Mrs. Tom Carter

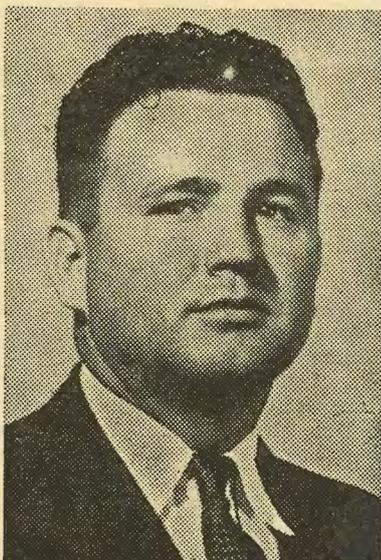
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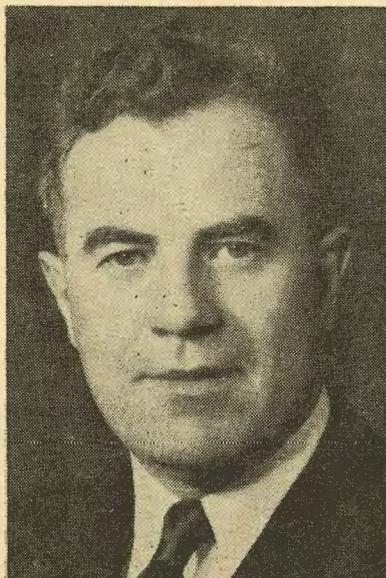
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Tuesday Morning

- 9:30 Worship—Song Service..... Mr. LeRoy McClard
- Scripture and Prayer..... Rev. Walter Wormath
- 9:45 Welcome Address..... Mr. C. Hamilton Moses
- 9:55 Response to Welcome..... Rev. Andy Hall
- 10:05 Enrolment of Messengers
- 10:10 Introduction of New Pastors..... Dr. Ben L. Bridges
- 10:20 Report of Executive Board..... Dr. Ben L. Bridges
- (To be continued Wednesday morning)..... Rev. Rel Gray
- 10:50 Special Music..... Men's Chorus
- LeRoy McClard, Director
- 10:55 President's Address..... Rev. W. O. Vaughn, Jr.
- 11:20 Forecast of Program
- 11:25 Special Music..... Men's Chorus
- LeRoy McClard, Director
- 11:30 Annual Sermon..... Rev. C. Z. Holland
- Rev. Lloyd Hunnicutt, Alternate

Tuesday Afternoon

(Robinson Memorial Auditorium)

- 1:30 Worship
- Music..... Mr. Ed Nelson
- Scripture and Prayer..... Rev. Frank Pitts
- 1:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 2:00 "We Are Here to Serve"..... Mr. Dan Coker
- (Book Store Announcement)
- 2:05 Pageant: "The Cooperative Program"
- (Celebrating the Thirtieth Birthday of the Cooperative Program. Presented by all departments of Arkansas Baptist Headquarters. Script by Mrs. Ralph Douglas.)
- 3:20 Congregational Singing
- 3:25 Special Music..... Mr. William B. Anders
- 3:35 The President of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Speaks..... Dr. C. C. Warren

Tuesday Evening

(Robinson Memorial Auditorium)

- 7:00 Worship
- Song..... Mr. George Starke
- Scripture and Prayer..... Rev. Harold C. Bennett
- STATE, HOME, AND FOREIGN MISSIONS
- 7:15 State Missions Visualized..... Dr. David Garland
- Dr. C. W. Caldwell
- 7:35 Special Music..... Mr. George Starke
- 7:40 Advance in Home Missions..... Rev. Lloyd Hunnicutt
- (Visual presentation by the Home Mission Board)
- 8:00 Special Music..... Adult Choirs
- 8:15 "Into All the Earth"
- Foreign Mission Report..... Rev. T. L. Harris
- "Recruits for Christ" (moving picture)
- 8:45 Missionary Address..... Dr. Baker James Cauthen
- Special Music—"Hallelujah Chorus"..... Adult Choirs
- Benediction

Wednesday Morning

(Immanuel Baptist Church)

- 9:00 Worship
- Music..... Mr. Edwin Irely
- Scripture and Prayer..... Rev. Roy Hilton
- 9:15 Reading of the Journal
- 9:25 Announcements and Miscellaneous Business
- 9:40 Report of the Executive Board..... Dr. Ben L. Bridges
- Rev. Rel Gray
- 10:00 Election of Officers
- 10:30 Special Music..... Trio, First Church, El Dorado
- 10:35 "The Cooperative Program"..... Rev. T. K. Rucker
- Address..... Dr. Albert McClellan

THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

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President

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- 11:00 Special Music..... Trio, First Church, El Dorado
- 11:05 "Faith For Our Day"..... Mr. Tom Holloway
Mr. Raymond Lindsey
- 11:20 Relief and Annuity Board..... Mr. W. C. Blewster
Dr. R. S. Jones
- 11:30 Special Music..... Mr. William B. Anders
- 11:35 Advance in Theological Education
Report..... Rev. W. B. Tatum
Introduction of Seminary Representatives
Address..... Dr. Ray F. Robbins

Wednesday Afternoon (Immanuel Baptist Church)

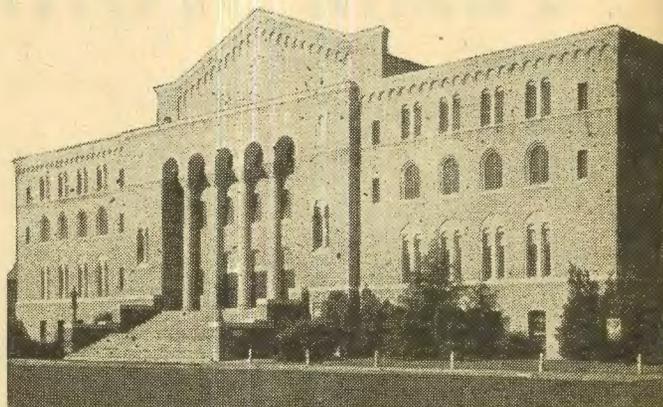
- 1:30 Worship
Song..... Mr. Joe Walters
Scripture and Prayer..... Rev. B. G. Hickem
- 1:45 Report of the Nominating Committee
..... Rev. O. L. Bayless, Chairman
- 1:55 Chaplain's Report..... Rev. R. L. South
Chaplain Warren Bedingfield
- 2:05 Presentation of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage..... Rev. Hugh Owen
(Rev. H. C. Seefeldt will present children from the Orphanage)
- 2:25 Our Enlarged Arkansas Baptist Hospital..... Rev. H. L. Lipford
Mr. J. H. Gilbreath
- 2:45 Special Music..... Trio, First Church, El Dorado
- 2:50 "Our Fight For Religious Liberty"
..... Dr. Glenn L. Archer of Washington, D. C.
- 3:20 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:30 Special Music..... Mr. William B. Anders
- 3:35 Address by Dr. Theodore Adams, President of the Baptist World Alliance, "Baptists of the World and Baptists in Russia as I Saw Them"

Wednesday Evening (Robinson Memorial Auditorium)

- 7:00 Worship
Song Service..... Dick Baker, Ft. Worth, Texas
Devotional Message..... B.S.U. Department
- 7:30 Report on Christian Education
Introduction..... Rev. S. A. Whitlow
Southern Baptist College..... Dr. H. E. Williams
Special Music by Youth and
College Choirs..... Dick Baker, Directing
Ouachita Baptist College Report..... Dr. Ralph Phelps
Special Music by Youth and
College Choirs..... Dick Baker, Directing
Address..... Rev. Angel Martinez
Subject, "The Unchained Melody"

Thursday Morning (Immanuel Baptist Church)

- 9:30 Worship
Song Service..... Dick Baker, Fort Worth, Texas
Scripture and Prayer..... Rev. Russell Clearman
- 9:45 Reading of the Journal
- 9:55 Resolutions..... Rev. Jarry Autrey
- 10:05 In Memoriam..... Rev. L. C. Tedford
- 10:15 Social Service Report
Introduction by Dr. Dale Cowling
Address..... Dr. J. M. Dawson of Austin, Texas
- 10:45 Special Music..... Mr. Dick Baker
- 10:50 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:55 Siloam Springs Assembly..... Dr. Edgar Williamson
- 11:10 Introduction of New Officers
- 11:20 Special Music..... Mr. William B. Anders
- 11:25 Closing Address..... Rev. Angel Martinez
Subject, "The Shepherd of the Sky"



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FOR BOYS

RA Focus Week, November 6-12

RA Fellowship Supper, November 14

Have definite plans been made for observance of Royal Ambassador Focus Week? Read the splendid suggestions in the October issue of *Ambassador Life* for observing the week. The theme is "Advancing With Christ Into a New Day," and activities will help every boy find his place in today's world in his **Chapter** activities, in his **Church**, in his **Community**. What could be more important? There are many things Woman's Missionary Society members can do to help with this observance. Consult the counselor and lend your cooperation.

Following Focus Week on Monday night, November 14, the state-wide Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, at 5 o'clock. Billy Bob Tisdale, native-born Arkansan, new Foreign Mission Board appointee to the Philippine Islands, is to be the guest speaker. A number of years ago he lost an arm in an accident and through the period of recuperation the Lord called him into the ministry. He has an unusual sense of wit that will thrill the boys. See that they come and stay for the Brotherhood Night to follow.

Advance reservation must be made accompanied by \$1.00 per plate. Send to Royal Ambassador

Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

CHRISTIAN OR COMMUNIST?

The bookshelves of Southeast Asia make a tremendous difference to you! Ever think about that?

Suppose most of the literature the people half the world away read is Communist. And they know nothing else. What then?

But suppose Southern Baptists put some good books on those shelves — books about the way of salvation, on Christian growth, the Bible or Gospels? We give people a choice and in answer to our faithful prayer they read of Christ and his way and choose to walk in it. That's a better picture from every angle.

In the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering there are several publication allocations — in Hong Kong for the Chinese-speaking world, in Japan, in Brazil, for Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso to reach out to Spanish-reading people everywhere, in Nigeria, in Italy.

Thinking what a difference reading makes, will you be sure your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gift is generous enough to help all these places? Are you planning and preparing for your greatest offering — a real offering? Arkansas' goal is \$110,000.

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—Abraham Lincoln

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GOOD VISUAL AIDS HELP

Below is featured the fine new filmstrip "Sharing the Word in the World" prepared especially for use during the 1955 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. It is in color, has 64 frames, and complete with manual sells for \$3.50. It should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock, AT ONCE.

Also there are available for purchase at the Book Store two other filmstrips especially designed for use with the study of the series of books on the Moslem World. They, too, are in color and are \$3.50 each complete with manual. The titles are: "Challenge of the Moslem World" and "Sharing the Word in the Near East."

The new color motion picture, "Balm in Gilead" may be rented from the Book Store for \$5.00 per

day. It, too, will aid greatly in mission study.

REMIT PROMPTLY!

It has been a month since the observance of the Season of Prayer for State Missions and the ingathering of the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions. Many organizations have remitted those offerings, but many others have held them to glean for additional amounts. Won't you send to State Building, Little Rock, whatever you may have for this cause? Then as additional gifts are made, you may send them later. Gifts for missions are acceptable any time, but it is best to glean and remit for the special offerings before another is promoted. Thank you.

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Children's Page

A Man's Gift

By ELLEN BROWN

The house next door was like a king's house to Burt. He could hear the noise of fun-making. The boys were playing in Byron's game room. Byron brought his friends from the other side of town over to play. Byron had everything it seemed to Burt. He had a beautiful collie dog, that wasn't just a dog. It was a registered dog, not just a plain dog like most of Burt's friends had. The beautiful white breast and orange-yellow fur were thick with health and cleanliness.

He sat at his piano and looked out. Suddenly he jumped up and raised the window so he could hear. His mother came to the door.

"Burt, it's time to practice."

"I wish I could go next door and make friends with the new boy," Burt said. "I don't want to practice."

"God has given you a great gift," said mother. "If you want to make friends with Byron, why don't you come straight from school?" she asked, and went back to her dinner-cooking.

That did give Burt something to think about. He supposed he had to stay for baseball. He was captain of the team. But when he did that first, he only had time to practice before dinner.

Slowly, his fingers began to strum the keys. He became interested and they flew. It was good to be able to play. He could play every tune in the hymn book. He played and forgot about the boy next door for a moment. He opened his book to the new piece his mother said he was to learn. "Waves Upon The Sea," he said aloud, reading the title. But that made him feel worse. Byron had a boat with a real motor.

He began to play "Waves Upon The Sea." It was supposed to be a harder piece, but it wasn't hard for him. He could see the waves in his mind's eye. He was in a boat — Byron's boat, and the waves were underneath, rolling and rolling. He heard a slight knocking. He looked around his feet for Skippy. Had Skippy slipped in the house again? But no, he heard Skippy's happy woof outside. He ran to the window to wave at Skippy. He jumped with surprise. Byron and his friends were standing outside the window. That was what the knocking had been.

"W-What?" Burt stammered.

"Could we come in and listen?" Byron asked. "Better still, come over and play for us!" the boys begged. Burt hurried from the room. They had been listening to him play! They liked the way he played. He would practice in By-



ron's game room! He would play the piano in the house that was like a king's house.

The boys gathered around him, talking about his music. "Play that last one," said Byron as they went into the big game room. It was like a dream from a book. It was big and clean. Baseballs and bats, tables with little squares, tennis racquets, basketballs — Burt had never seen so many things. "Even a piano!" Burt thought. A hymn book was on the piano so Burt turned through it.

"Everyone sing!" Byron said. "I've never heard anyone play as well as you for your age. You have a great gift."

"Thank you," Burt said. He felt very lucky about his gift. "And thank you, God," he thought as he played.

After awhile he stopped, and everyone went home for dinner.

Byron raced across his lawn with Burt. "Do you think you could go boating with us Saturday?"

Burt was so happy he could hardly talk — boating in a boat with a real motor.

"Y-Yes," he told Byron. "And thank you for everything!"

Proverbs 18:16 A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men.

Read 1 Samuel 16:14-23

In this story what gift brought David before the King?

Can you name people from history whose great gifts, when trained, have brought them before great men?

Do you know people in your church who are gifted?

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MOTHS

By GLAYDS CLEONE CARPENTER

One of the strange things about most of the great night-flying moths is that they have no mouth pieces with which to eat; so only live about ten days.

We have a group called the American Silkworms. One of these is the beautiful pale green Luna with its gold eye spots.

Then there is the Cecropis, a great reddish brown moth.

A smaller one looks similar but

Spirit of B.S.U.

Arkansas Baptists have seen the spiritual needs of college students of our state and have sought to meet those needs with a wholesome program that links the college and the church. This is the work of the Baptist Student Union, made possible by the cooperative efforts of Arkansas Baptists through their gifts to the Cooperative Program.

At college centers in the state there are student directors, "spiritual coaches" who direct the work of the Baptist Student Union. At present there are four such directors. When the vacancy is filled at Arkansas Tech, there will be five local directors who live near and work on the busy college campus.

Arkansas Baptists are also proud of four Baptist Student Centers owned and operated by Arkansas Baptists. The two new brick buildings are at Monticello and Jonesboro, and the student centers at Fayetteville and Russellville are frame buildings.

At our Baptist student centers students find a home away from home, where there is real Christian fellowship, food in the kitchen, a place to pray, and some one interested in students' problems. Yes, Arkansas Baptists are proud of their B. S. U. work, but there remain campuses untouched with a student program where workers and buildings are keenly needed.

In our Baptist student centers there are daily devotional services for students. Each day there is a chance to spend some moments in worship that make the day a different day.

Where our students are fortunate enough to have a student

its mate is black. These are the Promethea moths.

The smallest one of the group is the brownish yellow Io moth. His lower wing eye spots have given him also the name Bulls Eye.

We have a group of moths that have long whip-like tongues for feeding. These are the Sphinx moths. The caterpillar known as the "tomato worm" goes into the ground and turns into a black chrysalis. In the spring it moves to the surface and a lovely moth comes forth. It is the gray and yellow Tomato Sphinx. Toward evening one can see these moths among the flowers. It is quite easily mistaken for a humming bird.

Beautiful as they are moths can be devastating. They destroy untold millions of dollars worth of property each year. Their destructive power is so great that Jesus used them to picture the result of greed in the Sermon on the MOUNT. He said, "Lay not up earth where moth and rust doth corrupt" (Matt. 6:19).

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center, here too is the scene of many social gatherings. Baptist students enjoy fun — good clean fun. Here there is a smile for friend or stranger, and the warmth of genuine Christian love: all because He first loved us. This is the spirit of B. S. U.

Sometimes it's a retreat by a lake. . . blue skies and pine trees . . . sheer joy drawn from the master sources. . . trust in the Father, boundless hope for the future. . . the consciousness of doing the will of God.

It is Paul saying, "I live, yet not I, but Christ living in me." Real manhood and real womanhood. . . strong bodies, clean air, healthful and breathful. The spirit of our Baptist students is more than all of this. It is Christ himself.

The above is a part of a presentation of the Baptist student work made with tape recording and colored slides and presented at many of the associational meetings.

YOUTH REVIVAL TEAMS AVAILABLE

We are organizing a number of youth revival teams made up of students who are members of our Baptist Student Union here at the University of Arkansas. Barring conflicts in revival schedules, these youth teams will be available in the north-west Arkansas area on any weekend they might be called on to hold services in churches of the region. They are composed of college students who have yielded their life to Christ and have a desire to render service to Him. A chosen team will include a preacher, song leader, pianist, and personal workers, but it may be reduced in size if your church can supply some of these workers.

Many of our workers are totally inexperienced in this work, but we know that it is not experience that God blesses. Our only desire is that we might render something unto God for all His benefits toward us.

We offer to you the services of our youth teams. If you would like to take this opportunity for a youth-led weekend revival or other services in your church (if your church is within easy driving distance of the University campus, we could conduct a full-week meeting), please contact us at this address. . .

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Also, the B. S. U. choir is available for a limited number of engagements beginning November 1.

We request your prayers in our behalf and for God's work on the University of Arkansas campus.

Baptist Student Union Dept.
Tom J. Logue, Director

47 Perfect Attendance Pins Awarded at Cullendale, First



A wonderful sight was witnessed by the membership of the First Baptist Church of Cullendale Sunday morning, October 2. This sight is the above photograph which we share with you as these 47, pictured above, received their Sunday school perfect attendance pins for the past year. Some 16 were not there to receive theirs. The awards were as follows: 21 one year, 9 two year, 6 three year, 14 four year, 8 five year, 2 six year, 1 seven year, 1 eight year and 1 eleven year pin. This totals 63 awards. This suggestion was made to the

rest of our folks and we pass this on to you, "Go thou and do likewise."

SOME VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FACTS AND FIGURES

Arkansas' goal for Vacation Bible Schools in 1955 is 1,000 schools held. The aim, a report from every school.

At the present time, the records reveal a total number of schools officially reported, 619, with some 107 known schools that have not reported the school.

Total enrolment in 619 schools, 61,244; number professions, 1,273, dedications, 993. Total offerings to Co-operative Program, \$8,400.66. Total designated offer-

ings, \$1,966.01. Grand total in offerings, \$10,366.67.

Forty-five associations reporting one or more schools.

Mississippi County and Centennial associations report 100 per cent in schools held — a school in every church in the association.

NOVEMBER EMPHASIS

Christian Stewardship Week, October 30 to November 6

Enlistment Day and Every-Member Canvass

R. A. Focus Week, November 6-12

Orphanage Day and Offering
Sunday School Department
Edgar Williamson, Sec'y

Amanda Tinkle to Aid Lepers

Miss Amanda Tinkle, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, has moved from Shaki to Ogbomosho, where her address is Baptist Leprosy Service, P. O. Box 26, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, West Africa. Miss Tinkle is a native of Benton and makes her permanent American home in Scott, Ark.

HOLLOWAYS IN ARKANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Hollaway, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan who are now in the States on furlough, announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Diane, on October 3. They may be addressed in care of Dr. R. C. Dally, Route 1, Arkadelphia, where they make their permanent American home. Mr. Hollaway is a native of Womble (now Norman), Ark.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL OPENED, BELEM, BRAZIL

A Baptist school for the training and education of pastors and other Christian workers was opened in Belem, state of Para, Brazil, in August. It is to be called the Equatorial Baptist Theological Institute.

The school opened with five students, all men, and two faculty members, Harold Schaly, Brazilian Baptist leader, and Paul E. Sanderson, Southern Baptist missionary. Dr. Thomas E. Halsell, a recent appointee to Brazil, now in language school in Campinas, will direct the school.

An elderly Brazilian pastor said the school is the realization of a lifelong dream.

There is now a Baptist theological school in each of the three Missions of Brazil — the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Recife, North Brazil, and the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Rio de Janeiro, South Brazil.

I am never called upon to explain why I don't eat oysters or calf's liver or Swiss kale. I don't have to give an account of why I never go hunting or play polo. But whenever I turn down a Martini or whisky sour, the host is likely to ask sympathetically, "Ulcers?" And if I shake my head and say, "Never use the stuff," explanations are immediately and persistently demanded.

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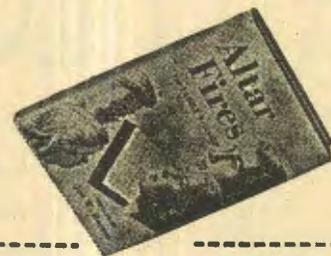
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Training Day For Associational Music Officers

In just a few days we will have the first meeting of all the music officers from over our state in an officers training school conducted by Mr. Clifford Holcomb, Field Promotion Director of the Church Music Department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a. m. and last until 2:30 p. m., November 11, 1955. It will be held in the chapel of the Immanuel Baptist Church, 1000 Bishop Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Associational Missionary and the Associational Music Director plus three of the most interested Church Musicians from each association should attend, if the nine-member Music Committee has not yet been elected.

The Sunday School Board pays 3 cents per mile for one car where as many as three Associational Officers are transported in the car. The Church Music Department will furnish noon meal.

Only two associations to date have given their entire music committee to the State Music Director but I am sure there are many other associations that are fully organized by this time. Please send us your Music Officers Organization for your association as soon as possible.

Liberty Association organized with the following slate of officers:

Music Director — Rev. Doyle Jameson, El Dorado.

Missionary — Rev. W. F. Couch,



CLIFFORD HOLCOMB

El Dorado.

Pastor-Adviser — Rev. J. D. Tolleson, El Dorado.

Director of Instrumental Activities — Mrs. B. T. Scrivner, Strong.

Director of Training — Mrs. Dee Hollyfield, Smackover.

Director of Congregational Activities — Rev. B. T. Scrivner, Strong.

Director of Graded Choir Activities — Mr. Allen Meeks, El Dorado.

Director of Publicity & Promo-

tion — Mrs. H. J. Whitley, El Dorado.

Pulaski County Association organized with the following slate of officers:

Music Director — Robert Glenn, Little Rock.

Pastor-Adviser — Rev. Ben Haney, Little Rock.

Missionary — Dr. E. A. Ingram.

Director of Congregational Activities — M. O. Kelley, North Little Rock.

Director of Instrumental Activities — Hatcher Hoyt, Little Rock.

Director of Training — Edward Nelson, Little Rock.

Director of Graded Choir Activities — George Starke, Little Rock.

Director of Publicity and Promotion — William Ferguson, Little Rock.

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Special music for the opening session of our State Convention will be provided by a men's chorus made up of Ministers of Music, Educational Directors and Pastors who love to sing. This group will meet for rehearsal November 15, at 10:00 a. m. in the Chapel of Immanuel Baptist Church. Music will be provided. If you would like to attend this meeting and participate in the men's chorus please drop a card in the mail to: Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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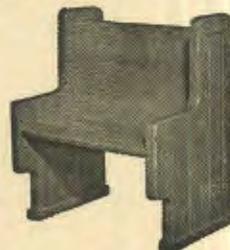
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WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ALCOHOL IN THE AIR

Pilots, stewards, and stewardesses claim liquor aloft is a menace to public safety. They ought to know. Rowland K. Quinn, Jr., president of the Air Line Stewards and Stewardesses Association has recorded one incident when a pilot "cancelled the flight because he felt that 18 of the passengers were so drunk as to constitute a menace." Many similar incidents have been cited.

Yet the Civil Aeronautics Board and the air lines themselves continue to tell reporters they know of no way in which the alcohol service could be a public safety hazard.

The daily press of the nation has had plenty to say about the issue.

Here are samples:

Chronicle, Spokane, Wash.: "A proposed code for the serving of liquor on airplanes may come up at air traffic conference in November in San Francisco. It is strange to what lengths some officials would go to regulate traffic aloft when the problem could be solved by a single expedient—banning it altogether. If the men and women who operate airplanes and care for the passengers' well-being think that liquor has no place on the planes, that itself should be enough to settle it."

Inquirer, Philadelphia, Pa.: "... it is questionable whether this (proposed 'moderation' code) would eliminate the nuisance of the determined drinker who spends his time on a cross-country flight ordering one drink after another. Nor is it likely this code would eliminate the hazard of a drunk who diverts a pilot from his vital job of flying the plane safely.

"It would be better if the American air-carriers would recognize that this is not a situation calling for half-measures. They are certainly aware of the legislation pending in Congress . . . banning all serving of liquor on commercial flights. That seems to be the sensible answer to the problem."

Journal, Turlock, Calif.: "A ban against drinking aboard planes should cause no real inconvenience. Air trips can be made in a matter of hours. Certainly passengers would be willing to forgo liquor for such a short space of time knowing their safety is being protected."

Post Tribune, Gary, Ind.: "(Pilots and Stewardesses) views should be respected. The ban would add at least somewhat to the air safety factor and it's worthwhile for that reason. We doubt any great uproar from the public if liquor is outlawed on the planes, or any loss of business for the air lines. There are more substantial reasons for flying than the opportunity to patronize an aerial bar."

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By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

November 6, 1955

Luke 5:12-15, 27-32

The printed lesson is a marvelous contrast of the work of Jesus meeting human need. The first passage shows Jesus helping a man in physical need. The case was that dreaded and shunned leprosy. Luke as a physician appreciated the case and described the extent of the disease. The patient was "full of leprosy." Probably he had open ulcers on his body. The disease faded at the touch of the Master's hand and the leper was permitted to step forth clean to show himself to the priest. The second lesson is Jesus meeting the need of one who had leprosy of sin in his soul. This man was healthy and whole physically. Jesus said "follow me" and this man followed. These two passages show the scope of Jesus' work. How one can rejoice that Jesus is able to work in both the physical and spiritual spheres of man's need. Note that the man with leprosy was sent to the priest while Levi was ordered to follow Jesus. Jesus knows how to handle the recipients of his grace to his glory.

HEALING OF LEPER

Leprosy was considered a contagious disease. A leper had to separate himself from home and family. He became an outcast. He was ceremonially unclean and had no religious privileges. Therefore, the leper had a lonely life without gainful employment. He was often reduced to the art of begging for a living. He was without encouragement. Such a man approached Jesus and humbly fell on his face pleading for help. One can only wonder what went through the mind of Jesus at the request. Jesus' action is astonishing. He put forth his hand to touch the leper and commanded him to be clean. Jesus charged him to tell no man. News as great as this was not easily kept. The cured leper had his cup of joy to overflow. Jesus commanded him to go to the priest and receive a certification of the cure (Leviticus 14). This was the only way the cured man could openly take his place in society. Jesus asked this man whom He cured to go through established channels for ceremonial cleansing. The fame of Jesus went abroad and multitudes came to hear and be healed.

Jesus withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. Did He pray in order that His life might be filled with the fountain from above so that healing might go out from Him to the multitude? Or did He go to pray about this multitude which could be a threat to His future work? The prime purpose of Jesus was not to heal the bodies of men but to remove them from their sin. It is probable that Jesus withdrew in or-

der that He might submit this trend to His Father. The good was in danger of getting in the way of the best. Man's greatest need is not in the physical sphere.

Luke continues his narrative with the record of the paralytic man. In this case Jesus performed a physical cure which could be seen and ministered to the soul which could not be seen. Criticism of Jesus' effort was that he forgave sins. The fact of forgiven sin is best seen in physical improvement. Harsh attitudes, uncharitable spirits and impenitence recede from the soul Jesus has healed.

THE CALL OF MATTHEW

Matthew (or Levi) was a man who had left Jewish ranks to become a Roman government tax collector. The community had turned thumbs down upon him because of the low rating given to tax collectors. Matthew was busy but Jesus sought him out as he passed by and said "follow me." It is possible that Matthew had heard about Jesus from Peter and the other disciples. Without any hesitation he rose up immediately and turned his affairs to others to follow Jesus.

His next act proved his sincerity and placed him all out for Christ. He prepared a feast in his home and called in other tax collectors along with Jesus. This act provoked criticism from the Scribes and Pharisees. They murmured that Christ was associating with the riff-raff, publicans and sinners. Jesus gave a proverb that has never been denied, "They that are whole need not a physician but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." These words outlined the mission of Jesus to meet human need wherever and in whatever scope He found it. The lesson reveals an unhealthy man who was made healthy, and one who was lost who had the joys of salvation through Jesus meeting human need. The logical conclusion is that Jesus is adequate for any man in trouble whether in the physical realm or spiritual realm.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

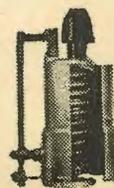
The physically-ailing look to someone. This has been the record in humanity through the years. The ones to whom they look will largely be determined by what the well say and what they do. The great number of physi-

cally ill constitutes a challenge to the church. This is being answered by establishment of hospitals, orphan homes and rest homes for the aged.

Sick men are receptive to help for body and for soul. Spiritually ailing also need help. Will you notice that the leper called to Jesus, but Jesus had to call to Matthew. Physical pain may drive a man to seek relief. Spiritual uncertainty and ill health do not always operate in such clear cut fashion. If Jesus had not called Matthew possibly he would have never identified himself with Christ. This is the double ministry of the church. Some people will seek the church. The church must seek others in order to minister to their ills. No church should follow one aspect to the exclusion of the other. Each program should have a part in the energy expended for God's kingdom. Visitation is one form of seeking the man who needs the church. The leper had his need well defined and felt it. Matthew had an equally acute need but it was not so centered in his consciousness. The voice and sight of Jesus crystallized his consciousness of need immediately.

Friendliness played a part. People are harsh to grade each other. One group sharply grades another group. The scribes and Pharisees graded the publicans and sinners and said that they were unworthy of the company of Jesus. They critically graded Jesus for His visit with the group. Friendliness is the bridge between all groups. Jesus exercised friendliness. It is a virtue needed today. Men and women, boys and girls in the church should wear the robes of sincere friendliness at all times. Could it be that the church has grown unreasonably cold because of lack of true friendliness? Could it be that sinners have not found the warmth in the portals of God's House because of the chilled hearts of those within God's House. One ministry every Christian can furnish is that of friendliness.

A way to help. Matthew found a way he could help Jesus meet others needs. He made a feast in his house for his kind and invited Jesus. What was the net gain of this effort? It is not revealed. However, the scribes and pharisees had a good sermon preached to them about the mission of Jesus. The publicans had contact with Jesus. Any one who contacts Jesus will be affected by Him.



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Thanksgiving Offering, A Part of the Convention Plan

The Bottoms Baptist Orphanage is making its appeal now for an offering in the churches on Thanksgiving. This is a part of the Convention's program and plan to finance this benevolent institution. It has not been the policy of the Convention and Executive Board in recent years to finance the Orphanage through the Cooperative Program alone. The Convention's plan is a sort of a duplex one. Part of the money for the Home is derived from the Cooperative Program fund as the allocation is made in the annual budget, and the other part to come from a special offering around Thanksgiving Day.

Some would like to have the Orphanage in the Cooperative Program for the full amount that is required to operate the Home. Others favor partial support through the Cooperative Program and the other part to come from the Thanksgiving Offering. Regardless of what some of us might desire the present plan and policy is to make the Thanksgiving Offering for the Home.



JOHN 3:16

BY WHAT
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Measure Your Giving?

We are asking every church, therefore, to remember this fine institution during the month of November and make an offering for its support. You may send your offering to Baptist Headquarters or direct to the Orphanage.

It makes no difference to us what Sunday in November you take the collection in your church. We are leaving it up to you to decide what day you will make the offering, but please make a worthy offering sometime during the month of November. The Orphanage is larger than it used to be. There

are more children and more employes to support and it requires more money. We hope that you will make a good offering when you make it. The suggestion comes from the Home that each one of us give One Day's pay. We hope that a number of us will do that. As long as we have a two-fold method for supporting the Home we ought to give liberally so that the Thanksgiving Offering will supply enough funds to carry the Home through after the Cooperative Program gifts have been included.

Brother Seefeldt and Brother Seaton are tirelessly working at the job and they are making their appeals. You have read and have heard their appeals and you are familiar with the needs of the Home we are sure. Therefore, our office, on behalf of the Convention and of the Executive Board, is making this appeal to the churches to give a good offering in November for our Orphanage.

B. L. Bridges
Ralph Douglas

Pastor Gibbs and Neals Chapel

It was the writer's privilege to participate in the dedication of the Neals Chapel Church building. Neals Chapel is a rural church in the cotton fields of Mississippi County. The church is located about six miles Northeast of Lepanto. Under the aggressive leadership of Pastor J. W. Gibbs the church house is all too small. They are faced with a building necessity. They can do it for they have a wonderful congregation. When we arrived on Sunday morning we found Sunday School classes in session in all parts of the building and teachers were handicapped because of the conflicting noises. Pastor Gibbs is baptizing people and the congregation is increasing. God has given them fruitful crops and Gibbs was the vision and zeal and the people will follow him right along on their program. Gibbs is one of our very worthy young pastors. He has a wife and two fine children. He is a student in Southern Baptist College. They will increase their gifts for the Cooperative Program in 1956. — B. L. B.

El Dorado Second, Doubles Its Gifts

Pastor Wade Armstrong of Second Church in El Dorado tells us that this splendid church will give twice as much for the Cooperative Program in 1956 as it is giving in 1955. This is a great church and has a mighty building program ahead of it, but they say that it will require several years to complete the building program and they do not want to make the Lord's great mission cause pay for their building. Pastor Armstrong is a dynamic leader and was one of the best young men in youth revivals that has been produced. Thank you, El Dorado, Second. — B. L. B.

Baptism and Church Authority

Pastor James A. Hogg of First Church in Cushing, Oklahoma, gives us in the columns of the *Baptist Messenger* a splendid article on "Baptism and Church Authority." Brother Hogg treats this subject under three main divisions. I. Tradition Supports Church Authority in Baptism. II. Sound Logic Supports Church Authority in Baptism. III. The Bible Supports Church Authority in Baptism. This article appeared in the *Baptist Messenger* July 21, 1955. You would profit by getting a copy and reading and studying the contents of the article. — B. L. B.

Bauxite and Dillard Miller

We have a copy of the proposed 1956 budget for First Church in Bauxite, where that stable, dependable preacher, Dillard Miller labors week after week. We notice that this excellent church will give 31 percent of all its undesignated receipts in 1956 for the Cooperative Program. This should amount to nearly \$8,000. Thank you, Brother Miller, and may the Lord prosper the First Baptist Church in Bauxite. — B. L. B.

Immanuel Church, El Dorado

Immanuel Church in El Dorado, under the leadership of Pastor J. D. Tolleson, is proposing 32 percent of their budget for the Cooperative Program in 1956. This should amount to \$20,000 and maybe more if the people are liberal in their giving. Tolleson is a live wire and is strong in the hearts of his people. — B. L. B.

The United Dry Association of Oklahoma is planning a statewide rally for Sunday afternoon, October 2, at First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to launch a campaign for 200,000 signatures on an initiative petition for county option on beer. Governor Raymond Gary at that time will issue an official proclamation designating October as "temperance education month" and will call upon churches of the state to circulate petitions demanding a public vote on the county option question.

Texas Baptists have formed a committee to send witnesses to Washington to protest violations of religious liberty guarantees in the United States Constitution. The witnesses, headed by E. S. James, editor of the *Baptist Standard*, Texas Baptist newspaper, hope to appear during a congressional subcommittee's hearings starting October 3. — B. L. B.

Imboden and the Cooperative Program

The church at Imboden will give \$300 for the Cooperative Program in 1956, whereas it has been giving less than \$250. This is a good increase and the Lord will bless that church under the leadership of its aggressive pastor, Earl Selby. — B. L. B.

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