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Thanksgiving Day, November 24

Report of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Meeting in Little Rock, November 14-17

By L. C. TEDFORD, *Pastor*
Grace Church, North Little Rock

The 102nd annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, November 15-17. It was the 27th time for the Convention to meet in Little Rock.

Although the Convention proper did not begin until Tuesday, Monday was a busy day with activities by different groups. There were three separate meetings on Monday afternoon: The Pastor's Conference, the Ministers' Wives' Conference, and the Executive Board.

Preliminary Meetings Pastor's Conference

The Pastor's Conference met in Whittington Memorial Chapel at two o'clock, with Boyd O. Baker of Wynne presiding. There were approximately 100 pastors present. The program was built around the general topic, "The Pastor as a Leader." Matters relating to spiritual life, growing communities, financing building programs, church recreation, and working with fellow-workers were discussed. To mention the speakers here is sufficient proof that the program was excellent: Bernes K. Selph, Benton; Blake Westmoreland, Walnut Ridge; Curtis Downs, Cherry Valley; Lawson Hatfield, Fordyce; Wade Armstrong, El Dorado; Gerald Trussell, Warren; Ernest Loessner of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Their discussions were interspersed with special music by the Ouachita College quartet, and George Starke of Little Rock.

Bernes K. Selph was elected president, and Robert McMillan of Jacksonville was elected vice president for the new year.

Ministers' Wives' Conference

The Ministers' Wives' Conference met at the same time in the Green Room. The theme of the program was "The Minister's Wife and the Moslem World." Mrs. H. L. Lipford, Brinkley, opened the meeting by reading a poem, "If—For Preachers' Wives," written by Mrs. Dale McCoy. Mrs. Reese Howard of Beebe offered the opening prayer. A devotional based on II Chronicles 7:14 was given by Mrs. Percy F. Herring of Osceola. A piano solo was rendered by Mrs. Selbert Haley. Mrs. Nolan Howington of Little Rock presented the program: A solo by Mr. George Starke, minister of music of First Church, Little Rock, followed by the showing of slides of Nigeria by Miss Nancy Cooper, state WMU secretary.

Officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. S. A. Whitlow, Hope; program vice president, Mrs. B. L. Bridges, Little Rock; social vice president, Mrs. Bernes Selph, Benton; fellowship vice president, Mrs. E. E. Griever, Hamburg; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Don Williams, Lonoke.

The Executive Board met in the chapel of the Baptist Building at 1:30. The meeting was routine, shaping up matters to be presented to the Convention. They gave final approval to the budget which was to be presented to the Convention and agreed on some recommendations to be presented.

Brotherhood Convention

The auditorium of Immanuel Church was filled with men and boys for the annual meeting of the Brotherhood which was held Monday evening. State President James A.

Linder of Hamburg presided. The theme was "Speak. . . That They Go Forward." In an impressive ceremony the Royal Ambassador work was transferred from the WMU to the Brotherhood, Miss Nancy Cooper representing the WMU and Nelson Tull, the state Brotherhood Department secretary, representing the Brotherhood.

The featured speaker was Dr. J. D. Grey of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He made an urgent plea for men of the churches to have compassion upon the multitudes, using some illustrations from his recent travels in the Holy Land.

Tuesday Morning

The 102nd annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was called to order by President W. O. Vaught, Jr., at 9:30. This was a little early for many of the messengers and visitors who have long distances to travel, and the attendance was not large to begin with, but by the close of the morning session the auditorium was about filled to capacity.

It was obvious from a colorful sign which hung above and behind the pulpit that the theme of this Convention was, "Let My People Go."

The welcome address was given by the Honorable Hamilton Moses, a long time lay leader in Immanuel Church, Little Rock. The response was given by Dr. Andrew Hall, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville.

Then followed the introduction of new pastors and other Christian workers who have come into our state since the last meeting. Dr. B. L. Bridges had the privilege of presenting these 35 men and extending them a welcome on behalf of Arkansas Baptists.

The Report of The Executive Board was presented by Rel Gray, pastor of First Church, Helena, and chairman of the Board. The report was in printed form but Chairman Gray read the budget item by item and explained that the budget which was being recommended for the Convention's consideration was eleven per cent larger than last year's budget, the total budget being \$1,331,500.09, the largest for a single year in the history of the convention. The budget passed by a unanimous vote. Dr. Bridges read the recommendations of the Executive Board and commented on some features of it, especially the admonition for our institutions and agencies to pay out of debt as soon as possible, and then run on a cash basis. These recommendations were passed without dissenting votes.

The President's address was on the subject, "What Do The Scriptures Say?"

The annual sermon was preached by the regular appointee, Dr. C. Z. Holland, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro. As his sermon is being published in the *Arkansas Baptist*, we shall refrain from comment except to say it was a very excellent sermon, well conceived, well delivered, and well received.

Tuesday Afternoon

The Tuesday afternoon session was held in the Robinson Memorial Auditorium. After a devotional service, miscellaneous business was called for, and Russell Clubb, pastor of Calvary Church, West Memphis, presented a resolution calling for the Convention to go

Healing Broken Hearts

A Devotion By The Editor

"Woman, behold thy son! Then sayeth he to the disciple, Behold thy Mother!" John 19:26, 27.

Jesus could not turn aside from His cross, even though it involved others, and those nearest Him, in suffering.

Just how far should this principle be carried out in Christian living by us today? Should we bear the Christian cross and make such sacrifices in the interest of God's kingdom as will bring suffering, heartaches, and privations to those whom we love most? Can we afford to give time to the Lord that might be spent with our families? Can we afford to give money to God's cause that might be used to lighten the burdens of the household? Can we afford to assume responsibilities in the service of our Lord that will use us up, even from our business or professions? How far should we go in this matter?

We discover that Christ's way of meeting sorrow and comforting the sorrowing is in new relationships and new responsibilities. His mother would find comfort in this His closest friend; and His closest friend would find comfort in caring for the mother of His Lord.

There is no comfort for sorrow in isolation and idleness — these bring on a settled melancholia.

Someone has said: "The broken bonds of affection can never be left loose and bleeding. They must be woven into new and healing patterns. The comfort which counts most is a contribution of experience put at the service of those who need help." Again, "Sorrows are not to be nursed." It is the wrong thing to do, when in sorrow, to cease all activity, sit down and fold one's hands and feed one's soul upon grief. That part of life which is torn away by sorrow must be rebuilt and on a stronger foundation and on more shapely lines.

Have you not known cities that were razed by storm or fire? The wreckage looked hopeless. But when the city was rebuilt it was more magnificent than before. Should not the same thing be true of a life? Why should we rebuild our cities and fail to rebuild our lives?

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The man who reads history cannot remain ignorant of the fact that with the coming of Jesus Christ into the world there came the greatest regenerating force among men humanity has felt.

—J. B. Gambrell

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Convention Report

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on record favoring an initiated amendment to be voted on in the general election in '56, outlawing all forms of legalized gambling in Arkansas. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

A special committee appointed last year to consider a resolution regarding the nomination of members of the Executive Board with Dr. T. L. Harris, pastor of First Church, Camden, as chairman, reported. There was some discussion and disagreement on this report and a substitute motion prevailed which called for each co-operating association in the state to nominate members for the consideration of the Convention, and in no case would there be less than two names for each place to be filled. This seemed reasonable to a majority of the delegates in that the nominations made by the associations were not mandatory upon the Convention.

The heart of the afternoon program was a colorful pageant prepared by Mrs. Ralph Douglas commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the Cooperative Program. This pageant first depicted the haphazard workings of Baptists before the Cooperative Program was adopted, then a scene showing the adoption of the new plan of working together, and then dramatized the work of Arkansas Baptists in its various departments and institutions. Dr. C. C. Warren, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, stated as he began his address that he had never before seen so forceful a presentation.

Dr. Warren, who was pastor of Immanuel Church in Little Rock prior to Dr. Vaught's coming, delivered the closing address which was par excellence, on "Declarations of This Day." He discussed four tremendous things which this day declares: 1. We are building on faulty and insecure foundations when we build a civilization upon materialism; 2. Security for our civilization consists in religion and morality; 3. That the greatest opportunity for service to the world confronts Baptists today; 4. That an inescapable responsibility also faces us. Dr. Warren spoke with his characteristic note of sincerity and conviction.

Tuesday Evening

The Tuesday evening session was held in the Robinson Memorial Auditorium. The number attending was approximately 1,800. After a brief period of worship, Dr. D. David Garland, pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, presented the report on State Missions. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, secretary of the State Mission Department showed colored slide pictures of churches and missions in various sections of the state which had been helped by the Department of Missions.

The report on Home Missions was presented by Lloyd Hunnicutt, pastor of Central Church, Magnolia. He also made a visual presentation of the varied activities of the Home Mission Board. The report on Foreign Missions was presented by T. L. Harris, pastor of First Church, Camden. His report was followed by a moving picture, "Recruits for Christ," a production by the Foreign Mission Board.

Preceding the missionary address by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Ledford, recent appointees for service in foreign fields, were presented. Mrs. Ledford was reared in Little Rock.

In his address, Dr. Cauthen made a strong plea for Baptists to do more for foreign mis-

sions, and to give themselves and their children for service wherever and however they might be used. He laid special stress upon the need for young people to give themselves as volunteers for mission service. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nix, students in Ouachita College, presented themselves as volunteers. Dr. Cauthen's address was received with unusual interest and appreciation.

A combined choir of 100 voices made up from various local church choirs furnished special music for the evening service. Their singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" at the close of the service will not soon be forgotten by those who heard it.

Wednesday Morning

The Wednesday morning session was opened with a devotional by Roy Hilton, pastor of First Church, North Little Rock.

The report of the Executive Board was taken up again to reconsider some minor corrections and was spoken to briefly by Dr. Ben L. Bridges, executive secretary for the State Convention. Doctor Bridges expressed sincere appreciation for the fine co-operative spirit that all the convention officers had shown him through the past year.

President W. O. Vaught announced that the time for election of officers had come and called for nominations for president. As usual this opened the doors of oratory and when the speeches and balloting were over, the following were elected: President, Rel Gray, pastor of First Church, Helena; first vice president, Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Church, Little Rock; second vice president, S. A. Whitlow, First Church, Hope.

The report of the Cooperative Program was given by T. H. Rucker, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, followed by an address by Dr. Albert L. McClellan, who represented the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. McClellan pleaded earnestly that a larger share of our church giving be channeled into our mission work.

The American Bible Society was represented by Mr. Tom Holloway, Dallas, Texas, who thanked the convention for their support of the work of the Society.

The Gideons International was represented by their president, Raymond Lindsey, a Little Rock Insurance Executive and Baptist Layman. Mr. Lindsey reported that 30 million copies of the Bible has been distributed through that agency since their work began.

The report on Theological Education was given by Dr. W. B. Tatum, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, who in turn introduced Dr. Ray F. Robbins, a member of the faculty of the New Orleans Seminary. Dr. Robbins spoke on the needs for theological training to match the growing needs of this day. His address closed the morning session.

Wednesday Afternoon

The Wednesday afternoon session was devoted mainly to the presentation of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage and the Arkansas Baptist Hospital. The reports, however, were preceded by the report of the nominating committee by O. L. Bayless of Hot Springs. Since the full list of officers will be printed in a later issue, we shall not report them here.

Chaplain Warren Bedingfield of the Little Rock Air Base was introduced by R. L. South

of North Little Rock in his report on the work of chaplains. Chaplain Bedingfield is a Southern Baptist, and a native of Georgia.

The Orphanage report was in the nature of a demonstration by the personnel and children of the Home. About 30 of the children were present and sang a chorus under the direction of C. H. Seaton, field representative for the Orphanage. Also some musical numbers were played by the children. It was emphasized by Superintendent Seefeldt that two-thirds of the support for the home must come from the Thanksgiving Offering. One of the girls who is now a student in Ouachita and another who is a student in Arkansas State Teachers College told of their gratitude for the home and their plans for the future.

Hospital Gets Cobalt Machine

The Hospital report was also in the form of a demonstration by some nurses and officials from the Hospital. They dramatized a patient suffering with cancer going through the routine of arrangements and tests, then to her room where she was visited by the chaplain, and to the special room where she was treated with radio active cobalt, cured, and returned home.

The Baptist Hospital is installing one of the cobalt machines, being one of the first private hospitals in the nation to make this discovery available to the average patient.

Dr. Theodore Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, addressed the Convention telling particularly of his experiences and observations made from a visit to Russia last summer. He reported that while the Baptists were allowed to worship in Russia, it was under limited and strict conditions. He praised the faithful Baptists there who keep the faith and carry on in spite of the atheistic regime.

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, a former Kansas lawyer and now an official of POAU, told of his effective fight against the infringements of Roman Catholics upon our constitutional provisions for separation of church and state. He prodded the Roman Catholic hierarchy for complaining against communists for denying them religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain and then denying Baptists the same freedom in Italy, Spain, and some South American countries.

Wednesday Evening

The Wednesday evening session was devoted to Christian Education and was designated young people's night. Some students from the Baptist Student Unions from various colleges in the state led the devotionals and the music was under the direction of Mr. Dick Baker of Fort Worth, Texas.

Seated on the platform was a choir of about 300 young people, students from Southern Baptist College and Ouachita College and the local churches.

The reports of Ouachita College and Southern Baptist College were given by their respective presidents, Dr. Ralph Phelps and Dr. H. E. Williams. Their brief oral reports were followed by four students from each of the colleges who told of their plans for life and their appreciation for what the colleges had done for them.

The closing message by Evangelist Angel Martinez of Fort Smith was a fitting cli-

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Kingdom Progress

News From Ouachita

Ouachita College will have as its guest Rabbi Samson Shain of the Temple House of Israel in Hot Springs. He will represent the Jewish Chautauqua Society as lecturer on Monday, November 28. His address will be on the subject of "Visiting the Palestine of Jesus and the Bible."

The National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods sponsors the Jewish Chautauqua Society, which sends rabbis to college campuses as part of an educational program to disseminate authentic information concerning Judaism.

The October activity report of the ministerial students at Ouachita College shows that 39 are licensed and 31 are ordained ministers. There are three ministers of music and one minister of education; twenty-seven pastors and four associate pastors.

In October, there were 345 sermons preached, with an average attendance in the churches of 4883. There were 18 special services rendered; two funeral services, one wedding, and five other services. The ministers traveled a total of 38,025 miles for the month.

There were 59 additions to churches reported during October; 21 baptisms, 36 by letter and two by statement.

Miss Betty Orr, assistant professor of secretarial science at Ouachita College, was elected vice president of the Arkansas Business Education Association at their recent meeting in Little Rock during the AEA Convention.

News From Faulkner Association

Brumley Chapel Church, Conway, has included the *Arkansas Baptist* in its budget. Raymond Strickland is the pastor.

Gale Holcomb, evangelistic singer, has moved from Walnut Ridge to Conway and is open for engagements. He may be reached by phone at 1220-W-1, or RFD. 1, Conway.

Don Jones, formerly pastor of the Pleasant Grove church has accepted the pastorate of the Holland church and has moved to Conway.

Southside Church has gone from half to full time service, and has under construction an educational building. George Harris, Ouachita College, is the pastor at Southside.

Grady Hardister, Ouachita, is the new pastor at Formosa.

Jack Hogue of Little Rock has accepted the pastorate of the Cadron Ridge Church, Conway, and will move to Conway around the first of the year. He succeeds Floyd Wright, who is giving his time to supply work.

Abernathys Come Home

Missionaries John A. and Mrs. Abernathy of Korea will arrive in the homeland for furlough December 7, this year. After medical check up and the usual rest period they will be available for speaking engagements wherever needed. They can be reached temporarily through the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va. Their permanent address will be announced later.

Magee to Missouri

Guy D. Magee has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Manila, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Caruthersville, Missouri, effective November 20.

Pastor Magee has been with the Manila church for 6½ years. During this time there have been 421 additions to the church, 278 by baptism; the Sunday school and Training Union attendance has doubled; the Sunday school has been standard for two years. Gifts to the Cooperative Program increased 350 per cent. A \$25,000 educational building was constructed. A \$4,000 Baldwin electronic organ and chimes was purchased; \$1,600 Norton Tower Chimes have been recently purchased and installed. A mission has been organized and a full time pastor is employed. A teachers training program with more than 100 workers participating was conducted.

Worker Available

Evangelist L. E. Holt, former pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas, is available for revival meetings. He may be contacted at 3022 Garland Avenue, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Evening Shade Dedicates Building

A church building dedication service will be held at Evening Shade Church (Ark.), Sunday, November 20. The program will begin at 11:00 with Dr. C. W. Caldwell delivering the dedication message. Lunch will be served by the church. The associational hymn sings will be held in the afternoon, conducted by Herman Dover of Melbourne. Homer Shirley is the pastor.

Hudson On Mission Tour

Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., has been selected, with three other ministers, by the U. S. Air Force to participate in a preaching mission to Air Bases in France and Germany in February and March, 1956.

Pleitz With Cabot

The First Baptist Church of Cabot was recently engaged in a revival with James L. Pleitz of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, as the preacher. There were four professions of faith and seven by transfer of letter. Bob Glenn of Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock, led the singing for the week.

Deacons Ordained

Howard Bishop, Homer Ware, and Elza Tucker were ordained as deacons of the Lowell Church, Sunday afternoon, November 6.

Pastors and deacons of the area composed the ordaining council. Arthur L. Hart, missionary of Benton County Association, served as council moderator. Orville Haley, pastor of the church, conducted the examination. Clifford L. Palmer, pastor of Pea Ridge Church, served as clerk of the council and offered the ordination prayer. The ordination sermon was delivered by Dr. Ellis L. Tiffany, pastor of Immanuel Church, Rogers, and the charge to the candidates and church was given by Roy Galyean, pastor of Sunnyside Church.

Subscription Analysis Arkansas Baptist

New Budget

Lawson Church, Liberty Association, Joe Burnett, pastor.

White Sulphur Springs Church, Pine Bluff, Harmony Association. J. D. Batson, Pastor.

New Club

Ward Church, Caroline Association, Harold Sadler, pastor.

Motor Cities Association has 6 budgets, 4 clubs, 13 with neither.

Mt. Zion Association has 8 budgets, 12 clubs, 8 with neither.

Newton County Association has one budget, one club and 3 with neither.

Ouachita Association has 12 budgets, no clubs, and 8 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*.

Death Claims Physician-Preacher

By CLAUDE CRIGLER, *Associational Missionary, White River Association*

Dr. Charles B. Tibbels, Black Rock, who recently passed to his reward at the age of 80 years, was an outstanding citizen in Sharp County for half a century.

Dr. Tibbels served Black Rock and neighboring vicinities as a physician for 53 years, and as an ordained Baptist minister and pastor for 43 years. He served the Imboden and Black Rock pastorates and numerous rural churches. We know he baptized 35 people one year.

He was active to the end despite his age. He made an entry in his diary at 8 p.m. on Saturday, as he closed his office, and was found dead next day.

Dr. Tibbels was operating the only drug store in Black Rock, and the town's only hospital facilities, a one room clinic with the help of one trained nurse, at the time of his death.

Books Received

Young People in the Sunday School

By A. V. Washburn
Convention Press

The Associational Training Union Handbook

By Harvey T. Gibson
Convention Press

Blueprint for Tomorrow

By Ralph A. Phelps, Jr.
Convention Press

Altar Fires For Family Worship

Compiled by Joe W. Burton
Broadman Press Price, \$2.50

Daughter of Nazareth

By Florence Marvyne Bauer
Broadman Press Price, \$1.50

Broadman Comments

International Sunday School Lessons 1956
By E. F. Haight
Broadman Press Price, \$2.50

How Sleep the Brave!

By James H. Hunter
Zondervan Press Press, \$3.00

Convention Report

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max to what seemed to everyone a wonderfully fine evening's program. He spoke on "The Unchained Melody," which he said was a topic he had borrowed from a recent popular song but the real basis of the message was Psalm 40:1-3. With characteristic wit and eloquence he held the attention of the crowded house to the very last. The large proportion of young people in the audience made it a service of far-reaching consequences.

Convention Officers, 1956

President: Rel Gray

First vice president: Dale Cowling

Second vice president: S. A. Whitlow

1956 Meeting:

Place: First Church, Little Rock

Date: November 20-22

Preacher: S. A. Whitlow

Thursday Morning

The last session opened with a devotional service led by Russell Clearman of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock. In addition to routine business this other business matter was presented: The president named a committee which was authorized in a previous session to study situations in Arkansas where tax money is or might be used for parochial schools. The committee appointed was: T. L. Harris of Camden, T. K. Rucker of Forrest City, and Editor B. H. Duncan of Little Rock.

The report on resolutions was made by Jarry Autrey. A resolution calling for the approval of the Convention of an effort to get an initiated law on the ballot for 1956 outlawing all kinds of legalized gambling in Arkansas was passed without a dissenting vote.

The social service report made by Dr. Dale Cowling of Little Rock was spoken of by Dr. J. M. Dawson of Austin, Texas. His subject was: "Will Baptists Let Jesus, Our Savior and Lord, Rule?" He made one application of this in regard to racial segregation. His address was well received.

The Siloam Springs Assembly was presented by Dr. Edgar Williamson who reported that the assembly grounds were being used for two Baptists assemblies and leased out to some other groups at other times and that there was a steady increase of attendance each year in spite of some local assemblies being operated.

Fred Hubbs, missionary for Motor Cities Association in Michigan which is affiliated with the Arkansas Convention, was presented. He stated that there are 35 churches now co-operating in the Motor Cities Association and that plans are under way to organize a Michigan State Convention next year.

Angel Martinez was the featured speaker for the morning session. His text was the 23rd Psalm which he said is the philosophy of life set to music. A large audience remained until the last Amen.

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There are just two laws about missions. One is God's and one is the devil's. God's law is, "Go and preach to every creature." The devil's notion is, "don't do it."

—J. B. Gambrell

Baker and Wynne Observe 7th Anniversary

Boyd Baker observed his seventh anniversary as pastor of the Wynne Church, Sunday, November 13.

During this time there have been 651 additions to the church, 312 by baptism. Norton Tower Chimes have been installed for daily broadcast of sacred music. The sanctuary has been redecorated. Sunday school, Training Union, and youth organization attendance has been doubled. A youth director has been employed for the last two summers. Gifts to missions have totaled \$40,655. Over \$23,000 has been given toward construction of new annex. Lots have been purchased for a branch Sunday school.

Mr. Baker, a native of Missouri, moved to Arkansas at an early age. He received the A. B. degree from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and the Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

He served as the first pastor of the Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home. His pastorates after returning to Arkansas include Hazen and DeValls Bluff, Lake Village, DeQueen, and Wynne.

Mrs. Baker is the former Miss Stella Smith of Benton. They have one daughter, Betty Ann, who is Kindergarten Director at River Oaks Baptists Church, Houston, Texas.

Brazilian Giving Inspires Others

New missionaries believe their church in Brazil will inspire Southern Baptists to give more generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Renfrow, now studying the Portuguese language in Campinas in preparation for missionary service in South Brazil, attend the Cambui Baptist Church on Sunday evenings.

Last year the 125 members gave 2,700 cruzeiros (\$42.66 U.S.) to home missions and this year they set their goal at 7,000. Then David Gomes, Brazilian Baptist leader who heads the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board, challenged them to try to reach 14,000 cruzeiros. They accepted the challenge and on October 9 they gave 15,000 (\$237 U.S.).

Mr. Renfrow said: "This is a tremendous challenge to every church in America. Can you equal your concern for the world with their concern for Brazil?"

Working Students

The student payroll of Ouachita College amounts to \$22,408.25 a semester, according to figures released by the office of the Dean of Students.

This figure represents 197 students who work part-time to pay their way through college.

Not included in this figure are funds allotted for scholarships and student loans amounting to over \$50,000.

There are 28 students working in administrative offices, 65 working in the departmental offices, 21 dormitory monitors, one each in the offices of the Student Senate and the Baptist Student Union, two in the post hall, two in the infirmary, 18 in the library, office, 10 at the switchboard, 21 in the dining hall, two in the infirmary, two in the snack bar in the Student Center and 26 on the campus maintenance crew.

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It's a waste of time to hide your light under a bushel. Particularly when a peck will do.

—Franklin P. Jones.

Reactions Are Revealing

By S. H. JONES

The way a person reacts to what he hears or reads may reveal as much of the nature of that person as it does of the quality of the thing heard or read. For example what preacher does not know that people "enjoy" sermons with which they agree? And is not one's character reflected in the sort of things he likes?

Not long ago, our attention was called to this matter in the sharply contrasting reactions of two people to the writings of a certain man (not the editor). One expressed great appreciation while the other claimed to see little or no merit in the articles. The two are presumed to have had equal opportunity to evaluate the material in question; therefore, the reactions could be explained only in terms of subjective factors within the readers, rather than the quality of the writings. What is inspiring and challenging to one person might be uninteresting to another.

We heard somewhere a story of a guide in a museum who "squelched" a critic who seemed to see no good in the works of art by reminding him that the works of the master artists are no longer on trial, but that those who see them are being tested. In a sense, that principle applies to every faithful presentation of religious truth. If a sermon, spoken or written, be true to God's word, the hearer, as well as the preacher, is put to a test by it.

This principle holds true entirely with respect to the ultimate truth of God — the Bible. The Bible is not on trial before the judgment of men; but all men are being judged by the wisdom and justice of God according to the truth revealed in the Bible. A person's reaction to the Bible, therefore, reveals more about the person than it does about the Bible.

—The Baptist Courier.

Book Review

Rozell's S. S. Commentary, 1956

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Ray Rozell, Minister of Education for First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, has issued his ninth annual commentary on the International Sunday School Series.

Mr. Rozell has done an excellent job in preparing the Sunday school lessons for 1956. The book is readable. With good print, on good paper, with very fine layout, the pages are inviting. The topics are marked for easy reading, the exposition is practical, presenting the lessons on a down-to-earth level that makes good reading for any person from intermediate age up, with special helps for teachers.

The book is not sold through book stores, but must be ordered from Rozell and Company, Tyler, Texas; price \$2.75 postpaid. (See ad on page 13).

South Highland Receives 27 Members

C. Gordon Bayless, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, was the evangelist in a revival meeting at South Highland Church, Little Rock, November 6-13. Mark Short Sr. of Arkadelphia was song director. The meeting resulted in 27 additions with 25 of these for baptism.

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By Religious News Service

Urges Religious Training To Resist 'Brainwashing'

John H. Noble, an American citizen who spent 10 years as a prisoner in the Soviet Union, said the armed forces should emphasize religious training if they want men to resist Communist "brainwashing" tactics.

Mr. Noble, 31, said he had found that "a strong trust in God is the most effective way to beat torture."

He claimed that the Air Force's controversial "survival school" is approaching the problem the wrong way since physical fortitude alone is not enough to resist Communist starvation and brutality.

The former prisoner said he saw many men subjected to interrogation by the Reds and those who weakened first were "strangers to the Bible."

"My faith saved me — nothing else," he added.

Supreme Court Upholds Religious Basis of Conscientious Objection

The United States Supreme Court held that Congress is within its constitutional powers in requiring a conscientious objector to believe in a Supreme Being in order to qualify for exemption from combat duty.

The court refused to consider an appeal by Vern George Davidson of Berkeley, Calif., former national secretary of the Young People's Socialist League and a self-described agnostic, against the refusal of a draft board to classify him as a C. O.

Urges Letter Campaign To Outlaw Liquor Advertising

A campaign to enlist thousands of church members in a letter-writing effort to seek the end of alcoholic beverage advertising in newspapers and magazines and on radio and television was urged in Minneapolis.

The drive was proposed by Wilbur A. Korfhage, administrative director of the United Temperance Movement of Minnesota, at the organization's annual meeting.

The letters would ask Congressmen and Senators to seek passage of federal legislation outlawing liquor advertising.

Clergy Seek Closer Link With Psychiatrists

Clergymen are eager to work more closely with psychiatrists in order to combat increasing mental health problems, according to a survey being conducted in 11 western states, Alaska and Hawaii.

Those responding so far to questionnaires sent out by the Interstate Commission for Higher Education from its Salt Lake City, Utah, offices also have expressed a desire for expanded opportunities for scientific training of religious workers in the mental health field.

Nearly all the clergymen replying said they feel that the emotional health of individuals in the community is a responsibility of the clergy. The pastors estimated that they spend about 25 per cent of their working hours dealing with the personal emotional problems of churchgoers.

Poling Says Russia Trying To Trick U. S.

Soviet Russia is trying to trick the United States into lowering its guard by smiling blandly while it foments unrest in the Middle East, Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia charged.

"Russia is doing its evil best to promote further unrest in the Middle East," he said. "Clearly an all-out war there would advance her time schedule for world revolution and conquest."

"Surely Ulysses never made a more effective Trojan Horse for Troy than the gentlemen from Moscow set up with their bland smiles at Geneva," Dr. Poling continued.

Blind Presbyterian Pastor Runs Successful Church

Blindness has not prevented the Rev. George N. McCracken from achieving noteworthy success in the ministry.

Virtually sightless since birth, the resolute young clergyman has conquered his handicap and is hailed today as one of Western Pennsylvania's outstanding pastors.

Since he assumed the pastorate of First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Pa., six years ago his congregation has grown from 186 to 400 members.

Plans are under way to build a new \$100,000 Christian education building. Around \$70,000 in cash and pledges is in hand for the project.

Fishery Workers Hold Prayer Services In Plant

Boot-clad workers hold a prayer service every Wednesday morning at the Coastal Fisheries plant in New Bedford, Mass.

"There is more harmony and a better work relationship than ever before," said John C. DeMello, plant manager. "Plant morale has improved considerably."

The services were started by Alfred V. Nantfelt of nearby Middleboro, owner of the plant. "It has been a blessing," he said, describing how a number of employees indicated such interest in the services that they became a weekly event. The revivals are held on company time for those who wish to attend.

Plan Course in Spiritual Values For New York Police

Police recruits in New York City will take a course in moral and spiritual values, first of its kind in the country.

Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy announced the course to 700 probationary patrolmen being sworn in at Police Headquarters. The spiritual training will be given in the Police Academy by the department's six chaplains.

"It is important that you learn the spiritual values that should and do permeate the work you are now entering," the commissioner said.

The only reason some people become lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory to them.

A Smile or Two



THIS IS NO JOKE!

If you can afford a turkey—
You oughta smile.

A young man called one evening on a rich old farmer to learn the farmer's story of how to become rich.

"It's a long story," said the old man, "and while I'm telling it, we might as well save the candle." And he blew it out.

"You needn't go on," said the youth. "I understand."

First Fisherman: It's getting late, and we haven't caught a single fish.

Second Fisherman: Well, I'm going home as soon as I let two more big ones get away.

The geography teacher asked Bobby a question about the English Channel.

"I don't know about that one," answered Bobby. There's no such channel on our television set."

Before the bridge was built, Uncle Adoniram ran the ferry at Coon River Crossing. The fare was five cents. One day Shrimp Parker wanted to cross. But he only had three cents. Uncle Adoniram chewed on it for a while, then announced his decision: "If a man ain't got but three cents, it don't make no difference which side o' the river he's on."

Woman on bus to seatmate: "They're starting out with just what they have to have — bed, stove and TV set."

Life is just an everlasting struggle to keep the money coming in, and the teeth, hair, and other vital organs from coming out."

A motorist stopped to talk with a farmer erecting a small building near the road.

"What're you building?" he asked.

"Wal, I tell ya," said the farmer, "if'n I can rent it after it's up, it's a rustic cottage; but if'n I can't, it's a cow shed."

A motorist stopped at a small garage and complained to the mechanic, "Whenever I hit 80 there's a knocking in the engine."

After a lengthy examination and testing, the mechanic drawled, "I don't see nothin' wrong, mister. It must be the good Lord a'warning you."

The teacher in a little backwoods school was at the blackboard explaining arithmetic problems, and was delighted to see that the gangling lad, her dullest pupil, was giving slack-jawed attention. Her happy thought was that, at last, he was beginning to understand. So when she had finished, she said to him, "You were so interested, Cicero, that I'm certain you want to ask more questions."

"Yes'm," drawled Cicero. "I got one to ask — where do them figures go when you rub 'em out?"

News From Baptist Press

Proposed Los Angeles Hospital Has Setback

Prospects for a Southern Baptist Convention teaching hospital in the Los Angeles metropolitan area have suffered a major setback.

Messengers to the annual session of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California learned that the Alhambra, Calif., Chamber of Commerce had failed to provide a site for the hospital and \$250,000 as agreed.

All matters pertaining to the hospital — a project which received preliminary endorsement of the Southern Baptist Convention in its 1955 session at Miami — were referred to a board of directors for further consideration and a report next year.

The Southern Baptist Convention would have to give a second endorsement to the hospital proposal before construction.

Vote of Confidence

State Secretary S. G. Posey, who was one of the leaders in the hospital campaign, received a vote of confidence from the California convention and will remain with the convention.

Posey, although serving an indefinite term, previously advised the messengers he would not continue as state secretary without a vote of confidence due to the setback in the hospital campaign. The vote was unanimous.

The teaching hospital would be the third hospital operated by the Southern Baptist Convention at large, although state Baptist Conventions operate about 30 hospitals at local levels. Other SBC hospitals are at New Orleans and at Jacksonville, Fla.

The California convention re-elected President Byron F. Todd, of El Monte, and chose to meet at Eureka for its 1956 session. It also authorized a state historical commission.

It adopted resolutions opposing use of tax funds for any religious group, asking pastors to fight any efforts by religious groups to encroach upon local public school systems, and lending its support to the national temperance movement.

100 Years Old

Mobile Baptist Association in Alabama recently held a special session to observe its 100th birthday. A feature of the centennial program was a historical pageant. Membership in the Association's 70 churches totals 39,634.

L. L. Gwaltney Dies; Suffered Heart Attack

Dr. L. L. Gwaltney, editor of the *Alabama Baptist* for more than 30 years, died recently of a heart attack.

Even after he left editorship of the Baptist weekly newspaper in 1950, he had remained active as its editor emeritus and attended meetings of editors of Southern Baptist newspapers published in various states. He was 79 years old.

A native of Ellerton, Va., Dr. Gwaltney was a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and served churches in Alabama for about 10 years before editing the *Alabama Baptist* in 1919.

During his 30 years as its editor, the circulation of the newspaper increased from 3,000 to 40,000. Although no longer officially a pastor, he was in demand as a speaker constantly and travelled thousands of miles to fill engagements.

Funeral services were held at Southside Baptist Church (Nov. 12), with Pastor John Buchanan and Leon Macon officiating.

Educational Proposal Studied in District

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention has before it a proposal to employ two secretaries of education, one to promote American Baptist Convention work, the other to promote that of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The convention, which has affiliation with both Baptist bodies, was scheduled to consider this proposal by its education committee during its annual convention session in November.

Recently, about 20 Washington Baptist pastors discussed ways and means of promoting the Southern Baptist program.

One of the pastors, J. Ray Garrett, of Second Baptist Church, said the great differences in methods used by American and Southern Conventions has made it impossible to agree on a religious education program in the District.

"An urgent need for leadership recognized by so many pastors was the basis of the suggestion for an association of churches using the Southern Baptist program," he said. This way, they could promote a program at associational level without interfering with the individual church and the local convention.

M. Chandler Stith, District convention secretary, said employment of men in the educational field "would not alter the present setup of the District convention, but simply expand the promotional and field activities in the department of education."

1956 Florida Convention To Decide School Issue

The Florida Baptist Convention will decide at its meeting next year in Orlando whether to accept property of Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla.

The school's trustees offered control of the school to the convention.

Acting at the 1955 convention session recently, 1,430 messengers gave the property question favorable consideration. This placed it in a position for a final vote next year.

At Miami in May, the state convention asked the Southern Baptist Convention to take over operation of the Bible institute. The SBC received a somewhat similar appeal regarding an institute in Kentucky.

Preston B. Sellers, pastor of East Hill Baptist Church, Pensacola, who delivered the convention sermon, was elected convention president, succeeding Cecil B. Carroll, of Jacksonville. The 1957 convention will convene at Pensacola.

A Cooperative Program budget of \$1,400,000 was approved, to be divided evenly for state and Southern Baptist Convention work.

Slight Increase Found In Seminary Enrolment

Net enrolments at five Southern Baptist seminaries and two affiliated schools this fall increased nearly 3½ per cent over the same period in 1954, according to the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Net figure this year is 4,636, Executive Secretary Orin Cornett said. The net enrolment last year was 4,482. (Net enrolment does not include extension course students and those taking night, Saturday, special, and correspondence work.)

Counting the additional categories of students, the total fall enrolment at these schools this year is 5,079. This compares with 4,902 last year, indicating an increase of 3.61 per cent.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Dedicating Babies

Question: Why do some Baptist preachers permit and sometimes invite parents to bring their babies to the altar to dedicate their lives to the Lord? It is the most ridiculous thing that has come out of this modern age of ours, and I think it should be blacklisted. It is certainly not in the Bible.

Answer: You are right. It is not in the Bible, not as a church ordinance. The nearest thing to it in the New Testament is Mark 10:16 where it tells that parents brought their children to the Master that he might touch them. "And he took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."

But the church is not Christ. And preachers are not His representatives except as all Christians are. And there is no such thing as an altar in a New Testament Church. Besides, I doubt that one person, parents or any other persons, have the right to dedicate another person to God. This is the right of an individual himself. But some pastors feel that a public service helps to encourage parents to dedicate themselves to God. And the Lord knows that this is needed.

Personally, I do not believe in the public dedication of children. To me this is a private matter. If the pastor wants to pray with parents in the home as they dedicate themselves to bringing the child up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," this would seem to be much more appropriate. Why make a parade of dedication.

But, my sister, you should be more careful of your language. "Ridiculous" is a fighting word. Remember your Christian humility.

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Virginia Baptists Defer State Board Enlargement

Virginia Baptists changed their constitution to let their executive secretary and treasurer serve indefinite terms but sent to committee another proposed amendment changing the membership of the state board.

Bruce H. Price, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newport News, proposed a constitutional change increasing the size of the state board by giving larger church associations more board members.

Messengers to the state Baptists' annual meeting recently referred the Price amendment to a committee, with instructions to report next year, after opposition developed to the amendment.

The nearly 1000 messengers voted a \$2 million financial goal for 1956. State operations will take \$748,763 and another \$300,000 will be used to meet capital needs. The first \$800,000 of distributable Cooperative Program funds will be divided evenly between state and Southern Baptist Convention work.

Alexandria will be the meeting place for the 1956 convention. Charles L. Harman, president of Bluefield College, Baptist junior college at Bluefield, Va., was elected state president, succeeding R. F. Caverlee, of Fredericksburg.

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Reports Religion Dividing Fifth Of Protestant Families

Religion is dividing rather than uniting one out of every five "Protestant" families, a Chicago church official reported.

Twenty per cent of the families polled in a four-city Midwest survey of 149 congregations were split by different religious ties, according to the Rev. Dr. Richard E. Lentz.

Dr. Lentz warned that "split families will increase because of the growing number of 'mixed' marriages."

LET MY PEOPLE GROW

Convention Sermon

Arkansas Baptist State Convention, November 15

By C. Z. HOLLAND

Text II Peter 3:18

One feels a rhythm of spirit when he comes to address a great congregation like this, for we have already been made one by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as we have been lifted into His presence through the beautiful ministry of music. Fortunate indeed is the preacher that comes to declare truth that is already dear to the hearts of the hearers. We feel an uplift of spirit as we come to this hour when, we trust, all shall feast upon the riches of His grace.

We have a record of a service that really succeeded in the book of Acts. We are told that Cornelius, speaking for the congregation, said to Peter on his arrival, "Now therefore we are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." So there is real hope for this service because, like Peter's congregation, we are present. There is little hope for the man to receive a blessing that is not here. Many times we have heard people say that they were present in spirit but their spirit did not contribute to the singing or to the filling of the pews, or to the offering. There is little inspiration in preaching to spirits but there is less inspiration in preaching to people where there is no spirit. Peter's congregation was not only present, they were prayerful. Prayer does what no preacher can do, irrespective of his graces and gifts.

Then, Peter's congregation was expectant; their hope did not lie in the ability of the preacher as a great orator or profound theologian. They had waited hopefully for an hour when someone should come and share with them their experience in Christ so they could more fully understand Him. We can do more than Peter and we would be derelict in duty if we did any less. Now this same preacher of righteousness comes to speak his concluding words to those who were scattered abroad, whom he loved.

How sobering and how meaningful final words can be. They may be treasured and passed to succeeding generations or they may be kept alive in memory's garden. The last words of General Wolf at the Battle of Quebec were, "I die happy." While the last words of the opposing General Montcalm were "I am glad I shall not live to see the surrender of Quebec." Do you remember the last words of the immortal Jackson? He said, "Let us pass over the river and rest under the shade of the trees." Did not the last words of the stricken Roosevelt characterize the tragic hour in which he breathed his last, when he said, "I have a terrific headache." Now do not the words "Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" come with greater import when we say they were his last words.

Get Better Acquainted With The Speaker

He is a most excellent example of his own injunction. At first he was a bundle of unrealized possibilities. There is no record of anyone making greater progress in Christian growth than did Peter. His brother did a big days work the day he found him and brought him to Christ but God's Spirit still had much work to do in his heart and mind. He was talkative, therefore he said many foolish things but he also said many sensible things. He talked foolishly when he said,

"Let us build three tabernacles and remain here." He talked sensibly when he said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." He never said a more sensible thing than when he called upon his people to grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Growth Is the Evidence of Life

Plant a marble and it will not grow. Plant an acorn and it will grow. When we cease to grow we begin to die. There is nothing more striking about the childhood of Jesus than the fact that He grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. It is normal for children to grow and it is unspeakably tragic to see arrested growth in the life of a child. You cannot compliment a child more than by telling him that he is growing. You can witness his growth as he straightens his shoulders but it is even more tragic to witness arrested spiritual growth. Paul said, "When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things." Many adults are still in the spiritual kindergarten, never having grown up spiritually. Like children they are impatient, envious, cruel and immodest. There are many people around the church in rompers and riding stick horses.

Grow in Understanding the World

The world is just one world, although divided by little ponds we call oceans and little hills we call mountains. But they prove no barrier to disease germs or form no fortress for national security. Influenza which took ten times as many lives as did the bullets of the enemy during the first World War had its origin in the hills of Tibet. The echo of the fire of the gun that killed the Slavic Prince in 1914 echoed in every valley on every continent. If things go well in the world anywhere, things must go well in the world everywhere because after all we are just one world. We discover that when one member of the body is affected the whole body is made sick. Although we are many members we are just one body.

The world is growing. Cities which were no more than crossroad villages a hundred years ago have now become great metropolises, but God pity the nation whose factory chimneys rise higher than the church spires.

Grow in Understanding Our Denomination

There are as many Baptists in Arkansas today as there were in the world one hundred and twenty-five years ago. From the 18th to the 19th Century we grew two thousand per cent. In the last fifty years we have grown more than one hundred per cent. But without reviewing all the history of the Church, let us look at our organizations as they function today. Our people have always been a great people because they held the great truths but they have not always made the great impact upon the world they make today. Wise old Dr. Gambrell characterized us one day by saying that we are many but not much.

When our people were growing in all directions like a gourd vine, each church choosing its own course and having learned well the principle of independence but never hav-

ing learned the principle of interdependence, Luther Rice came back from Burma and cast himself upon the people. He went up and down the Atlantic Seaboard crying like a voice in the wilderness calling the churches to look beyond themselves and beyond their shores and aroused the first interest in foreign missions. From that humble beginning has come our great foreign mission movement of more than a thousand missionaries serving in forty countries.

The work of the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board have been little less phenomenal in giving our people a program and a challenge. Whatever Baptists are at home today, in the city, in the village, or at the crossroads is due in no little measure to the ministry of our great southwide boards and institutions. Our methods for the most part are born in the hearts of the people, but we believe they are God inspired, God directed and certainly God blessed. We can say without vanity or false pride that our methods, our literature and our promotional leadership is the most forceful, effective and most dynamic of any group in the land.

Checking Our Measurements

One of the reasons of our convocation is to take our own measure and see how much and where we are growing. Physical growth is not always an evidence of life, because many times there is an abnormal growth which is cancerous. Abnormal growth among churches is dangerous and may be deadly. So it behooves us to grow our churches in the right proportion and in the right way. We have never been able to determine just what causes cancerous growth in the body but the abnormal growth in the churches is due many times to the spiritual diet.

A preacher was speaking sometime ago about the restricted diet that he was giving his people. With pride he pointed out two great doctrines that he majored on in all his preaching but by implication he admitted that he was minoring on the other doctrines. It has been demonstrated that by controlling the diet of animals one can produce all sorts of freaks. It has also been demonstrated that by controlling the spiritual diet that we can have all sorts of spiritual freaks.

Grow in the Knowledge Of Christ in the Flesh

It was a great day when God created the world, "When the morning stars sang together and the Sons of God shouted for joy." It was a great day when God told Noah to go forth from the Ark. It was a great day when God said to Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country." It was a great day when Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt. It was a great day when God gave the law amid thunder and lightning. But the day of all days was when Christ was born in the flesh. When the same Holy Spirit that moved upon the darkness of the waters and brought order out of chaos moved upon Mary, the most beautiful daughter of Eve, and brought Jesus forth from her who had never known a man. Angels came forth to sing Heaven's loveliest song. Wise men journeyed from afar to pay tribute to Him. The forces of evil were dis-

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turbed and set themselves to the destruction of the Christ Child.

We have but a partial record of His earthly life. When we read the charming story we wish we could have lived when He lived here in the flesh. What a joy it would have been to have walked and talked with Him. He grew up in the little bush town of Nazareth, on the highway of the nations, and when the voice of the last of the prophets was heard thundering in the wilderness calling men to repentance, He appeared on the scene and we hear the first gospel message proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." He dignified and sanctified beautiful baptism by submitting to the Holy rite Himself and when He came up out of the water God the Father and God the Holy Spirit joined in giving Heaven's approval. The Father said, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased" and the spirit descended like a dove and lighted upon Him.

He was led by the spirit into the wilderness and for forty days He battled and when He came down He was not a victim but a victor. Satan left Him for a season but oh how brief was the season. Every temptation He suffered in the wilderness He met again and again during His life. This Christ went about doing good while Satan hounded Him causing Him to be misunderstood by His family, betrayed by one disciple, denied by another and forsaken by all. The Christ not only lived, He died an ignominious death on a cross. But Calvary is too far away to be real to most of us. We still like to sing "On a Hill Far Away."

To be sure the cross is a legal instrument of death for the most ignominious; Rome nailed her worst men to a cross. But the paradox of the ages is that the world's best man was nailed between two of the world's worst men. It was not the Roman nails that held Him there. It was His steadfast purpose and resolute will. It is not the picture of strong men taking the life from the Prince of Peace. It is the picture of ONE giving His life; not only the picture of a Father giving a son as Abraham gave Isaac, but a picture of the Son giving Himself. In the cross we see sin at its worst. This is the blackest spot on the dirty record of Caesar. Herod did not want Him to grow up; he tried to kill Him. Pilate feels that He is successful in doing what Herod failed to do.

Grow in Knowledge of Victorious Living

He was buried but the grave could not hold its prey. He tore the bonds away. Up from the grave He arose. Hallelujah! Christ Arose. He appeared in the midst of the disciples encouraging them and warming their hearts with His presence. His unannounced and surprising appearances were but the preparation of their hearts for the ministry of the Holy Spirit that was to come anywhere and everywhere the disciples gathered. One day He crossed the brook Kidron and climbed Mount Olivet and in the presence of His disciples gave His last words when He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Christ took His journey upward but this Christ is coming back again. The angels said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner" Acts 1:11.

This Christ holds the controls of the world

in His hands. In the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth chapters of Matthew He lets us look down the long corridor of time and witness some of the events that will take place before that glorious hour. The last thing He said should transpire before His coming again is that there shall be an age of great missionary activity. When someone speaks of Christ in the flesh as being a great teacher like Nicodemus said of Him, we want to say, "Is that all you know about Him?" When His name is called along with Buddha and Confucius, Socrates and Plato, we feel that it is little less than blasphemy for "nor mortal can with Him compare among the sons of men. Fairer is He than all the fair, who fill the Heavenly train."

Grow in Knowledge of Christ

In the Church

Paul speaks of Him as the head of the body, the church (Col. 1:18. Jesus said, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven" Matt. 16:18-19. Just as Christ was in the flesh ministering for three years, so has He been in the church for two thousand years and to the Church He has committed the keys of the kingdom. He kept His promise to Peter; "He has never broken any promise spoken." When He made the fourth appearance unto the disciples after His resurrection with Thomas absent He delivered the keys unto the Church when He said, "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things" Luke 24:46-48. Here we have set forth in the message of the church the great cardinal principles of the gospel with emphasis on four fundamental truths.

First, we see that Christ must suffer. Here is set forth the doctrine of the atonement. The mystery of mysteries, how God did through the suffering of His son what He could not do through the preaching of the prophets, the singing of the poets or the law of Moses, "For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

We see fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah when he said, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed." More than that we see the true philosophy of the cross; we see a ministry of suffering and death that transcends a ministry of joy and life. No wonder Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of Christ."

Second, we see set forth in the message of the Church the doctrine of the resurrection. Christ must rise again the third day. The preaching of the resurrection brought confusion to the mob as Paul preached on Mars Hill. "He seemeth to set forth strange gods because he preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection" Acts 17:18.

The doctrine of the resurrection was denied by the Sadducees but this glorious truth has sustained many a sufferer and enabled him to bear the torch far down the valley to the glory of Christ. "For they know now that Christ is risen from the dead and Christ became the first fruits of them that slept."

So, "This corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality, so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that death is swallowed up in victory" I Cor. 15:54. The old destroyer is destroyed, the engulfer is engulfed. Jesus became our spiritual Columbus that went into the new land and brought back tokens of its glory. He became our spiritual Vasco De Gama who came to the Cape of Storm and went through to the other side and called it the Cape of Good Hope.

Third, Christ's message through His Church is repentance and remission of sin. Jesus did not come to save us in our sins but from our sins. Repentance was the preaching of John when he said, "Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." It was the preaching of Jesus, it was the preaching of Paul, and it was the preaching of Peter. It was the stern warning given to the churches of Asia Minor that were idolatrous, backslidden and luke warm.

Grow in the Knowledge Of Witnessing

Finally, Christ's message through His Church is that we are to be His witnesses. We are to witness with our lives as well as our tongues. We are not called upon to be His judges or His lawyers, or His defenders, but we are called upon to be witnesses.

The story is told of the King of England enrolling all his subjects as to their allegiance. While enrolling a household he was advised that all the members had been enrolled except the aged grandfather. The messenger said, "I must enroll all." He went to the bed where the aged man lay and made known his mission. The old man with feeble hands began to move the covers and said in a broken and trembling voice. "I can no longer serve my king in battle but I can show my colors." He drew a red rose from beneath the cover, saying "Here are my colors, my allegiance and if need be my life." But we who are on the firing line must do more than show our colors. We must be more than spectators.

When I come to declare that you need Christ, that is nothing new. Every day and every hour we need to feel His uplifting power. We need Him in life — in death — in judgment — in eternity. We need Him to forgive our sins, to feed our souls, to stand as our advocate. We need him in joy — in sorrow — in sickness. We need Him when our loved one goes away to say that he is not dead — he lives. We need Him when we take that last long walk where neither father nor mother nor loved one can go with us.

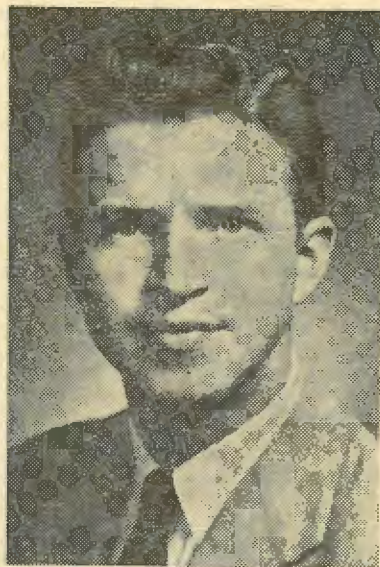
But when Jesus calls upon us to be His witnesses, He is saying that I need You. Fourteen years ago when that diabolical act of treachery was perpetrated upon us and we were plunged into war, fearing that foreign forces were likely to begin landing on our shores in a matter of hours, the President spoke to our people saying, "Our Nation needs you!" "We need your money — your factories — your railroads — your farm — your scrap-iron — your boys and girls." How we rallied to that call.

Now the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is saying that the enemy has already landed on our shores and I need you. I need your boys and girls — your men and your women — your hands — your feet, silver and your gold. I need your heart — your all. So let us go on growing as we say, "Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord to thee; So Take my heart, it is Thine own, Let it be Thy royal throne."

Staff Workers at Southern Seminary



INMAN JOHNSON



BADGETT DILLARD

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has announced the appointment of speech professor Inman Johnson as acting alumni secretary, and Badgett Dillard as director of public relations.

The appointments are a part of the Seminary's staff reorganization following the resignation in October of Dr. Cort R. Flint as administrative assistant. Dr. Flint is now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Anderson, S. C.

Professor Johnson will continue teaching music and speech in ad-

dition to directing the alumni affairs of the Seminary. He has taught at Southern Seminary since 1920.

Badgett Dillard has been with the Seminary for two and a half years as director of publicity. He is a graduate of the schools of theology and religious education, and was formerly minister of education at First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga.

Dr. Allen W. Graves, dean-elect of the School of Religious Education, will direct the Seminary's program of college visitation.

Arkansans at Mary Hardin-Baylor



Fifteen of the seventeen Arkansas students at Mary Hardin-Baylor college, oldest woman's college west of the Mississippi, are pictured above. Arkansas students are, reading from left to right, seated: Martha Davis, Texarkana; Lou Shelton, Walnut Ridge; Edwina Beasley, Paragould; Marvell Hoggard, Roland; Wanda McKinney, Paragould; Charlene Pierce, Blytheville.

Second row: Helen Bates, Big Fork; Halcie McPherson, Bald Knob; Sandra Bounds, Fort Smith; Melba Faulkner, Paragould; Lena Nell Davis, Texarkana.

Back row: Shirley Stender, Stuttgart; Bonnie Epps, Rogers; Opal Griffin, Mena; Shirley Bounds, Fort Smith. Misses Wynne Cowan, Fort Smith and Marieta Davis, Texarkana were not present when the picture was made.

Standing By Our Wares

By J. W. STORER, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles by the Baptist Press on the "Crusade for Christian Morality" which Southern Baptists are observing.

In Paul's letter to Titus (Titus 3:8), he says, "These things I desire that thou affirm confidently, to the end that they who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works." The marginal reference in the American Revised Version footnote has it, "profess honest occupations." Where the same thought is expressed in Titus 3:14, the footnote is the same: "profess honest occupations."

W. Gordon Robinson, in his "New Testament Treasure," suggests the word translated "profess" or "maintain," is literally "stand in front of;" thus the picture is that of a tradesman always ready to stand surety for his wares, one who believes in what he professes and stakes his reputation on what he affirms, or offers.

Now, contrast that individual with the one described in 2 Corinthians 2:17, "For we are not as of the many, corrupting the word

of God: but as of sincerity. . ." In the American Revised Version, from which the words are taken, the footnote reads: "making merchandise of the word of God." Moffatt translates it, "I am not adulterating the word of God."

Not on Skid Row

When we speak of Christian morals, therefore, we find the root of the matter is the Rock upon which it is built, that is, sincere, meaning in the Latine (sine cera) "without wax," as the best and finest honey should be. The quite evident lowered moral tone of our day is of great significance to thoughtful people. Its most significant menace, however, is not found on the skid row areas—but in the lowering of the high standard set by the Christ who gives to men the name Christian, by those to whom the name was given.

Only positive Christian living can put a stop to the alarming decline in conviction about, and

concern for, decency, honesty, and purity. This decline is found, alas, in the attitude of so many church members.

The phrase "moral re-arming" is sounding brass and a clanging cymbal; it can never do the work demanded in the words, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Such transformation is not brought about by a slogan; only the day-by-day grace of God will do that. By grace are we saved, and by grace must we be kept. No lotion will effect a cure if the bloodstream is impure. So, first, if we Christians would attack the vicious gnawing evil of immorality, let us pray, "God be merciful to us sinners," and have clean hands when we come into court.

Live Separate Lives

And then let Christians again live that separate life which once so distinguished them, and for

which they were derided and resented. Nobody derides us now; we are resented by no one, because it is difficult to see anything distinguishable in us.

"How can I hear what you are saying, when what you are keeps ringing in my ears?" is a saying which applies here. Before we engage in any campaign to clean up the world, judgment must first begin at the house of God.

We Christians need to read and re-read the whole second chapter of Titus until the words become flesh of our flesh and life of our life.

On the pillar in front of Richard Baxter's pulpit in his Kidderminster days are written in Tynedale's translation: "We preach not ourselves but Jesus Christe as Lord. We are not as the most parte who choppe and change the worde of God." Nor dare we "choppe and change" the words of 1st John 3:3 to suit the tempo of our times.

Children's Page

Roger's Thanksgiving Discovery

By CLARA J. SMITH

It was the day before Thanksgiving. Roger's mother had just taken a big pan of cookies out of the oven when he and his new friend Norman came running through the house and into the kitchen.

"Whoopee, I knew it," shouted Roger, swooping up two cookies in each hand and motioning to Norman to help himself.

Norman hesitated. The cook at his house always shooed him out of their kitchen.

"Go ahead," said Mother. "Take all you want. Roger can smell freshly baked cookies miles away. If ever he gets lost, I'll bake a batch of cookies and his nose will lead him home."

The boys both grinned and Roger said between bites, "Mmm, they're the best ever, Mom. Could we have some for a picnic lunch? Norman wants me to hike to Bear Mountain with him. I can, can't I?"

Mother stopped cutting out cookie dough and looked up.

"You mean just you and Norman? No, I'm sorry, but it's too far."

"You never let me go anywhere," protested Roger. "Norm's mother lets him go. He does anything he wants to, don't you, Norm?"

"Well," answered Norm, "almost anything, I guess. My mom and dad do what they want to, too."

"See," argued Roger. "Why can't we do that way? Then everybody would be happy."

"I wonder," said Mother. "Anyhow, I don't think your daddy would agree to it. Suppose I should want to read a book just when he wanted his dinner. I'm sorry, but no Bear Mountain today. Besides, I need your help, with all the company coming tomorrow."

"What fun is that?" grumbled Roger. "Norm's folks take their company to the restaurant. He never has to help."

Mother went back to her cookies and Roger knew there was no use arguing the matter further. Norman, feeling pretty sorry for Roger, edged his way to the door.

"Be seeing you, Rog. Thanks for the cookies, Mrs. Martin."

"You're welcome," smiled Mother. "Come any time. I bake real often."

He was off, and as soon as the door closed behind him, Roger fled upstairs to his room, muttering, "I wish I was Norm! I wish I was Norm!"



Illustrated by Iris A. Johnson

ing in the oven. Every time his mother opened the door to baste it, Roger leaned over her shoulder and sniffed hungrily.

Everybody was helping and bumping into one another and laughing. Roger whipped the cream topping for the pumpkin pie until it stood up in little peaks like snow on a picket fence. He glanced out of the window. Hooray! It was snowing. His daddy, carrying an armful of logs, was covered with the feathery flakes. Roger ran to open the door for him.

Roger knew that after dinner was over and the dishes washed and the table set again for supper they would all gather around the crackling open fire and popcorn and play games. Great-Grandfather would tell them about when he was a boy and the Indians came.

"Why," thought Roger, "Thanksgiving is 'most as good as Christmas."

When the phone rang, Roger answered it. In a minute or two he rushed back into the kitchen all excited.

"It was Norm," he said, "and do you know what? His folks went out of town to a party and left him with the housekeeper. On Thanksgiving! They gave him some money and told him he could do whatever he wanted to do. But there isn't anything he wants to do. He invited me to go to a movie, but I told him I couldn't that I was helping. Can't he eat with us?"

"Of course, he can," said Mother. "Get him right away. You know, I believe he'd like to help, too."

Roger was already putting on his coat as his mother was talking. He pulled his coonskin cap down over his ears and started for the door.

Then he came back and whispered so just his mother could hear, "I like our way the best. I'm glad I'm me!"

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THANKSGIVING DAY

By MARGARET GOOD GREGORY

The turkey's on the platter,
The Cranberry sauce is done,
There're mountains of mashed potatoes,

Oh, we're ready for the fun!
The house is warm and steamy
With smells of mince and spice
And pumpkin pies and pudding
Make all the air so nice.
Mother's pink and pretty,
As she does last minute things,
And Dad seems all excited—

Inside my heart just sings!
Aunt Martha's driving in now,
Hurrah! Let's shout a cheer—
Thanksgiving Day for my family
and me

Is the grandest day of the year!
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AUTUMN ON THE FARM

By EDNA HULL MILLER

Autumn is a time to work
Gathering ripe things in—
Apples, popcorn, squash, and pears

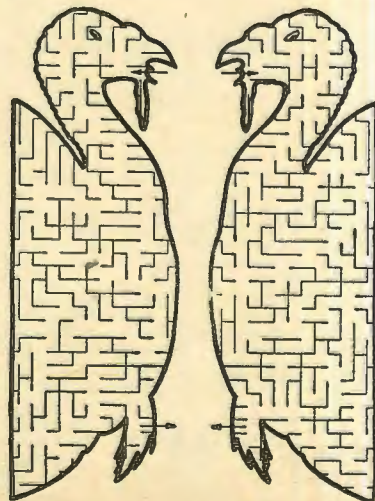
To fill Grandmother's bin.
When winter days are cold
And a fire feels good,
We will sit by Grandmother's side,
Eating this fine food.

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A Game

Begin at the arrow at the mouth of the turkey and follow the line but do not cross any lines as you do. This game is fun to have somebody do the otherside of the game and time yourselves to see who finishes first.

—Reuben S. DeLong



Home Study Bible Course Suggested For Deaf Use

Carter Bearden, Superintendent of Deaf Work for the Home Mission Board, has suggested a "systematic study of the Bible" for silent people through the Home Mission Board's Correspondence Bible Course.

This Bible course, which now has over 11,000 enrolled, is a free homestudy method of Scripture study and is written by Dr. S. F. Dowis, Secretary of Co-operative Missions for the Home Board.

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Individuals desiring to enroll in the course should write to: Dr. S. F. Dowis, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

AUTHOR RECEIVES \$4,000.00 PRIZE MONEY

The Rev. Lon Woodrum, author of "Eternity In Their Heart," First Prize Winner in Zondervan's \$5,000 4th International Christian Fiction Contest, received a check for \$4,000 for his book. The presentation was made by P. J. and B. D. Zondervan October 17, at the publishing house.

Mr. Woodrum, a traveling evangelist and lecturer, is already well established as a writer of adult Christian novels. He won third prize in Zondervan's \$5,000 2nd International Christian Fiction Contest with a previous novel "Of Men And Of Angels." Mr. Woodrum has also had two other novels published — "If You Hear A Song" and "Inherit The Earth."

Mr. Woodrum is now making his home at Caledonia, Michigan.

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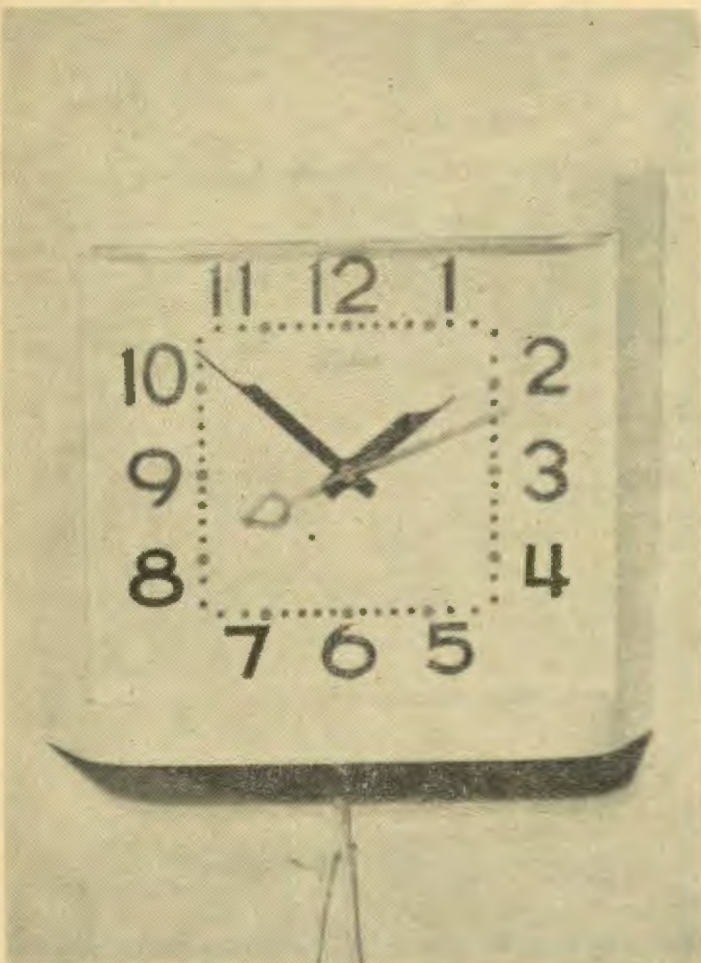
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Baptist Foundation Recommended

For our article on the Baptist Foundation this week we are giving the report on the Foundation made to the State Convention last week. This report was prepared by the Baptist Foundation committee named by President Vaught, of which E. Clay Polk was the chairman.

The ARKANSAS BAPTIST FOUNDATION is an agency of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, having been set up as directed by the Convention and according to the laws of the State of Arkansas, for the purpose of offering safe and adequate means whereby Arkansas Baptists, and their friends, may contribute funds, large or small, for the uninterrupted support of one or more of our Baptist causes, Agencies and Institutions.

The FOUNDATION offers everyone, rich or poor, a chance to leave in safe-keeping some memorial fund, the interest from which will serve needy humanity during the years ahead. All investments are made safe, because the FOUNDATION has been chartered under the laws of Arkansas for specific purposes which must be carried out.

The FOUNDATION seeks to help people be better stewards of their material possessions. Through the FOUNDATION any person can contribute to the long-range program and needs of Baptist Causes and Institutions by gifts of money, stocks, bonds, lands, insurance policies, or property in any form.

The operating expenses of the FOUNDATION are paid out of an allotment from the Cooperative Program. There are no deductions

of any nature, from any gifts made to the FOUNDATION, for operating purposes. The entire amount of all gifts and earnings goes as designated by the donors.

The FOUNDATION is under safe and efficient management. A board of nine members (known as the Board of Directors) are elected by the State Convention to manage the business of the FOUNDATION. Careful consideration is given to the business ability, moral responsibility and integrity of each member. They serve without financial remuneration and all officers who handle funds are bonded. Mr. W. A. Jackson is the faithful and efficient Secretary of the FOUNDATION. You are invited and urged to call upon our FOUNDATION Secretary (Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Arkansas) for any information about any feature of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation Service.

It is the sincere wish of your committee, and we recommend:

(1) That all Arkansas Baptist Pastors and Church Leaders inform themselves and their people, more thoroughly about the FOUNDATION and its work.

(2) That every member of all our Arkansas Baptist Churches, co-operate heartily with our FOUNDATION Leaders in efforts to bring into its keeping many trusts, memorials and other forms of donations.

(3) That we remember to pray for our FOUNDATION work, even as we pray for all of the work of Arkansas Baptists.

W. A. Jackson, Sec'y.

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Communist Continue Anti-Religious Campaign

The Russian people continue to be told by their Communist government that religion "is a spiritual poison" which serves "class exploitation," the U. S. Information Agency reports.

In dispatches to its posts overseas, the Information Agency quotes that message from a Russian language broadcast by the Grozny radio. The Soviet station also said that Eastern peoples created God "as a reflection of monarchy on earth. . . Thus we see that God did not create man, man created God."

At the same time Soviet Communist party leaders in the Odessa region of the Southern Ukraine were told to strengthen anti-religious propaganda, the Information Agency says. The Odessa radio warned: "Some time ago, great work was done in the field of atheistic propaganda, but now its tempo has slackened markedly. It is the duty of party organizations to pay the most serious attention to the intensification of anti-religious propaganda, and to make it militant and aggressive."

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Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

Local Churches Are Now Determining Rate of Advance in World Missions

"From the standpoint of world mission responsibilities Southern Baptists are now engaged in the most significant period of the year's work," Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen told the Foreign Mission Board in its November meeting.

"For one thing, all Cooperative Program receipts now received in the office of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville are divided 75 per cent for foreign missions and 25 per cent for home missions. This is the arrangement made by the Southern Baptist Convention for distribution of funds after the Convention budget has been reached.

"This means that churches can now exert special efforts to give to the Cooperative Program, realizing that 75 per cent of their money will go to foreign missions. We are hoping that more than \$1,500,000 will be received from this source by December 31. To this money we are looking to meet urgent needs in many parts of the world.

"This is also the period of the year when churches are adopting their budgets for 1956. Actually we find what we can do in foreign missions is determined by what the individual churches decide to give as they draw up their budgets.

"Ultimately it is at this point that we must strengthen the missionary enterprise. There is always a grave danger that in times of favorable economy the foreign mission enterprise will be overexpanded with the result that when conditions change serious retrenchments must occur.

"If all churches in the Southern Baptist Convention come to believe that a worthy percentage of their giving should be shared with the rest of the world outside the borders of the United States, it will be possible to project advance in foreign missions knowing that as economic conditions vary support will continue for foreign missions on the same basis as is provided for the needs of the local church and other denominational responsibilities."

Dr. Cauthen listed the current meetings of the Baptist state conventions and Baptist Student Unions as other activities of great importance to world missions. "Baptists will do about foreign missions what they believe the Lord wants them to do. If they can be given proper information and their hearts be inspired to do what God wants, we will see advance continue."

Also the weeks just ahead are very important for world missions

because of the approaching Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Dr. Cauthen said.

He concluded his report: "Mounting world tensions point up afresh the urgency of our world mission undertaking. From every consideration we see renewed evidence that God is calling Southern Baptists to a larger world undertaking than we have ever known."

Special Mission Tours

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will sponsor two tours to overseas mission areas during the summer of 1956. Expenses will be borne by the individuals who make the trips or by the groups who send their pastors or others.

One of the groups will visit Latin America, thus having opportunity to see some of the work carried on by Southern Baptist missionaries in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, and Venezuela.

The other group will go to the Orient and will visit some of the Baptist work in Hawaii, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Macao, Formosa, Japan, and Korea.

The Foreign Mission Board's division of promotion is in charge of arranging the tours, a project which is being undertaken to implement a recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on World Evangelization made at the meeting of the Convention in Miami in May, 1955.

Dr. Rogers M. Smith, the Board's associate secretary for promotion, said so many people visited the mission stations in Africa, Europe, and the Near East on their way to or from the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in London this past summer that it is deemed unwise to plan a trip to that area in 1956.

Dr. Smith said: "While the 1956 tours will be primarily mission tours, many of the main points of general interest will be visited. They will be about five weeks in duration and will be made by air. Full information about the itinerary, dates, and cost will be available around the first of the year. Each tour will be limited to approximately 20 people and a \$200 deposit will insure a reservation."

Dr. Smith suggested that one of the trips would be an excellent Christmas gift for a church to give its pastor.

Send reservations and inquiries for further information to Dr. Rogers M. Smith, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va. (Checks should be made payable to the Foreign Mission Board and marked for deposit on mission tour.)

The \$200 reservation deposit will be refunded in full, up to 30 days before departure time, to anyone who finds he is unable to make the trip.

World Relief

Treasurer Everett L. Deane reported to the Board at its November meeting that a total of \$48,474 has been received for world relief during the first 10 months of 1955. This is \$991 more than was received during the same period of time last year. Recent gifts for world relief include a check for \$1,000 from a couple in Alabama. Several donors have referred to the Board's new film, **Recruits for Christ**, which has scenes depicting the poverty of Korea.

Money for relief should be sent to the Southern Baptist Relief Committee, care of the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.

Day of Opportunity

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said Southern Baptist missionaries in Africa are aware of the immensity of the unfinished task of Christian missions on that vast continent and are asking for recruits. He said Africa has 60,000,000 Moslems, 112,000,000 pagans, and only 21,000,000 Christians.

"The 112,000,000 pagans who could be won with comparative ease will not remain in their paganism indefinitely," Dr. Sadler said. "If we fail in our responsibility today, tomorrow will be too late."

He said 42 students, representing 14 nationalities, are enrolled in the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. About 10 young men are preparing for the ministry in Yugoslavia, nine in Spain, and six in Italy.

"Our representatives in the Near East live in an atmosphere of tension," Dr. Sadler continued. "However, they go about their daily tasks of teaching and preaching and healing with the spirit of devotion that led them to places of difficulty and danger."

Korea Is Responsive To Gospel of Christ

The November report of Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, the sixth in a series on Southern Baptist mission fields in the Orient, dealt with Korea.

Dr. Crawley said in Korea, where the people still live amid uncertainties and tensions, religion is much less highly organized than in China or Japan. Therefore, there is greater readiness for religious change.

The first Protestant missionar-

ies arrived in 1884; and growth to more than 800,000 adherents, or about 4 per cent of South Korea's 20,000,000 people, makes it outstanding among the world's mission successes.

Upon the invitation of Baptists in South Korea, Southern Baptists sent their first missionaries to Korea in 1950. Then there were only 40 Baptist churches in South Korea. These were carried along in an avalanche of refugees fleeing before the Communist invasion. But that time of trouble has resulted in rapid spread of the gospel so that there are now 140 churches in the Korean Baptist Convention, with a membership of about 5,000 and with 25 ordained pastors and more than 130 evangelists and Bible women. Southern Baptists have 20 missionaries under appointment for Korea.

Dr. Crawley said: "Recently Korean Baptists have asked that evangelistic missionaries be placed in 25 cities. In addition there are urgent needs for medical doctors, seminary teachers, student workers, and literature and promotional workers to strengthen every aspect of Baptist life in Korea.

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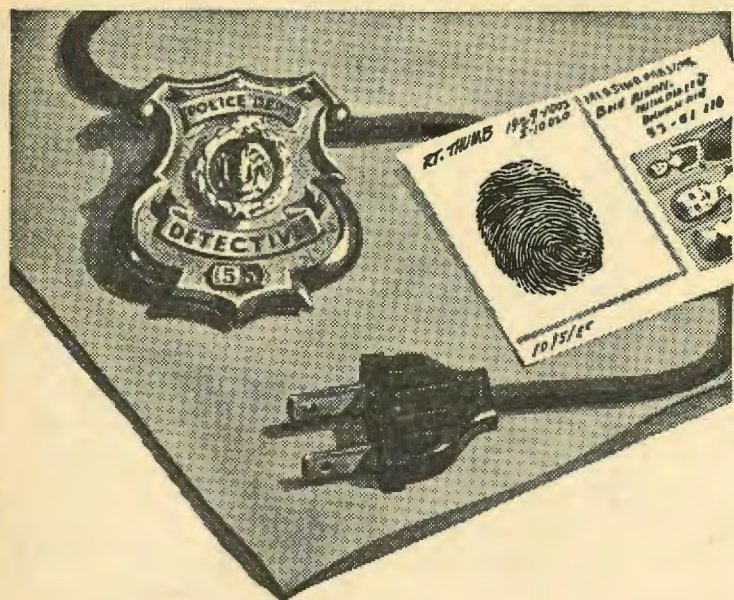
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1953—13,251
1954—14,693
1955—15,014

In these three years the churches in our state have won to Christ and baptized into the fellowship of our churches a total of 42,958.

Your Department of Evangelism, through your Secretary, has earnestly sought to emphasize, implement, and encourage our pastors and churches to greater and more effective evangelistic efforts in winning lost people to Christ.

We have constantly emphasized and promoted the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism. This program calls for two revivals in each church every year. One, an associational simultaneous crusade, with every church in the association co-operating. The other, a local church revival, with such emphasis as the pastor and church may wish to make. We believe that no better or more effective method of evangelism has yet been discovered. It is effective, it is Christ centered and church centered.

The fact that each year there has been an increase in baptisms is encouraging. Yet, the increase is not as large as we wish it might have been. Our total task of evangelism in Arkansas is "Every creature." There are still more than one million lost souls in this state. We must win them to Christ in larger numbers each year. **One to eight**—This means that one soul won to Christ for each eight members of our churches would give us the increase that would please the Saviour. Try it in '56.

Our South-wide Department of Evangelism has developed a program of one-day associational evangelistic clinics. This is the best aid which has yet been offered to pastors and churches in helping them to prepare for a simultaneous revival crusade. Eual Lawson, of the South-wide Department of Evangelism has been assigned the work of prompting the associational evangelistic clinic. We have secured Mr. Lawson's services for our state, February 13-16. We are trying to work out meetings in strategic centers, to which associational leaders and pastors may come together for a one-day evangelism clinic. We hope to announce a schedule in our next article. In the meantime, we earnestly urge every association to plan such a clinic as early in the year as possible.

The program for 1956 calls for evangelistic crusade in all 45 associations, with every church participating. Each association will choose the date best suited to the local area. A number of associations have already voted to enter such a crusade in '56. We sincerely hope and pray that all associations will conduct a crusade next year. A good slogan is: "1,136 churches, winning and baptizing 16,666 souls in '56."

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Spread of the Good News

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

November 27, 1955

Luke 8:1, 4-8; 9:1-6

This quarter the portrait of Jesus is being built. Luke strives to show Him as Christ through recitation of His words and deeds. Luke has introduced Him, given His training record, recorded His start of public ministry and proved He had the power of God.

Now the picture of Jesus sharpens in focus and detail. Not only does Jesus possess power, but he has rightly chosen the channels of its use. Human need is supplied. The task is now to spread the good news of this remarkable power to all people everywhere. This good news is readily received by the sick and ailing and by those who have had their dead raised. However, the good news includes the whole redemption whereby the body of man is brought into God's salvation. This is the center of Christ's message.

Previous to this lesson Jesus used Capernaum as a sort of center from which the lines of His work and blessing have radiated. In the beginning of the eighth chapter He moves outward through the cities and villages preaching the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God. No mention of miracles is made in the brief summary of His ministry (8:1). It is not to be supposed that they were suspended but they were placed in the background as secondary matters while the message was brought to the foreground as the primary matter. The delivery of this message is the consuming work of the Master. He was accompanied by His twelve in addition to women who served and ministered out of their substance (8:2-3). Because of their support Jesus was no burden to the poor who had the gospel preached to them.

GOOD NEWS DEMANDS GOOD HEARING.

Jesus used parables to teach. These parables were well chosen and told in a manner to hold the attention of every hearer. "Much people" were gathered about Him when He told of a sower, his seed and soil. The sower and seed immediately slide to the background while the soil upon which the seed fell becomes the frontal fact within the parable. The seeds fell on different kinds of soil which made them waste, worthless, or productive. The main truth of the parable is the condition of the soil. Hearers are compared to the four types of soil mentioned.

The story is so simple and its meaning so true that it is easy to grasp. The four types of soil mentioned have their counterpart in every congregation. There are people who are hardened like a packed path. Many things have gone over their lives. The very essence of life is so hard packed that any new thing is unable to secure root within the life. They are encrusted people. This life

holds the seed on the surface and birds pick them up. Life is affected by what is rooted deep within it. Surface contacts fail to change or convert. The soil wouldn't receive. The second type of people are those who are shallow like the inch or two of soil covering a projecting ridge. Nothing is wrong with the soil. It isn't deep enough to support. It has no substratum for moisture. It readily receives the seed. It gives warmth to sprout but soon the plant withers and fades because of lack of moisture. Each knows these superficial hearers. Sometimes they can say the loudest "Amen" and then be the farthest away when the battle rages.

The third seed fell upon weedy, or preoccupied ground and was choked out. Maybe this type of hearer is most common today. They are neither hard packed nor shallow. They have good soil with possibilities of abundant harvest. Yet they are devoid and empty of real value to their community. They "are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to perfection" (8:14). These people are strong in intention. They do not mean to neglect God and His purpose. They have personal ambition and their choices are worthy. However, they are so preoccupied that intentions for God are choked out. These people have only one day for personal work whether recreation or "rest." Their "week ends" are devoted to self and selfish pursuits. How many times lately have you heard from the preoccupied person the statement, "I do not have time?" It is an ill omen when any one moment cannot be used for eternity. Future welfare is bound tightly into this moment's action.

The fourth soil is that which is productive. It produces a good, wonderful crop. It bears fruit one hundred fold. Jesus spoke His parable to admonish those pressed about Him because each class of hearers was present. "Ye who have ears to hear, let him hear" (8:8). Actually the good news of God's kingdom depends upon the hearer. His response to it will be in proportion to his ability to hear and understand.

THE SPREAD OF THE GOOD NEWS

(Luke 9:1-6)

The twelve disciples were qualified and empowered to go forth as spreaders of Jesus' good news. They were given both power and authority over devils and disease.

The latter were signs which would attest their relation to God. It is interesting to note that Jesus sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. It would seem that the distribution of the message was of greater import than the healing of the bodily diseases among men. So many things entangle within life that it is possible that even the sower will become confused. To prevent this condition, Jesus gave command that these would go as simply as possible. They were to take nothing for the journey, no staves, scrip, bread, money. Neither were they to have two coats. There was urgency about the message they were to spread. When they entered a house which would receive them, they were to abide in that house and not be promiscuous about the community. If they were not received, they were to shake off the very dust from their feet and proceed onward.

There are always some who will receive the gospel. These must be sought. All people are not ready at the same time. Human wisdom cannot always detect those who are ready. God can.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

How do you hear? One makes a mistake when he thinks that dull hearers are only among the sinner class. Many professed children of God hear badly. One can find within the church the hardened soul, hardened even by familiarity with the gospel. The shallow soul needs deep enriching overflow to come to him. The preoccupied person must be taught discipline of time and values. How do you hear when the gospel is preached? It is worthwhile for one to strive to be the good, productive soil for the Master.

How did you sow? Can you imagine no sower out in the field? What if the sower had never

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	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alma, First	203	89	
Berryville, First	228	116	
Camden, First	*786	*319	1
Conway, First	556	151	2
Cullendale, First	453	208	
El Dorado, First	*1,094	*371	3
El Dorado, Immanuel	752	335	2
El Dorado, Second	578	263	10
El Dorado, West Side	356	108	
Fayetteville, First	*693	*245	1
Fayetteville, University	208	130	
Forcyce, First	413	159	1
Fort Smith, First	*1,593	*695	11
Fort Smith			
Grand Avenue	* 874	*340	5
Fort Smith, Immanuel	425	139	2
Fort Smith, Spradling	262	109	
Fort Smith, Temple	215	159	3
Fort Smith, Trinity	360	140	1
Helena (West)	437	160	
Hot Springs, Central	384	147	
Hot Springs, First	344	112	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	470	180	1
Jacksonville, First	* 478	206	9
Jonesboro, Central	439	193	3
Little Rock, First	*1,057	*476	47
Little Rock			
Immanuel	*1,628	*507	6
Little Rock			
Pulaski Heights	636	177	2
Little Rock, Second	*1,030	*354	4
Little Rock			
South Highland	558	212	26
Little Rock			
Tyler Street	229	84	
Malvern, First	563	182	
Monticello, First	437	251	
McGehee, First	500	239	
Nashville, First	294	122	
North Little Rock			
Park Hill	520	177	6
Paragould, East Side	308	156	2
Paragould, First	661	312	
Paris, First	350	113	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	623	233	2
Rogers, Immanuel	126	50	2
Rogers, Sunny Side	160	62	
Searcy, First	365	120	
Smackover, First	345	161	
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	196	117	
Springdale, First	425	220	1

come? Is there a prophetic element in the parable of the seed and sower? The sower is an important person. He distributes. He gives opportunity. He increases the potential of the seed. The background of the writer is that of farm life. He has never seen a crop made while the seeds were in a bag in the shed. That seed had to be sown. Some Christians sack the seed and there ends their ministry.



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"Tell Any Church to Raise Its Mission Gifts"

The Piney Church, William West, pastor, is happy and we quote their challenge to other churches and we believe they are correct. Here is what they say:

"Our church has had the greatest month in its history financially speaking. Even in the midst of a building crisis we raised our gifts from 13 percent to 15 percent. We exceeded our budget this month. I believe in the 'Cooperative Program with all my heart.' Tell any church that wants to grow financially — 'To raise its mission gifts and God will open hearts at home.'" — B. L. B.

Fairview Increases Gifts

The Fairview Church near Leachville will give for the Cooperative Program on the percentage basis in the future. They will give 7 percent of their receipts through the Cooperative Program. We have already gotten one check on this new arrangement and it is nearly four times as much as they have been giving. Pastor Guy Whitney is an alert, consecrated, young man and he plans his work and works his plans. — B. L. B.

Bennett and \$25,000

The Beech Street Church (Texarkana) has fortunately obtained the services of Harold C. Bennett. He comes to Beech Street from Shreveport and the church is happy with their relationship. Pastor Bennett is "taking off" in an impressive manner. He is preaching to large crowds of people and look what they are going to do for the Cooperative Program in 1956—\$25,000. And this church has indebtedness and they have recently purchased a \$60,000 piece of property across the street from their present building, yet they increase their mission gifts more than 35 percent. This is a fine example for two or three of our other churches who want to make missions pay for their local buildings. Please come along brethren and let's not allow missions to suffer on account of local expansion. — B. L. B.

Hulbert Also Increases

The Hulbert Church near West Memphis has recently conducted a School of Missions and they are all committed to the Cooperative Missionary Program. A word from the pastor says, "Our church voted 100 percent Sunday morning to send this money (\$100). Our church has in the past let down on sending to the Cooperative Program but as of now, I may speak for the Hulbert Church in saying we are going to give in a systematic way from now on." — B. L. B.

And Look at Paris

Have you had any doubts about Dale McCoy's leadership and loyalty? McCoy is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Paris. The church has been giving around \$4,000 for the Cooperative Program but next year they plan to give more than \$8,000. They are doubling their gifts. This is another fine example for all of us. They have their building debts and they are in a section where the extended drouth really hurt, but they love missions.

A Word of Caution

The secular world seems to think churches exist for the purpose of promoting worldly affairs. And for fear someone might get offended, and because we want to be broad-minded, many a Sunday morning worship service is almost ruined with announcement after announcement about this, that, and the other. Some people seem to have the idea that the church exists primarily to promote something (which will happen later) that is more important than worshipping God and seeking the lost.

Our church services should never become voices for whatever happens to be the new "fad" or the new "rave." When that happens more and more of the people will pull out their Christianity, dust it off, "tidy" it up and go to church at least on Easter and at Christmas.

The Sunday morning worship service is more than a time and place for the pastor to act like a mendicant begging for a handout, as he announces and pleads for some cause or organization. John the Baptist came preaching. Jesus came preaching, and said, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit."

Somehow, we believe that we can bring forth more fruit by using every available moment of the Sunday worship hour for more noble efforts than trying to be broadminded about promoting Tom, Dick and Harry's ideas about the world. — R. D.

Childress Chapel Also

Childress Chapel will no longer give the meager \$35 a month for the Cooperative Program, but will give 10 percent of the undesignated receipts which will be much larger than they have been giving. Thank you, Brother Fullen, and the Childress Church. — B. L. B.

Sedgwick Increased Gifts

"We raised our Cooperative Program gifts from 2 percent to 7 percent of all our income." Howard Williams is their consecrated pastor. Thank you, Brother Williams, and Sedgwick. — B. L. B.

Another 50% Increase

The Grandview Church in Carroll County is increasing its Cooperative Program gifts by 50 percent. Pastor Homer Allred is a fine spirited leader and as loyal as anybody can be. He has some of the salt of the earth in his church. We remember some of his members coming to us and telling us how they are planning from time to time to increase their gifts for missions. They are concerned over lost souls. This church has a splendid record from every viewpoint. The entire association is marching upward in bigger undertakings. — B. L. B.

Hughes Increases 25%

The treasurer of the Hughes Baptist Church says that "Beginning with October 1, we have voted to pay \$200 per month to the Cooperative Program." The Lord has wonderfully blessed the church at Hughes and the people are happy. — B. L. B.

A Good Spirit

It is 5:00 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, the first day of the One Hundred Second Annual Session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

This has been a great day! You will get a full report of the entire Convention proceedings in a later issue, but we do want to pen these few lines while the impression is fresh on our mind.

That a fine spirit of co-operation prevails among us was made more evident as the 1956 Cooperative Program budget of \$1,331,409.09 (the largest ever) was adopted without one question being asked. We realize that this does not mean that every messenger to the Convention was completely satisfied with every item in the budget, but it did reflect a fine spirit and a Christ-like approach to our work.

When the budget was explained, and the people were told that our Executive Board members had worked hard, planned diligently, prayed fervently, and that the departmental and institutional heads had been consulted about their needs, the Convention was willing to accept and adopt the budget without a question and without a dissenting vote. A few of our brethren had objections to some items in the budget but when they were allowed to come before the Executive Board and make their appeals and listen to a full explanation, they went along with the majority.

In these Conventions, Baptists argue and pray themselves together and then the Cooperative Program becomes "Our Program" as each messenger goes back to the home church and starts talking about and promoting Kingdom causes through a unified budget. — R. D.

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Found Wanting

By W. B. O'NEAL

Daniel 5:22-27

Belshazzar is charged with gross sins, multiple idolatry and lifting up himself against God, and further of desecrating the holy vessels from the temple at Jerusalem.

But the lack of weight in Belshazzar's case is clearly painted in two charges. There are the want of humility (verse 22) and the lack of glorification of God in his life (verse 23b).

The two weights, God's standards, are placed in the one side of the balances over against the man on the other. Had Belshazzar had enough of humility and a sufficiency of adoration toward the Lord, pride, idolatry, and desecration of things holy could never have found room in his life.

It is remarkable how much wickedness the Devil can crowd into a man who weighs short with God. And if one weighs short with God he is sure to become a storeroom of the evil.

Correction

In the quarterly report, November 10 issue, Floral Church failed to receive credit for contributions as follows: Cooperative Program, \$358.99; designated, \$50.