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**Arkansas Baptist**

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JUNE 30, 1966

# personally speaking

## Mt. Olive homecoming

THE old-time singing, with "dinner-on-the-ground," is barely holding on by its teeth these days. I guess there is just too much else going on. It is hard to realize now that a singing could ever have been the "big to-do" it was at the Campbellite Church, down on Bunker, 50 years ago.

On a recent Sunday I was the guest of the John Reeds of Bauxite for a singing (homecoming) at the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, in the nearby community where the Reeds had grown up.

Our part of this nostalgic experience began with the dinner on the ground. It was potluck—down on Bunker it used to be family trunk-luck or washtub-luck, for our mammas carried their several days' cooking in trunks and tubs. The Mt. Olive food was good and there was plenty of it—back of the one-room church and under oak trees. But it was a lot different from the old-time dinners-on-the-ground.

The lightbread was all storebought. There had been no kneading of the dough, working in the yeast and leaving it all to "rise" while everybody was constantly reminded to tiptoe so as not to jar the dough and make it "fall." There was plenty of fried chicken, but nary a bowl of chicken-and-dressing deliciously seasoned with home-grown sage and the fat of the sacrificed fowl. And where, oh where was the heavenly home-cured ham and its red-eyed gravy? Where was the habit-forming streaked side meat like that we used to keep—while it lasted—hanging in the smokehouse? There were plenty of sweets—banana puddin' and chocolate cake (Betty Crocker-mix?), and pineapple-upside-down cake, etc.—but not a single, mouth-watering egg-custard pie in the whole spread!

The food was good, but you could tell by the taste that it had not been cooked on wood-burning cookstoves.

I've had so much to say about the dinner that some of you may get the idea that's what I went for. But we did stay for the singing. And while it was enough like the old singings to call back memories, the singing has changed too. The showmanship of the song leaders ain't what it used to be. There was some waving of the arms but there was not one foot-stomper in the whole succession of leaders. And most of the singing was from the church hymnal—The American Baptist Association hymnal, the most of whose contents would be quite at home in a Convention Baptist Church service. If there were any Stamps-Baxter books, I didn't see

them. Certainly nobody was selling a lot of paperback songbooks of several different kinds purportedly "just off the press."

But, as the neighborhood correspondents used to say about such events, in reporting to the Russellville *Courier-Democrat*, "a good time was had by all."

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

RECENTLY a group from Fayetteville First Church attended Youth Week at Glorieta, N. M. Upon their return they reported to their church their reactions to the discussions and programs of the assembly. You'll enjoy and profit from reading about them in Harriet Hall's "Feminine Philosophy," page 5.

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AT the first BEST conference in Nashville recently, a federal aid plea was made. The Baptist Press brings you a report on page 10.

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THE Declaration of Independence signers are the subject of a handsome set of two volumes, *Founders of Freedom in America*, of particular interest at this Fourth of July season. The Editor reviews the books in the "Bookshelf" on page 13.

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OLDSTERS as well as youngsters will find suggestions of interest in today's Children's Nook, page 17. Elizabeth Phillips has some fine ideas for hobbies that are both inexpensive and valuable.

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## July 4, 1966

ONE hundred ninety years ago the American colonists "turned their backs upon George III and the British government and declared themselves an independent people."<sup>1</sup> In a superb document designated "The Declaration of Independence," eventually signed by a total of 56 distinguished Americans, the colonial patriots set forth the basic rights of men under God. At no place does The Declaration of Independence stand taller than in its second paragraph:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*

But great proclamations are only the charting of courses. They are no more than nice sentiments until they are adopted in the hearts of people and actually put into practice.

The "all men" referred to in The Declaration of Independence was idealistic and did not refer, really, to all men, but to all citizens. And that was another matter, in 1776. For there were many people in the American colonies who were not citizens but chattel, owned and bartered as so many cattle. It was not until 87½ years later, as of Jan. 1, 1863, that United States President Abraham Lincoln, his back to the wall in a bloody civil war, issued his Emancipation Proclamation declaring the freeing of all Negro slaves in the states then at war against the Federal government.

Following the end of the Civil War the cause of human rights took another step forward, on paper, with the addition of certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Article XIII declared: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

Section I of Article XIV declared to be United States citizens "all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." Its most significant statement declared: "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Fourth of July this year finds our nation deeply involved in a war on the other side of the world, undertaking to guarantee human rights and political freedom for dark-skinned people of another nation. But while the war goes on in Vietnam, we struggle daily at home with open and widespread unwillingness of States and people

to abide by certain basic human-rights provisions of our own Constitution. In the continuing civil rights struggle our hearts are sickened daily by deplorable actions and attitudes on both sides of the conflict. Who really likes "freedom marches" with their chanting masses, and the Confederate-flag-waving, violence-threatening groups that react? But who, regardless of his color or the side of the civil war the most of his forbears were on, can be a part of trying to perpetuate a second, third, or fourth-class citizenship for any fellow Americans?

As we celebrate another Independence Day we need no new declaration of human rights. And perhaps our meditation should not be on eighteenth century British despotism but on twentieth century American inconsistency. Our great need is for a matching of the letter of our revered proclamations with a spirit becoming men all of whom are equal in the sight of their Creator.

Founders of Freedom in America, Signers of the Declaration of Independence, by David C. Whitney, J. G. Ferguson Publishing Co., 1964, p. 10

## Potshots -

ACCORDING to the American Automobile Association, it costs \$48 a day for a couple with two children to drive 300 miles, eat all meals in restaurants, and stay overnight in a motel. But, of course, that does not include anything for damage to frayed nerves.

*The Survey Bulletin* says that when 100 new jobs are created by industrial expansion in a community: 359 more people, 100 more households, 91 additional school-age children, 97 motor vehicles, 165 more persons working in trades serving the main industry, \$229,000 in additional bank deposits, and \$710,000 in additional personal incomes are added to the area.

But how many this adds to the church rolls of the community all depends on how effective are the church visitation programs.

A STATE law requiring licensing of TV repairmen may be recommended for Illinois by the state's attorney general William G. Clark. According to a report from the Christian Life Commission of SBC, Nashville: "A secret three-month survey of TV repair shops in eight Illinois cities found that repairmen were charging for repairs that were not made, replacing parts which were in perfect condition, and, in some cases, deliberately damaging parts which could then be replaced at mark-ups as high as 800 percent. The attorney general's investigation used 40 TV sets which were put into perfect condition by a professor of electrical engineering. Damaged tubes were installed which could be replaced for from \$5 to \$15. The dishonest bills ranged as high as \$45.70. A public hearing was ordered to give the companies involved an opportunity to defend themselves.

Now who will be first to say, "You can't legislate honesty!"

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## *the people SPEAK*

THE spelling and sentence structure in this department are those of the writers. The only editing of letters to the editor is the writing of headlines and, occasionally, deletion of parts that are not regarded as essential.

### July history emphasis

JULY is Honor Shepherd month according to the Baptist History Honor Calendar. The History Commission of ABSC suggests that each association search out the oldest preacher in point of service to churches in its membership for special recognition in its workers conference of this month. Each church might assist by looking out the oldest preachers in its membership. How long has each been preaching? What churches has he served? Have they all been in Arkansas or in your association? A brief five or ten minute biography pointing out the outstanding events and achievements in his life would add human interest to any program. If the program committee thinks profitable, it might assign to someone the responsibility to give a well prepared, condensed biography of a great preacher of the past whose work and life greatly contributed, determined, or governed the course of the association. Please let your District Commissioner know the full details of your program.—Dr. George T. Blackmon, Executive Secretary, History Commission, ABSC

### On using discretion

I WOULD like to mention briefly some of the letters that appear from time to time in "Letters to the Editor." We are part of a land in which the heritage of "freedom of the press" is stressed, sometimes to our own detriment. However, I believe it would be more pleasing to our Lord and Master, if we as Christians and especially Southern Baptist Christians . . . used a bit more discretion in the manner in which we disagree with others of the brethren.

Nowhere do I find any backing for the use of jazz in a Baptist College, or any Christian College for that matter. I do not agree with an ordained Baptist preacher indulging in worldly activities such as dancing the Watusi, regardless of how high his political position may be. However, I find no scripture that backs up anyone in the use of sarcasm when criticizing these people. To belittle a Baptist Preacher because he lacks a

few years of having a college education and possibly shows this in his use of the English language, is in my opinion straying away from what Christ taught about brotherly love. I believe, that the average person of intelligence, can place his protests in letter form, without seeming to be un-Christian in the method he uses.

God knows we need protests from Christians today. We need Christians who will stand up and be counted when matters of right and wrong come before us for our consideration. Let's protest as Christian gentlemen.

As to Southern Baptists being narrow minded, let me make this suggestion:

When you go to a doctor, you expect him to be absolutely correct in his diagnosis. There is no room for guess work there. You do not call him narrow minded!

When a problem in mathematics is put on the black board, there is only one answer. It is either right or wrong. Is the mathematician narrow minded because he insists on the only one correct answer?

When a rocket sets out for a journey into outerspace, everything must be set exactly right. There is no room for broadmindedness if the astronauts are to come back alive.

When you take your car into a garage and have the piston rings replaced, the new rings must be set within 10,000ths of an inch if the car is to run smoothly. No room for broadmindedness here.

So why should we be broadminded in the matter of our religious beliefs. There is only one Word of God; only one way to be saved; only one Saviour. Only one life for each of us to live. We can afford to be nothing but narrow minded. For . . . "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

I'm proud to be a Southern Baptist, but I believe we have too great a task to do, to spend so much of our time arguing over things that are sometimes trivial.—Gordon "Jack" Mohr, Lt. Col. USA Ret., Memorial Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark.

### Watusi continued

I PRAY that Mr. Browning is fully aware of Christ's great love; but is also aware that our Lord never condoned sin in any form. When He observed sin in God's house, He cleaned house (Matt 21:12-13).—Walter L. Callison, Pastor, Moark Baptist Church, Route 1, Corning, Ark.

### The Cover



**FIRST LADY OF FREEDOM**  
—Statue of Liberty, Upper New York Bay on Liberty Island, was a gift from France in 1885. This dramatic photo, made with a tele-scopic lens, emphasizes the Statue itself, which stands 152 feet high on a pedestal 150 feet high. Liberty Island is now a national monument and can be reached daily by ferry boat.—Photo by Louis C. Williams

### Liquor on planes

ENCLOSED you will find a copy of the resolution concerning alcohol on airlines which our church unanimously passed on June 5, 1966. Our members have strongly urged me to seek support in this effort from our sister churches.

Our Congressman, the Hon. Wright Patman, assures us that this method and reason for addressing the Congress "is entirely appropriate and timely. . . Please be assured of my deep interest and whole hearted cooperation in furthering this crusade against alcohol."

We believe that something can be done about this deplorable situation if there is a reaction at the "grass-roots" level. Here are three things which churches and Christians can do which may prove very helpful:

1. Write letters to their Congressmen.
2. Churches could draft and adopt similar resolutions.
3. Write letters to: (1) Congressman Harley O. Staggers, Chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; (2) Mr. Charles S. Murphy, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board; (3) Mr. William F. McKee, Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency.—James Semple, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Paris, Tex.

REPLY: Those interested in having copies of the resolution referred to here may secure them from Pastor Semple.—ELM

# Feminine philosophy -- or intuition

BY HARRIET HALL

## Young people religious?

RECENTLY a group of young people from our church attended Youth Week at Glorieta, N. M. When they returned they were asked to report on their trip during the Sunday evening worship service.

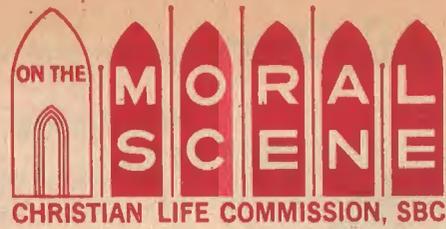
One girl said, "In one of our discussion groups we attempted to define sin. At first we said that sin is simply doing something wrong.

"After further discussion," she continued, "we realized that sin can be much more than that so we revised our definition. We decided that sin is 'anything we do that is not the will of God.' This would include things we do that are wrong and things we have left undone that we should have done.

"While we were at Glorieta," this attractive girl continued, "I decided that I wanted more than anything else to live each moment of each day according to God's will for my life."

Another young person said, "At first we thought Glorieta was just another camp. Before we left home our minister of education had told us it would be different. We soon learned that he was right. We felt that God was there—and He is still with us."

One of the boys said, "Frankly, when I started on this trip the main thing I wanted was a good time, and I had it. But on our trip some things happened which made me begin to think. On Sunday night our youth choir gave a concert at Enid, Okla. That was the night of the tornadoes. A big tornado passed right over the church where we were—the Associated Press carried the picture. It did some severe damage in the city. After the service we went out to see the wreckage.



... "STARK naked drama . . . Sadism . . . Stripped naked raw drama . . ." are quotes from an advertisement for a motion picture in *Variety* (May 4, 1966, issue). The ad, with lurid pictorial detail, is directed to theater owners in an effort to get bookings for the picture. "It's breaking records in drive-ins—family theaters—art theaters," assures the ad. The most cynical claim of all is featured in large letters: "ALL IT DOES IS MAKE LOTS AND LOTS OF MONEY!"

... An "honor class" for alcoholics was started ten years ago by a municipal judge in Des Moines, Ia. Judge Ray Harrison started the class when he became a judge. "There were 163 of the toughest, roughest drunks we ever had in town at my honor class Wednesday night," said Judge Harrison. According to the plan, arrested drunks enter a plea of guilty and are given a six-weeks delayed sentence with the provision that they attend the Wednesday night class each week. They are given free vitamin B-1 shots by a doctor, refreshments of doughnuts and milk, a clean change of clothing, and help with getting a job. Judge Harrison said that employers now telephone and offer jobs to the honor class members. Some continue to attend the class for years, and all receive a weekly letter giving news and plans for the meetings. "Often this is the only piece of mail they ever get. It lets them know that someone gives a damn," said Judge Harrison. When an alcoholic enters the class his picture is taken, and a year later another picture is taken. According to Judge Harrison, the improvement is so great, they seldom look like the same person.

... Since 1930, 53.7 percent of all executed prisoners have been Negro even though Negroes are only 10 percent of the national population.

"That night," continued the young man, "I did some serious thinking. What if this day had been my last one? What had I ever done for God?"

He continued his testimony by saying that after he got to Glorieta he was greatly impressed by conferences of Bible study in I John, messages, a B.S.U. discussion, a moving talk by a Georgia Tech student who had helped build a mission while serving as a summer missionary, the music of the 1800 young people, special music, and the cabin conference and prayer time.

In a commitment service this young man felt led to dedicate his life to full-time service, signifying his willingness to follow "in whatever direction God leads."

Others in this group of young people gave fine testimonies to the fact that God is still calling our young people into service. Mention was also made of the fact that God needs lay-workers

to witness for him, and that all are happiest when they have found His direction.

Youth workers in one discussion group were asked to describe intermediates. About twenty-five words such as "clumsy, restless, eager," etc., were written on a blackboard. The discussion leader then pointed out that only five of the words were positive and all the rest were descriptive of negative traits. Then he shamed this group of religious leaders by calling their attention to one descriptive word they had omitted from the list: *religious*.

Are our young people of today religious? I believe many of them are. Let us pray that they may continue to seek God's will "each moment of each day."

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Comments, questions, or suggestions may be addressed to:

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Fayetteville, Ark.

# Arkansas All Over

## To Biscoe church



FRED GAY

FRED Gay has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Biscoe.

He is presently attending Ouachita University, from which he will graduate in August.

Mr. Gay formerly served as pastor of Cedar Grove Church, Arkadelphia. He is married to the former Miss Betty Reasor of Flint, Mich. They have a daughter, Rebecca, 9.

## Dedicate parsonage

FIRST Church, Carlisle, held dedication services for its new parsonage following morning worship June 19.

Open house was held during the afternoon, and a reception was held in the dining room of the church. The four-bedroom parsonage will be occupied by Pastor Charles Chesser and his family.

DR. R. TREVIS Otey, formerly of North Little Rock, marked completion of eight years pastorate of Glasgow Church, Glasgow, Ky., June 19. During the past year, a new church building was completed, Dr. Otey received his Doctor of Divinity degree, and his son Stephen Kam was born. It was a record financial year for the church.

## Arkansans at Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST — More than 400 college students from around the nation make up the 1966 staff at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly. Four of the students are from Arkansas.

Three of the students are from Ouachita Baptist University: Faunt B. Smith Jr., Camden; Janice Grigsby, Batesville; and Jerry Hoff, Eudora. The other staffer is Tela Seay, Paragould, a student at the University of Arkansas.

## No July 7 issue

IN accordance with long-standing tradition, we will not publish an issue of the *Arkansas Baptist News-magazine* July 7. The news-magazine has 50 issues a year, missing Christmas week and the week of the Fourth of July.

For your convenience we are printing Sunday School lessons for the next two weeks in this issue.

## At Home Ec meet

ANGELA Hooper, Mena, president of the Arkansas Home Economics Association for college



MISS HOOPER

women and a student at Ouachita University, is attending the national convention of the American Home Economics Association in San Francisco. Miss Hooper is accompanied by Mrs. Mescal Johnston and Mrs. Cora Lee Cuthridge, both of Little Rock.

Miss Hooper was elected president of the state college group at their spring convention. She will be advised during her term in office by Mrs. Hazel Thomas of the Ouachita Home Economics department, who is the state advisor.

## Danville pastor



CARL J. PEARSON

CARL J. Pearson, pastor of New Hope Church, Aubrey, Tex., has accepted the call of First Church, Danville. Mr. Pearson assumed his work June 12.

A native of Bradley, he is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Pearson is the former Miss Dorothy Barrington, Bradley. They have two children, Gary, 8, and Vaunda, 4.

## Licensed to preach

J. C. VERSER, a deacon of West Side First Church, Little Red River Association, has been licensed to preach and is available for supply or pastorate.

Mr. Verser, who has held numerous offices in his church, has been preaching in the Heber Springs area.

REV. and Mrs. Russell L. Locke, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough. They may be addressed, c/o James W. Locke, Half Way, Mo. Both grew up in Missouri (he was born in San Diego, Calif. and she, the former Veda Williams, in Shirley, Ark.). When appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955 he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Luling, La.

## Revival news

MARION COUNTY-wide revival July 27-Aug. 7 on grounds of First Church, Yellville.

SMACKOVER First July 17-24; Ben Bracken, evangelist; James Carraway, singer; D. C. McAtee, pastor.

GARY Hook, Lake City, is serving as summer youth director of First Church, Newport.

## White River news

PAUL Lewis has resigned Yellville Church.

COY Womack has been called as pastor of Rea Valley Mission and New Hope Church for a period of three months in accordance with the new in-service training program.

KENNETH Parker, Little Rock, has been called to pastor the Arkana Mission and survey the Jordan and Rodney communities in connection with the same program.

OAK Grove has called L. A. Elliott as pastor. Mr. Elliott is a lay preacher from First Church, Mountain Home.

MOUNTAIN Home First has a new associate pastor, Eugene May, a senior at Ouachita University.

## DEATHS

Jack J. Cowsert, 75, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, June 17, in Wingate, N. C., where he had made his home since retiring in 1960.

A native of Goodman, Miss., Mr. Cowsert was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1920. Throughout his missionary career he was stationed in Rio de Janeiro, where his first job was directing Baptist evangelistic work. In 1928 he began doing publication work part time, and after 1935 that was his major responsibility.

Mrs. William Owen Carver, 82, widow of a seminary professor, June 16, at Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Carver was associated with Southern Seminary there for more than a half-century, including 45 years as professor of missions. He died in 1954.

Survivors include Mrs. Maxfield Garrett, a Southern Baptist missionary to Japan; George Carver, a Louisville realtor; W. O. Carver Jr., a retired Louisville newspaperman; Mrs. M. B. Cramer of Pennsylvania; and James E. Carver of Laurinburg, N. C.



*FATHER OF YEAR—Ralph A. Holt, North Little Rock grocer, receives a portrait of himself reproduced on the cover of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, citing him as "Arkansas Baptist Father of the Year." The presentation was made Father's Day at Baring Cross Church by Mrs. E. F. Stokes, associate editor of the Newsmagazine and a member of the church. At left is Pastor Alvin K. Pitt. Mrs. Holt stands beside her husband.*



*BOB Purvis, University Church, Little Rock, instructs eight campers attending the Arkansas State Convention's Royal Ambassador encampment at Paron Camp, in the identity and markings of snakes during the nature study period. Looking on are James and Ronnie Miller, Lonoke, Charles Harvey and Ferschel Johnson, Little Rock, Dennis Strebeck, Bill Keen and Jerry Morgan, Crossett, and Jim Barnes, Bauxite. The last of three weeks of Royal Ambassador Camps concluded July 1. (Photo by John Cutsinger)*

# From the churches . . .

## Little Rock Bethel



GROUND was broken Apr. 10 for a new \$9,000 building. Members of the church will do most of the labor and Pastor Henry Glasgow will act as contractor.

Clifton Galyean, chairman of the building committee, is shown turning a spadeful of dirt.

## Prescott Boughton



MRS. T. W. McDaniels was presented with a corsage by Pastor Charles R. Stanford for her fifty years as church pianist.

The presentation was made at the annual homecoming June 5, with 500 in attendance.

## Springdale Elmdale

RESERVED: At the Early Worship Service two rows of pews are reserved

for those who must arrive late. Your cooperation in not sitting on these reserved pews is requested and deeply appreciated.

## Paris First

SUNDAY School and worship services began at Scranton Chapel June 19. The services are being held in the American Legion building. This is a temporary arrangement pending completion of the church building now under construction. It's possible it will be ready by Aug. 1. Practically all of the building has been done by donated labor.

## At South Highland



MR. PARKER

MR. COVINGTON

SOUTH Highland Church, Little Rock, has two new staff members: Paul Parker, minister of education and music; and Charles Covington, summer youth director.

Mr. Parker, a native of Conway and a graduate of Ouachita University, comes to Little Rock from DeQueen First Church, where he was minister of education and music.

He is married to the former Miss Betty McKaskle of Conway. They have two children.

Mr. Covington, a resident of Little Rock, this fall will be a senior at Ouachita University, where he is majoring in psychology. He is a member of Blue Key National Honor fraternity. He has a folk singing group at Ouachita, the Watchman Trio, which does public relations work in churches and schools of the state.

## McClard joins BSSB

NASHVILLE—LeRoy McClard, Carbondale, Ill., has assumed duties as program and curriculum consultant in the Sunday School Board's church music department.

Since January, 1965, McClard was state music secretary for the Illinois Baptist State Association in Carbondale. Prior to this work, he was young people-adult music consultant in the Board's church music department.

McClard, a Missouri native, also served Arkansas Baptists, from 1955-63, as state music secretary. Previously, he was minister of music at Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

## News about missionaries

MISS Ruth Vanderburg, Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, expects to arrive in the States July 4 for furlough. She may be addressed at 3908 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock. Native of Little Rock, she served as a U. S. Army nurse for six years before she was appointed a missionary in 1956.

REV. and Mrs. Alex F. Garner, Southern Baptist missionaries, have sailed for Argentina, following furlough in the States. They may be addressed at Bolanos 139, Buenos Aires, Argentina. They are natives of Arkansas, he of Ft. Smith and she, the former Charleta Beindorf, of Pope County.

DR. and Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell, Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Equatorial Brazil, have completed their studies in Oxford, England, and plan to travel in Europe before returning to the States in late August. They may be addressed, c/o Rev. Rudolph M. Wood, 66 Rte. de Lorentzweiler, Gonderange, Luxembourg, until Aug. 23, then at 711 Marshall, Little Rock. Son of a Baptist minister, Dr. Halsell was born in Benton, but grew up in Little Rock; Mrs. Halsell, the former Mary Elizabeth Tolson, was born and reared in Rison.

## Savage ordained

JOHN Savage, pastor, Big Creek Church, Greene County Association, was ordained to the ministry by College City Church, Walnut Ridge, May 15.

Dale Taylor, host pastor, was moderator; R. C. Maddux, clerk; Dr. W. K. Wharton led the questioning; Dr. Fred Savage, father of the candidate, delivered the sermon; Theo T. James, missionary, led the prayer.

Mr. Savage is a Southern College student.

## News briefs

TOMMY Carney, former pastor of Emanuel Church, Blytheville, has accepted the pastorate of Corner's Chapel Church, Trinity Association.

JAMES Costner Jr. has resigned as pastor of Valley View Church, Trinity Association, to continue his education at Jonesboro.

DAVID Medly is serving as a pastor-apprentice for the summer months at Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock. He will be a senior ministerial student at Ouachita University this fall.

BEN Wofford, pastor, Montrose Church, and a reserve chaplain, has been called for two months duty at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Tex. He reported for duty June 15.

JOHN Haydon is serving as youth director for the Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock, during the summer. He is a student at the University of Arkansas.

ALVIN Wiles has resigned Norfolk Church, White River Association, to accept the pastorate of Tomahawk Church.

S. M. MAYO, Mansfield, Tex., will supply the pulpit of First Church, Walnut Ridge, while the pastor, Jim E. Tillman, is touring the Holy Land July 21-Aug. 11.

## Clear Creek Association

EDDIE Smith, pastor, Webb City Church, near Ozark, resigned May 29. During the 18 months he was at Webb City a new auditorium was constructed at a cost of more than \$24,000. Repairs were made to both the parsonage and educational space also. There were 28 additions to the church, 17 by baptism.

FIRST Church ordained its pastor, Gay Brice, to the ministry May 29. Moderator of the council was John O. Woodard, pastor, Union Grove Church. Questioning was led by Gerald Jackson, pastor, First Church, Ozark. The message was brought by Paul E. Wilhelm, associational missionary. Others taking part were Faber L. Tyler, deacon, Ozark First, and J. T. Wil-

liams, deacon, Union Grove.

AT the request of Shady Grove Church, north of Van Buren, its pastor, James Nicely, was ordained to the ministry June 1, by Windsor Park Church, Fort Smith. In an early meeting of the council, Franklin Carroll was elected clerk; Murl Walker was elected moderator; and J. Harold Smith, pastor, Windsor Park Church, led the questioning. In the ordination held during the regular Wednesday night service, J. Harold Smith brought the message, Murl Walker the charge to the Church, J. O. Kolb the ordination prayer, and Harold Boyd the benediction. Others taking part were deacons of both churches, and Paul E. Wilhelm, Clear Creek associational missionary, who presented the Bible.



*THE MISSION COACH—Friends of Rev. Jesse Kidd have presented him with a coach to carry on his work in Brazil. Mr. Kidd seven years ago sold his own car to pay for his transportation to Volta Redonda-E. Do Rio, where he works with Southern Baptist missionaries, the Walter McNeeles, who have furnished him a place to stay and a place to work in the school. Other support comes from friends here. The fund to buy the transportation was started by Lonnie Lasater, pastor, First Church, Greenwood.*



*NEW SOUTHERN FACULTY MEMBERS—Added to the faculty of Southern College are (left to right) John R. Roberts, professor of Social Science; Gene Whitlow, professor of Art; Jim Webb, assistant coach and professor of Physical Education; and Miss Patricia Ann Higgs, professor of Music.*

## BEST opens with federal aid plea

NASHVILLE (BP)—The first Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) national conference opened here with a plea by a major speaker for Southern Baptists to accept federal grants and loans for their educational institutions.

Felix C. Robb, president of George Peabody College in Nashville and a Methodist layman, urged federal aid as a partial answer to the financial crisis facing Baptist schools.

In the opening conference address, Robb said it has been demonstrated that such aid "will not prostitute those institutions which refuse to sell themselves to the government."

"If Baptists really believe in Christian higher education, they must double, triple, and even quadruple financial support" to their schools, he declared.

Robb, who becomes director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools with offices in Atlanta, effective July 1, outlined three alternatives facing Baptist higher education institutions:

(1) Broaden the base of participation and support for Baptist schools; (2) perpetuate the status quo, including whatever elements of mediocrity that might exist; or (3) consider the possibility of going out of business.

He urged Baptists to turn aside from divisive issues and concentrate instead on solving the problems of higher education. Enough energy has been mis-spent on whether to allow dancing on a Baptist college campus to build two or three good institutions, he quipped.

He added that Baptists must quit bickering over the federal aid question. "You are going to miss providing a great educational service to the nation if you don't ride with tides on this issue."

Baptists must also face honest-

ly the issue of civil rights, he said. Calling for full integration of all Baptist schools, Robb said it is sheer folly to buck the national trends toward integration. He said Baptists must also demonstrate that there is no conflict between academic excellence and scholarship, and Baptist doctrinal beliefs.

### Conference debate

ABOUT 200 Southern Baptists debated for more than two hours here the question of federal aid to Baptist colleges, but no firm conclusions were reached. The occasion was an informal discussion during the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) national study conference.

Five lead-off speakers started the debate, with the executive secretary for North Carolina Baptists, W. Perry Crouch, Raleigh, calling for Baptists to find "ways to cooperate with our federal and state governments in their attempt to meet a crisis in educating several million young people."

Crouch said he did not believe Baptists could secure sufficient financial support from the state Baptist conventions to meet the financial needs of their institutions. "The seven Baptist schools in North Carolina are talking about \$100 million in immediate needs, and we just can't provide that kind of money," he said.

Citing a tremendous communication problem, Crouch said that the average Baptist church member simply does not realize the crucial problems being thrust upon Baptist schools.

Another opening speaker, Baptist historian Davis C. Woolley of Nashville, suggested that Baptists may be at the point at history today that they can no longer compete with tax-supported institutions on the college level.

Woolley, head of the denomination's Historical Commission, compared the current scene to the situation 50 years ago when Baptists gradually decided to drop operation of elementary and high school-level academies rather than compete with public school programs. He described trends towards establishment of tuition-free junior colleges throughout the nation, asking if Baptists could attempt to compete with such schools.

Another opening speaker, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., read a satirical letter from a "friend" pointing out humorous inconsistencies in Baptist practice regarding separation of church and state. The letter cited as examples such things as tax exemptions for church property, income tax deductions for church contributions, free government services to church groups, paved roads to church buildings, salaries for chaplains, gifts of government land and closed-out military bases to Baptist schools, etc.

In the debate that followed, Robert Alley of Richmond, Va., called the satirical letter "a mockery to a sacred principle," and said he was deeply offended by the letter.

"I need not catalogue for this group tonight the lives of Baptist martyrs who have shed their blood for absolute separation of church and state.

"I beg you not to mock it [church-state separation] and to sell your birthright for a mess of pottage," pleaded Alley, professor at the University of Richmond, a Baptist school.

Another conference participant, however, rose to the defense of Cooper's approach, saying it was a word picture and was a legitimate approach to stimulate discussion.

H. J. Flanders, a Baptist pastor in Waco, Tex., argued that there had never been absolute separation of church and state.

Conference participants from North Carolina were especially vocal in the discussion on whether federal control accompanies federal aid. Crouch, in his opening remarks, said he did not believe "the federal government is seeking to control our church colleges. I believe," he said, "they are asking us to help them meet a crisis (in education)."

A North Carolina attorney and a public school superintendent from Georgia, however, said that Baptist schools would be forced to sign an assurance of compliance to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, pledging to conform with present and future laws.

Miss Lois Edinger of the University of North Carolina countered that the guidelines involved in civil rights compliance deal with a moral issue that Baptists should long ago have settled.

"Those guidelines were set up, not to control the schools, but to correct an unjust situation that has existed for years," she said.

The editor of the *Religious Herald*, state Baptist newspaper in Virginia, said it would be immoral to ask the government to give Baptist schools money and not expect control of the taxpayers' money. The editor, Reuben Alley, Richmond, opposed federal aid, saying he did not want to contribute to the government's committing an immoral act.

WASHINGTON — Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Tex., has been awarded a grant of \$28,398 under the General Clinical Research Center program of the National Institutes of Health, according to announcement from the Public Health Service here. Baylor University is owned and operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The award is one of eight grants totaling \$2,954,297, to provide new general clinical research centers and to expand or improve existing centers.

## New Maryland editor

LUTHERVILLE, Md. — R. Gene Puckett, 33, associate editor of the *Western Recorder*, weekly paper published by Kentucky Baptists, has been named editor of the *Maryland Baptist*, effective Aug. 1.



MR. PUCKETT

Puckett has been with the *Western Recorder* since 1963, serving first as assistant editor and later as associate editor. The paper is published in Middletown, Ky., near Louisville. He is a former editor of another state Baptist paper, the *Ohio Baptist Messenger*, which he edited from 1958 until 1961.

Puckett succeeds Gainer Bryan Jr., who resigned in April to return to his native state, Georgia. At that time, Bryan was named editor-publisher of a weekly newspaper in Milledgeville, Ga.

A native of Kentucky, Puckett is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and Southern Seminary, Louisville. He attended two Kentucky Baptist schools, Campbellsville and Georgetown Colleges, before entering Western Kentucky in his senior year.

Ordained to the ministry in Kentucky, Puckett served as pastor of several churches in his native state before going to Ohio, where he became pastor of the Hubert Avenue Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio.

He served as both editor of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger* and director of Baptist student work for Ohio until 1961, when he became pastor of First Church, Dunedin, Fla.

Mrs. Puckett is the former Robbie Lake, Mackville, Ky. They have two daughters.

TOKYO — Japan's political elite rolled out the red carpet for Baptist leaders here and urged them to bring the Baptist World Alliance to Tokyo in 1970. Prime

Minister Eisaku Sato granted a 20-minute audience to H. Franklin Paschall, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Robert S. Denny, BWA associate secretary. "We hope you will bring your Alliance meeting to Tokyo," Sato said. "We don't want to lose you to any other city."

## Final registration

NASHVILLE—The final registration count of messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Detroit put the exact total at 10,414. North Carolina topped the list in attendance, with 1,035 messengers registered.

The final registration count was recorded by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, which tabulated and microfilmed each of the registration cards. The official count ranked the Detroit convention as the 13th largest convention in the denomination's history. The 1965 convention in Dallas was the largest, with 16,053 messengers registered.

Second in registration to North Carolina was Texas, with 915 on the rolls. In total church membership, Texas is the largest of the 29 Baptist state conventions with 1.7 million members, and North Carolina is the second largest with 970,000.

Smallest representation came from Alaska, with one messenger, from Puerto Rico, with two, and Hawaii, with five.

Other states, with the number of registered messengers represented, included: South Carolina, 828; Tennessee, 812; Georgia, 729; Alabama, 698; Virginia, 623; Kentucky, 611; Mississippi, 515; Missouri, 503; Michigan, 465.

Florida, 365; Oklahoma, 324; Ohio, 319; Illinois, 307; Louisiana, 305; Maryland, 240; Arkansas, 218; Indiana, 159; California, 138; Colorado, 74; Kansas, 64; District of Columbia, 59; New Mexico, 39; Arizona, 34; Washington-Oregon, 16; Utah-Idaho, 11.

Evangelism

**Australian brethren**

REV. J. Hymer, missionary to Australia, informs me he will be returning to the United States for a visit and some revival crusades in the spring of 1967. He will have a team of 15 to 30 Australian Baptist ministers. These will be men of high spiritual caliber, recommended by their own State Executive Committee and State Evangelism Committee.

Brother Hymer asked about the possibility of some churches in Arkansas wanting their services. They want to lead in a week of revivals in our state in April. If you want one of these men as an evangelist in your church some time in April, 1967, please let me know. The first 25 pastors that write me requesting these men for revivals in April will get them. Time is short, so write soon. The brethren will not expect anything except a love offering from the churches they serve. They, no doubt, will be a blessing to our people.

Mr. Hymer was reared in Missouri and educated at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.—Jesse S. Reed, Director



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 ... The families on the move have 122 children per 100 households, compared with 129 per 100 households for the more established families.  
 ... Research reveals also that households that have moved during the past year stand a 36 percent chance of moving again in the current year.  
 ... Tourist expenditures have been estimated at about \$25 billion annually. In 1957, tourists were estimated to be spending at least a billion dollars a year in each of the states of New York, Florida, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Six other states reaped at least half a billion each from visitors—Illinois, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, Texas, and California.—The Survey Bulletin



by Robert J. Hastings

**Can, can't, maybe**

BILL says, "It can be done."  
 Bert says, "It can't be done."  
 Brad says, "I'm not sure."

Which has faith—Bill, Bert, or Brad? The truth is, all three. But not in the same thing. Bill has faith in success. Bert has faith in failure. Brad has faith in uncertainty.

"But you can't have faith in failure!" Who said you can't? All of us are creatures of belief. We believe in something, even if our belief is in unbelief. Each has faith the same as he has a personality, an appetite, a sense of humor. One may have a personality that attracts people or repulses. He may have a good appetite or a poor one. But the appetite and the personality are there.

The same with faith. It is not a question of more faith (Jesus said a mustard seed of faith can move a whole mountain!). It is a question of focusing the faith we do

have.

The doubter, the skeptic, the quitter, the atheist—all have faith. Their faith is in failure, in nothingness, in defeat. It is not lack of faith, but misdirected and unfocused faith, that produces failure.

Compare your camera. If the image is in focus, the picture will be clear and sharp. If out of focus, the picture will be hazy and fuzzy. Faith is the positive focusing of all our spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental resources on a specific goal.

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Each church must make a choice of which curriculum it will use for Young People and Adults beginning October, 1966, both in Sunday School and Training Union. Whichever is used in one organization should be used in the other.

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carefully resource material found in the May, 1966, issues of all church program organization magazines such as *The Sunday School Builder* and *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*. Your associational missionary has a film strip which he will be glad to share with you.

It should be explained that the Life and Work Curriculum will be definitely Bible centered. In the future there will be a study of entire books of the Bible in Sunday School.

If, after careful study, the church council decides that the Life and Work Curriculum meets the church's needs, a recommendation should be presented to the congregation that both the Sunday School and the Training Union use the Life and Work Curriculum.—Ralph W. Davis

## The Bookshelf

**Founders of Freedom in America**, two volumes, by David C. Whitney, published by J. G. Ferguson Publishing Company, Chicago, deluxe edition

\$15 per volume or \$30 for the set; to schools and libraries at a special price of \$19.95 for the set. Also available in a Trade Edition at \$12.95 per volume. (Trade Sales are handled through Doubleday & Co., Inc., Trade Dept., Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.)

A beautiful set, profusely illustrated, much of the art in color, **Founders of Freedom in America** is completely devoted to biographies of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence (Vol. 1), and to biographies of the 39 signers of the Constitution of the United States (Vol. 2).

Each volume includes a chart listing vital facts about each of the Signers; each biography includes a thumbnail sketch of the Signer, listing important events and achievements; early scenes of places and people related to the events of the period.

Each article is sub-captioned to enable quick reference in cases where a single point is the reader's reference need. And each volume is indexed separately to afford the maximum utility value in cases where both books are in use.

Since this is the only reference work devoted exclusively to the lives of the Signers, factual details are much more complete than in any other sources.

In the case of the six Signers of the Constitution who also signed the Declaration of Independence there is a special article in the Constitution volume dealing with the specific contributions that these Signers made to the development of the Constitution.

One of the highlights of the set is an article, in the Declaration of Independence volume, by David S. Lovejoy, the distinguished historian from the University of Wisconsin, entitled, "Political and Philosophical Origins of the Declaration of Independence."

Another outstanding feature is found in the Constitution volume: an article by James Madison (found among his papers after his death in 1836) entitled "Steps Leading to the Constitutional Convention." The article sets forth Mr. Madison's thinking as "father of the Constitution."

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## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.  
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

### Women support missions

A WORD must be said for the hardy pioneer women who were interested in making known the gospel in the early days in America. Not many of their names have been preserved in comparison with the "brethren," but two will be noted here.

Rachel Sammon must be placed on the list of heroines of the gospel. She went from Massachusetts to New Hampshire as a bride in 1720. She was the only Baptist, so far as is known, in that province for a considerable time. Though she was despised by many for her faith, she never faltered in courage or fidelity. So intent was she for others to come to know her Lord

and her faith that she became a home mission society of her own.

Knowing the power of the printed page, she went to Boston with a copy of Norcott's *Plain Discourse On Baptism* with the purpose of having it printed at her own expense. But she found 110 copies of the book in a bookstore, purchased the entire lot, and carried them back to New Hampshire, distributing them over a wide area.

Forty years she stood in Stratham preaching her faith to those who would hear and distributing her books to those who would accept them, especially the destitute. She gained but one open convert, a woman who walked to Boston, 55 miles, to be baptized.

Mrs. Sammon's faith went undaunted. She died believing that one day a Baptist church would be organized in Stratham. Ten years after her death her faith was rewarded. The first pastor of the newly organized church in the city was a convert from reading one of the books she had distributed ear-

lier, though they had never met. Many of the early Baptist churches in that area were made up largely of members who had been influenced by her books.

A Mrs. Matthews of Georgia was the wife of an itinerant Baptist preacher. While he was away she often had to bar the door against howling wolves at night to protect herself and baby. She could not justify her husband being gone so much on his preaching tours and leaving her subjected to such fright and danger. She demanded he take her with him on one of his preaching tours.

When she saw the rapt attention of scores of people who hung on every word which fell from his lips she said to her husband, "Carry me back; I will never murmur again; let the wolves come, by the help of God I will stay and care for our home while you are caring for souls." (Albert L. Vail, *The Morning Hour of American Baptist Missions*, American Baptist Publication Society, pp. 39-40)

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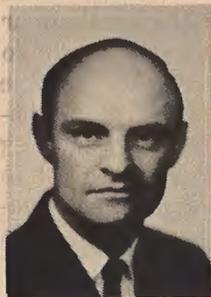
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DR. LOGUE

Conference held at Ridgecrest the week of June 9 to 15. Twenty students and student directors from Arkansas attended the meeting.

The addresses attempted to define or to show the Christian perspective for viewing the crucial problems of our day. The different academic disciplines were also shown as they related to Christianity and as Christianity related to them. "The Dilemma of War and Peace for Contemporary Christians" was discussed in detail and from different viewpoints.

Other topics discussed were "Transformed Toward Christian Personhood," "My Life Involved," "Love, Marriage and the Home," "Relating Faith to Learning," "Relating Faith to Human Relations," "Relating Faith to Vocational Decision-making," and "Relating Faith to Conflicting Concepts."

Some of the outstanding program personnel were Dr. George Schweitzer, professor of Chemistry, University of Tennessee; Thomas McCollough, assistant professor of Religion, Duke University; Mr. and Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, Golden Gate Seminary; Claude Rhea, professor of Voice, Houston Baptist College; and William Lancaster, pastor, Orangeburg, S. C.—Tom J. Logue, Director

# Satan's half-verse

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS  
*Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and past president, Southern Baptist Convention*

"... Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

HOW often we hear these words quoted! Yet how often we find that they are not true! The Bible not true? Of course the Bible is true! But it is true in what it says, not in what someone makes it say either through evil design or through some careless, haphazard abuse of it.

Satan can quote the words of the Bible. Indeed, he often does. But he never quotes it so as to give its true meaning. For instance, in Matthew 4:6 he quoted to Jesus words from Psalm 91:11-12. But it was to misquote and misuse the scripture to his own evil end. Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy, the Law (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; cf. Deut. 8:3; 6:16; 6:13). But Satan quoted *poetry* as though it were *prose* or *law*. Furthermore, Satan omitted one very vital phrase. He quoted, "He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up . . ." (Matt. 4:6). But in Psalm 91:11-12 following "thee" are the words, "to keep thee in all thy ways." Jesus' way was God's way. Satan was seeking to lead Jesus from God's way into his. This serves to establish the point about the devil's abuse of scripture. By it he could not mislead Jesus; by it he does mislead the followers of Jesus.

In the writer's opinion Satan's favorite *half-verse* in this regard is found in James 4:7. "Resist [take a stand against] the devil, and he will flee from you." Now there is nothing wrong in resisting the devil. I recommend it. The trouble is that we do not resist him enough; we resist him in the wrong way. Sadly for many resistance ends with the first skirmish. Thus instead of the devil fleeing from us, he overcomes us. Why?

Because we, like Satan, quote only the latter half of the verse. Read the entire verse. "Submit yourselves [be subject] therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." "Be subject therefore unto God." That makes all the difference in the world. This is what Jesus did. And the devil fled from Him—at least for a season. Because He was wholly submitted to God's will He continued to resist the devil until the devil fled from the scene of battle. He could not withstand the full, repeated flashing of the Sword of the Spirit. And he never will.

Resist the devil in your own strength alone, and he will win every battle. But fully surrendered to God's will, by His power in His Spirit and in His Word, you stand triumphant — in the name of your victorious Lord.

## The preacher poet

### The door

JOHN 10:9

What is this door? Why should it be?

Why keep one out? Are we not free?

Who may go in and who kept out? O, why this door? What's it about?

There is a realm with but this gate,

An entrance for the reprobate Who finds himself in need of aid—

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—W. B. O'Neal

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## My audit system

BY J. I. COSSEY

THE fact is, I do not have an audit system. I admit, however, that I surely need one. Here I am trying to serve a church, as pastor, with a membership of about 750 members, with about 450 enrolled in Sunday School and less than one hundred enrolled in Training Union and the weekly attendance, while growing slightly, is pitifully low.

This membership laden with dynamic power could blow-up and settle down to the ashes of do-nothingism or it could blow-up and settle down on the mountain of dynamic spiritual power and take this country for Christ.

I am the pastor and God has given me the fuse and the match with which to light it. I am trying to sit at the feet of Jesus and let him help me to work out an audit system that will bring this and hundreds of other churches out of the valley of complacency up onto the spiritual mountain where there is an abundance of power.

A voice says to me this Monday morning, "Jim, more than three fourths of your members are not doing much, if anything, to help you get the Lord's job done. You have the privilege to devise a plan that will work in bringing people from spiritual failure to spiritual success." The voice just keeps on boring me for action. Right out in front of me is failure or success, and my assignment is from the Lord. Here I am, just plain Jim trying to work out my personal audit system. God has an answer for me and I must find it.

Here they are, three-fourths of my members who are really somebody, and yet they are not doing anything worthwhile for their church. Think of it—at least three hundred members who are not productive. Another fact is that about three hundred of the mem-

## Ward to preach

DR. Wayne E. Ward, professor of theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be "The Baptist Hour" preacher during July and August.

Dr. Ward will be supplying during these two months for Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, permanent "Baptist Hour" preacher.

Dr. Ward has toured the Holy Land, has taught in the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland, and attended the Baptist World Alliance in 1960.

His book *The Drama of Redemption* will be released in the fall.

Members do all that is done and they are not all regular and proportionate workers. Many of them are spasmodic workers. I am not able even to estimate our potential. The biggest room we have is room for growth. I am their leader and the responsibility is laid at my door.

Our plan is a simple one. I want to interview every member in the church if possible. Every member in this church is somebody and we want them to know that we think of them as a valuable person. We love them. We want each one to be active and productive. We believe most of them will help us to build a great church here. In our interview we want them to tell us just what they want their church to do. They may tell us their problems and we will counsel with them.

We plan, in our personal audit system, to have three power-filled committees: one to build up the attendance at the morning preaching service; a second to promote attendance at the Sunday night service; and a third to build up the attendance at the Wednesday night service. Each committee will be volunteers and use the best methods available to increase the attendance in their specific service. Other dynamic ideas will be used as they are made effective.

## Siloam physicians



DR. C. RANDOLPH ELLIS

EACH year at Siloam, those who attend have had the services of dedicated Baptist physicians. These men leave their busy home practice and serve without remuneration at the Assembly. On occasions they see about as many patients there as they would at home!

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This year two men will help us, Dr. C. Randolph Ellis of Malvern and Dr. A. C. Bradford of Ft. Smith. Dr. Ellis is the past president of the Arkansas Medical Society. He is a Sunday School teacher and deacon at First Church, Malvern.

Dr. Bradford is from First Church, Ft. Smith, and is active in all phases of church work. Both men have served before. In fact, Dr. Ellis has served four years.

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1/4 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

DANIEL Webster defines a hobby as something a person especially likes to work at or study apart from his main business. That is correct as far as definitions go. Yet those words "work" and "study" seem to take away the fun.

Let's simply say a hobby is a favorite pastime. If you are in the market for one, here are a few suggestions. Hobbies are not hard to find. There is one for everyone and every age. There are hobbies for indoors on rainy days or for taking into the country. Perhaps you already have a hobby and are not aware of it. Anything you enjoy doing can be a hobby. Remember, a hobby is more fun when we can share it with others.

**PICTURE POSTCARDS:** This should be an easy one. Almost every city has pictures of its famous buildings, parks, or monuments. The pictures usually cost very little. To try to collect them all would be useless and really not very special. Limit your collections to things you have seen or would like to see. Perhaps you would like to save picture cards of vacation resorts. You could call the collection "America the Beautiful." Soon all your friends will save cards for you.

**ANIMAL PICTURES:** Boys usually enjoy this one. Collect pictures of birds, of animals of the cat family, or of animals of the jungle. Often you can find pictures of animals on food cartons. Remember not to be ignorant of your hobby. Try to know something about the things which you collect in order to answer any questions your friends might ask.

**GREETING CARDS:** This is probably the most inexpensive and yet the most colorful item to collect. There are cards for every occasion. Birthdays, graduations, Christmas, Valentine Day—name the occasion and you will find a card. The cards of long ago were very pretty but few people make a habit of keeping old cards. You will have to start at the beginning.

Begin by saving Christmas cards. Our thoughts, hopes, customs, and costumes are constantly changing. Within a few short years, your collection will begin to be historic. Save only the pictures if you like, and group them according to subject. You

might have a group each of religious scenes, Santa Claus, bells, winter scenes, or humorous cards. When you have enough of one kind, paste them or tape them in a scrapbook.

**RECIPES:** Girls will like this one. It will not only prove to be interesting but tasty as well. Let's not let this hobby be just ingredients on a file card. Save only those recipes which you have actually prepared.

Again you cannot save them all. Make yours different. Collect favorite recipes of famous people or of other countries. Maybe you would like a collection of holiday recipes. This one has no end either. When you tire of one kind, start again by saving favorite meat dishes, salads, or desserts. Save your recipes in a card index file or simply paste them in a scrapbook. Happy eating!

**BUTTONS:** Did you say buttons could never be a hobby? How wrong you are! It is one of the most interesting hobbies. There are buttons, buttons, and more buttons. Some are made from wood, leather, gold, silver, and glass. Others are made of bone, plastic, and lustrous mother-of-pearl. Don't forget the different sizes and shapes. Some are stars, bows, or flowers.

Check old clothes in that trunk stored in the attic. You might find some collectors' items. Sew the buttons on cardboard with strong thread. Group them by size, color, age, and material. This inexpensive hobby will make a beautiful picture right before your eyes.

**MARBLES:** This is especially for boys unless there is a tomboy in the crowd. The boys will have to do their own collecting. As a female, I know what a "shooter" is and then I am lost. Be your own judge and collect big ones, small ones, or glass ones. Don't forget the good "stickers" and the cat's-eyes.

Begin a hobby today. Select one that will take your mind off your chores and your studying. If you learn something along the way, so much the better, but remember that your hobby is primarily for your enjoyment. You will never have a dull moment when you are on the road to adventure.  
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# Mrs. Oates Heads ABMC Auxiliary

# Miss Zumwalt Wins Miss ABMC Title



Mrs. Gordon Oates, whose husband is member of the Medical Staff, was elected president of the ABMC Auxiliary at a meeting last month. She is at left and with her are, from left: Mrs. Rease Mitcham, president-elect; Mrs. Ray Wilson, treasurer; and Mrs. A. C. Kolb, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Gordon Oates, a former member of the State Legislature, was elected president of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center Auxiliary at a meeting held May 12.

Mrs. Oates has been active in many civic and hospital-related causes. Other new officers are: Mrs. Rease Mitch-

am, president-elect; Mrs. J. G. Sawyer, first vice president; Mrs. H. C. Thomas, second vice president; Mrs. Bill Floyd, recording secretary; Mrs. Ray Wilson, treasurer; Mrs. M. D. McClain, historian; and Mrs. A. C. Kolb, parliamentarian.



Miss Mary Beth Zumwalt was chosen as the 1966 Miss ABMC May 3 at the National Investors Life Insurance Building. She succeeds Miss Phyllis Wilkinson who held the title last year.

The finalists were Linda Burgess, first runnerup; Judy Strong, second runnerup; and Shirley Barber and Rozann Morris, honorable mention. Betty Lou Pomeroy was selected by the contestants as Miss Congeniality.

Lloyd Denny from KARK-TV was the master of ceremonies. The judges were Mrs. Betty Fowler, Mrs. Gordon Oates, Mrs. Clyde Scott, Rick Campbell and Clyde Nevill. Mrs. Euel Forrest was the pianist and Jim Eliff sang. Mrs. Mickey Carey directed the pageant.

Fashion 22—Park Plaza did the makeup for each contestant. Each modeled a suit, sportswear and an evening gown. The five finalists answered questions.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Nancy Gates, Miss LRU of 1966, the Hall High Singers, Miss Daralyn Stuckey and Don Teeple and the Gordon-Norrell folksingers.

Escorts were Bill Growdon, Bill Donnell, Jim Eliff, Gary Jones, Phil Peters, Joe Slade and Dody Murphy.

The 12 contestants were Misses Shirley Barber, Linda Blau, Linda Burgess, Sandra Cobb, Freda Kelly, Mariel Lane, Rozann Morris, Betty Lou Pomeroy, Beverly Riddle, Judy Strong, Sarai Twyman and Mary Beth Zumwalt.

# Visitors Tour During Hospital Week



Dr. James Bearden of the ABMC Radiology Department demonstrates how the cobalt unit is used to visitors from the Little Rock Air Force Base Hospital. In the center is Lt. Col. H. Robert Tirman, who is in charge of the Hospital.

Several community leaders were taken on a tour of ABMC during National Hospital Week May 8-14 by the public relations department.

Included among the visitors were Lt.

Col. H. Robert Tirman and 12 of his department heads at the Little Rock Air Force Base Hospital. Others included: Sam Harris, director of information at the Arkansas Gazette; Bob

Kemp and Art Pearrow of KARK-TV, Channel 4; B. G. Robinson, general manager of KTHV, Channel 11; and D. Fenton Adams, professor at the Little Rock Branch of the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Representatives of the dietary, radiology and laboratory departments at ABMC appeared on the Little Rock Today show to discuss hospital-related careers on May 12 and the Greater Little Rock Hospital Council had TV and radio spots used throughout the state.

## Women Start Heart Surgery Fund



Mrs. Ray Wilson, outgoing president of the ABMC Auxiliary, presents the first check from the Auxiliary from funds raised during her term as president for the new Heart Surgery Fund to Administrator J. A. Gilbreath. Memorial gifts and other contributions by individuals may be made to the Fund, Mrs. Wilson said.

## Award For NLR Volunteer



Mrs. Ernest Freshour, a volunteer from the North Little Rock Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, received a 1,000-hour certificate at the annual volunteer luncheon held at the Holiday Inn May 19. Presenting the award is Memorial Administrator Norman Roberts.

North Little Rock Memorial Hospital honored its volunteer workers with a volunteer appreciation luncheon at 12:30 May 19 at the Holiday Inn in North Little Rock. The luncheon was given in honor and appreciation of the women who volunteer their time in service to the hospital. Awards and emblems for service were presented to the volunteers by Mrs. Gordon Kempf, Director of Volunteers.

Volunteers receiving 50-hour Auxiliary emblems were: Mrs. Julian Wooten, Miss Lucy Martin, Mrs. Charles Barton, Mrs. W. Y. Cleveland, Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Mrs. Harriell Thompson, Mrs. J. H. Ackerman, Mrs. Thomas Anthony, Mrs. Keith Bonge, Mrs. Herbert Dorman, Mrs. Dick Fikes, Mrs. Donald Hall, Mrs. Gerald Horton, Mrs. Lonnie Johnston, Mrs. L. C. Nelson, Mrs. Jack O'Leary, Mrs. D. W. Estes, Mrs. J. R. Herndon, Mrs. W. W. McMahon, and Mrs. Shelia Wilkerson.

Volunteers receiving 100-hour awards were: Mrs. Bob Hall, Mrs. Shelia Wilkerson, Mrs. Floyd Hardy, Mrs. R. T. Harriell, Mrs. J. R. Herndon, Mrs. Gerald Horton, Mrs. Raymond Lackie, Mrs. Clara Lollich, Mrs. J. A. Lovell, Mrs. Charles Barton, Mrs. R. E. Beatty, Mrs. Ray Biles, Mrs. Jack Cohen, Mrs. B. E. Fewell, Mrs. Dick Fikes, Mrs. Everett Graham, Mrs. P. R. Ross, Mrs. John Marre, Mrs. Frank Morgan, Mrs. W. W. McMahon, Mrs. C. F. Munn, Mrs. C. A. Roberts, and Mrs. George Payne.

Volunteers receiving 200-hour awards were: Mrs. F. J. Orintas, Miss Mildred Scott, Mrs. George Barker, Mrs. Hansel Boyd, Mrs. Hazel Cox, and Mrs. J. C. Welch.

Volunteers receiving 300-hour awards were: Mrs. O. B. Chronister, Mrs. A. L. Davis, and Mrs. Joe Scott.

400-hour awards: Mrs. Bob Evans and Mrs. F. E. Oholendt.

1,000-hour awards: Mrs. Ernest Freshour.

night of Dardanelle; Dana Jo Killough of North Little Rock; and Rita Gay Mankin of Rogers.

## ABMC Commencement Held June 13

Dr. Rheubin L. South, pastor of the Park Hill Baptist Church at North Little Rock, was the speaker at commencement exercises held at 7:30 p.m. June 13 at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Rev. R. H. Dorris, pastor of the Pike Avenue Baptist Church at North Little Rock, was speaker at baccalaureate services at 6 p.m. on June 12.

Members of the School of Nursing graduating class were: Janet Lurene Manos Aldridge of Gravette; Gypsy Donna Johnson of Little Rock; Barbara Ann Rhoads Ausbrooks of North Little Rock; Delores Ann Atkinson Bredlow of Beebe; Karen Jimm Bredlow of England; Wanda Jean Briant of Warren; Charley K. Bridges of Alicia; Beth Varnell Capel of Pine Bluff; Shirley Ruth Clanton of Warren; Roxy Charlene Clay of Searcy; Charlotte Crownover of Clinton; Carol Ann Copeland Danner of Little Rock; Kathleen Huckaby Davis of Bald Knob; Linda Kaye Brothers Davis of Little Rock; Marilyn Sue Deering of Little Rock; Glenda Nell Macon Dockery of Hot Springs; Margaret Carolyn Dupree of Shreveport; Betty Sue Fehr of Watson; Frances Lynn Garlington of Jacksonville; Paula Jean "Pollie" Gentry of Ashdown;

Anita Kay Grace of Russellville; Rennie Jayne Bowen of Benton; Judy Carol Hawkins of Imboden; Robbie Elaine Hazelwood of Carlisle; Eunice Wagner Hester of Gentry; Mary Frances Griggs Honeycutt of Jacksonville; Marlene Louise Hall Horton of Little Rock; Linda Kay Jones of North Little Rock; Betty Jean King of Batesville; Mary Kay King of Fort Smith; Mary Frances Quinn Lawson of Horatio; Carolyn Ann Turner McCarthy of Lit-

tle Rock; Lynda Sue McCone of Arkadelphia; Sharon Kay Manatt of Hot Springs; Linda E. Gibson Marcum of Hope; Patricia Elaine Marshall of Cabot;

Thelma Jean May of Buckner; Wanda Kay Huffman Merritt of North Little Rock; Gay Merrill Middleton of Little Rock; Janie Ruth Mills of Gould; Linda Sue Montgomery of Morrilton; Carol Sue Morgan of North Little Rock; Cheryl Lynn Morgan of Gillett; Charlotte Royce Moss of DeQueen; Bonnie Jean Neukam of Little Rock; Linda Carol Nottingham of Texarkana; Sue Ellen Heard Nutt of Malvern; Sharon Lee Owen of Pine Bluff; Linda Ethel Parker of Hot Springs; Margaret Ann Lee Patterson of Little Rock;

Kathy Lou Taylor Pierce of Warren; Linda Ann Gardner Pratt of Bearden; Glenda Rae Ramsey of Tulsa; Sharon Kaye Rea of Flippen; Donnie Sue Reed of Dumas; Susan Blair Roberts of Little Rock; Shirley Agee Rowland of Little Rock; Patricia Louise Lewis Schmidt of Russellville; Karen Ann Shepard of Patmos; Barbara Anne Sherwood of Clinton; Barbara Ann Graves Slothower of Pine Bluff; Margarette Arnold Smith of Little Rock; Doris Jane Dees Stafford of Little Rock; Mary Frances Van Pelt of Vilonia; Linda Fay Stewart Whitten of Hope; Wanda Lynn Williams of Tuckerman; Thelma Jean Wilson of Siloam Springs; Sandra Wisener of Fort Smith; Janie Sue Wolf of Texarkana; and Geraldine Wood of Wilmar.

Graduates of the ABMC School of Radiology Technology are: Donna Kathryn Jones of Little Rock; Betty Jean Goodwin of Holly Grove; Shirley Grist of Little Rock; Marlene Hig-

# Shortage Causes Nurse to Return to ABMC



Mrs. Ruth Red, who returned to nursing duty because she read in the newspapers about the shortage of nurses.

When Mrs. Ruth Hargrave Red of 5820 Baseline Road saw a story about the nursing shortage, she knew she wanted to return to nursing.

"I wasn't sure I could do it because I had been away so long," said Mrs. Red. "I also kept putting off going back because I didn't really need the money but when I realized how severe the shortage was I made my decision to come back part-time." She hopes to return full-time when her daughter finishes McClellan High School in two years.

She is an ABMC graduate of 1939. Afterward, she worked for Dr. Glenn Holmes for one year before leaving Little Rock with her husband who was called to active duty. She returned in 1942 and worked for Dr. Bob Richardson but stopped in 1949 to rear a

family. Her husband is an Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor for the Arkansas Air National Guard.

Mrs. Red took a refresher course at the University of Arkansas Medical Center in 1963. She said that she found working with the new medicines and procedures "exciting, interesting and challenging." She believes that the quality of a nurse depends on the individual more than the training because if she is interested and inquisitive, she will continue learning through her adult life.

## First Mitral Valve Implant Done At ABMC

The third successful artificial heart valve implant, this time of a mitral valve, was performed on Rufus Andy Hodge, 44, of Hickory Ridge. He hopes to return to his job as a truck driver soon.

This was the first mitral valve implant to be done in a private hospital in Arkansas. Two successful aortic valve implants were performed earlier on Eugene Beavers of Clinton and Doyle Wilson of Morrilton.

The mitral valve is located on the left side of the heart between the upper chamber, the atrium, and the lower chamber, the ventricle. The pulmonary veins carry oxygenated blood from the lungs to the upper chamber and it then is carried first through the mitral valve into the ventricle, then through the aortic valve into the aorta for distribution throughout the body.

A case of rheumatic fever had left Hodges with a scarred and calcified mitral valve. This valve would remain open when blood was pumped from the left ventricle through the aortic valve, allowing blood to seep back into the left atrium. The heart would pump harder to get the blood through and thus become overworked. Hodges experienced difficulty in breathing and

## Three Residents



Dr. Y. King



Dr. Henry Wilcox



Dr. John E. Sorrells, Jr.

The three ophthalmology residents who will be working at the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center during the coming year are:

Dr. John E. Sorrells, Jr., and Dr. Henry McGowen, both interns here now; and Dr. Yum Y. King, a graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Medicine. They will be assigned to the ABMC Eye Center and will do part of the residency at the UA Medical Center. A fourth, Dr. Joseph Dello Russo, originally, announced as an eye resident, will not be coming.

## On BSU Retreat Program

Phyllis Wilkerson, ABMC student, was soloist at the State BSU Retreat banquet at Camp Tanako held April 30. Theme of the meeting was: "For Heaven's Sake, Get Going."

## Administrative Secretary



Miss Martha Seaton, who formerly worked as secretary to Dr. Robert Denny, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, is the new secretary to Administrator J. A. Glibreath.

was unable to do many things which he could previously do.

He first came to ABMC on May 3 for a heart catheterization in which a tube was inserted through the aorta and dye pumped into the heart. Mitral valve implants, according to Dr. Harold Langston, ABMC radiologist, are only now coming out of the experimental stage and have had a high mortality rate in the past. Hodge decided prior to the test to have the surgery if it was indicated.

Although he is married and has four children, he said he knew "he couldn't go on much longer this way." A 12-member team which included three surgeons performed the operation on May 5. It lasted three hours. The heart was by-passed for 48 minutes with the blood passing instead through a heart-lung machine. The artificial valve consists of a small plastic ball inside a plastic ring which has three titanium prongs extending downward. When blood passes through the atrium to the ventricle, the ball rests on the three prongs. The ball prevents the blood from passing back up into the atrium.

Doctors say that Hodges now has a normal life expectancy.

# GOD'S RIGHT TO COMMAND

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.\*

TEXT: EXODUS 20:1,2; LEVITICUS 18:1-5; HOSEA 11:1,3,4A;  
JOHN 14:10,15  
JULY 3, 1966

WITH this Sunday's lesson, we begin a new thirteen-week study which will consider the Ten Commandments as interpreted in the teachings of Jesus and New Testament writers. The object will be to see how the ancient Mosaic laws were expanded and applied by the Founder of Christianity and to note the application of these eternal principles to the latter half of the twentieth century.

The first five lessons will deal with man's relationship to God, the second five with man's relationship to his fellow man, and the last three with man's relationship to himself. This is a logical order, for the man-God relation is basic and causal to proper values in the other two realms.

In this initial lesson we are considering the question, "What right does God have to command me to do anything?" This is a question which is belligerently asked by many people today, and it is especially timely when new standards of morality are being championed so vociferously. The other day a man said cynically, "I was born a generation too late. I believe in honesty, truthfulness, hard work, faithfulness to one's marriage vows, soberness, respect for Sunday as God's day, and trying to do what's right whether there is any money in it or not. In all of these respects, I seem to be completely out of step with my times."

Unfortunately, the man spoke a great deal of truth in his bitterness. Not only is traditional morality not practiced by a large part of the populace, but a considerable number of people are terrified at the prospect that a man who stands for moral prin-

ciple might be elected to high office and be in a position to foul up the show. We even have some Baptists in Arkansas who have defended gambling, a practice which violates at least three of the Ten Commandments; and when some of us have dared to speak out against this spiritual and social evil we have been ridiculed, threatened, ostracized, and told bluntly, "Come off it! What right do you have to question something which we enjoy and which is essential to our livelihood?"

Does God have any right to order man's life? The Bible answers this emphatically.

## I. God's right

THE Ten Commandments are introduced in Exodus 20:1, 2 in words that indicate God's right to raise standards for the Israelites: "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

These words had special significance when they were first uttered, for the Hebrew people had only recently been delivered from Egyptian slavery. God's providential intervention had gained permission for Moses to lead them out of Pharaoh's land and then had allowed them to escape when Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his chariots thundering after them. They owed their liberation and their lives to Jehovah.

This principle—that we are God's because he has secured our freedom for us—is applicable to Christians as well. Paul says in I Cor. 6:19, 20, "You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." Phillip puts it, "You have been bought, and at what a

price!" The price paid for the Christian's freedom was the life of Christ, whose death was atonement for our sins.

The believer cannot truthfully say, "This is my life; I'll live it as I please." He may try to live it as he pleases, but his life belongs to God, who therefore has a right to direct its course.

## II. God's expectation

BECAUSE Israel had been chosen by God as a people through whom the will of God could be demonstrated through a special revelation and redemption, he expected them to "do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein" (Lev. 18:4). The reason for this was plain: "I am the Lord your God."

Whatever laws of men they may keep, the children of God are to obey his laws also. They are to listen to a voice of an unseen king. On a recent television program a man in a trance supposedly communed with a Chinese man dead many centuries; the words he repeated before the cameras were, he said, the words spoken to him from the grave of this venerable Oriental.

The Christian is not supposed to go around as if in a trance and as if moved mechanically by a voice from the dead. The God whose voice he is to obey is not dead, nor is man to be an automaton. The validity of God's commands is not to be found in their age but in their source.

## III. God's method

HOSEA uses two pictures to show how God tried to get his people to walk properly. The first is the picture of a parent teaching a small child to walk by taking him by the arm and leading him to take his feeble, stumbling steps. It is because of loving concern that God, like a parent, taught Israel in this manner.

The second is a picture of a good ox-driver working a team of oxen. Moffatt translates Hosea 11:4 "... with a harness of love." Just as the driver used the reins to guide his animals to

safety and usefulness, so God tried to guide this favored people in the paths they should tread.

Unfortunately, Israel responded like a belligerent child and a headstrong ox, as we saw in last quarter's lessons. The result was that God ultimately had to abandon

them to their own disobedient waywardness.

#### IV. God's evidence.

THE proof which God demands of a Christian's devotion to him is stated by Jesus in John 14:15 in words so plain they cannot be misunderstood: "If ye love me,

keep my commandments." He is saying, in effect, "If you love me, mind me."

The evidence God will examine in handing down a final verdict on us is not our hymns, testimonies, or sermons but is the life we have lived.

# SUPREME LOYALTY TO GOD

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.

TEXT: EXODUS 20:3; I KINGS 18:17-21; MATTHEW 4:8-10;

MARK 12:28-30

JULY 10, 1966

A GROUP of concerned parents called on the proprietor of a store across the street from an elementary school and asked the man to remove pinball machines on which children were spending their lunch money. The owner, who was a nominal church member, admitted that the presence of the machines was bad but concluded, "I will remove them only if you get all my competitors in town to remove such machines from their business establishments."

What that man was saying, among other things, was that money was the supreme concern of his life and that his own standards of conduct were going to be determined by competition rather than by any principle of right and wrong. His response could never be squared with the first of the Ten Commandments.

#### I. Supreme loyalty

EXODUS 20:3, the first of the commandments and the first dealing with man's relation to God, says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Simply yet eloquently and comprehensively, the command sets supreme loyalty to God as the point of beginning in any meaningful man-God relationship. While a theological student may write an entire doctoral dissertation on the use of the iota subscript in a short New Testament book, God in eight words gave Moses the foundation of everything in religious experience.

Although the meaning of this commandment is crystal clear, the

application of it in contemporary Christianity is far from evident to an unredeemed world. So often that it is embarrassing, people who call themselves Christians show far more allegiance to the profit motive, to creature comforts, to hobbies, to clubs and fraternal organizations, to pleasure, to ego satisfaction, or to their favorite football team than they do to God or his work. If God is to be anything other than a semantic concept, he cannot be relegated to secondary billing on the believer's marquee.

#### II. Clearcut commitment

BECAUSE Israel was trying to "play it cool" during the reign of Ahab and Jezebel and hold on to the worship of Jehovah and the worship of Baal at the same time, the prophet Elijah called for a showdown on the people's part. He asked Ahab to assemble 450 prophets of Baal and 400 "prophets of the groves" at Mount Carmel, where Elijah would represent Jehovah worship. The extent of the entrenchment of paganism is noted in the observation in I Kings 18:19 that these leaders of Canaanitish worship did "eat at Jezebel's table." What a food bill! When she had the preachers over to eat, she didn't spare the taxpayers' wallets.

When the people assembled, Elijah issued an ultimatum. "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, follow him" (I Kings 18:21). To folks who had

been trying to hold hands with Jehovah and Baalism simultaneously, Elijah said bluntly, "Make up your minds whom you will serve!"

Not long ago newspapers carried the story of four people on a boating outing on the Niagara River above the famous falls. They had no worries, for their 40-horsepower motor was big enough to keep them away from danger. But they hit something and sheered a pin, causing the motor to idle as if in neutral. Before they could replace the broken pin, they were swept over the falls and were all drowned. Lives that are "in neutral" where God is concerned are in danger of being swept to death on the destructive tides of life.

#### III. Undivided service

WHEN at the beginning of his public ministry Jesus went apart for a period of prayer and fasting, Satan took advantage of the situation at the close of this period to tempt him to turn aside from his divine mission. In one of the temptations, the devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and promised him these if he would fall down and worship Satan. To this proposition Jesus re-

#### ITINERARY FOR 1966

(Meetings scheduled Sun. P.M.  
through Sun. A.M.)

June 27-July 1 Bethesda, Ark.  
July 3-10 open date  
July 10-17 open date  
July 17-24 open date  
July 24-31 Manilla, Ark.  
July 31-Aug. 7 Lexa, Ark.  
Aug. 7-14 open date  
Aug. 14-21 Start, La.  
Aug. 21-28 Prairieville, La.  
Aug. 28-Sept. 4 open date  
Sept. 4-11 open date  
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plied, "Get thee hence, Satan for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matt. 4:10). Thus, the Son of God reaffirmed the right of God to exclusive allegiance.

**IV. Total dedication.**

AN intellectual approached Jesus one day and asked, "Which is the first commandment of all?" (Mark 12:28)

Without a lot of head-scratching or long-winded circumlocution, Jesus answered, "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" (Mark 12:30).

In this reply, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:4, 5, a passage known as the *Shema* and still quoted by Jews as the heart of their religious faith. Absolute devotion to Jehovah God was recognized by Christ as the first and greatest law. These words, spoken during the last week of his ministry, epitomized the first requirement of his Father.

Modern man's attempt to compartmentalize his life and give God the key to the door marked "Religion" while keeping all the other compartments for himself cannot be defended in the light of the First Commandment. Career, family, habits, ambitions, attitudes and prejudices must all be subjected to God's will.

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**A Smile or Two**

**Sunday School lesson**

A MAN said he feared he would be of no use in the world because he had only one talent.

"Oh, don't let that discourage you," said his pastor. "What is your talent?"

"The talent of criticism," he answered.

"Well," replied the pastor, "I advise you to do with it what the man of one talent in the parable did with his!"

**Charity**

JACK Benny, strolling through a narrow street in the West End of London, passed by a beggar who was playing a selection from "La Traviata" on his violin. "Play it a little faster," suggested Benny who is really a fine concert violinist. And with that he dropped a 10-shilling note in the man's cup.

Next day when Jack again passed by the violinist, he noticed that the begging musician had put up a sign. It read: "Pupil of Jack Benny now reduced to poverty."

**Ugh!**

AN Indian petitioned a judge of an Arizona court to give him a shorter name.

"What is your name now?" asked the judge.

"Chief Screeching Train Whistle," said the Indian.

"And to what do you wish it shortened?" asked the judge.

The Indian folded his arms majestically and grunted: "Toots."

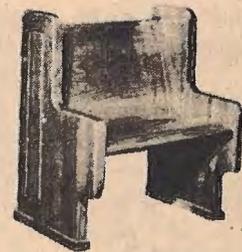
**They got it back**

THE following poster was distributed by the Police Department of a small mid-western city: "Will the person who took the three-layer chocolate cake from the sergeant's office please return the same. It is needed as evidence in a food poisoning case."

**Attendance Report**

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	Sunday School	Training Union	
Berryville Freeman Heights	154	60	
Rlytheville			
First	505	119	3
Chapel	94	41	
Gosnell	217	86	
New Liberty	115	40	
Trinity	186	62	3
Camden			
Cullendale First	368	187	2
First	440	93	11
Crossett First	497	185	3
El Dorado			
East Main	313	88	6
Ebenezer	182	71	
First	730	477	2
Immanuel	407	124	2
Trinity	204	85	3
Gurdon Beech Street	184	59	
Harrison Eagle Heights	231	52	1
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	142	96	4
First	410	126	4
Marshall Road	186	60	5
Jonesboro Central	416	168	7
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,037	368	3
Life Line	360	76	15
Rosedale	182	73	
McGehee First	340	185	
Chapel	98	43	
Magnolia Central	566	169	2
Manila First	148	81	3
Marked Tree First	188	50	7
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	591	152	4
South Side	43	15	
Calvary	406	132	6
Gravel Ridge First	222	122	7
Runyan	57	35	
Levy	453	150	12
Park Hill	803	219	9
Sixteenth Street	39	34	
Piggott First	337	134	1
Pine Bluff			
Second	179	51	
South Side	589	237	7
Tucker	30	7	
Springdale			
Elmdale	243	60	2
First	410	101	
Star City First	233	64	5
Sylvan Hills First	192	62	
Texarkana Beech Street	429	127	2
Community	25		
Van Buren			
First	406	125	1
Oak Grove	133	84	
Second	54	35	
Vandervoort First	69	31	
Ward Cocklebur	71	53	2
Warren			
First	379	90	
Southside	85	56	
Immanuel	241	76	
West Memphis			
Calvary	265	95	4
Ingram Blvd.	259	81	1

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## Soka Gakkai active

NEW YORK (EP)—Leaders of the fanatical Buddhist laymen's organization Soka Gakkai claim about 30,000 members in the United States.

So states Alfred Friendly Jr. in *The New York Times*. Two thousand members are reportedly being added to that number every month.

Describing a combined meeting of the New York and New Jersey chapters, Friendly says: "The women were mainly Japanese, many of them brides of Americans who had met their wives during military service in Japan, when they joined the organization. The men, about evenly divided between white and Negro, were dressed well, but not elaborately."

The organization publishes a four-page newspaper every other day at its Los Angeles headquarters, the report said.

## Probe China policy

NEW YORK (EP) — Organizers of a new "National Committee on U.S.-China Relations," which include several leading religious figures, declared their intention here to provide means "through which the current public discussion on U.S.-China policy can be maintained at the highest level of sophistication."

As stated by the group of eminent business, labor and academic leaders, as well as churchmen, at a press conference announcing the committee, the endeavor is not aimed at advocating policy proposals but at encouraging a "national dialogue" out of which a consensus may emerge "as to whether any modifications in our existing policies are desirable."

# In the world of religion

... TOTAL Baptist membership around the world is 27,127,933, according to Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. The increase in 1965 over 1964 was 1.3 million. Nordenhaug said that while Baptists registered both gains and losses in the last year, there were notable "gains for expanded witness opportunities . . . in eastern Europe and greater toleration for Baptists and other evangelicals in Spain." In such places as Burma and Indonesia, however, he said restrictions on missionary activity increased sharply.

... Women's Missionary Council groups of the Assemblies of God contributed more than \$2 million to denominational mission projects during 1965. Cash gifts were used to provide equipment for ministerial training schools in Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Fiji, and the Philippines.

... A stepped-up drive by American Christians to eradicate illiteracy in the country is urged in a policy statement adopted by the National Council of Churches' General Board. Eight million Americans over 25 years of age have less than five years of formal education. Twenty-three million adults have not completed grammar school, and 55 million lack a high school diploma.

... The World Council of Churches has reported that the halfway mark has been passed in its appeal for \$3 million to help the hungry in India. The three-year appeal was launched in February by the WCC's policy-making Central Committee at its annual meeting in Geneva.

... Delegates from 27 countries attended the largest international meeting of the United Bible Societies in its twenty-year history in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., May 16-21. For the first time, a Roman Catholic observer attended the meeting. Eight new Bible Societies were admitted, bringing to '35 the number of UBS members.

... A Catholic edition of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was launched at a simple service in Westminster Cathedral in London, with Anglican and Protestant leaders present. The Bible's appearance marks the end of a process of preparation begun in 1953. It is a complete edition and the first translation from the original texts made available for English Catholics since the Reformation.—The Survey Bulletin

## Water walker

INDIAN fakir Laxman Sandra Rao said in Bombay this week he would walk on water.

He warmed up for the daring event by walking on burning coals and swallowing what he called tacks and nutric acid.

Rao sold \$8,000 worth of tickets for his spectacular feat, hoping to match the accomplishment of Jesus.

Instead, Rao sank to the bottom of the tank, was nearly mobbed by ticket holders and has been busy since refunding money.

## Baptist, priest wedding

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (EP) — A Southern Baptist pastor and a Catholic priest participated together in a wedding ceremony here considered to be the first of its kind in the nation.

The Baptist minister is William Jackson, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Hebbardsville, Ky.

since 1962.

Jackson helped to marry his sister Joyce to 24-year-old James M. Larkin during ceremonies at the St. Michael Catholic Church in Memphis. The bride says she will remain a Baptist and her husband will remain a Catholic.

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