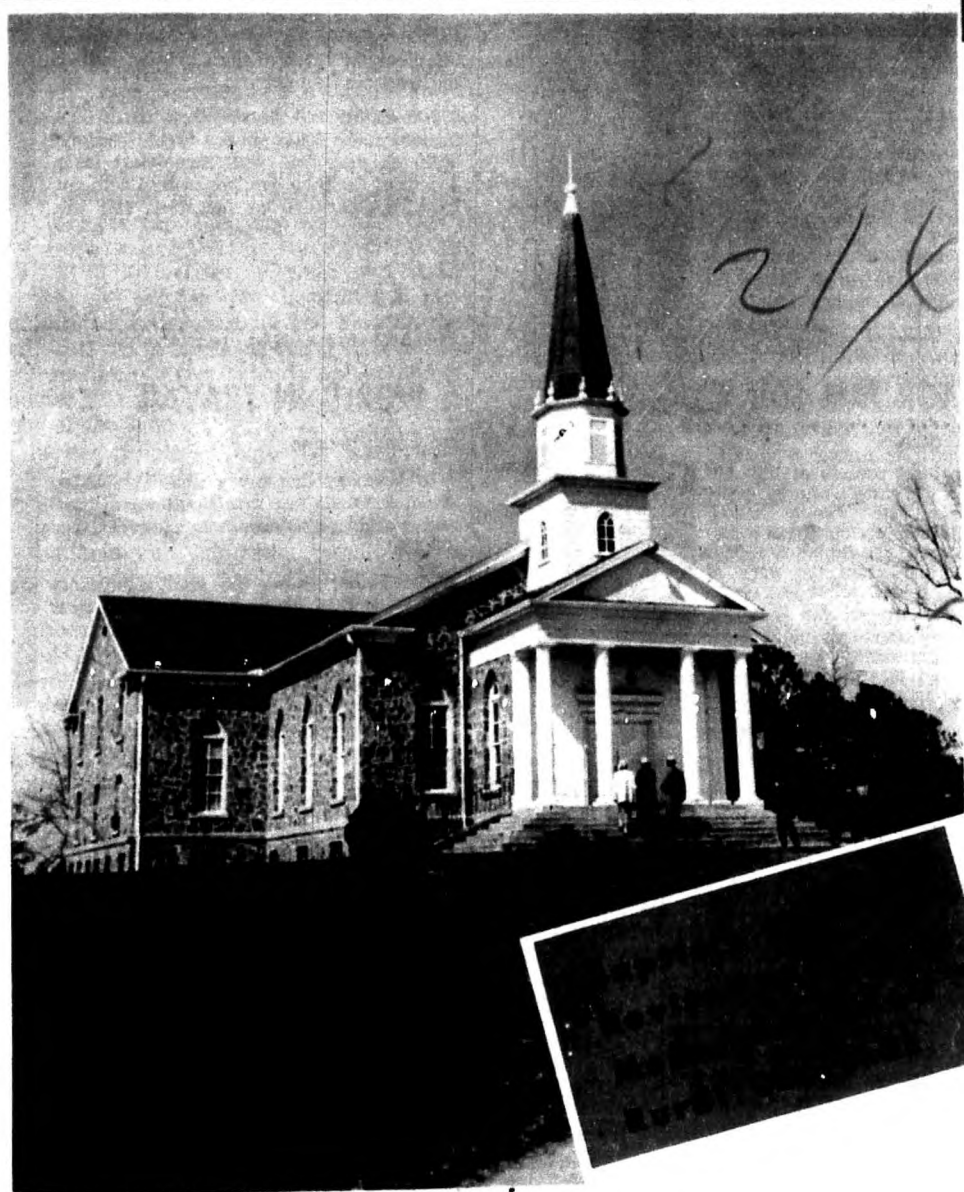


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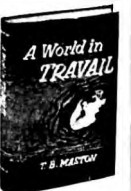
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For Such a Time

By Courts Redford

EMERSON once said, "In every generation, one nation more than any other represents the hope and the welfare of all mankind."

Surely America is that nation today.

America has been blessed in a peculiar way. Her cities have not been ravaged by war. Her homes have not been destroyed. Her factories and industries have not been bombed. God has placed his great hand over our land to protect it from the forces of destruction.

America is rich. She is rich in natural resources. Her material and industrial production has amazed the world. In 1951 her per capita income was \$1,100.00, while that of Europe was \$380.00; Russia, \$310.00; South America, \$170.00; Africa, \$75.00; and Asia, only \$70.00. She is rich in her institutional life. She has more hospital beds than all the rest of the world combined. She has become the center of scientific and educational research. Her schools and churches stand as lighthouses of truth and righteousness in every nook and corner of the land.

She is rich in her people. There has never been a nation like the United States. The United States is a composite of all nations. To her shores have come the liberty-loving and God-fearing people of all lands. She is an international and interracial mosaic of all peoples, capable from her own citizenship of reaching the whole world with a message of hope and salvation. She is God's chosen vessel for such a time as this.

Her population is growing. She has become the political asylum for the oppressed peoples of the world. She is hated by some and coveted by others but she is loved by great multitudes of the peoples of the world.

God is blessing her with a phenomenal growth through an increased birth rate and a decreased death rate. There are sixty-two per cent more children under five years of age than there were in 1940. There are thirty-nine per cent more elders over sixty years of age.

The United States has such contacts with the whole wide world as no other nation has ever had. Her military forces are stationed in forty-nine nations of the world. These men and women, dressed in the uniform of Uncle Sam, carry to these widely scattered areas some conception of the American way of life. They are our missionaries whether they want to be or not.

It is reported that two million tourists left our shores last year. They visited every nation on the face of the earth. They represent a cross section of American manhood and womanhood. Unfortunately, our tourists often take a spiritual vacation while abroad and fail to properly exemplify the true spirit of America. But they

are all missionaries, carrying to a war-torn and spiritually emaciated world some conception of the American way of life.

Thousands of men and women leave our shores annually as emissaries of business interests, industrial enterprises, professional groups, governmental agencies, labor unions and educational organizations. The great majority of these are motivated by selfish interests and far too many exploit the peoples among whom they labor. In many cases, however poorly they represent the true spirit of America, they are the best representation of our way of life that hundreds of thousands of the peoples of other lands may ever know.

Even the most distant nation is now our next door neighbor. A few hours by plane and we are knocking on the door of our most distant neighbor; and more and more of us are traveling in more and more directions and knocking on more and more doors. Everyone takes into that faraway home some conception of Christianity because, though we fall far short, the United States stands in the family of nations as the epitome of a Christian nation. Christ is judged by these Americans.

No nation ever bore a greater responsibility. No people ever enjoyed a greater privilege. No generation was ever challenged by a greater opportunity.

But America cannot give to the world that which she does not have. She cannot keep on giving that which she does not keep on having. She cannot manifest Christ in her life unless she has Christ in her heart.

America must be Christian. Unto whomsoever much is given will much be required. God expects something great of America. Should we fail today, we fail not only our generation but those who have gone before and have made possible the spiritual heritage that enriches our land, and we fail also those who wait upon the threshold of tomorrow.

God has blessed Southern Baptists. They are among the strongest religious forces in the United States today. In a peculiar way this is their task. They believe in the open Bible, in the inherent value of human personality, in political and religious democracy, in the right and responsibility of the individual to freedom of choice and participation, in voluntary co-operation in matters of common interest, and in salvation by faith in Christ as a personal Saviour. The world needs that message.

The Home Mission Board joins our other Baptist forces in an intensified and determined effort to meet this challenge and to make America genuinely Christian. Then America may more effectively carry the gospel to a needy world. To this end we covet your prayers and wholehearted support.

NEWS

Indian Group Gives Program For Good Will Center

The Missionary Society of the First Seminole Indian Baptist Church of Dania, Florida recently were guests of the Miami Baptist Good Will Center where they were in charge of the program.

The Indian women, in their beautiful and colorful native costumes sang, prayed and testified of their love for Jesus. Some spoke in their own language.

Other missionary circles from the Miami Baptist churches furnished refreshments for the occasion. Nearly seventy adults of many nationalities attended the meeting and worshiped together in this unique event.

First Papago Teacher

Christian education is paying off in the personality of Miss Barbara Mendez, reports *The Arizona Indian*, a publication put out by Southern Baptist missionaries to the Indians in that state.

The editor calls attention to a recent issue of *Indian Education* which states that Miss Mendez is the first Papago to return to teach her own people. She teaches in the first grade at the Sells Indian School. Barbara is a product of our Southern Baptist missionary effort. She was trained at Mary-Hardin Baylor College and was able to attend school because of the Indian scholarship fund provided by Baptists through the Home Mission Board. Missionary and Mrs. Marvin Sorrels have been instrumental in encouraging Barbara in her efforts to get an education and return to teach her own people.

Publishing Records Broken

During December, January, and February, the home mission period of graded studies, the Home Mission Board distributed 184,593 books. This was 30,238 more copies than were ever distributed during the home mission season of studies. More than 210,000 copies of new books and reprints were made during the period. In *Evangeline's Country*, by John Caylor, topping all previous records of production and sales at 84,000.

Interest Grows In Jewish Fellowship Week

Interest in the observance of Jewish Fellowship Week appears to be growing throughout the Convention territory. Many churches participated in the program this year who had not tried the program before. They report blessings received for their own membership as well as the Jewish people in the church community.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Southern Baptists have been most generous in responding to the appeal for used clothing and food for the migrants. This season's needs have been adequately met and we should like to request that you do not send any more packages until you have first contacted the missionary. Thank you for your generosity.

Sam T. Mayo
Missionary to Migrants

Aroused Concern for Those In the Military

"Southern Baptist churches, as soon as they see the problems of today's youth who are serving in the armed forces, immediately have a deep concern and a desire to help," says Dr. E. L. Ackiss, Home Board worker who has been assigned the job of preparing a program for Southern Baptists that will help them more effectively keep in touch with youth in service.

Several churches have rededicated themselves to their Christian responsibility for the young people entering in, and returning from the armed forces.

According to Dr. Ackiss, pastors throughout the Convention are catching the vision and undertaking to meet the needs of young people with every resource at their command.

A Plea for the Program of "A Million More in '54"

The following item was recently noted in *The Indian Scout*, a publication of the First Indian Baptist Mission, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

"May the spirit of 'A Million More in '54' knock at every Baptist door and cry aloud, 'Awake, awake, for the Saviour's sake!'"

Missions and mission churches throughout the Convention territory are joining in heartily with the established churches in the campaign to reach a million more people in Baptist Sunday schools during 1954.

Plan Four-Year Conquest

Officials of the Home Mission Board are busy planning details of the Four Year Conquest scheduled for 1955-1958. The 1955 emphasis will be on evangelism and church membership including an effort to re-enlist non-resident members. The 1956 emphasis will be on church extension and building of new church buildings. It is hoped that 2,000 new churches and mission stations may be added during that year. In 1957 the emphasis will be on the promotion of work among the language groups, minority groups, neglected and underprivileged groups. During the final year, 1958, the Board will emphasize the Rural Church Program and ministries to the large cities.

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John Caylor



THINKING HOME MISSIONS

DURING MARCH the thinking of Southern Baptists everywhere was focused on the marvelous work of our Home Mission Board. One of the Convention's two original boards, established in 1845, its purpose is to make America Christian. To that end it conducts and promotes a variety of missionary and evangelistic endeavors in the homeland.

Members of the Woman's Missionary Society and its auxiliaries met to study about and pray for this important work. In many churches the Wednesday evening services and in some places one of the Sunday services were given to this emphasis.

Although we like to think so, America is not a Christian nation. In the territory now served by churches

of the Southern Baptist Convention there are more than forty-five million lost people. And in Oklahoma alone there are a million people without Christ as Saviour.

Direct mission work includes that done with language groups, such as the French, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish-speaking people. This includes work in Good Will Centers, the International Center at Berkeley, California, rescue homes, and the Woman's Emergency Home at New Orleans, Louisiana. There is also a work among the Jews.

Missionaries among the migrant workers minister to an otherwise neglected group and there is a new pioneer ranch ministry.

Co-operative mission work is carried on with the states and includes both rural and city mission programs. This has to do mainly with the establishment of new churches and the construction of new buildings.

There is a special work among the Negroes which is carried on both in mission centers and in educational institutions as a teaching ministry.

The Board also carries on work in Alaska, Cuba, and in Panama and the Canal Zone. And of course there are administrative, mailing, bookkeeping, editorial, missionary education, and promotion departments and the Chaplains Commission. One of the most important departments is that of Evangelism, which leads all Southern Baptists in soul-winning efforts.

Editorial, *The Baptist Messenger*, Jack L. Gritz, Editor.

HOME MISSIONS—Now Continent-Wide

FROM THE Panama Canal Zone to Alaska, and in ever increasing locations in between, our Home Mission Board forces are called upon to help evangelize the people, get churches organized and buildings underway. The Board has not extended our Southern Baptist Convention boundaries, but the people who have gone out from our established churches to live in new territories have done so.

As many loyal Southern Baptists have moved West and North and have found in numerous areas no churches in which they could be spiritually happy, either in doctrine or activity, they have set about to establish mission Sunday schools and churches where there could be a "fellowship of kindred minds." Such

situations in growing numbers have called upon our Home Mission Board for help. Hence, the area of service has been greatly multiplied. Now there is some Southern Baptist work in virtually every state of the Union.

Home missionaries and others have aided in establishing effective work in Alaska. There are strong churches in Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan, and other places. A little more than a year ago the North Pole Baptist Church was constituted near Fairbanks. Also, a church for Eskimos was organized with fifty-seven charter members and named the Native Baptist Church. Here on the rim of the Arctic Circle are our most northerly Southern Baptist churches. Recently a mission was opened north of the Arctic Circle at Kotzebue.

Only a month ago, in a preaching mission in Panama and the Canal Zone under direction of the Home Mission Board, the number of professing Christians was increased by forty per cent in just eight days. The immediate membership of the eight churches participating was increased by thirty-two per cent during the week.

So, whether close to the North Pole or close to the Equator, your home mission forces are busy entering as many open doors of opportunity as your own generosity will make possible.

—W. G. Stracener, Editor, *Florida Baptist Witness*.

Pastors Appreciate Survey Program

By John W. Wells, Field Secretary
Department Co-operative Missions

RECENT LETTERS from pastors who have used the Local Church Survey Program indicate that remarkable results are obtained wherever the program is properly and faithfully put on.

James A. Pate, pastor of West End Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, says: "The Survey Program has been to me an assistant pastor. From one census to another we were losing contact with several families, but this has been solved through the Survey Program. At my finger tips now is information that is invaluable for effective and systematic visitation. Also, there is a map that reveals the true condition of any given area of the church field. It is my opinion that this Survey Program is the answer to many of the problems of the busy pastor."

From Seaburn T. Hicks, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grand Bay, Alabama, comes this statement: "The Survey Program is a practical method of finding, winning, and enlisting people. We made the survey here in Grand Bay in February, 1953. It has been in operation for over a year. We have a secretary and a visitation board. We used the information received in the survey to help us in determining the size of our new building which is now under construction. The Survey Program will do a remarkable job in any church that will use it. It is sensible and will work."

Adrian W. Coleman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Brownwood, Texas, writes: "There are several values that I see in the Local Church Survey Program. We put it on in September, 1952, at the Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, where I was then pastor. First,

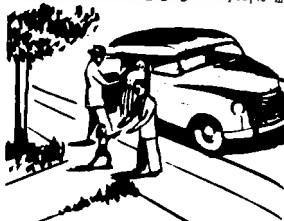
it creates a passion for lost people; second, it arouses an interest in growth. Our building was crowded to capacity the Sunday after we took the survey. The church voted to build a new auditorium and to renovate the old auditorium for use as additional Sunday school space. This was the first auditorium built since 1860. It is now completed and in use. Third, the survey is valuable to a pastor who succeeds another on the field. We kept our files up to date through our zone leaders and when I resigned to come to



my new field, the pastor succeeding me remarked that all he had to do was to take the survey file and begin visiting. I recommend the program."

"Through the years I have tried to be on the alert for methods that embodied the Commission as given to us by our Master," says Wayne F. Hart, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leakesville, Mississippi. "I was interested in plans or programs that would use all of our people and engage and challenge them by giving them purpose and vision. The Survey Program inspired our people to greater service. We are now reaching people that we did not know existed. Our Sunday school and

other work are above any expectation we ever had, and now we are engaged in a building program for our church. Before putting the program on, I was fairly certain that my work here was about finished because I felt I had exhausted every means of engaging the people in



a program designed for growth and training. The Survey Program led our people to greater soul-winning, to increased enlistment of those formerly unreached, to a ministry to the shut-ins, to more adequate provisions for our Nursery and Cradle Roll Departments, and it has given to me as pastor a consistent program of work."

George Hulsey, pastor of Gilmer Street Baptist Church, Cartersville, Georgia (formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Collinsville, Alabama, where the program mentioned was put on), writes, "I would like to say four things about the Survey Program. First, it is a purposeful program. It inspires the church to do something about the lost and unenlisted. It shows the stewardship potential of the church. Second, it is a practical program. It is simple, yet thorough. It is adequate, yet inexpensive; systematic, yet personal. It gives the pastor an assistant in his preaching and teaching and visiting ministry. Third, it is a permanent program. It affords up-to-date, last-minute information on every family on the church field. Fourth, it is a powerful program. It will bring growth and added strength to every phase of the church work. It will help the people to see their need for enlarged equipment. An educational plant, I believe, will be constructed sooner as a



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result of the program in this church. I commend the Survey Program wholeheartedly."

Gene Garrett, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, says: "Our church has just conducted a Survey Program. I have not witnessed anything during my ministry as pastor that has given promise of more far-reaching results than has this program. Our people are awakened. I am confident that in a short time I will be living on the field and giving my full time to the people. Thank you for this helpful program of work."

K. E. Seepe, pastor of Sardis Baptist Church, Hudson, North Carolina, writes: "Our people were amazed at the challenge revealed by the Survey Program. At the time the survey was conducted, there were enrolled in Sunday school, 442; Training Union, 135; WMU, 82; and Brotherhood,

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52 The survey revealed the following prospects: Sunday school, 1,030; Training Union, 671; WMU, 475; and Brotherhood, 185. Our people are now visiting as never before. The Survey Program is proving to be a splendid and successful effort in our church."

Gaines H. Mason, pastor of Ridgeland Baptist Church, Ridgeland, South Carolina, says: "It would be impossible to state every way in which the Church Survey Program has helped the cause of Christ here in Ridgeland. Our church school now maintains an average attendance in Sunday school better than at any time in its history. An increase in attendance at the preaching service is noteworthy, causing many to remark, 'Our new sanctuary will not hold all our people.' Already more than thirty have come forward to unite with our church. This is remarkable when one realizes that the Federal census showed an increase of only seven-teen in our population in the last ten years. Our organizations have in hand a list of prospects. The church mailing system has been greatly improved. A marked interest is being manifested in the educational plant that has been so



Gaines H. Mason, pastor of Ridgeland Baptist Church, Ridgeland, S. C., points to the map of his church field as he discusses some of the merits of the recently conducted Survey Program.

badly needed. Heretofore the pastor and a very small minority sensed the need for additional space. The survey has made our church an interest center for the entire community. Many come to study the zoning. Only this morning a Red Cross chapter meeting was held in our church. Assignments were made according to our map. The town will use this map. Others study it for vacant houses and other information. Only eternity will reveal the true results of the Survey Program to our church. If our people suffer, it will not be for lack of vision, for the Church Survey Program made sure of that."

The purpose of the local Church Survey Program is to help a church become a better church. This it attempts to do by: (1) discovering and mapping the church field; (2) uncovering and locating the possibilities for enrollment not only in the church membership but its organizations;

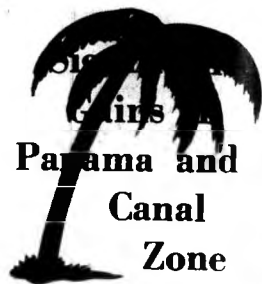
(3) recovering for the church something of her former prestige and pride; (4) charting the present program and production of the church in comparison with her past achievements and by using this comparison, in view of the possibilities, to challenge the church to greater effort; (5) making the church conscious of building and grounds needs; and (6) helping the church to realize and make plans to assume her rightful place in the community where she is to serve and in the world where she is to witness.

The Survey Program is designed for rural churches (communities under 2,500 population) but can be adapted for use by any other church.

A special package of materials and instructions, to be used in conducting the Survey Program, may be secured from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia (\$1.00 per package).

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DURING THE RECENT evangelistic crusade in Panama and the Canal Zone eight participating churches increased their combined membership by thirty-two per cent. During the campaign there were 400 conversions, 306 joined the churches, and about 450 rededicated their lives.

The significance of these figures is apparent when it is noted that the eight participating churches had a combined membership of only 1,000 prior to the revivals.

Sixteen Southern Baptist pastors and denominational leaders from the States served as evangelists for these meetings which were sponsored by the Home Mission Board. The men returned with glowing reports of the power of God and the heroism of our Baptist missionaries and national pastors in that section. They also returned with reports of the staggering need for more money and men to do mission work on a larger scale.

Rev. R. G. Van Royen, superintendent of the work in Panama and the Canal Zone, reported "It is my firm conviction that the seed sown during the days of these meetings will continue to sprout and grow as the churches utilize the information concerning the methods of organization for the Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, etc."

Southern Baptists are working with three groups of people in Panama and the Zone, the Anglos, Spanish-speaking, and West Indians or Negroes. In the Zone Southern Baptists have three American churches and four West Indian churches. The American churches include Balboa First Church, Dr. William H. Beeby, pastor. This is the largest of the churches

By Harold G. Sanders, Pastor
First Baptist Church,
Tallahassee, Florida, and Member of
Home Mission Board

and is self-supporting. The next largest is Cocoli, with Rev. J. E. Warren, pastor, and the third is the Atlantic Church in Cristobal with Rev. William J. Johnson as pastor. These churches are trying not only to meet their own needs but to be friends and helpers of the missions around them. They have recently formed a Baptist association and are considering affiliation with the Florida Baptist Convention.

The West Indian churches include: First Isthmian, Rev. S. A. Scarlett, pastor; Bethany Church, Dr. W. A. Morgan, pastor; Red Tank Church, which is being moved to a new location near Paraiso; and the Calvary Church, which is also being moved to a new location. The Zion Church and Base Line Church in the Bocas del Toro Province also participated in the series of services. Practically all the other churches and missions in Panama and the Canal Zone were contacted by the visiting ministers during the campaign.

Mr. Van Royen also took several of the visiting ministers to the San Blas Indian Mission on the Island of Ailigandi, off the coast of Panama where there are 20,000 San Blas Indians. Members of the preaching mission recommended to the Home Mission Board that the Board make an investigation into the possibility of beginning Baptist mission work among those Indians. Some independent work is being done there now.

Most of the Panama preaching party

spent several days in Mexico. They had as their guide Rev. W. Orvil Reid, missionary at Guadalajara. Mexico is a slumbering giant coming awake. Communist sympathy runs high there. It is a great challenge.

The group also went to Guatemala which is now a field of the Foreign Mission Board but work was started there by Paul Bell, Sr., then employed by the Home Mission Board as missionary in Panama.

Like all of Latin America, these countries are all nominally Roman Catholic, but the power of the church is slipping—not only spiritually, but also politically. It is estimated that ninety-five per cent of the people are Catholic, but less than twenty-five per cent ever take it seriously as far as attendance is concerned. There is a great vacuum which Baptists should fill with the liberating truth and presence of Jesus Christ.

After the revival closed Sunday night we all met at the First Baptist Church, Balboa Heights, for a supper and report of the work. The church provided the meal free with Dr. William Beeby as our host pastor.

On Wednesday, as the last one to remain, I went with Mr. Van Royen via car into the interior as far as Las Tablas, 175 miles, to see all our Spanish-speaking work outside the city of Panama. We visited all the churches, saw all the Home Board missionaries including Lozane, Archbold, and Gomez at Las Tablas, La Chorrera and Aguadulce respectively. These churches are well situated, but are in elementary stages. Las Tablas has a fine building furnished by the Home Board. The others are in rented buildings except the Montero church where the Balboa Heights church built a building.

The work looks up in Panama. With time, more money, and more workers we may expect the greatest progress recorded in more than a decade in the years im-

Witnessing for CHRIST in 1954

By John Caylor

IN THE FINAL YEAR of the Five-Year Crusade of the Home Mission Board the emphasis is on witnessing for Christ.

In the Board's objective to lead every individual Christian to become a more effective witness it is hoped that the witness may be borne among the minority groups, the neglected, and the underprivileged. Not only is it necessary for the individual to witness but every church ought to manifest its interest as a body in the unreached. Then churches, associations, and groups of churches working together are supporting local missions and building new churches.

or indirect ministry of home missionaries, 55,901.

New Units of Work

In the reports of Home missionaries for 1953 it was revealed that 284 new churches were constituted and 706 new missions opened. The missionaries entered into the "Million More in '54" program and organized many new classes and mission Sunday schools. Even mission churches open missions and missions start missions before they become churches. Thus new units are constantly becoming new churches.

Departments of Home Missions

While there has been a change in designation of departments in 1954, the various departments and their work for 1953 are represented as follows:

The Department of Direct Missions listed 342 missionaries and 7,176 professions of faith in the work among the Chinese, the deaf, French, Good Will Centers, Indians, Italians, Japanese, Russians, Spanish-speaking, rescue homes, Woman's Emergency Home and Baby Placement Center.

The Department of Evangelism has six members on its staff and reported seven-teen crusades, thirty revivals, and 6,140 professions of faith in meetings held.

In the Department of Jewish Work three additional missionaries were added during 1953 and an encouraging report was made on the observance of Jewish Fellowship Week.

In the outposts—Alaska, Cuba, Panama,

homa; Hugh R. Bumpas, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; W. P. Davis, First Baptist Church, Flora, Mississippi; Ross E. Dillon, City Superintendent of Missions, Houston, Texas; Carl Duck, Morton Baptist Church, Morton, Mississippi; Earl B. Edington, First Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida; G. C. Hodge, First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Mississippi; E. D. Estes, Biloxi, Mississippi; J. R. White, Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida; W. B. Grindstaff, assistant executive secretary of Oklahoma.

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and the Canal Zone—and in the work among migrants, the pioneer ranch ministry, and the Student Summer Mission Program a far-reaching ministry was effected.

In the Co-operative Missions Department are the City Mission Program, the Rural Church Program, Mountain Missions, Western and Pioneer Missions, Rural Survey Program, Ministry to Trailer Camps, Ministry to Military Personnel, Work with Broken Homes and Juvenile Delinquents, and the Correspondence Bible Course. Statistical reports in this department are shared by state mission boards and the number of conversions and additions is added to state mission reports. Members of the home mission staff in co-operative missions rendered varied and effective service in their pulpit ministry as well as in their departmental activities.

The Department of Education and Publicity edited and distributed 188,749 mission study books, reported an average circulation of 119,790 copies of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, produced millions of pages of tracts and pamphlets, and submitted monthly releases on home missions to state Baptist papers.

The Schools of Missions Department reported 2,303 churches in 124 simultaneous programs with an attendance of 925,151 during the year. Three hundred and twenty-eight home missionaries and approved workers served a total of 831 weeks in Schools of Missions.

The Office of Promotion released nine filmstrips including a biographical sketch of Dr. Lawrence and a filmstrip to illustrate each of the mission study books in the home mission graded series. The promotion office also co-operated with the Sunday School Board in producing motion pictures on home missions. Further service rendered by this department included Home Board news releases, exhibits, printed materials, and recordings.

In the Department of Negro Work there were fifty-nine missionaries serving in Negro centers, as teacher-missionaries or as general workers. The teacher-missionaries had 34,148 students in their classes, 10,000 of whom were ministers. They reached 14,000 in extension classes and enrolled more than 8,000 in leadership institutes.

The Chaplains Commission reported 477 chaplains on duty and endorsed 274 to the services in 1953.

The Church Building Loans Department had one of its busiest years but placed all the money available in church loans and reported the greatest need of the Board at the present time as that of increased funds to lend to new churches.



Dr. C. Y. Dossey preaching through an interpreter, Donald Levy.

Cuban Baptists Have Evangelistic Crusade

By Herbert Caudill
Secretary of Missions in Cuba

CUBAN BAPTISTS believe in evangelism. Recently every church and five missions of the provinces of Matanzas and Pinar del Rio entered wholeheartedly into an evangelistic crusade, most of them for two weeks. Dr. C. Y. Dossey was the evangelist for the churches in the cities of Matanzas and Pinar del Rio and served as director for these two crusades. He also led six conferences in each province in which evangelists and pastors co-operated. The other evangelists were Cuban pastors, with the exception of Rev. Wendell Davis of Statesville, North Carolina, who preached in San Juan y Martinez. Eight churches and three missions participated in Matanzas Province and thirteen churches and two missions in Pinar del Rio. The churches reported as results of the crusade 2,811 professions of faith, with 594 asking for baptism. A total of 6,558

was present on high attendance day in the Sunday schools.

This was Brother Dossey's third visit to Cuba. He came first in December of 1949 for a two-week crusade in which practically all of the churches in Havana Province co-operated. He came again in November of 1952 with Dr. C. E. Autrey, at which time he led about fifteen churches in a crusade in Las Villas Province and Dr. Autrey led the same number of churches in Havana Province. Rev. E. Powell Lee came to Cuba before the campaign in 1949 and prepared the way. In our Workers' Institute in July, 1953, at the Baptist Seminary of Havana, Dr. C. E. Matthews gave a series of studies on evangelism and held services at night on the Seminary campus. In these meetings eighteen churches of the greater Havana area co-operated.

We are making plans now for a simultaneous evangelistic crusade in all of our churches of Western Cuba in the spring of 1955. We expect to have 100 per cent co-operation from our pastors and churches.

I believe that these crusades and studies have definitely helped the evangelistic spirit of our churches. There is evidently a relation between these special efforts and the number of baptisms. In the four years, 1946-1949, we had 1,360 baptisms. The highest number in one year, which was the highest up to that date, was in 1949 when we had 429 baptisms. That was the year Rev. E. Powell Lee and Rev. C. Y. Dossey visited us. During the four years, 1950-1953, we had 1,996 baptisms, the best year being in 1952 when Dr. C. E. Autrey and Rev. C. Y. Dossey came for



Part of the group who made professions of faith at First Baptist Church, Matanzas.

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Rev. Donald Levy, pastor at Aguacate, conducts outdoor baptizing during crusade.

crusades in Havana and Las Villas Provinces. In 1952 we baptized 597 people.

We are sure that the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism is getting good results in Cuba. Our churches have been revived and are carrying on the whole program in a better way. Many of our pastors have had splendid results in evangelistic services in their own churches and in churches they have visited. We have

seen improvement on the part of our workers in the presentation of the invitation and in the care they have had in the performance of baptismal services. Our efforts in mass evangelism have been an incentive for increased activity in personal work. We believe that by carrying out this program we will continue to report increased numbers of baptisms from year to year.



Fellowship meeting at Pinar del Rio. Such meetings are vital to the success of the crusades.

For Your SUMMER CAMPS



An interesting study for Young People and Adults would be **FOR SUCH A TIME**—Sapp.

A biographical sketch of Dr. J. B. Lawrence, for twenty-four years secretary of the Home Mission Board.

While *For Such a Time* was written for Young People, it would also appeal to Intermediates in summer camp studies.

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These girls work on tea towels during handcraft period.

CAMP Helps Build Character

By Wilfred Winstead

FORTY-THREE young Negro boys and girls from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, spent four inspiring and educational days at camp last summer.

At the Forsyth Baptist Fellowship Camp near Winston-Salem, the youth, between the ages of nine and sixteen, learned of the importance of accepting Christ as their personal Saviour, studied mission work, and played together in directed sports.

It all began five years ago in the mind of a Wake Forest student, Irvin Grigg. Grigg turned it over in his mind

for about a year, and then presented the proposal for such a camp to the Rev. Charles W. Ward, former dean of missions and now executive secretary of the Georgia Negro State Convention.

The idea—Grigg's idea—was accepted and for the past four summers he has been employed as summer missionary by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to work with the Negro people of Winston-Salem.

He has planned the camp each summer and directed it twice. According to him, "Through religious camping we have one

of the best opportunities for helping our youth, either white or colored, to develop even as Christ did as he grew from childhood to manhood—in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man."

By contacts with the fellow campers, one learns to get along with his fellowman. Through directed sports and handcraft, he develops physically. Through Bible study, he grows in favor with God.

The campers had the usual busy and well-filled day. Beginning at 7:00 o'clock in the morning with "rise and shine," they started the day in the proper spirit with a

fifteen-minute morning watch. Breakfast was at 8:00 o'clock and "cabin clean-up" at 8:30. The rest of the day was filled with mission study, handcraft, swimming and other directed sports, and worship periods. In the evening the campers saw the world through colored slides or movies.

The close of the day found the inevitable group of tired campers.

On the fourth day of the camping period the invitation to accept Christ was offered during the morning service in place of the usual program. The staff members, who had been trying to lead the campers to Christ, wanted the children to accept Christ, not because they were emotionally keyed up, but because they wanted to and felt that it was the right thing to do. For that reason there was no preaching that day. Three accepted Christ. The majority were already Christians.

Every precaution was taken for the welfare of the camper. The meals were planned by trained dietitians and prepared by regular YMCA camp cooks. Doctors from Winston-Salem's Kate Biting Hospital gave physical examinations to the campers to determine if some phase of camp activity might be too strenuous for the children. If such a case was found, special activity was planned for that child.

Grigg and his wife, Ruth Ann, were the only white persons at the camp last summer. Four teachers and two other college graduates were on the staff.

Expenses of the Fellowship are met by equal contributions from both white and Negro associations. The camp is only one phase of the work carried on by the Fellowship. Other activities include Bible schools, classes for pastors, Sunday school promotion, and general promotion of church work.

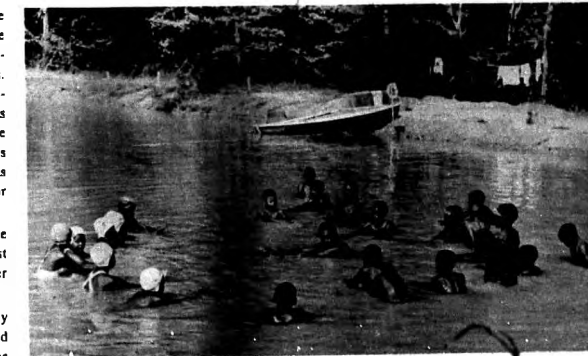
Plans are now being made to have a five-day period twice each summer—once for the younger group and once for the older campers.

Grigg believes that the camp is an important phase of Christian work. The camp, which began as a venture in Christian education, is now a firmly established part of the Fellowship work.

And the people of Winston-Salem are endeavoring to carry the gospel to the people in their own vicinity—and they, like Peter, "perceive that God is no respecter of persons."



Campfire services held shortly before the cabin devotions closes the day right.



Marcellus Penn, senior student at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., instructs a group of children in the art of swimming.



These girls eat with apparent relish. Nourishing meals were prepared by trained dietitians.



Campers go through the routine of "cabin clean-up" as they make beds and sweep the floor.



H. W. Wiley, dean of missions, conducts the decision day service which was held on the last day of camp.



Old Clothes and Missions

Before sending used clothing to any of our missionaries, be sure to contact them first for mailing instructions.

gather it seems that the missionaries working among the Pueblo and Village Indians can use clothes gifts to the best advantage. This does not mean that missionaries working among the Apaches and Navajos cannot use them, but generally the women of these tribes wear a type of dress that their white sisters do not.

The Indian is not naked, nor is he starving, but there are cases when if it were not for the help received from the mission they would be in a bad fix. This help should always be of a temporary nature as no tribe or members of a tribe should come to the point where they depend on the missionary for relief except in an emergency. Good clean clothes and sometimes baby food have been used as a means to enter some home or village with the gospel of Christ.

In the distribution of clothing, many humorous things happen. One old Navajo

By Harold Baer
Flagstaff, Arizona

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SCATTERED throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are over one million clothes closets filled with outworn, outgrown clothes not quite good enough to wear, but much too good to throw away. A call comes from some mission field for good used clothes. We are filled with sympathy and joy. Here is a chance to help someone and also to get that closet cleaned out!

There is a need for used clothes on most of the Indian mission fields in Arizona and New Mexico, but the supply, in the above mentioned closets so far exceeds the need that the missionary almost shakes in his boots when he asks for clothes. Boxes of men's ties, ladies' hats, high-heeled shoes, mismatched shoes and sometimes just one shoe with no mate at all come pouring in. Either there are a lot of one-legged people in the Southern Baptist Convention, or someone thinks we have a tribe of one-legged Indians.

In many of the boxes, however, are some really good clothes, well packed, neatly mended and clean. While some of the things cannot be used due to living conditions, the missionary always appreciates such boxes and the people who send them. From information I have been able to

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Theme Program

man wanted the missionary to give him two ties. The missionary knew the old man never wore ties, so he looked around to find out just how the ties were used. He found two silk ties knotted together, one end tied to a small tree and the other fastened snugly around the neck of a sheep. One way to keep a sheep from going astray!

How can Baptists help the mission work among the Indians in New Mexico and Arizona? One way would be to write to the missionaries and ask them what they need. Clothing, baby food, and other items the missionaries may indicate will help.

What about used clothes? I have found the answer for myself. By spending less on myself, wearing each garment a bit longer, not having too much extra for our fast-growing children to outgrow, it is possible to give above the tithe. Putting more money into the Lord's work will make it possible for more missionaries to be on the mission fields and will help buy the big things needed in missions.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

Former Priest Becomes Home Board Field Worker

ON MARCH 1 Rev. William E. Burke, a former Roman Catholic priest, became a field worker of the Home Mission Board. He says he comes to this job with the desire to help Roman Catholics into the light of the true teachings of the New Testament, to strengthen the faith of Baptist people by comparing and contrasting the fundamental teachings of Roman Catholicism with the scriptural beliefs of Baptists, and to work incessantly in preventing mixed marriages.

Mr. Burke, a native of Pennsylvania, says: "For ten years I strove as a Roman Catholic priest to obtain eternal salvation for myself and those committed to my care by practicing and teaching that salvation is a moral process, that the sinner is made just (or works out his salvation) by his own deeds."

"According to the teaching of the Council of Trent, which as a priest I was obliged to believe, the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church are the instrumental cause of justification. Thus the grace purchased by Christ's death cannot flow to the sinner direct. It can flow only from the hands of the Roman Catholic priest, through the channels of the sacraments. The salvation of the sinner is thus made dependent upon the reception of the sacraments from the hands of the priests. As a priest I was thus an important factor in the Roman Catholic plan of salvation. The people depended upon me to keep grace flowing to them through the sacramental channels, and to help the souls in purgatory by offering the sacrifice of the mass, for which I received stipends which are fixed payments for service."

I became disillusioned, for I failed to find that these seven sacraments made any deep spiritual change either in myself or in those committed to my care. I was not the first priest to reach this dead-end street of Roman Catholicism. Luther and countless thousands of others found this out before me, and today an increasing number of priests, led by the Holy Spirit, are brought to the realization that the gospel reveals each man's dependency on Christ and Christ alone for salvation."

Eventually Mr. Burke accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and continued in

study, research, and prayer. He finally wrote down a list of the things he believed and thought so that if ever he found a group who believed as he did he would like to join them.

One day he found a pamphlet on what Baptists believe and discovered that it was almost identical with the list he had made after studying the New Testament. Therefore, he went to a nearby Baptist church and after conversing with the pastor made his profession of faith and was baptized into the church. Later, on October 25, 1953, he was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Madison Avenue

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Rev. William E. Burke, new field worker for Home Mission Board.



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It Happened In Kotzebue

Although I had heard of Fred Flood, the first time I met him was last August when he dropped into the little rented mission with a friend. I perched myself on the kitchen table and talked with the boys for some time. Both were unsaved and this was an opportunity to speak a word for Christ.

Between August and December the boys became involved in trouble with the law. So when Fred returned to Kotzebue early in December I made every effort to speak the word which would turn him to the Lord. While his outward appearance showed only hardened sin, I knew from the conversation in August that the heart was soft for the truth of the gospel.

We made many preparations for Christmas. A lot of work was necessary to change the former poolroom into our church auditorium. Fred and I dismantled two pool tables and stored them. After the place had been thoroughly cleaned, decorations had to be put up for the Christmas program which was to be our first service in the new auditorium. But where could we get a tree? On this barren, tundra-peninsula the largest tree is a three-foot willow, not exactly the ideal Yule tree. Across the bay one could see the dark spruce, but it was a nice walk of twenty-five miles.

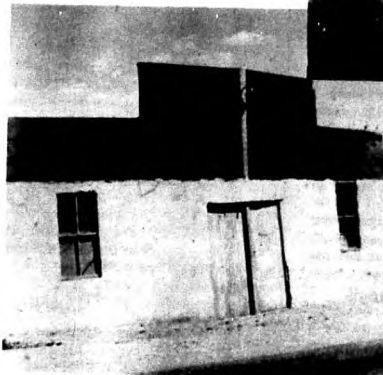
Fred offered to take his dog team and mush with me to the mouth of the Noatak River to find a Christmas tree. We made the twenty-nine-mile trip in nineteen below zero weather and returned with a tree and boughs for decorations. Lights and trimmings were put on the tree and spruce boughs were placed beneath the windows. The final touch of atmosphere was added by a lovely Christmas scene painted on a sheet of plywood by Miss Muriel Hannah, a noted Alaskan artist, who was visiting Kotzebue and made that gift to our mission. All was now ready.

For the first service, our Christmas program, about ninety people crowded into the new auditorium on December 20.

Christmas Day dawned around ten o'clock and forty children and adults were present for our brief Christmas service and distribution of gifts. A good spirit prevailed.

I had been invited out for Christmas dinner, but returned early as I thought Fred would be waiting in my apartment. The day was speeding to its close when I returned. Fred was there. All the preparation of the past weeks seemed to converge. The way of salvation, the way of the cross, was once again presented to Fred. We knelt and prayed, and as Christmas Day faded away, the Christ of Bethlehem was born into another heart.

The story did not end on Christmas, however. In this village of 900, Fred is the only boy his age who is attempting to live for Christ. Fred now teaches a Junior Sunday school class and acts as president of our new Training Union.



Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Montoya, among the first won at Tajique. He was formerly a Penitente and known as one of the roughest old-timers.

Former saloon and dance hall used as a meeting place for mission at Tajique.

This summer he will follow his Lord in baptism. Pray for him as he must still face the law for the trouble of last fall. And pray that we may carry the gospel to all who need to hear in this village.

—Dick Miller
Missionary, Kotzebue, Alaska

Lights At Tajique

Tajique, New Mexico, a small Spanish village, is nestled near the foot of Tajique Canyon and extends up into the Manzano Mountains. In Spanish the word Manzano means apple. An orchard over four hundred years old still stands in the village of Manzano nearby.

Tajique usually boasts a population of around 200, all Spanish-speaking people. At present it has some seven or eight Anglo families connected with the saw mill here. This is also the gateway to Inlow Youth Camp.

Many old Spanish customs are still carried out here. One I mention here is known as *The Luminarios*. Spanish peo-



Children attending kindergarten at Tajique, New Mexico, with the missionary, Mrs. A. D. Reed.

Valentines For The Lord

We had several Valentines for the Lord this year at the Miami Good Will Center. As we were preparing our program for the Girl's Club we were impressed to have a consecration service. Since it was Valentine Day, we showed a film-strip about the wonderful love of God as expressed to us in the death of his Son on the cross.

After the picture an invitation was given and the song "Into My Heart" was sung. Twelve girls came forward accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. These girls had been hearing God's Word weekly for several months here at our Bible-centered Girls' Club.

We gave each of them an opportunity to give a personal word of testimony

before the whole group of forty girls. Their testimonies gave evidence of their genuine conversion.

One of the little girls, Juanita, ten years of age, has already borne fruit for the Lord in helping her mother make a full surrender to Christ. The following Sunday, her teen-age sister trusted Christ and is going to be baptized along with the mother in one of our local Baptist churches next Sunday.

Pray for the other members of the family that they will be won to the Lord soon.

—Rosa Lee Franks
Miami Baptist Good Will Center, Miami, Florida



Children attending kindergarten at Tajique, New Mexico, with the missionary, Mrs. A. D. Reed.



Ten of twelve girls who gave their hearts to Christ during a Girls' Club meeting at the Miami Good Will Center on Valentine Day.

Things Are Happening At Socorro

Things are happening here at Socorro, New Mexico. Although our attendance has dropped some other aspects of the work are very encouraging. Four of the persons with whom we have done personal work this month have shown a very deep interest and seem about ready to make a decision.

To help bring the work of the mission and our personal visitation to a focus, we are having a ten-day revival meeting with Rev. Paul Cuevas of Albuquerque doing the preaching. Up to date we have had seven professions of faith, three of them being adults. We hope and pray for more in the final three days.

This past month we had our first mothers' meeting. Mrs. Long, a registered nurse, spoke to a group of twenty women on the "Health of Your Child." We showed a filmstrip on the Twenty-third Psalm afterward.

Also this past week Rev. Wiley Henton and Mr. Parnell came by to make plans for our new building. We are about ready to start the building. The plans are lovely and it appears that things are going to work out abundantly above all we are able to ask or think.

—Rev. and Mrs. William B. Minor
Missionaries to Spanish-speaking Socorro, New Mexico

Only Evangelical Witness

Alongside the Rio Grande, just north of the fertile Lower Rio Grande Valley, is Roma, one of the oldest towns in Texas. For many years some of the Baptist leaders saw this town without a single evangelical witness. Baptists wanted to witness in this long-neglected town, but when they tried to buy lots to begin a work, the owners, upon finding that they were Baptists, refused to sell.

In Rio Grande City lived a Baptist who had wanted to see an evangelical work started in Roma for a long time, so he co-operated in securing the lots. Years before, this man, while in government service, defended a Mexican woman. She was the owner of some property in Roma. It was through the influence of this man that lots were purchased for Texas Baptists in the name of the Lower Rio Grande Association. The state board, through the co-operation of the Lower Rio Grande Association, has erected a beautiful building there to serve the Anglo and Latin American people. Rev. W. E. Parker is the pastor.

—L. D. Wood
Co-ordinator Spanish Missions In Texas



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Southwestern Seminary. He uses back-
ground material from Toynbee, Davies,
Berdyaev, and Trueblood in diagnosing the
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crisis is of man's own making and undoing
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pentance of individuals and nations and
their return to God. This is not a book
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Tagati, by Alan Livingstone Wilson, Van
Kampen Press, \$2.00.

Tagati is a missionary novel. In it is
inspiration for the missionary cause and
challenge to the Christian youth as African
tribes are presented in their need of the
gospel. This is a good book for the
church library.

Davis Dictionary of the Bible, by John D.
Davis, Baker Book House, \$5.95.

This is the fourth edition of this Bible
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designed strictly as a Bible dictionary and
not a speculation about the Bible. It
should be helpful to any student of the
Bible as it gives, for example, full infor-
mation on any Bible character, modern
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Keeping the Faith, by J. E. Lambdin,
Broadman Press, \$1.75.

In this volume Dr. Lambdin submits a
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ing the monthly topic in Training Union
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PROGRAM

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ATLANTA ASSOCIATION
May 11-14, 1954

Tuesday Afternoon, May 11
Presiding — Courts Redford

1:30 Song Service—C. A. Holcomb
1:45 Scripture Reading and Prayer
2:00 Registration and Recognition
2:10 Our Host Pastor—Dick H. Hall, Jr.
2:20 Welcome Address—Gov. Herman Talmadge
2:40 Special Music
2:45 Southern Baptist Rural Churches—L. D. Newton
3:15 Twenty-five Years of the Future—Chester A. Quarles
3:45 Song and Announcements
3:55 We Southern Baptists — Porter Routh
4:25 Adjourn
All messengers who have not reported to their homes will go now. You will get your evening meal anywhere you desire.

Tuesday Night, May 11
Presiding—Chester A. Quarles

7:00 Devotional Period — C. A. Holcomb
7:20 Our Country Church — Cullen Crook
7:40 The Land and the Church — J. W. Sargent
8:10 Song and Announcements
8:15 Southern Baptist Stewardship — Merrill D. Moore
8:45 Special Music
8:50 Address—James L. Sullivan

Wednesday Morning, May 12
"FOUR STAR CHURCHES"
Presiding—James W. Merritt

9:00 Devotional Period — C. A. Holcomb
9:20 The Sunday School Grows Churches — A. V. Washburn
9:50 The Training Union Grows Members — H. T. Gibson
10:20 W. M. U. Grows Missionary Churches — Alma Hunt
10:50 Song and Announcements
10:55 The Brotherhood Supports Church Programs — George Schroeder
11:25 Special Music
11:30 Caring for Our Servants — Alton Reid
12:00 Adjourn — Lunch on the Church Grounds

Wednesday Afternoon, May 12

Presiding—A. B. Cash
1:30 Devotional Period — C. A. Holcomb
1:50 Our Village Church Survey — Wayne Hart
2:10 Conference Periods:
Groups I and II—Associational Missions
Group I Leaders: Sam Scantlan and C. W. Caldwell
Group II Leaders: Eldred Taylor and L. G. Frey
Groups III and IV—Growing a Church

Group III Leaders: Woodrow Fuller and
Floyd Chaffin
Group IV Leaders: Henry Walden and
A. H. Reid
4:30 Adjourn from Conferences — Dinner on the
Church Grounds

Wednesday Night, May 12
Presiding—James A. Howard

7:00 Devotional Period—C. A. Holcomb
7:20 Surveys by Associational Missionary —
Amos Greer
7:45 The Changing Rural Community — Dan Russell
8:15 Special Music and Announcements
8:25 Extension Training Programs:
College — Davis C. Woolley
Seminary — Lee Gallman
9:05 Address — Courts Redford

Thursday Morning, May 13
Presiding—Noel M. Taylor

9:00 Devotional Period—C. A. Holcomb
9:20 Value of the Printed Page — John J. Hurt, Jr.
9:50 Rural Work in Colleges and Seminaries —
Garland Hendricks
10:20 The Rural Church Survey — John W. Wells
10:50 Song and Announcements
10:55 The Pastor in a Rural Community—Troy Prince
11:25 Special Music
11:30 Address — Alma Hunt
12:00 Adjourn — Lunch on Church Grounds

Thursday Afternoon, May 13
Presiding—Clifford Walker

1:30 Devotional Period — C. A. Holcomb
1:50 Constituting a New Church — S. K. Dowis
2:15 Conference Periods—Same as Wednesday
4:30 Adjourn — Dinner on Church Grounds

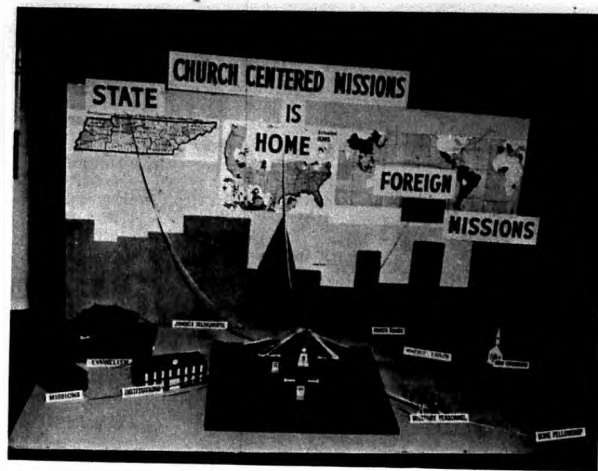
Thursday Night, May 13
Presiding—James R. Bryant

7:00 Devotional Period—C. A. Holcomb
7:20 The Schools of Missions Program—L. W. Martin
7:50 Co-operating Southern Baptists—J. B. Lawrence
8:20 Announcements and Special Music
8:30 The Church in the Community — T. B. Maston
9:00 Address — Monroe Swilley

Friday Morning, May 14

Presiding—C. C. Thomas

9:00 Devotional Period — C. A. Holcomb
9:20 Better Church Houses — Hardie C. Bass, Jr.
9:50 Evangelism in Rural Churches — C. E. Autrey
10:20 Song and Announcements
10:30 Visual Aids — L. O. Griffith
11:00 Music for Rural Churches — C. A. Holcomb
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FORTY-FIVE CITIES from sixteen states were represented by city superintendents, pastors, and laymen at the tenth annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention-wide City Mission Conference held recently in Nashville, Tennessee.

The three-day program which included lectures, conferences, Bible study and other features was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board under the direction of Dr. S. F. Dawis, secretary of the Co-operative Missions Department.

Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, speaking at the closing session of the meeting, said "Southern Baptists should make a concerted effort as a denomination to evangelize large cities such as Chicago and Los Angeles." Dr. Redford feels that Southern Baptists have for too long bypassed the larger cities with their great centers of population, many of whom are lost.

Dr. Redford also pointed out that the first year of the proposed Home Board's program "Four-Year Conquest" will emphasize evangelism and the 1956 emphasis will be a special effort to influence one million non-resident Baptists and former Baptists to join Baptist churches where

they now reside.

One of the highlights of the program was the panel discussion led by Leland Waters on the problem of broken homes and juvenile delinquents.

Rev. T. L. Sasser, superintendent of city missions at Greensboro, North Carolina, was elected president of the conference for the next year, succeeding Rev. A. L. Louther of Oklahoma City. Rev. Blount Davidson, state missions superintendent for Alabama and city missions superintendent for Montgomery, was elected vice-president.

Other officers were Rev. Herbert Schmitz, superintendent of city missions, Evansville, Indiana, secretary-treasurer, and Rev. Fred Probst of East St. Louis, Illinois, music director.

Texas, with a delegation of twenty-eight, had the largest group from any state. They came by bus and on the way to the meeting won the bus driver to Christ. The driver was so interested and impressed he attended almost every one of the meetings and said "I never knew there was anything so wonderful."

The conference voted to go to Dallas, Texas, for the next meeting which was scheduled for February 21-23, 1958.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS



Group attending City Missions Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, recently.

Former Priest

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Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky.

Mr. Burke declares: "I have now found peace of soul in the assurance of salvation by the finished work of Christ. But I feel sad to think that my former church still rejects the doctrine of justification by faith alone, and thus denies its people this full assurance of salvation by the finished work of Christ. The most important teaching of our Baptist faith is that of justification by faith. As I now view Jesus Christ and his plan of salvation, I see that the Roman Catholic people are deprived of the true teaching about Christ as Saviour. I rejoice that I have now come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as my perfect Saviour. I also rejoice because of the opportunities now afforded me, as field worker for the Home Mission Board, to preach full and free salvation by Christ alone."

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SECRETARIES Tell of Outlook for 1955 CRUSADE

ALABAMA
The outlook in Alabama for the 1955 Evangelistic Crusade is very good. Our state convention approved it. We had a good evangelistic conference. In associational meetings steering committees were selected.—V. L. Wyatt.

ARIZONA
Every association in the Baptist General Convention of Arizona will participate in the 1955 Crusade.

These State Secretaries
of Evangelism are Key Men
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H. H. Stagg, Calif.



Clifford Walker, Fla.



Leroy Smith, Ariz.



Eldred Taylor, Ky.



Eual Lawson, N. Mex.

The planning meetings have already been held, most of the steering committees are elected, and we are expecting every church to co-operate.

The prospects for a great revival are the best we have ever known.—Leroy Smith.

ARKANSAS
The Arkansas State Convention unanimously voted to recommend that every association and church participate in the 1955 Crusade. We had our largest attendance and best statewide evangelistic conference in the history of Arkansas Baptists. Every association is holding a planning meeting.

this spring, and fifteen of them are conducting 1954 crusades. Every department of state work is co-operating in the 1955 Crusade. —L. L. Yearby

CALIFORNIA
The outlook for the 1955 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade is most encouraging. The goal for California this year is one for four in '54. There are over nine million unchurched people in our state. "Every Church Revived in '55," is our need. Count on California. —H. H. Stagg

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Washington, D. C., Baptists have already elected the steering committee for the 1955 Simultaneous Crusade. The 1953 Simultaneous Crusade was the best Washington Baptists ever experienced, but we have every reason to believe that the 1955 Crusade will surpass this in number of churches participating and in evangelistic results. —William J. Crowder

FLORIDA
The outlook in Florida for the 1955 Crusade is exceedingly bright. Our 1954 evangelistic conference was the largest, most representative and enthusiastic in history. Every association now has its general chairman and we have the greatest demand for literature on revivals and how to secure evangelists for meetings we have ever had. All records in baptisms were broken in 1953. —Clifford Walker

GEORGIA
Associational chairmen of evangelism in Georgia are all active in step-by-step preparation. Regional conferences throughout Georgia emphasize evangelism. Count on Georgia to be as nearly 100 per cent as any state in the Convention. —H. C. Whitener

ILLINOIS
Illinois is already preparing for the 1955 nationwide revivals. One-day associational conferences in evangelism are being held at the rate of three or four a week. From thirty to forty per cent enrollment is being secured in these meetings. Concentrated follow-up will secure another great segment of our churches. We are on the way to revival. —L. H. Moore

KANSAS
The outlook for Kansas in 1955 is as bright as the promises of God. We are encouraged by a thirty-four per cent increase in baptisms and are dedicat-

ing ourselves to thorough and constant preparation for the Crusade. We face the future with assurance that we shall see revival. —Jack Stanton

KENTUCKY
Many associations already have their steering committees and are making preparation for the Crusade. The brethren are thinking, talking, and planning for this Crusade in every section of our state. Undoubtedly, Kentucky will prepare more thoroughly for and participate more fully in the '55 Crusade than in any other effort before undertaken. —Eldred M. Taylor

LOUISIANA
We base our conclusion that the outlook for the 1955 Crusade in Louisiana is good, upon the following account:
1. The state convention voted with enthusiasm to co-operate.
2. All of the district missionaries have promised their best in the promotion.
3. The heads of the departments of our state work have pledged full support.
4. We have had eight regional rallies emphasizing the importance of beginning the preparation now. A spirit of optimism and expectancy is prevalent throughout the state. —Aubrey Short

MARYLAND
The spirit of evangelism is on the upward trend in Maryland. An unparalleled interest in the mounting list of prospects is in evidence. Churches are planning for an all-out effort for soul-winning in 1955. Associational directors and evangelists are already being engaged and prayer meetings are being conducted, with emphasis on the Crusade. —Clifton C. Thomas

MISSISSIPPI
Mississippi is 100 per cent behind the plans for 1955 Simultaneous Revivals. The convention has voted two consecutive years to promote this. The state has been zoned and maps mailed all churches showing zones and dates for the revivals. We believe every association voted to participate. Many of them elected chairmen of evangelism to serve through 1955. —C. E. Wilbanks

MISSOURI
Missouri Baptists are confidently expecting 1955 to be our greatest year in evangelism. We are united in the promotion of the 1955 Evangelistic Crusade. Thousands are praying daily for the Holy Spirit's leadership. Associations and

churches are organizing and planning for maximum results. All missionaries and state workers are promoting the crusade. —Acting Secretary

NEW MEXICO
We have had an associational evangelistic conference in every association to promote the Crusade for 1955. Our associational missionaries are very optimistic about our prospects. One-half of our churches have functioning church councils on evangelism. Our pastors are securing evangelists for this crusade. Without a doubt, New Mexico Baptists are making better preparation for the 1955 Crusade than they have ever made for any other movement. —Eual F. Lawson

NORTH CAROLINA
North Carolina Baptists, under the leadership of the Department of Evangelism, are making serious, thorough, and prayerful plans for the 1955 Crusade of evangelism. The outlook is bright; the co-operation from everybody and every source is good. We intend to major in preparation, prayer, and performance. Our goal—
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By Mrs. Ruth Tulley, Superintendent
Good Samaritan Home
New Orleans, Louisiana

DID YOU EVER look at someone in need and feel like your heart would break if you couldn't do something for that person at once? If you have then you know just how I felt when the doorbell rang at

the Good Samaritan Home and Betty stood there with these words of greeting, "Well, here I am."

Three years ago Grace Rand, wife of Rev. C. K. Rand, visited the House of

Detention in New Orleans. She had been asked to give a devotional there. A Woman's Missionary Society was responsible for the service that afternoon.

Grace came away with a broken heart over the plight of those seemingly forgotten women. She felt that something could be done for many of them if only we had a place to keep them while we worked with them. Grace also came away with the determination to do something about the situation.

She presented the need to her husband then a field worker for the Home Mission Board, and he agreed that Baptists should do something. The facts were presented to others, and as a result the New Orleans Baptist Association decided to provide a home for transient women and children. This home would seek to win the lost in Christ, and bring the erring Christian back into fellowship with the Saviour. It would provide food and shelter, also help to place the women and girls in jobs suited to their abilities.

When the New Orleans Association asked me to work in the home they were to provide, I accepted because I felt God was calling me to this work. The whole pattern seemed to fall in place. This is my part of the story:

As a Sunday school teacher of the Mid City Baptist Church I felt the need to know more in order to serve better. I applied for admission to the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and was accepted as the first person to enter with the desire to train just to be a better lay worker in the church. My husband, a deacon, was happy about the decision. I graduated in May, 1953, just at the time plans were being made for this new work. I had barely accepted the position offered by the association when the Home Board agreed to supply the superintendent's salary for the home, if the association would provide all other expenses. I was then presented to the Home Mission Board and accepted. Now here I am, as happy as can be, right in the middle of a great opportunity to serve my Lord.

We were barely in and not officially open when our guests began to come.

One, an elderly lady, had wandered from home. Mrs. Guest, we shall call her, was in need of mental care. After a few days we won her confidence and she gave us the name of her daughter. We contacted the daughter and aided her in placing Mrs. Guest in a hospital for treatment.

Our second guest we shall call Mrs. Wanderer. She and two infants stayed

with us until her husband received funds to travel on to their intended destination.

Then came Betty who knocked at the door and said, "Well, here I am." I had met Betty a week earlier at the House of Detention. Maybe you think she came from the wrong side of the track. Often that is our first thought, but it isn't always true. Betty is the daughter of a Baptist preacher who still has his church. I saw Betty cry like a baby when the Holy Spirit convicted her of her sins. Later she said, "Ruth, I want to be baptized, I know I am saved."

Betty is now working and happy as she tries to lead others to the Lord. She has written to her father and we can be sure that this is good news to him. I thank God for the Good Samaritan Home because it was here we were able to reach out and offer Betty a new way of life, eternal life in Christ.

Robin came to us through a contact with the Rescue Mission. She is an attractive young girl, brilliant, well educated, and very talented, but thoroughly mixed up and disillusioned. She did not want us to know about her relatives or they about her. A little quiet work on the side revealed who the relatives were. They were worried about her. It was decided, however, that we would let Robin work out a few of her problems without their aid. We found an office job for her after a few days. She likes the work. It gave her a feeling of confidence and also a feeling of independence. Then she contacted her relatives. She is with them now and they say Robin has been helped by being with us. Her attitude is different. She is still in touch with us, and we hope we shall be able to help her spiritually. Her grandfather was very active in Baptist mission work before his death.

Dot, who was an alcoholic, made a profession of faith and has now been baptized. She is working in one of the hospitals here in charge of a unit. Her starting salary is \$50.00 a month. You will be happy to know that she is active in the church and is faithful. You would not talk to her long without feeling in your heart that this is real to her. You would not hear her pray without being sure it is real in her heart.

We can thank the Lord that the Good Samaritan Home was here to supply her material needs and win her to Christ as well as the many others who have come and will come in the future.

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Do You Believe In Missions?

By Richard S. Uejo
Missionary to Japanese
Richmond, California

THE BAPTIST MISSION for Japanese and the First Southern Baptist Church of Richmond, California, had a memorable experience recently when following their separate Sunday schools they met together for the morning worship service. The joint service was held not merely to promote race relations or to see the crowds overflow the auditorium, but to glorify God in a common worship experience. Afterward someone remarked, "Several years ago we locked them (the Japanese) up in concentration camps out in the deserts and now we are worshipping together."

I believe with all my heart and soul that if the local Southern Baptist churches will practice real Christianity by reaching the minority racial groups in their own communities, something great will happen in our denomination. A real revival in home missions will vitally strengthen our churches and nation. At present we shirk our missionary responsibilities by letting the Home Mission Board and its missionaries bear the burdens. The Board cannot provide leaders and an adequate building and equipment for each mission station and also be responsible for the mission programs.

We Baptists try to save our consciences by working through organizations and hired missionaries. We think it is enough if we remember the minority racial groups even in the most distant manner. We

expect the minority races to come up to us instead of going down to reach them with our hands and hearts. We are obsessed and cumbered with organizations and meetings, thereby losing the compassion for the lost among the minority groups, who are our neighbors.

Our busy church activities have become hiding places of indifference. We are guilty of speaking with pious platitudes on how to take a message. We are guilty of listening with enraptured attention to the missionaries, and yet with so much inspiration and missionary knowledge, we hardly do anything with the gospel treasure committed into our hands as Christians.

Instead, we should grasp every opportunity to extend a hearty welcome and show a spirit of brotherhood. We can come close to the minority groups and make them feel our loving interest in their lives and in their spiritual needs if we try.

The color of a man's skin makes no difference when it comes to the gospel. Prejudices must be buried in the Lord's work. Gospel-hardened Southern Baptists make gospel-hardened sinners among the minority racial groups. Someone said, "A belief that does not express itself in action soon ceases to be even a belief." Be honest; do you believe in missions among the minority? Prove it to God and man!

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Mrs. Encl Deen, president of Kentucky WMU, presents gavel to Mrs. Gerald Ford, newly elected president of Ohio WMU.

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TWO HUNDRED women and pastors met
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Ohio, Auxiliary to the State Convention
of Baptists in Ohio. They were welcomed
by Rev. William N. Beasley, pastor, and
Mrs. Gertrude Baker, president of the
WMU of the host church.

Mrs. Encl Deen, president of Kentucky
Woman's Missionary Union, presided at
the meeting until officers were elected. She
also brought a challenging and inspiring
keynote message on the theme for the
meeting, "In His Name—Go."

Mrs. Gerald K. Ford, wife of the pastor
of Main Street Baptist Church, Wadsworth,
Ohio, was unanimously elected first state
president. She was presented a gavel by
Mrs. Deen on behalf of Woman's Mis-
sionary Union of Kentucky.

Other state officers elected were: Mrs.
John Ashcraft, Dayton, Young People's
secretary; Mrs. Paul Nevels, Oxford, re-
cording secretary; Mrs. Russell Turner,
Dayton, assistant recording secretary; Mrs.

Ottis Denney, Wadsworth, treasurer; an
Miss Winnie Brandenburg, Dayton, his-
torian. The president appointed Mrs. Lu-
Roberts, Dayton, chairman of Missions
Study; Mrs. Wilbur Peak, Cincinnati, chair-
man of Stewardship, and Mrs. J. W.
McGregor, Cleves, chairman of Commu-
nity Missions.

A well-organized constitution and
budget were adopted. The organization
took place with twenty-four of twenty-eight
charter unions represented. These have
enrolled 574 women and 387 young people.

Mrs. George R. Ferguson, executive
secretary of Kentucky WMU, spoke of
the subject, "In His Name—Prepare." Mrs.
Ralph Keaton, south central region,
Young People's leader of Kentucky,
brought thoughts on the Young People's
work. Her topic was "In His Name—
Teach." Rev. George Fletcher, secretary
of Christian education for the State Con-
vention of Baptists in Ohio, presented the
future plans for the convention's summer
assembly program at the newly acquired
assembly grounds at Seneca Lake, Ohio.



Group attending organization of Ohio WMU.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

SECRETARIES Tell

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every church, denominational agency, and
institution working together to win 50,000
of the 2,000,000 unsaved, unchurched peo-
ple in North Carolina in 1955. The 1954
evangelistic conference was the greatest
in our history.

—J. C. Canipe

OHIO

The pastors and people in this pioneer
convention have learned the many distinct
advantages of the simultaneous crusade.
We expect 100 per cent co-operation as
we join with our sister churches over the
Convention in the Nationwide Crusade in
1955.

Our pastors are enthusiastic and feel
that the impact of this mighty crusade will
be a great factor towards our goal of
100 churches and the doubling of our
membership by the end of 1955.

—Ray E. Roberts

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma will co-operate to the fullest
extent in all the plans for the Nationwide
Simultaneous Crusade for 1955. Every
association will be in the crusade and a
large percentage of our churches and mis-
sions. The participation in this crusade,
we believe, will be the best of any ever
held in Oklahoma.

—J. A. Pennington

Rev. James McGregor, pastor of Cleves
Baptist Church, brought a message on
"The Pastor and the WMU."

The evening session was highlighted
with a message by Rev. Ray Roberts,
general secretary of the convention, on the
subject "The WMU and the Total State
Program." The meeting was climaxed
with a stirring message by Mrs. Edward
Galloway, formerly missionary to China
and Thailand, on the theme, "In His
Name—From Ohio to the Uttermost Part."

Special music was an inspiring part of
the meeting and was led by Mrs. Wilbur
Peak, chorister and soloist, Miss Donna
Bordeck, soloist, and Mrs. John Kurtz,
pianist.

A beautiful background display in white
and deep lavender depicted the theme "In
His Name—From Ohio to the Uttermost
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name of the Lord by Southern Baptists in
Ohio.

May 1954

OREGON - WASHINGTON

Never have I seen the prospects for a
revival loom as large as they do today in
Oregon-Washington. The pastors and peo-
ple have been challenged with the bigness
and need of a real revival in our churches
as well as the winning of the lost multi-
tudes about them. This follows hard upon
the effort put forth by the Department of
Religious Education through the enroll-
ment of a "Million More in '54," and our
people feel that tragic will be the day
unless these thousands are won to a saving
knowledge of a living Lord and are led
into true fellowship of a New Testament
church. We are all-out for "Every Church
Revived in '55."

—Paul A. McCasland

SOUTH CAROLINA

The outlook for the Crusade is encour-
aging and inspiring because of the keen
interest and concern manifested by the
pastors and church leaders in the plans
for organization and promotion projected
during the Mid-winter Evangelism Confer-
ences that were held in all of the associa-
tions the first six weeks of this year.

—Jas. A. Howard

TENNESSEE

"Do you observe any signs of a renewed
interest in evangelism?" is a question be-
ing asked me from all over Tennessee. I
think the frequency of the question in-
dicates the answer. I prayerfully predict
the greatest increase in baptisms in 1955
that we have ever experienced.

—Leonard Sanderson

TEXAS

Cecil Northcutt said, "The combustible
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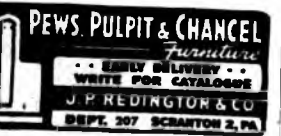
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