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ARE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS JUSTIFIED IN THEIR NORTHWARD MOVE? --

To those of us who have been serving in the North these many years, the question rarely enters our minds. Did our Lord ever put geographical limits on the Great Commission? But, every so often—even at a place like Ridgecrest during Home Mission Week last year—some individual questions the "right" of the Southern Baptist "invasion."

Let us look at just one example. After reading this, make up your own mind as to the right of Southern Baptists in the North.

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Potsdam, New York was started as a mission in 1960 by the Massena Church. In June, 1961, Norman S. Ball, his wife and three children came to lead in the work and doubled the membership. Since September the church has baptized twenty-six persons, and others, having made professions of faith are awaiting baptism. By contrast, another Baptist Church in the same community has not baptized one person in two years! Where there is prayer, the power of the Holy Spirit, persuasion thru personal work, and powerful preaching of the Word, God honors the efforts.

Emmanuel constituted as a church on December 2, 1961. Within two weeks this church was reaching out into a neighboring area to sponsor the Tri-Village Chapel! Two new Christians are considering vocational-Christian service.

Souls saved, lives claimed for Christ in Christian service, new work started in areas without a Baptist witness,—this is New Testament Christianity at its very best! May Southern Baptists ever keep evangelism and missions at the very heart of their program.

"MY CHURCH REACHING OUT" IS THEME

The plan is as old as the New Testament, but how well we need reminded. Sometimes because of persecution, more often due to planning and prayer,—but all under the leadership of the Holy Spirit—the New Testament churches grew by "reaching out" into the towns and cities beyond. How well it is said, "the church that will not reach out will die out."

The churches in this area, though young in years, small in numbers, and with a multitude of their own needs, will nevertheless be doing their share in reaching out. These noble churches have adopted a goal of at least one new mission per church in 1962!

Progress toward this goal of nine new missions now stands at two. This is one in each of the two associations comprising this area. One new church, at Potsdam, has also been constituted on December 2, 1961. And, behold! — it is the one in Central Association to report the first new mission this year!

Every church should have and use its mission committee to determine what it can do in way of local missions this year.

Summer workers will be available again this summer to help the churches realize the over all goal of our area for nine missions.

Begin your praying, planning, and making provisions NOW.

May "MY CHURCH REACHING OUT" be the adopted theme and program of your church this year. As each church does its very best, it will be God blessed and reap a great harvest.

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Nashville, Tennessee

THE CHURCHES AND MISSIONS REPORT . . .

...AMHERST BAPTIST CHURCH broke a record in Sunday school attendance Sunday, January 14 with 94 present ... The church elected Marlin Biele, Roy Hathcock, Jerry Sessoms, Bill Stringer, and John Lutey to serve as deacons. The latter two were ordained on Sunday, February 4. The Area Missionary preached the ordination message... The men of the church continue to observe work nights to put finishing touches on the interior of the new building.

...THE LASALLE CHURCH, NIAGARA FALLS, recently observed R. A. Week with the boys assisting in the worship services and being honored at a dinner on Saturday, February 3. Leonard Ferguson, Associate Brotherhood Secretary, of the State Convention spoke to the men of the church on this evening.

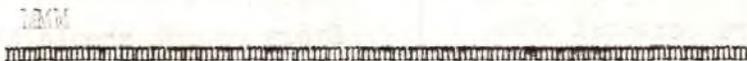
...THE LOCKPORT BAPTIST CHAPEL observed their first study course with the January Bible study. Sixteen completed the course ... The second anniversary service of the Chapel was conducted January 28. Pastor J. C. McKinney's mother and brothers were among those present. The Area Missionary brought the message. A sumptuous meal was served by the women.

... GRAND ISLAND CHAPEL had 51 present in Sunday school January 21. There was one profession of faith and one received by letter in the morning worship service of that Sunday. The profession of faith was made by a former Roman Catholic woman... This month marks the third anniversary of pastor Donald A. Bennett with the Chapel.

... ITHICA CHAPEL has a newly organized Training Union before they have a Sunday school. Training Union and a preaching service is conducted on Sunday afternoon. The members attend the mother church (Syracuse) in the morning.

... CHATAUQUA CHAPEL, on January 21, had its first two outside visitors from the local community since its start three months ago.

...FIRST SOUTHERN, SYRACUSE has had an offer from another Baptist church to purchase its property. The proposed offer would allow the church to retire its present indebtedness of \$33,000 and still have \$27,000 to apply toward a new building in a more suitable location.



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF FRONTIER ASSOCIATION HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING

The LaSalle Church was host to the quarterly meeting of the W.M.U., Tuesday, January 16. Thirty-four persons registered representing the Amherst, Rochester, Erie, and LaSalle churches and the Lockport and Grand Island chapels. Mrs. Henry Johnson, president, led the program. Mrs. Donald Bennet served as pianist with Mrs. Lorraine Michels leading the singing and bringing the special music of the morning session.

Mrs. Hugh Smith and Mrs. Harold Johnson gave the thoughts for meditation. Following the theme of "Open Doors," Mrs. Jessie Kever spoke on "The Doors of Prayer;" Mrs. J. C. McKinney on "The Door of Opportunity;" Mrs. Walter Heilig on "The Door of Information;" and Mrs. William Stringer, "The Door of Stewardship."

The inspirational message, "The Door of Consecration," was delivered by Pastor William Raper of the Rochester church.

It was not an easy decision to make when Brothers Ray Roberts and Arthur Walker initially presented the matter. But, once the decision was finally made there was no doubt that it was God's will for our life to serve as Area Missionary for Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania. That sense of assurance has continued to grow as we have been on the field.

How we appreciated the interest expressed and the prayers of the men in this area as we weighed the decision. A missionary never had a more dedicated, loyal, and noble group of pastors with which to work.

The vast area, its need, and its challenge, is almost staggering. We do not face it with confidence in self, but in the Lord. We do not pretend to have all the answers to the many needs, but will with those with whom we serve, look unto the One who supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory. By His might, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, moving on His orders, with the mission minded pastors and people already in our churches and missions, we claim this vast multitude in our area for Christ, seeking to sow it down with New Testament churches. With Paul, we would plead, "for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit,...strive together with me in your prayers to God for me"(Roms. 15:30).

It was your missionaries privilege to attend an orientation program in Atlanta February 5-8 sponsored by the Home Mission Board for new missionaries. It was a most practical and helpful meeting. We came back with a new sense of appreciation for the work of the Home Board and we caught something of the dedicated spirit of the HMB personnel. The acquaintance we made and the fellowship we enjoyed with the other appointees was a most memorable experience. The installation service for the new missionaries, held in the First Baptist Church of Atlanta on Tuesday, February 6, will always be a highlight in our service for the Lord.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

The State VBS Clinic will be held in the Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, March 15, 16.

Two teams are anticipated for our area this year, one from each of the associations. Plans are now underway in selecting these teams. The teams will be trained at the state clinic and will in turn come back into their own association to conduct a clinic for V.B.S. workers of the local churches.

Central Association has already gone on record in agreeing to pay the expenses enroute for their team. The State will provide room and meals during the clinic.

The clinic in Columbus will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 and close about 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

SUMMER CAMP TO BE PLANNED

Central Association has elected a camp committee to cooperate with a similiar committee from Frontier Association. The combined committee will be charged with the responsibility of securing a place and planning a program for a camp this summer. Central's camp committee includes J. T. Davis, Chairman, Norman Bell, and Jn. Tollison.

SYRACUSE PROCEEDS WITH ORDINATION

The First So. Baptist Church of Syracuse is completing plans for the ordination of four men to the gosple ministry.

Frank Scott, Eddie Husted, Glenn W. Dick, and Floyd Baker were examined by a presbytery of area pastors and deacons on Wednesday, January 24. The men, having successfully completed the examination, are to be ordained on April 18. John Tollison is pastor of Syracuse.

There are two sayings of Jesus that must never be separated in our thinking. "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Lk.19:10) and "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (Jn.20:20).

Some are saying that the "church" has no service to offer today other than marry the living and bury the dead. What can the Christian do in times like these? **EVANGELIZE! EVANGELIZE!**

Thank God for being a part of a great Convention that keeps evangelism central.

The State Evangelistic Conference in Columbus, Ohio, January 25, 26, warmed the heart of each one attending and made us determined to renew our efforts in leading others to know Christ, to love Christ, and to serve Christ.

Dr. Leonard Stigler, our Secretary of Evangelism, is to be complimented on the splendid program he prepared and directed. Every message pointed up a need and a challenge. The singing of Al and Ivy Walsh was soul-stirring. Dr. Ray Roberts, always pointed and practical in his preaching, revealed anew the great opportunity that is ours in the Northeast area of the United States. Jack Stanton, Associate in the Evangelism department of our Home Mission Board, simply thrilled our hearts every time he spoke. The Holy Spirit fell afresh upon all that were assembled. Our days ahead will show visible evidence of the blessings received.

Men attending from this area were Walter Heilig, Garland Sparks, Sam Adair, Robin Hein, J. T. Davis, Norman Bell, and the Area Missionary.

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**ATTEND YOUR ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISM CLINIC:** FRONTIER: Thursday, February 22; Amherst Church, 7 - 9 p.m.  
CENTRAL: Friday, Feb. 23, First So., Syracuse, 7 - 9 p.m.

Dr. Leonard Stigler and Pastor Hoge Hockensmith, and W. C. Dudley will be with the associations in these clinics.

Participating Congregations:

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>FRONTIER:</b>       | <b>CENTRAL:</b> |
| Amherst                | Elmira          |
| Bolivar Dr., Bradford  | Messina         |
| Grand Island           | Potsdam         |
| LaSalle, Niagara Falls | Rome            |
| Lockport               | Syracuse        |
| Orchard Park           | Tri-Cities      |
| Rochester              | Utica           |

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DIRECTORY CHANGE

NEW S.S. SUPT. FOR FRONTIER ASSOCIATION

Due to the resignation of Mr. Doyle Steed, the Executive Committee of the Frontier Association has elected

MR. JESSIE KEVER
Beach Ridge Road
No. Tonawanda, N.Y.
Phone: NX 2 - 1236

as the S. S. Superintendent.

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**TREASURER'S URGED TO BE PROMPT**

The success of the association's financial program depends upon the close cooperation of each church and mission and its treasurer. We would urge each congregation to see that its contributions are sent to your associational treasurer at regular monthly intervals. The associational treasurers are:

**CENTRAL:** Mr. D. D. Glover  
3619 Lyndale Dr.  
Endwell, N.Y.  
**FRONTIER:** Mr. A. L. Hathcock  
104 Hillcrest Rd.  
Tonawanda, N.Y.

See elsewhere in this paper for the report of the associational treasurers.

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PASTORS: The Area Missionary would appreciate a copy of your weekly bulletin to keep abreast with your work week by week. Thank you.

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"There is forgiveness beyond reason for the sin beyond excuse."

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER

| RECEIPTS;              | OCT.           | NOV.            | DEC.            | TOTAL                 |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Syracuse               | \$42.45        | \$48.41         | \$46.45         | \$137.31              |
| Grace, Rome            |                | 47.16           | 21.34           | 68.50                 |
| Tri-Cities             | 17.40          | 9.70            | 10.45           | 37.55                 |
| Potsdam                | 4.09           | 3.84            |                 | 7.93                  |
| Mallory                | .87            |                 | 1.88            | 2.75                  |
| Messena                | 7.54           | 5.98            | 8.19            | 21.71                 |
| Elmira                 | 4.24           | 5.84            | 8.74            | 18.82                 |
| Cicero                 | 2.91           |                 |                 | 2.91                  |
| Utica                  |                | 4.69            | 4.16            | 8.85                  |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b> | <u>\$79.50</u> | <u>\$125.62</u> | <u>\$101.21</u> | <u>\$306.33</u> ..... |

Transferred from the Frontier Association . . . . . \$609.12  
 Offering from first Associational meeting, Sept. 29, 1961 . . . . . 27.03  
**GRAND TOTAL TO DATE** .....

DISBURSEMENTS:

|                                                  |             |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Minutes of the first executive meeting . . . . . | \$5.77      |                 |
| Telegram to Rev. Arthur Walker .....             | <u>3.03</u> |                 |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b> . . . . .             |             | \$ 8.80         |
| <b>BALANCE TO DATE</b> . . . . .                 |             | <u>\$933.68</u> |

Respectfully submitted,  
 DELL D. GLOVER

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE FRONTIER ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER

RECEIPTS: (cumulative for three months)

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Amherst             | \$38.61         |
| Orchard Park        | 36.32           |
| LaSalle             | 31.00           |
| Rochester           | 13.06           |
| Grand Island        | 13.90           |
| Lockport            | 2.88            |
| East View           | <u>19.14</u>    |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL:</b> | <u>\$154.91</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS:

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Annuity Board        | \$33.34         |
| Sec'ty., Bro. Walker | 28.15           |
| Stamps               | 1.00            |
| Check Printing       | 2.00            |
| "M" Night Speaker    | 25.00           |
| Bro. Walker Allow.   | <u>38.33</u>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <u>\$127.82</u> |

SAVINGS ACCOUNT TOTAL \$548.40

Respectfully submitted,  
 A. L. HATHCOCK

UTILIZING THE SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

It is time to begin making your plans for the use of the summer workers. As you know, these workers are provided by our Home Mission Board to aid the churches in starting new work or in strengthening weaker situations.

Your Area Missionary would like to know by March 14 whether or not your church desires the services of these workers. Below is a form for your use in making a request for the workers. Some adjustment may be necessary, but this will help us in laying our plans.

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REQUEST FOR SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_

Number Wanted \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Preferred: 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Place where service desired \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Service: VBS \_\_\_\_\_ Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Revival \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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