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## Happy New Year!



Rev. Victor Trivette

Rev. Victor Trivette, (above) pastor of Young Street Baptist Church of Concord, North Carolina, received the Certificate in Pastoral Training on March 31, 1958 from the Seminary Extension Department. He began his work on January 4, 1957, and completed the series of sixteen courses in fourteen months. All of these were completed by correspondence. Due to the demands of church work and the distance of travel, Mr. Trivette was unable to continue at-

### FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EVANGELISM

We can have freedom of thought and evangelism. It is doubtlessly true that a single individual could hardly be expected to be both an evangelist and a philosopher. We have surrendered to philosophy and critical methods so much in some quarters that evangelism seems to be a false system—an anti-philosophical discipline. For how, says the critic, can you teach in one minute that every word of Jesus in the New Testament is probably a community creation, and in the next teach him to memorize passages of these collections to be used with the Holy Spirit's leadership in winning the lost? How can you teach them that man is not really fallen but just living existentially, and teach the young minister in the next class that man is a fallen creature needing salvation? How can you teach one that the heathen is saved by the cosmic Christ without the gospel and expect to lead him to pray  
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tending Southeastern Seminary where he first enrolled.

Mr. Trivette says, "I enjoyed the studies very much and greatly benefited by taking them. I wish to thank all who made it possible for me to take the courses by correspondence."



Rev. Lollard A. Simmons

Pictured above is Rev. Lollard A. Simmons, who received his Certificate in Pastoral Training in November, 1958. Brother Simmons surrendered to preach in 1951 and has been pastor of the Curdie Heights Baptist Church, Alton, Illinois, for the past six years. The growth of his church convinced him of his insufficient training. With his church work and a family, he felt he could not attend a college to complete his school work. He enrolled in a Seminary Exten-

sion center, taking all of his classes for the certificate there, except for one course which he completed by correspondence. Brother Simmons writes, "I thank God for this privilege which has helped me so much, and my desire is to take more work there to obtain the advanced certificate."

### EXTENSION WORK IN MISSOURI

The work in Missouri began almost with the Seminary Extension Department. Dr. Albert Fauth is the department's representative in Missouri and gives a brief word about the centers now operating.

#### Flat River

This extension center has been in existence for a number of years and has done a notable piece of work with the extension courses in their association. The present school has an enrollment of fifteen and is offering two courses. The course, Pastoral Ministries 133, is taught by Rev. Virgil Vaughn, pastor of the host church, and Rev. C. H. McClure, who is teaching Old Testament 111, is pastor of the Bonne Terre First Baptist Church. The associational missionary is Rev. Ernest W. Towler, who is also the director of the center.

#### Bowling Green

Only one course is being offered in this center which is meeting for its second semester. The teacher, Rev. Kenneth R. Moore, professor of Bible, Hannibal-La-Grange College, spent the summer in the Holy Land and is using this first-hand information to interest his class in the course. There are seventeen enrolled, and this is a slight decrease from the first semester.

One of those enrolled is Mrs. Austin Rissmiller, wife of the associational missionary. Mrs. Rissmiller testifies that the notes she has from her first class are enabling her to better prepare and teach her Sunday School class. She further states that if she receives nothing more from her

course than this, she will be well repaid for her effort.

#### Brookfield

The Brookfield center started only a few weeks ago. It has an enrollment of sixteen in the New Testament course. The pastor of the host church, Rev. Fred Farris, is teaching and using slides taken during his recent trip to the Holy Land. He testifies that the use of these slides has definitely increased the effectiveness of his teaching and has been received with enthusiasm by the members of the class.

#### California

The classes are meeting in the First Baptist Church where Rev. Wayne Rosecrans is pastor and also director of the center. They are meeting nine weeks and are offering only one course which meets two hours each week. Rev. A. D. Langston is teaching the New Testament 112 course. Rev. Langston has his B. D. and Th. M. degrees from Southwestern and is completing a thesis for the Th.D. degree from Central Seminary. The enrollment of twenty-six is evidence of the interest in this school. Plans are already made for the second semester which will begin on January 8 with Rev. Langston teaching the second half of the New Testament course.

#### Cape Girardeau

This Seminary Extension Center meets in the Baptist Student Building adjacent to one of our state teachers colleges. The teacher and director for this center is Dr. Thomas S. Messer. This center has had several years of work and has done an outstanding piece of work. The first extension graduating class was from this center.

#### Independence, Beverly Hills Baptist Church

Beverly Hills Baptist Church is enjoying the privilege of an extension class for the members of their church. This is one of the few churches that is seeking to use the extension courses to prepare their church leaders. Since it is a first-time venture, the enroll-

ment is not too large, but the members of the class are enthusiastic. They have nine enrolled in the Old Testament 111 course, and the pastor is the teacher. The majority enrolled are teachers in Sunday school; however, the Training Union is also represented. One member travels twenty miles in order to attend the class.

#### Moberly

The classes for this center are meeting in the First Baptist Church, Huntsville. Two courses are being offered. Rev. Vincel Lambert, pastor of the host church, is teaching New Testament 122, and Rev. James Dinwiddie, associational missionary, is teaching Church History 124. The total enrollment for the two courses is nine.

#### Richland

This center is in its first semester and is sponsored by the Camden-Laclede and Pulaski Baptist Associations. Three classes are being offered with an excellent attendance and response in each class. The Old Testament 111 class is taught by Rev. Floyd Sims and has an enrollment of twenty. The class in Preaching 113 is taught by a chaplain from the nearby Army camp, Chaplain Dale Burton, and has an enrollment of twelve, the majority of whom are preachers from these associations. The Religious Education 135 course with an enrollment of six is taught by Miss Florence Vehmann, who is also a teacher in one of the high schools. The director for the extension center is Rev. Gene Lewis, who is also missionary for the Camden-Laclede Baptist Association.

#### Richmond

This extension center has completed plans to begin their work this coming January 12. They are planning to offer two courses and will meet two hours for each course. Rev. Donald Stanley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Palo, Missouri, is to teach the Old Testament 121 course. Rev. Wayne Masters, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hardin, Missouri, will teach Theology 116. Both of

these brethren taught in the center last year when some thirty were enrolled in the classes. They are looking forward to another good enrollment and school.

### Springfield

This center also meets in the Baptist Student Center adjacent to the campus of one of our state teachers colleges. It has been meeting now for several years and will have four or five to graduate at the end of the present semester. The courses that are offered are Church History 124 with an enrollment of thirty-one and History of the Bible 114 with an enrollment of twenty. Both courses are taught by Dr. Clifford Ingle, who is director of students and professor of Bible for the Baptist Student Center. A third course, Religious Education 125, with an enrollment of fourteen is taught by Rev. E. L. Brock, who is the associational missionary for the Greene County Baptist Association.

### Trenton

This is one of the oldest extension centers in the state. It was started four years ago and has continued meeting two semesters a year until the present. At the close of this year's work about three will receive their diploma. Three courses are being offered: Rev. Quenten Boyd is teaching Old Testament 111, Rev. John Prentice, the Book of Hebrews, and Rev. Roy Black, Christian Missions. One young man has entered the ministry from this center and is now attending college. The center was started by Rev. Wayne Rosecrans and is now under the direction of Rev. Beecher Shrum and Rev. Quenten Boyd, the associational missionary.

### Webb City

Plans are being made to begin another semester in this extension center. The director of the center, Rev. Chester McClure, says that the classes will begin in January and will meet in the First Baptist Church of Webb City.

### Kirkville

This center has operated for three semesters. Dr. Ralph M. G. Smith has served as director of this center since its beginning. He has also taught. Courses in Old and New Testament, Religious Education and History of the Bible have been offered. The center meets in the Baptist Student Center. Other teachers are Dr. John C. Fox, and Rev. Claud Thompson. The average interest and enrollment has been good.

There have been as many as twenty extension centers in the state of Missouri. Some have discontinued for the present because of the lack of interest due to the loss of teachers and students, while others are planning to reopen when associational calendars can be adjusted to include extension classes. Many of the centers are testifying to the value of the work in the association and the churches.

Albert Fauth

### BOOK REVIEWS

**The World is Learning Compassion**, Frank C. Laubach. (Westwood, New Jersey: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1958). \$3.50.

The author of this book has been referred to as "the apostle to the illiterate." He has devoted most of his ministry to teaching 60,000,000 illiterates to read in 262 languages. He is also the founder of the "Each One Teach One" movement which is miraculously opening the printed page to millions.

It will prove profitable if his books, **The Silent Billions Speak** and **Wake Up or Blow Up** are read first. He refers constantly to these to substantiate writings in this present volume.

Here is a work that is refreshing indeed. Many of our present day books on world affairs are alarming and pessimistic. Dr. Laubach shares with us his observation that at last the compassion of Christ is reaching beyond the church into the world. He states in the foreword of the book:

"The purpose of this book is to show that the compassion of Jesus, which has been capi-

talized for nineteen centuries within the Christian church, has in this century burst out into the secular realm. It is well on the way to becoming the creed and practice of the world."

In his book he cites many examples. Whole chapters are devoted to world health organizations United Nations, International Children's Emergency Fund, Rockefeller and Ford Foundations, Red Cross, medical missions, student volunteer movements, Point Four Program, cooperatives, Colombo Plan, and many others. These organizations are often mentioned in newspapers, but the real work is seldom revealed. Dr. Laubach opens to us the vistas of these organizations and permits us to see how real and vital their work is.

Every Christian ought to read this book and acquaint himself with the work of these organizations that are not supplanting but implementing the work of the church on the mission fields and in needy nations.

Albert H. Fauth

**The Gospel In Dispute**, Edmund Perry. (New York: Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1958). \$3.95.

The latest addition to the **Christian Faith Series**, this work is addressed to a new situation — in which the Christian faith no longer seems to hold a dominant position in the world. The author is stating a principle that Christianity will have to deal with the other religions of the world and this principle is: First, a complete committal to Christianity as the Truth of God; second, a complete committal to Jesus Christ as the unique expression of God's revelation — that is The Word of God; and third, an understanding of the nature of the task and the ethics of other religions.

Dr. Perry brings out that the Christian faith is essentially missionary. He also notes the missionary character of various other religions. Buddhists, for example, have more than 147 missionaries in North America. The Egyptian

Moslems sent out more than 1,000 missionaries last year. Just as Christianity is confronting other religions, these other religions are confronting the Christian religion. Christians often misunderstand others — but most often their own faith and its antecedents. The author points out that what is needed is an intelligent understanding of the propagated faith and of the religions of the world.

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### ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, REGISTRARS, AND TEACHERS

Grades for many classes have not been sent to the Seminary Extension Department. Please check all your records, old and new, to see if you have reports that have not been sent to this office. It may be that the report you have is needed by some individual to complete his records in order to receive a certificate.

Send reports regularly, properly marked as to course, semester beginning, and quarter of the semester. Four grades are needed from each class taught for a complete record. If the full report is not available, a final grade will be accepted. Help us to fill in the blank spaces. Send your grades today.

### STATISTICAL REPORT

Correspondence	
Students .....	2,672
Extension	
Center Students .....	9,172
Total .....	11,844

### TESTIMONIALS

"I am sure getting a great blessing by studying these lessons and find that I will be much better prepared to do what the Lord would have me do after taking these series of lessons."

J. V. S., Little Rock, Ark.

"I must say this is one of the most interesting studies I have ever taken."

Mrs. D. W., Jacksonville, Fla.

### FREEDOM OF THOUGHT

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for missions. How can you ask the minister to prepare to encounter the world intellectually, know its basic problems, and learn from its scientists and philosophers, and yet take the time to be involved in a soul-winning situation? How can you help people locate the seat of their affections and emotions, analyze every experience in the light of psychological insights, and yet get disturbed about regeneration? How, they would ask, can you lead the minister to dignify his service with classic forms in worship and expect him to tolerate the swing music of the sawdust trail? How can you grow an intellectual Calvinism and follow the Armenian methodology of the soul-winning crusade? How are you going to lead the preacher to speak out on social injustice, corruption, and racism — the realm of Christian ethics — and yet have concern for an illogical evangelism? How can one be taught to question all traditional propositions critically and still rise to oratorical eloquence about judgment?

These questions are asked; they are pertinent. Some do not teach much evangelism; others give little attention to the unsolved riddles of philosophy. How can this be done? How can we have the two different disciplines?

We can do three things to make it possible. First, we can acknowledge that philosophy deals with the unsolvable and represents what some men have thought and have said about this area. Recognize its limitations. Second, we can re-think evangelism. For the most part the Protestant Church lives in a theology of providence and purpose. Evangelism is oriented into an atmosphere of faith-works. Third, we can acquaint ourselves with both areas at the same time and avoid the rashness that accompanies much evangelical preaching and the cynicism toward evangelism that often accompanies the philosophical methods.

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