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What Sort of A Father Are You?

What sort of a father are you to your boy?
Do you know if your standing is good?
Do you ever take stock of yourself and check up
Your accounts with your boy as you should?
Do you ever reflect on your conduct with him?
Are you all that a father should be?
Do you send him away when you're anxious to read?
Or let him climb on to your knee?

Is a book more important to you than his talk?
Do you find that his chatter annoys?
Would you rather be quiet than to have him about?
Do you send him away with his toys?
Have you time to bestow on the boy when he comes
With his questions—to tell him the truth?
Or do you neglect him and leave him alone
To work out the problems of youth?

Do you ever go walking with him hand in hand?
Do you plan little outings for him?
Does he ever look forward to romping with you,
Or are you eternally grim?
What memories pleasant of you will he have
In the years that are certain to come?
Will he look back on youth as a season of joy,
Or an age that was woefully glum?

Come, father, reflect! Does he know you today
And do you know him as you should?
Is gold so important to you that you leave
It to chance that your boy will be good?
Take stock of yourself and consider the lad,
Your time and your thought are his due;
How would you answer your God should He ask:
"What sort of a father are you?"

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Gleanings From The Field

►**Pastor T. E. Dougherty** recently underwent an operation, and hopes soon to be back in the harness. He is pastor at the First Church of Fort Thomas, Ky.

►**Dr. and Mrs. Preston Luther Ramsey,** Somerset, Ky., have announced the marriage of their daughter, **Miss Sybill Theresa Ramsey,** to **Mr. Julian Max** Kersten at Jamestown, Ky., on Jan. 3.

►A School of Missions was conducted at the South Jefferson Baptist Church, Valley Station, Ky., beginning January 21 and continuing through Sunday night. Their new financial plans call for a $11,500.00 budget. **Dester E. Jones** is pastor there.

►**Dr. E. D. Head,** President of Southwestern Seminary of Ft. Worth, Texas, will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, at River Avenue Baptist Church for a two weeks' revival during February 15-29, with **Pastor Gordon Paschall** and his associate pastor, **Robert Cullen.** Brother Cullen is preparing to be a medical missionary.

►The Garrett Baptist Church witnessed the burning of the note which represented their indebtedness on January 5. The burning note was a torchlight to show what God will do when His people are willing to go forward even when they cannot see their way through. **Walker Beatty** is pastor of the Garrett Church.

►**S. Maxwell Meade** has resigned as pastor at Leach Station, in Greenup Association in eastern Kentucky, and has accepted the pastorate of the Wayne Avenue Baptist Church in Kenova, W. Va. The Wayne Avenue Church has voted to join the Greenup Association.

►**Pastor O. G. Lawless,** Albany, Ky., led the Friendship Church of Font Hill, in Russell County Association, in a revival meeting during the last half of November. **Pastor William R. Bradshaw** says that Pastor Lawless's messages are Christ-centered. Besides a number of additions, the church was greatly benefited by the meetings.

►The Jeffersontown Baptist Church expects to rebuild their church auditorium. in the early spring. They have about half of the necessary money in a building fund. Their meeting house was destroyed by fire about ten years ago. **Raymond E. Connell** is their new pastor, and he succeeds **Garnett E. Puckett,** now of Atlanta, Ga.

►**Pastor Aubrey T. Mitchell,** formerly of Owensboro, and Smithland, Ky., has been pastor for the last year at the Main Street Baptist Church of Prichard, Alabama. During that time there have been 220 additions, more than half of them by conversion. A bus is used to bring in the people each Sunday. A new lot has been purchased behind the church, and another Sunday school building will soon be erected thereon.

►**Dr. A. D. Odom** inaugurated the official opening of the new Radio Station, WFTM, at the Sunday morning worship hour of the First Church of Maysville, Ky., by broadcasting their program. The new station is 250 watts, with effective reception of a 100-mile radius. The management has made its facilities available to the churches of the community, each church taking its turn. Each week-day morning a fifteen-minute devotional is given by a local pastor, each pastor serving a week at a time.

►**Dr. Duke K. McCall,** Executive Secretary of the S. B. C. Executive Committee, left January 21 for a three-week tour of Baptist mission fields in Latin America. He will spend a week in Balboa, Panama, conducting a revival in the First Baptist Church where **Dr. William H. Beeby** is pastor. Other points to be visited are Havana, with tours over Cuba, and Barranquilla, Colombia, and over the Colombia-Venezuela-Equador mission fields. Dr. McCall spent last summer in a similiar tour through Europe, following attendance at the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen.

►The fourth anniversary of **Pastor J. C. Sisemore** was observed at the Hillcrest Church of Dallas, Texas, on January 4. More than 1,200 persons who have united with the church under the pastorate of Brother Sisemore were recognized. The present church membership is 2,600. Total gifts for the four years have been $259,951.76. The present value of the church property is $235,000, with two three-story educational buildings having been constructed, and two others planned for the near future. Their budget for 1948 is $90,000. Ten young men have been licensed to preach in the last four years.

►**Pastor J. W. Storer** is in his seventeenth year with the First Church of Tulsa, Okla. More than 1,500 attended their watchnight service on New Year's Eve, at which time Pastor Storer showed 1,600 feet of technicolor film taken last summer while he was in Europe. There were 587 additions last year, of whom 221 were for baptism. The membership of the church now has reached 5,214. A total of $192,539.63 has been contributed, of which amount $62,215.06 went to missions; $69,781.54 for the building fund, and $60,543.03 for current expenses. The sum of $148,092,88 is now in the treasury for the erection of the final unit of the educational building, which is estimated to cost $350,000, and which it is hoped will be erected in 1949.

►Harvest Month was observed by the Immanuel Church of Covington as part of their fall program. This included the showing of "The Romance of a Century," giving the history of the Southern Baptist Convention, a family night, stewardship night, an old fashioned night, adult night, young people's night, and this was climaxed with a special service in which **Pastor Morris H. Coers** offered a "Boy For Sale." He offered a twelve-year-old boy from the auction block. Bids were made from the audience by such personifications as Mr. Businessman, Mr. Salesman, Mr. Sportsman, Mr. Educator, Mr. Physician and Mr. Christian Minister. After the bids had been made the boy was asked to sit down and wait until they had been considered. Pastor Coers then told how each day millions of young people are put on the auction block and sold short for a mess of pottage, and then preached from 1 Tim. 4:12. Three were received by baptism and six by letter as a result of these meetings.

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"Earnestly Contend for the Faith Once for All Delivered to the Saints."—Jude 3.

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Landmarks of Our Faith

By J. H. THURMAN,
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THE NEED for doctrinal preaching is appalling. We hear many good sermons but little doctrine. Much of the preaching of our day is not sufficiently distinctive. It is like a house without a frame, a body without bones.

Baptists are what they are because of their doctrines. If we are to retain our identity, we must preach doctrines which distinguish us from others. There is no good reason for our separate existence as a denomination, except as we believe and preach something others do not.

Modernism, atheism, unionism, and many other *isms* are rampant. Formalism and ritualism are sapping our spiritual life. It is high time we reaffirm our acceptance of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints," that "we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine."

What is doctrine? It is teaching. It may be true or it may be false. Sound doctrine is based on the word of God; false doctrine, on theory, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9). He who says, "I do not believe in doctrinal preaching," declares he does not believe in the Bible, for all sound doctrine is Biblical.

New Testament preachers were doctrinal preachers, the Apostle Paul standing above them all. He preached the doctrines of grace. He made the plan of salvation by grace, clearer and stronger than any other New Testament writer. He was a missionary preacher. He was the master preacher on the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul (1 Cor. 15:1-57; Cf. 1 Thes. 4:13ff). He believed in a life beyond the grave and wrote, "Our Savior, Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

He said, *The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.* Surely that day is upon us. Some do not like to hear sermons on the plan of salvation, because people are not agreed on what is the plan of salvation. Some say it is by grace, some by works, some by both grace and works, others by baptism and church membership. Still others say, it is by keeping commandments. Some do not like to hear sermons on blood atonement for sin, on baptism and the Lord's Supper, on the church question, on stewardship and tithing, sin and eternal punishment, because people are not agreed on them. If we preachers leave off all that some do not like to hear, there would be mighty little left to preach.

What is one to preach in an evangelistic meeting if he does not preach doctrine? Sinners are sick and need the Physician, they must be shown how deadly is their malady—sin. They must be given the one remedy for it—*"the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"* (I John 1:7). They must be told *"how Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures"* (1 Cor. 153). They must be given the way of life and salvation, and *"warned to flee from the wrath to come."*

Landmarks Of Our Faith

What is a landmark? Literally, it is a rock, or a stake, or a tree, or whatever marks the boundary line of a piece of land. Spiritually, it is a doctrine which marks the boundary line of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints"—"the faith of our fathers." And what are some of these spiritual landmarks?

1. THE BIBLE, THE INFALLIBLE, INERRANT WORD OF GOD. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Tim. 3:16). "For the prophesy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

The Bible was written by at least forty different writers, over a period of about 1,500 years. They were so widely separated, in point of years, as well as geographically, that in many instances they knew nothing of what others had written. And yet, when they treated a common subject they said practically the same thing. Their original manuscripts were without error. The only perfect book ever written—the infallible, inerrant Word of God.

2. THE VIRGIN BIRTH AND DIETY OF CHRIST. "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son" (Isa. 7:14). "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: . . .his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." We turn to the New Testament (Matt. 1:20-23; 2:1-12; Luke 2:1-16) and see that, more than 700 years later these forecasts were literally fulfilled.

His critics say "He was a good man but not the Son of God." He was not even a good man if He was not the Son of God. If He was not all He claimed, then He was an imposter and not our Saviour, for He claimed to be the Son of God, the Saviour of men. His miracles and His resurrection vindicated His claims.

John the Baptist said concerning Him, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (Jn. 1:29). John the Apostle said "I saw and bear record that this is the Son of God" (Jn. 1:34). The Apostle Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). Even "doubting Thomas" said "My Lord and my God." And better still, God Himself said "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17). Many other Bible witnesses could be cited, but surely, with the unanswerable testimony of this group from both the Old and the New Testaments, including God Himself, we must declare Him to be the virgin-born Son of God.

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►**The American Baptist** says: "Of the thirty Baptist churches in Berlin before the war, all buildings but one were either destroyed or severely damaged. Fifteen are now open again. The total membership is approximately 10,000. The twenty-eight Baptist pastors baptized 200 persons last year. Out of their poverty they subscribed 500,000 reichsmarks to aid refugees."

This Retirement Business

By S. E. TULL, Pine Bluff, Ark.

THE REPORTS in our papers of the activities of pastors and the work of the churches are always interesting news. Perhaps it might be of some interest to have a report of the "activities" of a retired pastor!

Some time ago I was introduced to an audience by a brother who used these words: "Dr. Tull has been a widely known and useful preacher but he is now retired from the ministry." When I took the floor I said: "I desire to correct certain words in this kindly introduction. In the first place, I am no 'has been,' and in the second place, I have not retired from the ministry. I have only retired from the demands of the pastorate. I never expect to retire from the ministry." At another time I was introduced in these words: "Dr. Tull has gotten out of the local pastorate and is now pastor at large." That type of introduction suits me much better.

The fact is, I am preaching about as much as I ever did. I was idle only about four Sundays during 1947. I preached in fourteen different pulpits in different States and held two revivals. I supplied two months for the First Baptist Church of Helena, Arkansas, and I was for two months the interim pastor at the First Batpist Church of Warren, Arkansas.

One thing of much personal pleasure to me is that I am becoming a sort of "man of reference" to pastors who are expecting to retire. From several States such men have asked me: "How does it feel?" "What do you do with yourself?" Some have even visited me to talk it all over!

I have two main items of advice for any pastor who is contemplating retirement. First, when you retire be sure to locate to make your permanent home among established friends; and second, buy you a home of your own with plenty of outside room for garden—vegetables and flowers. A retired pastor who has no hobby to employ himself will become a nuisance to himself and a pesteration. Retirement business is an enterprise and should be the result of long-range planning. It must include plans for a suitable location and a house with the "retired" wife's interests duly considered. It must include plans for agreeable and profitable employment for mind, body, and time.

One pastor said to me: "When I retire I am just going to sit down and read all I want to." My reply was: "Yes, that will last just about one month and you will get so tired of reading that you can't sit still." Another said: "When I retire I am going to do some research work I have never had the time to get to." I replied: "What for?" I then suggested that the incentive to research is the desire to "deliver the results" to some body. When a pastor has retired his "objectives" in his audience suddenly vanish, and his urge to research passes into eclipse unless he plans to write for publication. My observation is that if a pastor has not been a writer before he retires he will write no books after he retires.

However, I find that the preaching done by a retired pastor is the best preaching he has ever done because when he is invited to fill an engagement he will select from all his records the best messages he has ever developed. He will want his preaching to be a real contribution to the church or to the occasion.

When I retired I located at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where in the past I was twice the pastor of the First Church here. We have worlds of established friendships here. In other words, we are at home here. In connection with the residence I bought the whole half city block frontage. This affords plenty of room. I have all this landscaped for fruits, flowers, and vegetables. I am a member of the Garden Club! I help put on the flower shows! I can lecture on "soil culture." I even have bees to gather the nectar from the flowers I grow and to furnish us honey!

My conviction is that every pastor ought to retire while he is active and physically able to establish a home and to surround it with those comforts which will be easy to maintain as his strength begins to slow down in later years. All this is no job for a weakling or lazy man. That pastor who thinks that retirement is a time to do nothing will either die soon or become a burden to others. On the other hand, a retired pastor who keeps himself employed can find a wonderful happiness. He can rejoice constantly in the memory of friends and of accomplishments of other days. He can stand on the sidelines and shout his cheers to the men on the field who are still carrying the ball. He can cultivate all the graces of true Christian neighborliness. He can uphold his pastor and show others how to be a good church member.

To the retired pastor the world becomes his field. He can go where he wants and come back when he pleases. He can work when he cares to and quit when he gets ready. He can rejoice in the ways to keep young. I retired at 65, and I advise every other pastor to do the same thing. There remains a delight in having quit before you had to. Your brethren far and wide will invite you to supply their pulpits when they know that you are still alert and abreast with the times.

A career in the pastorate is unique in its breadth of culture and in the understanding of life's experiences. No other career can so qualify a man for a happy retirement. No other career can leave behind fewer regrets. By frugal preparation for it he can be truly independent. Nothing is more pitiable than a miserable, regretful, dependent, old preacher. Such an estate is worth a life time of effort to avoid.

There is a strange blessedness in the expression of the Apostle Paul when he said "Owe no man anything but to love him." The Prophet Micah pictures an ideal estate which is attained when a man may be able to sit under his own vine and fig tree!

Let me say to every pastor who is facing retirement age that retirement is a business enterprise which has in it both elements of success and failure. Happiness is not an accident. It is the result of a grand desire diligently planned and prayerfully brought to fruition. There is no personage whose presence is more welcomed than the old preacher who is loved by everybody. That is always true when the preacher himself continues to be an asset to society and not a burden on the community!

L. E. Whitlow Resigns At Mt. Gilboa Church

Campbellsville, Ky., December 28,—Pastor L. E. Whitlow preached his farewell sermon at Mt. Gilboa, in Taylor County, concluding a ministry of almost twelve years. The growth of the church during this period has been most gratifying. While there has been no spectacular increase in membership, due to the limited area covered by the church field, the program has been one to inspire and to build into spiritually stalwart men and women the members of the congregation. This program, loyally supported, has included the Sunday school and preaching service, prayer meeting, vacation Bible school, stewardship revival, study courses (an average of three annually for the past few years) and the placing of the Western Recorder in the home of every member. From a small beginning, the budget has multiplied itself some thirteen times during these twelve years, and a nice sum toward a building fund has been accumulated.

Mr. Whitlow states that, while he is resigning from this pastorate, he is not retiring from the ministry. He is residing at 1822 Bonnycastle, Louisville 5, Kentucky.

Statewide Evangelistic Conference Greatest Success

The Statewide Evangelistic Conference arranged by Dr. W. C. Boone, Executive Secretary of the State Mission Board, was probably the highest two days in years among Kentucky Baptists.

Sessions were held in the Walnut Street auditorium, Louisville, January 13 and 14. Though forbidding weather prevailed, the brethren—ministers and laymen—came together from all parts of the state, filling the main floor of the auditorium and on occasions overflowing into the balcony. Some estimated the total attendace at close to 2,000.

The State Mission Board brought in all its workers who could possibly come, giving them the advantage along with the pastors of the state, of the special addresses and conferences on evangelism.

Not in the writer's memory has he seen the tides of evangelistic passion roll higher both in the hearts of the speakers and the hearers. The pulse-beat of Kentucky Baptists is to win the lost to Christ at all costs. The revival is coming.

A special address was brought by Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism, Home Mission Board, who spoke on "Simultaneous Revivals," and conducted a conference and forum on evangelism. There were presented both the practical and spiritual aspects of revival. In kindly spirit, yet with marked leadership, Dr. Matthews directed attention to the fact that many revivals fail because of a lack of ground-work, and because sometimes those conducting the revivals do not themselves know how to press the work to best advantage. He urged that special training and study be engaged in on the part of the ministers themselves. Of course Dr. Matthews did not fail to emphasize the fact that only by the power of the Holy Spirit can the lost be won to Christ.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, brought two excellent addresses on: "The Cross and Evangelism" and "A Revival Today." From the viewpoint of a pastor-evangelist of long experience, he dealt with the imperatives in the work.

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, brought in masterly fashion an address on "The Indispensableness of Evangelism." setting forth that without the evangelistic heart the pastor and his church and our denomination fail in their mission. There was nothing better at the conference.

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, brought in his inimitable fashion, addresses on "Is Hell A Myth?" and "Christ Above All." The speaker urged with heartbreaking pathos that revivalists need to return to the old time doctrine of **hell** and preach it as it is presented in the New Testament. He exalted Christ above all—the great magnet, Who, if lifted up, will draw all men unto Himself.

A special feature for rural churches and pastors was the conference led by L. G. Frey, business manager of the State Mission Board of Tennessee. He too, dealt with the practical approaches to the evangelistic problems in country churches. His long experience with rural churches and his successes in that field enabled him to do exactly what was in the mind of the makers of the program.

Throughout Kentucky there is an upsurge of evangelism. Our people are praying and working for it, and the Lord does not have to be made willing. It is the human element that has blocked the way.

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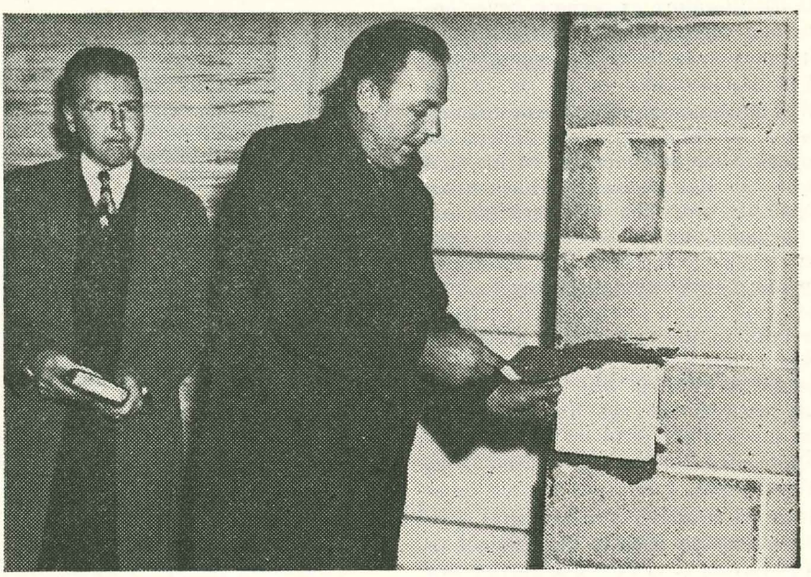
"Don't mistake enthusiasm for irreverence. There is no noise in a cemetery, but you wouldn't want a dead church."—B. B. McKinney.

Black Oak Church Ordains John W. Webb To Gospel Ministry

JELLICO, Tenn., December 27, 1947.—John W. Webb was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry by order of the Black Oak Missionary Baptist Church, in the South Union Association, today. The ordaining council was composed of Brethren J. S. Dick, John Davis, Alfred Jones, Arnold Lovett, George Williams and Edgar Walden. The questioning was led by Missionary J. S. Dick, and Rev. George Williams preached the ordination sermon. The Bible was presented by Alfred Jones. Rev. Joe Lamb is pastor of the Black Oak Church.

Cornerstone Laying at Harmony Sunday School in Louisville

The Harmony Baptist Church had a cornerstone laying day for their new Sunday school annex on December 21, 1947. This church is a young organization started four years ago at 1822 Guelda Court as a mission of the Ninth and O Baptist Church. Their Sunday school has averaged 204 in attendance for the last three months, and the church reported ninety-two additions last year.



Charles W. Holland, Jr., is pastor. Dr. Roy McClung, new pastor of the mother church, delivered the sermon at the dedication. Rev. J. Perry Carter, Superintendent of Evangelism and Missions, Long Run Association of Baptists, was also on the program. The Ninth and O choir and a quartet brought messages in song.

Marshall Kirsch is the Superintendent of the Sunday school, and participated in the cornerstone-laying exercises.

The New Testament Meaning Of Baptism

By J. E. SKINNER
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WITHIN THE LAST few years and in several places, the writer has heard busy pastors say, in effect: "The modern pastor doesn't have time to study the doctrines of his church, either for his own pleasure and profit or for the indoctrination of his people."

Now, whether that frank statement is fully justified or not, it is at least one explanation of the growing indifference on the part of the present generation toward the basic principles which alone can maintain unity and strength in a common faith and practice.

The fact that our churches were organized upon those principles will not suffice for subsequent generations, who have neither heard nor embraced them as the governing principles of their churches.

It follows, therefore, that our denominational press will have to come to the aid of our pastors and churches in the important task of teaching our younger generation, or leave them to drift farther and farther away from the underlying principles which bind us together in "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace . . . One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of all, Who is above All, and through All, and in you All" (Eph. 43-6). And that is the writer's apology for writing on the doctrines of our faith—knowing that our young people are reading our denominational literature as perhaps never before, and will rejoice in their faith just in proportion to their clear understanding of its meaning.

It is unspeakably unfortunate that any church member should never understand and enjoy the full meaning of his first act of Christian obedience which, in all probability, was the most perfect act of obedience to his Saviour and Lord that he will ever be able to render in this life! Our poor stammering tongues may never be able to express so perfectly our faith in the redemptive grace and power of our Saviour, as when we were voluntarily "buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead" (Col. 2:12).

Here we proclaimed in beautiful symbol our implicit faith in the whole Gospel of Christ;" . . . how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3, 4).

Here also we declared in this divinely appointed symbolic declaration our death to and separation from the dominion of sin, from which our Saviour had delivered us—declaring our allegiance to Him and His Kingdom forever (Rom. 5: 20-6:7), . . . that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein? Or, are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore WITH HIM through baptism into death that LIKE AS Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in THE LIKENESS of His death, we shall be also in THE LIKENESS of His resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified WITH HIM, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin."

Thus our baptism not only declared our death to, or separation from, the dominion of sin through repentance and faith and regeneration, but it also declared that we had gone WITH HIM by faith to Calvary and the Tomb, and were WITH HIM in His triumph over sin and death.

Although baptism is not the Gospel (1 Cor. 1:17), but only a symbolic declaration of the Gospel, if we could preach it a thousand years we should never be able to proclaim it more beautifully than when we were buried with Christ in baptism and arose to walk in newness of life in Him.

Moreover, Christian baptism is the believer's declarative separation from the world and its bondage to sin unto Christ as our Deliverer and Leader in the Spiritual Realm of Freedom and Voluntary Obedience. And that is the sense in which the phrase "baptized into Christ" is used in Romans 6:3 and Galatians 3:27. The same thought of declarative separation from one allegiance to another is advanced by the Apostle in First Corinthians 10:1, 2: " . . . how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized UNTO MOSES in the cloud and in the sea"—declaring their separation from Egyptian bondage "UNTO MOSES" as their deliverer and leader. The Apostle used the same Greek preposition (eis) in all three of these passages and with the same meaning—from one relationship "UNTO" another.

He advanced the same thought of separation from one service unto another in Second Corinthians 5:14, 15: "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that One died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they that live should no longer live UNTO themselves, but UNTO Him who for their sakes died and rose again" (ASV).

Continuing his argument (Rom. 5:20-6:14), the Apostle says: "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof . . . for sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace."

Thus in the reckoning of God, we had gone with Christ by faith to Calvary, and into His Tomb, and had triumphantly risen with Him over the dominion of sin, and had been separated from the bondage of sin by the regenerating power of His Holy Spirit—all of which we declared when we were voluntarily buried with Him in beautiful baptism and arose with Him to walk in newness of life. We there erected a beautiful memorial to our death to, or separation from sin unto, our victorious Redeemer. We did it "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It stands forever as our declarative separation from the world and its bondage to sin, unto our risen Saviour and Lord. It was authorized by our Saviour, administered by His church, and witnessed by a sacred fellowship that must never be broken, either by the world, the flesh or the devil. "Sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under law, but under grace."

New Pastor Of First Church, Hopkinsville

The First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, is now being served by their new pastor, Dr. W. Peyton Thurman, who has just come to them from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Russellville, Kentucky. Dr. Thurman is native of Louisville, Kentucky, and is a graduate of Georgetown College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received his Th.D. from the latter institution a few weeks ago. He has been succeeded at Russellville Church by Howard D. Olive, of Monett, Mo., and a graduate of William Jewell College and the Southern Seminary.



W. Peyton Thurman

Landmarks of Our Faith

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3. THE FALL OF MAN, ORIGINAL SIN AND DEPRAVITY OF THE HUMAN HEART. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). "By nature the children of wrath" (Eph. 2:3)—hence the importance of regeneration by the New Birth. "Condemned already, because he hath not believed" (Jn. 3:18). The Scriptures teach that sinners have the seed of sin and death in their souls, and that all by nature are sinners, wicked at heart, condemned before God, and helpless to save themselves. Hence the absolute necessity of salvation by grace.

4. GOD PROVIDED SALVATION FOR ALL MEN THROUGH CHRIST. "For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men" (Tit. 2:11 R. V.). Provision for *one* man's salvation is provision for *every* man's salvation. "He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 Jn. 2:2). "Because we thus judge, if one died for all, then were all dead: And that He died for all." Jesus "for the suffering of death, . . . that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9). These scriptures teach beyond doubt that the provision God has made for salvation is ample and sufficient to save any or all men.

5. GOD CHOSE HIS PEOPLE IN CHRIST BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD. "He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world." God not only chose them *in* Christ, but chose the means through which they are brought *to* Christ. "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (2 Thes. 2:13).

Some ignore the fact that Bible election, which is unto salvation, is "through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth," and do nothing about preaching the truth to sinners. They are satisfied merely to "feed the sheep." The sheep need to be fed but nothing else "is the power of God unto salvation" except the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16). It must, therefore, be preached if they are to be saved.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" . . . "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:13-15a, 17). *Sinners must hear the gospel before they can be saved* (Jn. 5:24).

6. JESUS ESTABLISHED HIS OWN CHURCH BEFORE PENTECOST. Our Lord said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." In Matthew 4:18-24 He began to prepare for this event by calling two pairs of brothers—Peter and Andrew, and James and John, to "follow him." After praying all night He ordained the twelve "whom he named apostles." "God hath set some in the church, first apostles." The twelve apostles were the nucleus of the first New Testament church. It had every essential to the existence of a church before Pentecost. They had the gospel, baptized believers, a rule of church discipline, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the Great Commission before Pentecost. They also had a treasurer (Judas), a business meeting, a ten-days' prayer meeting, a church roll of 120 names, to which "were added unto them about three thousand souls" on the Day of Pentecost.

This church was local and visible. There is no such thing as "The Southern Baptist Church," or "The Church," meaning an invisible world church of which all become members the moment they are saved. The fundamental idea in the word "church" is, a group of people called out from the world. They are organized and they assemble here on earth. Occasionally, in the New Testament, the word is used in an institutional sense, but in its concrete form it is always local and visible, as the church at Ephesus, the church at Corinth, or the seven churches of Asia. There is "the general assembly and church of the first born, which will be in heaven, but not now on earth.

7. THE ORDINANCES, BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER, ARE SYMBOLIC AND MEMORAL, NOT SACRAMENTAL. The sacramental view is, there is virtue or salvation in them. Baptists accept them as symbols—baptism symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, as well as the sinner's death to sin, his burial and resurrection to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). The Lord's Supper symbolizes His broken body and shed blood for our sins. The bread and the wine point to his death, for He said, "This do in remembrance of me."

These ordinances are local church ordinances and not denominational or kingdom ordinances. If they were denominational ordinances they could be observed in any of our denominational gatherings. Only New Testament churches are authorized to administer them. Only regularly ordained preachers are qualified to officiate in them, and then by the authority of a New Testament church to which they were originally given (Matt. 26:26f; 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:2). *However, church authority may be overworked. It was out of "absolute church authority" that the Church of Rome changed the mode of baptism from immersion to sprinkling and pouring. Churches are not themselves in authority, but under the authority of the Lord Jesus as revealed in the New Testament.*

Philip and the Eunuch (Acts 8) have been cited as an example of one baptizing who was not an ordained minister. It is true that Philip was ordained a deacon (Acts 6:5) and later became an evangelist (Acts 21:8). Some of us have been ordained twice—first as a deacon, later as a preacher. Surely, Philip was ordained an evangelist by the Jerusalem church, *for it was a universal custom to ordain elders in every church* (Acts 14:23; Tit. 1:5; Eph. 4:11).

Only those saved and Scripturally baptized into the fellowship of a Scriptural church origin, doctrine and practice, should observe the Lord's Supper (Matt. 3:7-8; 16:18; 28:19; Acts 2:41-42; Rom. 6:4 Col.: 2:12; Eph. 1 Cor. 2:14).

8. FINALLY, THE DOCTRINE OF WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS. The Christian religion is essentially a missionary religion—hence the great world-wide, age-long Commission, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The Lord has made it the main burden of His churches to make, teach and train disciples, beginning at our own door and going out to the ends of the world. He made it the responsibility of His churches, to see to it, that the message of Christ is faithfully carried to every creature. This is a gigantic task but by His grace and the proper cooperation of His churches, we can do it. "We are well able to possess the land." *May our Lord stir our hearts and help us to accomplish this WORLD-WIDE TASK.*

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►**Dr. C. B. Althoff** has accepted the pastorate of the Ortega Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, resigning as pastor of the First Church of LaBelle, Fla., where he has been since September 21, 1945. During the more than two years he has been at LaBelle a building fund was started into which $6,000 has been accumulated. Before going to LaBelle he had been pastor for some years at the Beechmont Church of Louisville, Ky., coming here from a long pastorate at the Lorimer Memorial Church in Chicago, Illinois.

John G. Dickson, Pastor at Versailles, Dies in Lexington Hospital

VERSAILLES, Ky., Jan. 16.—Funeral services for Dr. John George Dickson, 57, were held today in the Versailles Baptist Church, where he had been pastor for the last nine years. The service was conducted by Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, of the Department of Church History in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, his friend of many years.

Dr. Dickson died in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Lexington on January 14, following an operation. He had been a patient there for more than a month, and a year or so before had also undergone an operation. His physicians had known for some time that he could not live long, and so notified his family. One of his brothers, Mr. J. B. Dickson, of Phoenix, Ariz., arrived several days before his passing.

The body was placed in Duell's Funeral Chapel until Thursday afternoon, when it was removed to the church to lie in state. After the funeral it was returned to Duell's, and moved on Friday morning to Louisville, from whence it was shipped to Fowler, Colo., for burial on Sunday. The deacons of the Versailles Baptist Church were the active and honorary pallbears.

Besides his preaching Dr. Dickson was the possessor of a rich, lyric tenor voice. He could move an audience to ecstasy or to tears with his solos, and always left his hearers asking for more. His vocal teacher told him years ago that if he would *give up theology* he would *put him into opera,* but he steadfastly refused to turn from what he believed to be the call of God to preach the Gospel. He used his singing voice for the winning of souls to his Saviour, rather than for mere entertainment. He led the music in many revivals at the invitation of his brother pastors.

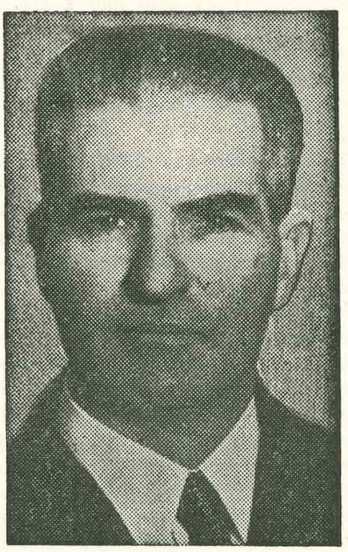
The Versailles pastor was born in Longmont, Colo., and was a son of the late Mina Cassa Dulin and John Frank Dickson. His youth and young manhood were spent in Fowler, Colo. He graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and then came on to Louisville to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he obtained his Th.M. degree in 1927 and his Ph.D. degree in 1933. He was pastor of the Eminence Baptist Church in Henry County, Kentucky, for eleven years before going to Versailles. Since he has been in Kentucky he has been moderator of both the Henry County and the Elkhorn Associations, and was Clerk of the latter. For a term he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Western Recorder, a member of the Executive Board of the General Association, and he served on many other important boards and committees within the State.

Dr. Dickson is survived by one sister, Mrs. Edwin Price, Pueblo, Colo.; five brothers, J. B. Dickson, already mentioned; Morton Dickson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; C. P. Dickson, Denver, Colo.; Will Dickson, Hot Springs, S. D.; Gerald Dickson, Lawndale, Calif.; and four nieces and four nephews. He was unmarried.

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C. C. Warren To Be Radio Speaker Two Sundays In February

ATLANTA, January 8—"Why the Church" is the subject of The Baptist Hour for February 1, to be heard over



C. C. Warren

a network of 62 stations at 8:30 Eastern Standard Time (7:30 Central Standard Time) with Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, North Carolina, as speaker. "Church, Youth, and the Home" will be considered in February, under the general theme, "Divine Light for Daily Living," it was announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, Director. Dr. Warren, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, will be heard the first two Sundays, while Professor Charles Wellborn, Waco, Texas, will speak the middle Sunday, and Dr. Ted F. Adams, Richmond, Virginia, the last two. Dr. Duke K. McCall will speak each Sunday in March.

A popular feature of each program of The Baptist Hour is a favorite hymn, determined by a poll among six and a half million Southern Baptists, and in which all interested listeners are invited to take part. The hymn ranking ninth in favor will be featured on the February 1 program.

These programs can be heard in our state over radio stations WHAS, Louisville; WSM, Nashville; and WPLH, Huntington. Also over WKNA, Charleston at 10:30 A. M. the following Sunday.

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Sees Excavations In Palestine Hardly Begun

CINCINNATI (RNS) Despite all archaeological work of the past, the ancient soil of Palestine hardly has been scratched, Hebrew Union College President Nelson Glueck, himself an internationally-known archaeologist, declared in a radio address here.

Former director of the American School for Oriental Research, Dr. Glueck said there was an infinite amount of new archaeological work to be done—thousands of sites in Palestine and Transjordan worthy of excavation, but hardly more than a baker's dozen had been completely or partly excavated.

Dr. Glueck said he had discovered and mapped more than 1,000 ancient sites in Transjordan and the Jordan Valley, but had excavated only two of them. Each time, he exclaimed, he found such a wealth of new materials that it became necessary to undertake many more excavations to help solve the problems which those two answered in part and the new problems they posed.

Rise and fall of civilizations in the Jordan Valley, as in all of ancient Palestine, said Dr. Glueck, "must be attributed not to climatic changes but to political catastrophes caused by human weakness or passion for wars."

He added it was amazing how much of the Bible story was verified by finds made in archaeological exploration or excavation. "The Bible, to be sure, requires no 'proof' for its validity, because it is primarily concerned with theology and secondly with history, but archaeological finds continue to substantiate the details and the general background of the Biblical accounts."

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Dr. J. M. Buckley, well-known Methodist preacher, was asked one day to conduct an "experience meeting" at a Negro church in the South.

A woman arose and bore witness to the preciousness of her religion, as a light-bringer and comfort-giver.

"That's good, sister!" approved Dr. Buckley. "But how about the practical side? Does your religion make you a more considerate and loyal wife? Does it make you a better mother?"

Just then Dr. Buckley felt a yank at his coat tails by the Negro preacher, who whispered earnestly: "Press them questions, doctor; press them questions. That's my wife!"—Webb B. Garrison, *Today's Woman.*

If Southern Baptists Answered God's Challenge

By C. E. BRYANT, Nashville, Tenn.

The per capita income of residents of our Southern states is $813. This ranges from a high of $1,480 in California to a low of $556 in Mississippi. This includes the Negro income, which on an average is lower.

There are 6,079,305 members of Baptist churches in this territory—Baptists who co-operate with the work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The estimated income of these more than six million members, figured by states on the basis of each area's membership and per capita income, is $4,942,672,539, almost five billion dollars, annually.

If all Southern Baptists tithed, their tithe of this income would be $492,267,253.90. During 1946, however, these more than six million Baptists contributed only $115,226,949—less than one-fourth of that commanded in the Scriptures.

If we had tithed, each Southern Baptist would have contributed $81.30. But instead, we contributed to all local and mission causes the bargain sum of $18.95 per capita.

If all Southern Baptists tithed! What a marvelous thought! All our worries about the financing of adequate church plants, adequate hospitals, adequate schools, adequate financing of our mission programs at home and abroad: all these problems would be gone overnight and in their place would be shouts of triumph for the Master.

The Southern Baptist Convention's fall tithing campaign, if fully realized, would allow us to sample for three months these wonderful financial blessings.

Spiritual Blessings

But the greatest blessings of a tithing denomination could not be measured. They are not subject to the dollar mark, nor to statistics, nor to any earthly record books. The greatest blessings would be spiritual. Have you ever seen a man tithe who did not gain spiritual strength because of it? When a man opens his pocketbook to God, he opens the door for God to pour all sorts of blessings into his life. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10b)

If even a million Southern Baptists acknowledged God's ownership and their obligations of stewardship to the extent of the tithe, opening their hearts and souls for this blessing that is promised from the windows of heaven, the effect would be so tremendous that the entire South would rock from the spiritual force released among us. This. far greater that any financial gains, is the final result for which we are traveling.

Mission Impetus

Comprehend for a moment, if you can. God's blessings upon your own individual life so great that "there shall not be room enough to receive it," blessings so great and so bountiful that they cannot be contained in the anticipations that are ours. Our spiritual life would so overflow that it would spill out to bless our neighbors around the world. Our colleges, our seminaries, our orphanages, our hospitals, our mission endeavors would be so blessed that they must be enlarged and multiplied—and even then be insufficient for all that God has for us, pouring out of the windows of heaven.

It is like a farmer with a great barn capable, he thinks, of caring for the largest harvest possible off his acreage. But the season is right, just the right amount of sunshine and the right amount of rain, just exactly the right conditions for a bountiful crop. And in addition to that, some mysterious force puts superlative production into the seeds and plants and there is a harvest beyond the farmer's most cherished ambitions. His barns are not big enough to hold the harvest, so he adds another floor; but that is not big enough and he builds another barn, and another; and still the produce from his farm comes in so that he must go out to his neighbors and say, "Here, share some of these blessings with me. I have more than I possibly can contain."

Our spiritual blessings from the windows of heaven would be something like that. We as individuals and as a denomination would be so filled with the spirit of God that we would seek to share our joy through evangelism among our neighbors—those across the street, and those across the state, and those across the nation and those around the world. The inevitable result would be world revival—and what else does the world need more? That revival would come as certainly as our people acknowledge God's ownership and accept responsibilities as children of God.

Monetary Aspects

In the light of the spiritual blessings, the monetary gain would be of nominal concern—but think now of the financial gain to our work from this increased giving.

Dr. J. E. Dillard points out that if every Southern Baptist tithed for one year, that tithe would be a minimum of $414,000,000—almost five hundred million dollars. That is minimum because the statistical per capita income is for every man, woman and child, whereas our membership is of older children and adults whose per capita income is greater. And too, people who accept the obligations of Christian stewardship do not stop with the tithe, but give more and more and more.

This tithe of Southern Baptists would allow the doubling of all local church budgets. In 1946 the churches received $87,986,245 for local church budgets. This could be doubled, enabling the employment and remodeling of all church plants, and the increase of all efficiency aids.

This title of Southern Baptists would allow the tripling of mission gifts. In 1946 the churches received $27,240,704 for mission causes. If this were tripled Southern Baptists could multiply by three their mission stations and gospel evangels to reach nooks and crannies of the world where men and women have never before heard the name of Jesus.

And this tithe of Southern Baptists for one year would allow our multiplying in a single stroke the endowments of all our institutions to five times their present figure. The endowment of all our Baptist institutions in the South, state and Southwide, totals $34,106,802. We could take four times this figure from a single year's contributions, add it to the present endowment, and have five times the investment on which our schools and hospitals are now operating. Think what this would mean throughout the years and decades to come!

Continuing in Dr. Dillard's thought, we add these multiplied expenditures together and emerge with the total of $394,121,810. And comparing that with the aggregate tithe of Southern Baptists, we find we still have a hundred-million-dollar surplus. Certainly, our financial, as well as our spiritual, blessings would be so great that "there shall not be room enough to receive it."

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CORRECTION: In the special State Issue of January 22, page 7, the amount listed for Education in Kentucky should have been $268,976.68 instead of $168,976.68. This amount was given through the Co-operative Program and Designations.

Editorials

BUILDING BETTER CHURCHES

Not in many years have we been so challenged as with the new book by Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins—BUILDING BETTER CHURCHES.

We picked it up expecting to read it as we do most books—a little at a time until finished. But this one was different. A half day passed with work piling higher on the desk and lunch delayed.

Dr. Dobbins, the greatly loved professor of the department of religious education and church administration in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, poured the very cream of his study and experience into this book. Throughout, he magnified and applied New Testament principles, urging that, during this period of change, churches return to the pattern set out in the New Testament. He treats the whole field of pastoral service with a thoroughness characteristic of both his writing and teaching.

This book will be a perpetual source of information, but it will be more—a monument to a great heart and mind, a life literally lived *for* and *with* young preachers.

Building Better Churches is a Broadman Book, and can be purchased from any of our Baptist Bookstores for $3.75.

RUSSIAN BAPTISTS CABLE NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Our Baptist brethren in Russia have cabled New Year greetings to the Southern Baptist Convention. In their message they included the prayer: "May God give in the new year, greatest friendship between our peoples and close collaboration of our countries."

As reported by the *Baptist Press* the cable was in response to one sent by Dr. Louie D. Newton, president, Southern Baptist Convention, which read: "Southern Baptists send grateful greetings to our Baptist brethren in Russia on this our Saviour's birthday, praying His continued blessings upon you and upon the people of Russia." Dr. Newton's message was sent to Rev. Jacob Zhidov, president, and Rev. Alexander Karev, secretary, of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists in Moscow.

The full text of their reply was: "All Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists in Russia heartily thank you for gracious greetings of Southern Baptists on our Saviour's birthday and for prayers for Russian people, and send to Southern Baptists mutual, cordial Christmas and New Year greetings. May God give in New Year greatest friendship between our peoples and close collaboration of our countries."

Our Southern Baptist brethren gratefully lay hold of every ray of hope for a well-founded, better understanding between America and Russia. Who can say but that this influence of a New Testament people in Russia will have a benign effect on the whole of Russia. The democracy of New Testament churches, when completely practiced, has, in the long centuries that have passed, influenced many governments of the earth. Nothing is impossible with God! Let us pray for our brethren over there, that they may let their light so shine before men that others may see their good works and glorify our Father Who is in Heaven. God is able to bring the rulers of Russia to their knees in repentance, and to a living faith in a risen, living Lord. Russia needs nothing so much as it needs Christ. Our great avenue to victory is by the Throne of Grace. If we first pray through, we will work through.

HOW DO WE STAND?

Editor O. W. Taylor, *Baptist and Reflector,* wrote a stirring editorial on General MacArthur's recent request for 1,000 missionaries for Japan and the General's statement that Christianity now has its greatest opportunity in that land.

Then he called attention to a fact which will jolt most of us to a standing position: "The Roman Catholics have sent already 1,120 missionaries to Japan, while all Evangelical groups including Southern Baptists have sent 220." That tells a story that is not too comforting a testimony to the *real* missionary spirit of our people.

Dr. Taylor went on to say: "There are some Baptist churches as sound as a dollar on the doctrines of the Gospel, on the church and on the ordinances but they give nothing for missions for a whole year, maybe for years. From this viewpoint they are heterodox-orthodox people.

"Southern Baptists number more than 6,000,000. They have 623 foreign missionaries scattered among some seventeen fields while Catholics have 1,120 in Japan alone . . . Somebody is falling down on that noble adjective, "missionary" . . . To disobey God's missionary command and hinder the Gospel is about as bad as to deny or pervert the truths of the Gospel."

A STORY IN FIGURES

During 1947, Southern Baptists in twenty states contributed to Southwide and world-wide denominational objects, $7,356,226.65. The figure represents only monetary receipts handled in the office of the Executive Committee in Nashville for distribution to the Convention's educational, benevolent and mission agencies. This amount does not include materials and money given by Baptists to world relief as sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance.

The 1947 total receipts at the Convention office includes $5,217,762.39 for the Co-operative Program in general and $2,138,464.26 for designated objects. Contributions to world relief and the special Cen-

tennial Offering in 1946, shoved the 1946 grand total to $10,259,995.77.

We know there are those who regard figures as dry reading. Many times, they are. But the above story in numbers reveals a victory which should gladden and encourage every Southern Baptist. They are co-operating in a remarkable way. *The nearer all of us get to Christ, the closer we will be together, and the more we will give to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.*

TEXAS BAPTISTS BUILD LOAN FUND FOR RURAL CHURCHES

Seeing the needs of many rural churches and recognizing the vast rural sections as a source of spiritual strength, the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has set up a revolving fund for the building and repairing of country churches.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith, Odessa, Texas started the fund with a cash contribution of $10,000 and a first lien note of $5,000. Loans will be made at three per cent interest per annum with two per cent going back into the funds and one per cent to the Baptist Board for handling of transactions. It is stated that under no condition will a loan be made to a church building costing more than $10,000.

All too often, not only in Texas, but throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory, the country churches in the past have been forgotten. Southern Baptists must consider more, the place from which they were hewn. At all costs we must save the country churches. Certainly we must do no less for city missions, we must do even more. The needs are appalling beyond words to describe. But scattered here and there through rural sections are Baptist churches struggling for their very existence, unable to provide necessary equipment with which to carry on. It seems to us that the good Texas layman and his wife have set in motion a wave which may carry far.

DR. OHRN ACCEPTS ALLIANCE SECRETARYSHIP

Last October 8, Dr. A. T. Ohrn, Oslo, Norway, was nominated for the office of General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. A poll was taken of the members of the Executive Committee of the Alliance. As a result of the poll, it was announced at a meeting of the Administrative Committee, December 2, that Dr. Ohrn had been elected. On December 23, a cablegram was received from Dr. Ohrn accepting the position.

Dr. Ohrn was born of Norwegian-American parents in Wisconsin, U. S. A. At the age of ten he moved to Oslo where he has since resided. He studied in the University of Oslo and served several years as professor in the Norwegian Baptist Theological Seminary. At the death of O. J. Oie, during the last war, he became president of that institution. Also, he has served as secretary of the Norwegian Baptist Mission Committee which has work in the Belgian Congo.

BAPTIST PROGRESS IN CALIFORNIA

Dr. A. F. Crittendon, Executive Secretary, Southern Baptist General Association in California, reports unusual progress.

The California Convention was organized September 13, 1940, with a membership of thirteen churches. Those churches have now increased to 170, thirty-seven of those being added during the past year. Associations have increased from one, to sixteen. Total receipts increased from $976.64 in 1941 to $175,034.47 in 1947, Contributions to Southwide missionary causes reached a total of $20,931.35 in 1947.

Membership of the churches during this period shows a gain of forty-eight per cent; Sunday school enrolment gained forty-seven and nine-tenths per cent, and the Training Union a gain of forty-eight per cent. The W. M. U. showed a gain of fifty-seven per cent. Churches reported 3,012 tithers—almost one in every five. The churches baptized one for each four and five-tenths members.

None can now doubt the wisdom of our entering the great mission fields of the West, and certainly none will feel that, even to the slightest degree, we should turn away from it. Our mission program should be stepped up a hundred-fold, to include not only the unreached territories of the West, but other needy territories. *Our work can go forward in that and other fields, only as we rally to the support of our Co-operative Program. Certainly we, that is our churches, should consider these mission fields on an equal basis with our own local needs.*

GANDHI ABANDONS HOPE OF LIVING 125 YEARS

Years ago, Mohandas K. Gandhi, great spiritual leader of India declared he would live 125 years. But now he has abandoned that hope, and even the desire to live.

He is said to have declared recently in New Delhi, that he did not wish to live longer if "India is to be submerged in a deluge of violence as it is threatening to do." He went on: "In present-day India, there is no place for me . . . I might last a year or two but that is a different matter."

Long a contender for passive resistance against the English, he has lived to see India freed from British rule, only to be plunged into a bath of blood. What a pity that he has had no living experience with Christ! Followers of the Prince of Peace have, through the centuries, been compelled to live in a world of strife—out of harmony with the principles of their Leader. They have been in the world, yet not of the world. At that point, as well as at all others, Christ towers above the leaders of this world. With hope in their breasts, and with His power in their lives, His followers let their lights shine on in the dark places of the earth, unwilling to leave the battle until their Commander calls them Home.

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Baptist World Alliance Sunday has been set for February 1. On that Sunday, attempt will be made to raise $30,000, one half of which amount will be used for relief, and the other half for operating expenses of the Alliance.

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A gift of $1,000,000 was recently made to Texas Baptist institutions by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wassen, pioneer West Texas couple. They recognized that the way to serve God on and on in this world—long after they go to heaven—is to put their money in institutions which will faithfully serve Him until Jesus comes again .

Judge L. G. Spillman, Baptist Layman, Dies in Edmonson County

By LEWIS C. RAY
Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, Ky.

Judge L. G. Spillman, who lived in the Cedar Springs community in Edmonson County, suffered a stroke on December 24 which resulted in his death on December 27. His funeral was conducted in the Cedar Springs Church where he held his membership at the time of his death. A crowd that overflowed the church house was a demonstration of the love and respect in which he was held. The writer drove down on Monday, December 29, and conducted the funeral service.

Judge Spillman had served in various public positions in his county, having been a member of the County School Board, and Judge of the County Court. But his largest contribution was made as a leader among the Baptists of his section. For ten consecutive years he was Clerk of the Edmonson Association of Baptists, and later, for thirteen years in succession, he was elected moderator of the same association. He also had been a member of the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. But few men in this section of Kentucky have served longer, or with more distinction, in the life of a great rural people than he. And but few enjoyed the love and confidence as did this quiet unpretending Baptist layman.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter and five sons, three sisters, and four brothers. In addition to the loss sustained by his family in his homegoing, the cause dear to Baptists has lost a valuable exponent. Yet we rejoice in the fact that the influence of such a good man will live on as others are encouraged to follow his example of loyalty to the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Three Deacons Ordained By Olive Branch Church

MADISONVILLE, Ky., November 30, 1947.—Representatives from fifteen churches met at the call of Olive Branch Church in Little Bethel Association today and ordained Brethren Emerson Lutz, Jasper Pool and J. D. Buchanan as deacons of their church. John Robinson was Moderator of the council and W. E. Siria led the examination, and C. B. Curtis was clerk. After examination, the ordaining prayer was led by Smith Madison, and the council laid hands on the candidates. Rupert Utley, pastor of Grapevine Church and Moderator of the Association, gave the charge to the new deacons and to the church.

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New promotional Secretary and assistant to Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville. In former years Dr. Moore was President of Tennessee College at Murfreesboro, Tenn. He succeeds Dr. J. E. Dillard, now retired.

Clergymen Act Against Methodist Federation

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (RNS) Knoxville Methodist Ministers Association passed a resolution here "strongly condeming any use of . . .The Methodist Church by any members. . . in furtherance of any scheme which advocates the forcible overthrow of Christian Democracy in America and/or the establishment of an anti-Christian or athestic philosophy."

The resolution was presented by the Rev. R. O. Eller, pastor of Central Methodist church, who asked that it "be passed unanimously and without discussion as this is no time to weaken our stand." The resolution was adopted after warm discussion with only one dissenting vote, that of the Rev. J. Monroe Ball, pastor of Virginia Avenue Methodist church.

Pastors here said the resolution was aimed at the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

It was also voted to memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church at its meeting in Boston next April "to apply proper disciplinary action against any individual or organization parading under the guise of Methodism, to promote such (Communistic) philosophy or movement."

Glendale Home Turns Endowment Over To Ky. Baptist Foundation

Louisville, Ky., January 8.—In compliance with the request of the General Association, as expressed at the meeting in Ashland in 1946, and renewed at the Owensboro meeting in 1947, that the trustees of all our Kentucky Baptist institutions consider the matter of turning their endowments over to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, the Board of Trustees of The Kentucky Baptist Children's Home of Glendale, Ky., at their annual meeting held here today, voted to place in the hands of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation the endowment funds now in hand and those which will come to the Home through wills and legacies in the future, thus making it their policy to build up an endowment to be managed in their behalf by the Foundation. This becomes the first institution officially to take this action.

LANGUAGE—In spoken English, haste has been the chief cause of confusion. People use a rugged conversational style that, in the leisured 80's would have been attributed to drink, mental decay or vicious upbringing.—Robert Graves and Alan Hodge, *The Reader Over Your Shoulder.*

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"Religion Has Message For Intellectuals," Dean Bosley Tells Educators

CINCINNATI (RNS) Religion has a message for intellectuals, the Association of American Colleges was told here by Dean Harold A. Bosley of Duke University Divinity School.

The only way out of bewilderment and cynicism confronting present-day intellectuals is offered by religion, Dean Bosley said. All too few intellectuals, he continued, realize that the Christian religion is "the light and lead" they need to rescue them from their "hopeless predicament."

The dean said people interested in religion felt the intellectual fell short of his logical development unless he arrived at a world view.

"But we are incorrigibly suspicious of any known world view that is so rigidly complete that it tries to give the lie to the value and validity of growth through experience," he said.

"We must insist," he added, "that the quest of the intellectual cannot be considered until he has come to terms with the place and meaning of religion in his world-view."

"This is precisely what intellectuals have not done. We can safely say that the most far-reaching crisis which confronts them today springs from their indecision and ignorance regarding religion."

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Baptist Educators Hear Proposal For Endowments

CINCINNATI (RNS) Dean of Men Robert W. Bishop of the University of Cincinnati told the Association of Northern Baptist Institutions here that higher taxes and cost-of-living increases meant fewer families could pay for their children's college education and give generously to college fund drives.

It therefore becomes necessary that the independent or privately-controlled college give more attention to significant public relations and development of a program of "living endowments," Dr. Bishop declared.

He said studies of student-aid provisions of a number of colleges emphasized the need that all scholarship aid should ultimately be handled mainly through endowment funds and gift and loan provisions.

Asserting it was apparent that endowed scholarships still were far too limited, Dr. Bishop said "if the denomination is truly interested in the colleges affiliated with it then it must assume a major responsibility for securing endowment funds for scholarships and loan programs."

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New Pastor, Russellville, Ky.

Louisville, Ky.—Rev. Howard D. Olive, of Monett, Mo., a candidate for the Th.D. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, here at convocation opening the spring term, February 17, accepted a call to the pastorate



Howard D. Olive

of First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky., effective January 11.

A native of Lalston, Tenn., the Rev. Mr. Olive moved with his family to St. Louis, Mo., when a boy. He is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. He received the Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in May, 1945.

Mrs. Olive is the former Miss Marjorie Douglas, of Bolivar, Mo. She received her college education at Southwest Baptist College and Central Missiouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Mo., and was graduated from the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, in 1945, with the B. R. E. degree.

Throughout his student days at Southern Baptist Seminary, Mr. Olive was pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, a half-time church near Owensboro, Ky., and for the past two years he was pastor of Maceo Baptist Church, Maceo, Ky. He served as staff photographer of *The Tie*, monthly news magazine at the Seminary. At Russellville he succeeds Dr. W. Peyton Thurman who recently went to the First Church of Hopkinsville.

For Some Africans, Begging And Receiving Presents Has Become A Racket

By W. H. Carson, Missionary to Nigeria

Port Harcourt, Nigeria, Africa.—We are sorry to have to report that writing Americans for Bibles, fountain pens, bicycles and typewriters has now become a racket, and some young Africans are carrying on for all they can get.

They sell these articles and one young African did so well that he was able to open up his own book store.

A California woman sent him money orders to carry on Bible classes and take evangelistic trips that he never once expected to carry out. He can write a letter that literally deceives the very elect. In fact, while he claimed to be a Baptist—member of one church where we work, he never attended one time that I saw.

Another young man assumed the role of a young woman who wanted an education and needed money. To prove that he was a real African girl he sent his sister's picture. His letters from a zealous Baptist young woman, came addressed to "Miss Jummo!" When the money came for "Miss Jummo's" education it was sent through one of our missionaries and the matter was then exposed.

One of our young African printers got some names of young women to whom he heard he could write as PEN-PARTNERS. He seemed to think the word PEN-PARTNER meant that the PEN-PARTNER would send him a fountain pen. Though he has one pen that he does not use, he has received one from America and has the promise of another.

There are a number of African boys and girls who need Bibles, but the needy ones can get them through the missionaries of their station or through the secretary of the Mission to whom all Christian literature should be sent.

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1.	Crab Orchard, Crab Orchard, Ky.	Lincoln Co.	78
2.	Lone Valley, Campbellsville, Ky.	Russell Creek	26
3.	Nelson Creek, Central City, Ky.	Muhlenburg	22
4.	Highland Park Second, Louisville, Ky.	Long Run	128
5.	Vine Hill, Clermont, Ky.	Nelson	41
6.	Audubon, Louisville, Ky.	Long Run	61
7.	First, Madisonville, Ky.	Little Bethel	529
8.	First, Cleves, Ohio	North Bend	51
9.	Salvisa, Salvisa, Ky.	Baptist	63
10.	Highland, Louisville, Ky.	Long Run	495
11.	Columbia, Columbia, Ky.	Russell Creek	190
12.	Red Lick, Toria, Ky.	Russell Creek	10
			1,695

Quakers Invade The Congressional Halls

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) Another delegation of churchmen invaded Congressional halls here when members of the American Friends Service Committee and the Friends Yearly Meeting peace committees from middle and eastern states met to study the progress of pending national legislation.

Convened in a three-day seminar, the conference centered its interest on the European Reconstruction Program, universal military training and President Truman's civil rights report.

C. Lloyd Bailey, associate secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, said the seminar also sought "closer co-ordination of effort between the American Friends committees and the national legislation office."

Under particular scrutiny during the session was the issue of universal military training which, it was indicated, might be brought out for hearings early in February. Bailey indicated that some congressional sources look for delays in efforts to push UMT through. Most of the 28 Friends Yearly Meetings already are on record as opposing universal military training, he said.

Lobbying activities of his group, Bailey said, have been at "high gear" since early fall. He added: "Understanding the process of democratic government and the national issues now current is not alone the concern of those of us here in Washington. It must be carried out to the 'grass roots' of America from which the force of public opinion must be directed toward Congress."

Similiar study seminars are planned for high school and college age groups in February and March in a further effort to develop an informed church membership, Bailey said.

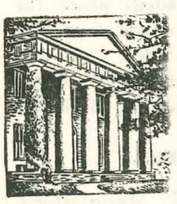
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OPPORTUNITY—A man strolled into a real estate office a few weeks ago. He was poorly dressed. He needed a shave. He said he wanted to see some business property for an investment. The salesman on the job sized him up for a smalltimer. "I have nothing listed now that would interest you," he said.

The shabby man went into another office and bought $1,500,000 worth of property on the main street of the town.

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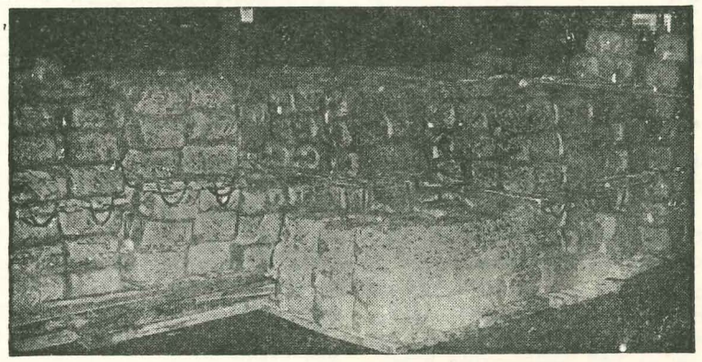
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Relief Goods Shipped Quickly

By CHARLES R. GAGE

NEW ORLEANS—147,591 pounds of clothing were shipped to Germany from the Southern Baptist Relief Center, New Orleans, the last week of December, it was reported by Rev. Clovis A. Brantley to the Relief Committee at Richmond. A picture of part of one of the shipments as it rests on the docks at New Orleans just prior to being loaded on the S S IBERVILLE is shown above.



Each bale contained in addition to the clothing and bedding numerous copies of the Gospel of Luke written in German. These Gospels were furnished free of charge by the American Bible Society at the request of Dr. Paul Caudill of Memphis. Of the total shipment 47,796 pounds were consigned to the French Zone. Another shipment of 48,000 pounds is ready to be loaded on the boats this week and will be sent to the French Zone of Germany.

The Southern Baptist Relief Center is still receiving hundreds of boxes daily and is making shipments rapidly. The need overseas for clothing, bedding, shoes and food remains critical and the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board plans to continue the sending of supplies overseas until conditions are sufficiently improved. Pack a box today and send it to 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans. Send cash contributions through your church designated for world relief.

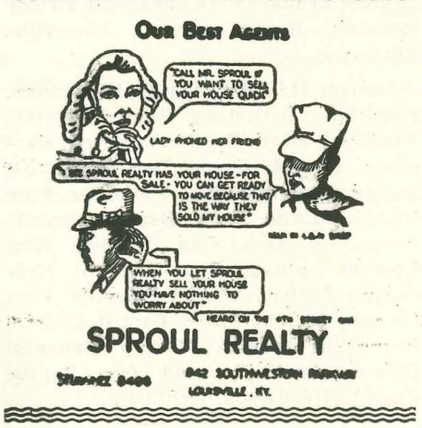
Four Young Men Ordained To Gospel Ministry By Bellevue, Memphis

Memphis, Tenn., December 31, 1947.—Four young men who have been taught and influenced by Pastor Robert G. Lee were set apart to the Gospel ministry by the Bellevue Baptist Church of this city tonight. These four men were: Calvin C. Cooper and C. Austin Partin, both Students at Union University at Jackson, Tenn., and Roy G. Davidson, Jr., and William J. Tomerlin, both students at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Two of these young men were baptized by Dr. Lee. Three of them are just eighteen years of age; the other is twenty-two.

Senior Deacon W. C. Graves led in prayer, and the Chairman of the deacons, George Rush, read the Scripture. The action of the church in conference assembled, calling for the ordination of these four, was read by the secretary of the deacons, John Hunter. Another deacon, Robert L. Pearl, gave the report of the examining council, adding his personal testimony as to their conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal beliefs.

Deacon J. W. Overton, with appropriate words, presented a copy of the Bible to each of them from the church. Rev. Nelson Reagon offered the ordination prayer, and the laying on of hands followed.

Pastor Lee then preached, giving many personal experiences from his own ministry. An offering was taken, and given to the men being ordained. Each man was given the sum of $129.00. Also an ordination certificate was presented each man.



Memphis Being Swamped With Requests For Hotel Reservations

Memphis, Tenn.—The entertainment committee for the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Memphis, Tenn., May 19-23, 1948, made its first official report on hotel reservations this week. Dr. Slater A. Murphy, chairman, reported that "even now, four months in advance, more requests for hotel reservations have been received than can be supplied, and the hotels of Memphis have been most generous in their allotment of rooms."

Continuing, Dr. Murphy said, "from Maryland to California, the number of reservations is growing daily. It is our belief that the location of Memphis, in the center of the convention are, and its easy access by rail, highway and air, will contribute to make the 1948 attendance even larger than the record attendance of 8,300 messengers in St. Louis in 1947."

Requests for all room assignments should be made promptly, addressing your request to Dr. Mark Harris, chairman of rooms reservation committee, 601 No. Bellevue, Memphis, Tenn. No further requests should be sent to Codie D. Bell, chairman of the hotel reservations committee, or to the hotels, as more requests for hotel rooms are in hand than can be filled. From now on, all requests for rooms should be sent to Dr. Harris, indicating your mode of transportation.

If you expect to attend the 1948 Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Murphy has this friendly bit of advice, "send your reservation in now for assignment to a room in a private home. Only in this way can we be sure of getting enough homes enrolled for this service to our guests. We know we can do it, if we can get the reservations in early." Room assignments will be made beginning April 1, 1948.

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The Purpose of the Study Course

(From the pamphlet "The Graded Baptist Training Union Study Course")

The underlying purpose of the Training Union study course may be stated briefly as follows:

1. To acquaint people with the approved methods of Training Union Work. These methods have been developed through years of experience, and will prove successful in any Baptist church.

2. To teach the real meaning and purpose of Training Union work.

3. To set out clearly our forms of church organization and government, and to describe essential church activities in such a way that our people may see how they should participate in those activities.

4. To familiarize church members with the worldwide program of Baptists and the methods they are using in trying to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus.

5. To train our people in soul-winning and in every phase of Christian stewardship.

6. To give a clear, simple study of all the great Bible doctrines.

7. To give church members a usable knowledge of the books of the Bible and methods of Bible study.

8. To give a simple and practical study of the great, deep things of the Spiritual life in such a way that the individual Christian may easily grasp their meaning and catch a clear conception of how they may be incorporated in his own life through experience.

SUGGESTED FOR FEBRUARY

(State and Southern Calendar)

Theme: "Ye Shall Receive Power"

Scripture: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Aim: To Show Us that the Power for Discipleship Comes from Yielding Our Lives Completely to the Holy Spirit.

Song: "Jesus Paid It All"

Denominational Emphases

1. Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 1.

2. Stewardship Sunday, February 8

3. Student Evangelistic Week, February 8-14

Suggested Activities for Churches

1. Make plans in February for Baptist Doctrine Week, the all-church membership study course, promoted by the Training Union in March. Use the doctrinal books in all departments.

2. Continue the crusade to enlist all church members in daily Bible reading, daily prayer, and prayer meeting attendance.

3. Promote personal soul-winning.

Suggested Activities for Associations

1. Hold the associational officers and leaders' council, and let the program center round the crusade to enlist all church members in daily Bible reading and prayer meeting attendance.

2. If your state holds the state associational officers' clinic, attend that this month. See the *Associational Bulletin* for the suggested program.

3. Promote Baptist Doctrine Week, the all-church membership study course in every church.

4. Seek to lead every church to engage in extension work and set up new organizations.

AWARDS FOR DECEMBER

Association	Methods	Other Books	Total
Bell County			
First, Middlesboro	2	20	22
Wasioto	---	13	13
Breckenridge			
First, Hardinsburg	---	9	9
Caldwell			
First, Princeton	48	13	61
Central			
Lebanon	64	---	64
Crittenden			
Corinth	15	---	15
Pleasant Ridge	1	---	1
Daviess-McLean			
Buena Vista	9	5	14
Crabtree Avenue	22	15	37
Eaton Memorial	13	29	42
First, Owensboro	22	34	56
Hall Street	3	36	39
Seven Hills	3	8	11
Third, Owensboro	34	53	87
Walnut Street	21	10	31
Yellow Creek	---	9	9
Elkhorn			
Calvary, Lexington	54	8	62
Grace, Lexington	---	79	79
Hillsboro	---	15	15
Immanuel	49	---	49
Franklin			
Bellepoint	1	28	29
Bethel	---	5	5
Buck Run	1	7	8
Crestwood	---	14	14
Evergreen	---	9	9
First, Frankfort	---	8	8
Forks of Elkhorn	---	5	5
Lebanon	---	8	8
Memorial	---	6	6
North Benson	---	4	4
North Fork	---	7	7
Thornhill	---	1	1
Gasper River			
Big Muddy	9	---	9
Morgantown	20	---	20
Greenup			
Catlettsburg	7	11	18
Laurel River			
London, First	5	---	5
New Salem	31	---	31
Liberty			
Cave City	---	17	17
Lincoln County			
Hustonville	---	22	22
Long Run			
Beechland	28	31	59
Central Baptist Mission	21	---	21
Clifton	---	10	10
Highland	14	21	35
Little Flock	---	1	1
Parkland	40	69	109
Virginia Avenue	31	14	45
West Broadway	51	---	51
North Bend			
Elsmere	13	---	13
North Concord			
Grays	---	25	25
Ohio County			
Hartford, First	---	8	8
Ohio River			
Crooked Creek	---	17	17
Ohio Valley			
Audubon	37	28	65
Zion	15	2	17
Pulaski County			
First, Somerset	17	---	17
High Street	1	---	1
Pleasant Hill No. 2	2	---	2
Tate's Creek			
Berea	---	46	46
Good Hope	38	---	38
West Union			
West End	---	29	29
TOTAL	742	809	1551

20%-ERS

The following churches have reported a total Training Union attendance equivalent to twenty per cent of their resident membership:

January 4: Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort; Dallasburg Church; Eddyville Baptist Church; Harmony Chapel, Louisville; Hawesville Baptist Church; Jellico, Tennessee, First; Little Rock Baptist Church; London, First Church; Muldraugh Baptist Church; Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro; Salem Baptist Church; South Elkhorn Baptist Church; South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Lexington; Walnut Street Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana; and Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

January 11: Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort; Dallasburg Baptist Church, Wheatley; Eddyville, First Church; Harmony Chapel, Louisville; Hawesville Baptist Church; Jellico, Tennessee, First Church; Little Rock Baptist Church, Long Run Association; London, First Church; Lothair, First Church; Muldraugh Baptist Church; Pineville, First Church; Walnut Street Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana; Victory Memorial Church, Louisville, and Zion Baptist Church, Henderson, Kentucky.



By W. A. Gardner, State Sunday School Secretary

Make Early Plans for Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School has become a regular integral part in the work of many of our churches and is looked forward to with as much interest as any other part of church work. Many consider it along with the annual revival in importance in soul winning. **We are sure that Kentucky Baptists will desire to make the most of the Vacation Bible School work to bless boys and girls and their homes, thereby blessing the churches.**

1. **Every boy** and **girl** should have the privilege of attending a Vacation Bible School. The Bible should not be withheld from them because of the location of their homes. A Bible School should be taken to them.

2. **Every church** will receive a blessing by having a Vacation Bible School. It will aid in evangelism and in discovering workers.

3. **Every community** should be given a Vacation Bible School. We hope the churches in all associations will see to it that every community has the privilege of having such a school.

4. We should offer to help our **Negro** brethren. Where they need our help we should be ready to help them in any way they want such help. Some will want books, some will want a few workers and some will want a full faculty.

5. One of the best things a church can do is to have one or more teams of workers who will go out to **neglected communities** and hold schools. This will be good for the workers, good for the people they teach and good for your church.

6. We further suggest that in each association the leaders conduct a Vacation Bible School **Clinic** and get all to attend who will help in any school.

A goal for 2,000 Vacation Bible Schools has been set for Kentucky. This is a big gain. It will not be easy to reach but with the help of all the pastors and missionaries and the Associational Vacation Bible School superintendents we should reach such a goal.

Standard Sunday Schools

The following have joined our Honor Roll of Standard Sunday schools looking to the attainment of our State goal of 301 this year.

West London—Pastor Hargis Shackelford; Superintendent R. M. Wells.

Sand Run—Pastor Rev. L. M. Hamilton; Superintendent J. C. Whitaker.

Letter From Barnette and Washburn

Dear Associational Superintendent: You are in the midst of preparations for your Church Planning Meetings. The results which have been realized from those held in the past greatly encourage us to seek this year to reach EVERY CHURCH!

One of the big items you will stress in these Church Planning Meetings is TRAINING. In April this year the emphasis is on evangelism—in keeping with the Convention's plans for 1948. Three books in the Sunday School Course are being promoted, SOUL WINNING DOCTRINES, THE PLACE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN EVANGELISM, and HOW TO WIN CHRIST. We hope every church will study one or all of these books in the April training school. Will you please make this a matter of your special concern in the February Planning Meetings?

Attractive promotional folders setting out the April training plans will be available soon and will be mailed to you and to pastors and superintendents, Let us—BUILD THE FIRES OF EVANGELISM THROUGH TRAINING!

J. N. BARNETTE
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Introducing Rev. Fred Pulliam

This is to introduce to Kentucky Baptists the new Sunday School Assistant Secretary, Rev. Fred Pulliam of Missouri. Brother Pulliam will soon join our forces to help with the Sunday school work in our State.

He is a Missourian and has had experience in the pastorate, in the work as Educational Director and then as a Sunday school worker in Missouri. Later a further word will be said about him and his picture will be given.

The State Executive Committee elected him on January 14.

Large Associational Meetings

In January many associations had great attendances in their Sunday school meetings. The largest five we have heard from are as follows:

Long Run	450
North Bend	386
Laurel River	200
Muhlenburg	190
Nelson	175

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
JANUARY 18, 1948

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut Street (3)	148	1,195
Louisville, Carlisle Avenue (2)	186	894
Indianapolis, Ind., Broadway	---	806
Louisville, Crescent Hill (1)	150	726
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	219	666
Louisville, Parkland	---	663
Covington, Latonia	---	590
Owensboro, Third	---	573
Evansville, Grace (2)	169	565
Lexington, Calvary	---	544
Louisville, West Broadway	---	537
Mayfield, First	---	530
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	102	505
Evansville, Calvary (3)	144	499
Frankfort, First	---	481
Georgetown	---	481
Lexington, Ashland Avenue	---	468
Madisonville, First	---	463
Newport, First (1)	30	445
Bowling Green, First (1)	26	442
Lexington, Immanuel	---	438
Louisville, 18th Street	---	378
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---	374
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley	---	370
Louisville, Deer Park	---	362
Hopkinsville, Second	---	358
Louisville, Clifton (1)	52	354
Somerset, First	---	343
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	342
Ashland, First (1)	87	336
Harrodsburg (1)	25	335
Henderson, First	---	330
Paducah, Twelfth Street	78	318
Louisville, Franklin Street	---	307
Barbourville, First (1)	16	305
London, First	---	297
Fulton, First	---	288
Covington, South Side	---	287
Bellevue	---	279
Lexington, Grace	---	273
Pineville, First (4)	---	272
Winchester, Central	---	261
Campbellsville	---	260
Beechland	---	256
Louisville, Immanuel (1)	28	255
Glasgow (1)	18	249
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	---	231
Richmond, First (1)	16	222
Evansville, Walnut Street	---	220
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	208

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SOCIALISM—Andrew Carnegie was one day visited by a socialist who preached to him eloquently the injustice of great fortunes. He advocated more equitable distribution of wealth. Carnegie cut the discussion short by asking his secretary for a statement of the amount of his possessions and holdings. At the same time he consulted the figures on world population in an encyclopedia. He figured briefly on his desk pad and then instructed his secretary: "Give this gentleman sixteen cents. That's his share of my wealth."—*Toastmaster.*

WHAT? 1948 GIRLS' AUXILIARY HOUSEPARTIES

WHERE?	WHEN?
Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.	March 5- 7
Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky.	March 12-14
Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky.	March 19-21
Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky.	March 26-28

Who May Attend Georgetown and Bethel?

Any Intermediate G. A. who has completed at least the Lady-in-Waiting Step in the Forward Steps with a limit of five girls and a counselor from each church.

Who May Attend Cumberland and Campbellsville?

Any G. A. having finished at least the Maiden Step in the Forward Steps. Counselors are urged to accompany groups from their churches.

Cost?

Georgetown—$3.00 will cover room and registration fee. The cafeteria plan of eating is used at Georgetown, so G. A.'s will pay for each meal separately and the price will be governed by the amount they buy. A minimum amount of $2.50 is suggested to cover the meals for the week-end.

Bethel, Cumberland, and Campbellsville—$5.00 will cover room, board, and registration.

How To Make Reservations?

Send application blank filling in all the information, **and $1.00 reservation to Miss Dorothy Sears, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.**

When Do Reservations Close?

For Georgetown and Bethel—February 25.

For Cumberland and Campbellsville—March 10.

Work On Queen With Scepter And Queen Regent Steps

G. A.'s who expect to be recognized as Queens with Scepter and Queens Regent must send this work for approval by the State Young People's Secretary. All material must be in the State W. M. U. Office by February 15.

Speakers



Mr. James Hatley

Mr. Hatley spent six weeks in Hawaii last summer doing mission work.

Mr. Griffith is the Assistant to the Executive Secretary of Kentucky Baptists. He is a real authority on state missions.

Others on the program will be Miss Johnni Johnson, Miss Elaine Neeley, Mrs. Lucius Polhill, college professors and students, foreign students, and G. A. Leaders.



Mr. L. O. Griffith

NOTE: G. A.'s are again asked to furnish their own capes for the Queen Regent Step. The capes should be solid white cloth of as good a grade as possible. Scepters will be furnished by those who designate that they are to be recognized as Queens with Scepter.

Registration Blank

CHURCH: _____

Name of Counselor attending _____ **Address** _____

Houseparty _____

Name of G. A.	Address		Step for which to be recognized
	Street	Town	

Sunday School Lesson for February 1, 1948

What We Know About Jesus: His Work of Salvation

Lesson Text: Isaiah 53:4-6: Matthew 1:21, 5:17; 20:26-28; Hebrews 4:15-16

The main thing we need to know about Jesus is His work of salvation which was foretold by Isaiah, announced to Joseph of Nazareth, explained by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, accomplished on the cross, and is now being consummated by Him as our "advocate with the Father."

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. ATONEMENT was the work of salvation forecast for the Christ of prophesy. As foreseen by Isaiah, the supreme sacrifice of the divine Sufferer was at once vicarious, voluntary, and victorious. Twelve times in nine verses, says *Pulpit Commentary*, He asserts with the most emphatic reiteration that all the servant's sufferings were vicarious, borne for man, to save him from the consequences of his sins to enable him to escape punishment." Four things follow:

(1) He saves from the **pain of sin.** He was acquainted with all our human ills. He knew the ache of sickness and pain—physical, mental, and spiritual—not because He was personally sick or sinful, but because of His identity with the human race. Because of this relationship He was misunderstood to be Himself a victim of God's wrath afflicting Him in punishment for His own sins.

(2) He saves from the **penalty of sin.** Think of Calvary as you reread the wondrous prophesy: how He was bruised or crushed for our iniquities which need to be straightened out; how the chastisement due us fell upon Him, thus giving us liberty and peace; and how His stripes, made on him by strokes which we deserve, not only saved us from the pain but actually cured us of that which causes the pain.

(3) He saves from the **pull of sin.** The whole race has gone astray like a flock of sheep leaderless or in the charge of false guides. While there is universal sin, there is individual responsibility, for each goes his own way according to his own will. From this downward pull of sin there is but one Saviour, and He is the suffering Servant of Jehovah.

(4) At last He saves from the **presence of sin.** In one supreme act of divine mercy the iniquity of us all is laid upon the atoning Sufferer. So we are ultimately saved from all contact with sin and exposure to it. There is no sin in heaven.

2. INCARNATION was the work of salvation announced for the Christ of history. The announcer was the angel of the Lord. The listener was Joseph the carpenter, then troubled because his chosen bride was already an expectant mother. Since the Holy Spirit was father of the unborn child, Joseph was bidden to consummate the marriage and to give the son a name significant of his mission. So (1) The **Saviour** is Jesus. It was the human name of our Lord. It was given Him before His birth. It was significant of His mission. It is the sweetest, sublimest name in all the world. (2) The **salvation** is salvation from sin and its consequences. It is a salvation of His people, that is, of all who accept Him, whether Jew or Gentile. It is a salvation complete and forever.

3. REVELATION was the work of salvation set forth by Christ, the fulfiller of the law. Note how He explained and extended its standard and service. (1) The **standard** was not Mosaic alone, nor Messianic alone, but both together fairly interpreted in their fulness of meaning. The Messiah came not to abrogate but to fulfill the law. Indeed, the status of the subjects of His Kingdom must be determined by their relation to all the divine commands. No scintilla of the olden revelation can be obliterated until true fulfillment though heaven and earth are swept away. The rubbish that had accumulated above that revelation needed removal so that men could see the real meaning of the law. This was the work of Jesus. (2) The **service** in the kingdom springs out of a life spiritual and inner rather than bodily and external.

4. REDEMPTION was the work of salvation accomplished by Christ, the Redeemer of sinners. He who becomes and remains great must do so by being servant and helper of others. He who is foremost in the realm of the good must be first and foremost in sacrificial service. Jesus Himself is the eternal example and illustration of what He said. He is the greatest earth ever knew because by life and death He rendered the greatest service. Note: (1) The Son of Man **came.** He was born of the virgin Mary. He proved Himself the Son of God. Undoubtedly the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. (2) He came to **minister.** He laid aside a brighter crown than earth could offer. His business among men was to serve them. And none ever served our sinful race as He did. (3) He came to **give His life.** That was the climax of His ministry. But for that He would have been a great prophet and healer and citizen, and nothing more. With that, He was the world's Saviour and Sovereign.

5. INTERCESSION was the work of salvation consummated by Christ, our great High Priest in heaven. We are exhorted to "hold fast our profession" (v. 14) of faith in Him since (1) in **sympathy** He is able "to feel for us in our weakness" (Weymouth). And why? Jesus was tempted. He suffered every class and kind of temptation that comes to man. Not a spot or shred of His humanity escaped the assaults and seductions of Satan. Truly He was "tempted like as we are." Jesus was tempted without yielding to sin. He did not yield, He resisted. He fought with the Sword of the Spirit. He overcame. He routed the tempter. He came forth attended by ministering angels. Jesus is the faithful friend of all who are tempted now. He is more than model before us; He is Master with us. Not without Him can we ever be "without sin." God help us in every hour of testing! (2) In **mercy** He gives us access to the throne of grace to which anyone, anywhere, any time may come with confidence and courage directly to Him, there to receive His proffered mercy and to attain His gracious help in our every hour of need. "What a friend we have in Jesus."

The Lesson of the Lesson

"That I May Win Christ" as My Saviour

(1) **My Sorrow-Sharing Saviour.** "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows."

(2) **My Sin-Wounded Saviour,** "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities."

(3) **My Soul-Healing Saviour.** "With his stripes we are healed. . . The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

(4) **My Human-Divine Saviour.** "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

(5) **My Law-Fulfilling Saviour.** "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

(6) **My Life-Guiding Saviour.** "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.

(7) **My Life-Giving Saviour.** "The Son of man came . . .to minister."

(8) **My Life-Given Saviour.** "The Son of man came. . . to give his life a ransom for many."

(9) **My Sin-Overcoming Saviour.** "An high priest which. . .was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

(10) **My Throne-of-Grace Saviour.** "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace."

Gold in the Golden Text

The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).

The Son of God was the Son of man and the God-man. He came in human flesh and form. He came in behalf of lost men who are lost from God, lost in sin, in helplessness, and in despair. He searches for them as a shepherd for a lost lamb. He saves them from death as a coast guard saves a drowning mariner. He saves them to a good life as a philanthropist saves a ragged ophan from a dirty slum. Jesus saves!

[*Editor's Note: The preceding treatment of the International Sunday School Lesson is from "Points for Emphasis" by Hight C. Moore, and is used by permission of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashille, Tennessee.*]

A New Year In Home Missions

By JOHN CAYLOR

The new year in home missions anticipates a budget of $1,365,000. It is hoped that the Co-operative Program will net the Home Board $900,000 for its work. The Annie W. Armstrong offering in response to the March Week of Prayer and the special designations coming from various sources will complete the amount.

NEW MISSIONARIES

During the past year a number of new missionaries were appointed, but the total number of missionaries employed in home missions was reduced by 18, the exact number of missionaries passed to the Foreign Mission Board from the Home Mission Board force in Central American work. The new missionaries added during the past year were for replacements largely.

SECRETARIES RE-ELECTED

At the annual board meeting in December Dr. J. B. Lawrence was re-elected executive secretary-treasurer with Rev. Courts Redford as assistant. J. W. Wing and B. M. Crain were chosen again as office secretaries.

Heads of the various departments, together with the missionaries and field secretaries, were re-appointed. There are now 709 missionaries and staff members.

A GOOD RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

As home missionaries begin their new year, they are encouraged by the records of the past year which indicate that more conversions, more additions to the churches, more efficient work, and more abiding interest, seemed to be universally evident.

NEW BOOKS

Spiritual Frontiers by Courts Redford, a book surveying the work, the needs, and the challenge of home missions, was released through the book stores January 1. The response to the announcement of the book was gratifying. Approximately twenty thousand copies have been ordered.

Other books in the 1948 graded series on home missions are: *Amazing Grace* by Louie D. Newton, a biography of the late M. N. McCall, a word picture of Cuba, and a report of forty-two years of progress in home missions in Cuba; *The Ice Cutter* by Phyllis Sapp, the thrilling life story of Dr. J. B. Rounds, Indian missionary; *These Were First*, brief biographies of seven home missionaries; and *Strawberry Road*, by Margaret Hutchinson, a picture storybook of a migrant child.

EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT REINFORCED

In addition to the service of Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism, the Board has provided an assistant for the department. Rev. C. Y. Dossey, former pastor in Illinois and Texas, and for nineteen years an evangelist, has been appointed assistant superintendent of evangelism.



C. Y. Dossey



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Church Colleges Show Higher Enrolment Gains Than Do State Schools

CINCINNATI (RNS) An extensive sampling recently showed that church-related colleges had a larger percentage of enrolment increases in the present academic year than the state schools, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges here.

The executive secretary of the AAC's Commission on Christian Higher Education, Gould Wickey, said another interesting trend was the number of Roman Catholic students enrolled in Protestant colleges. He said one group of 14 colleges in 1937 had a Catholic enrolment of 254, or 5.4 per cent in 1947 the Catholic enrolment was 995, or 9.2 per cent.

Most church-related colleges have a larger distribution of students from other denominations than five years ago, he added.

Describing the secularist as one denying God's place in the world, and having no room for religious values, Dr. Wickey ascribed what he called an extensive spread of secularism in the schools today to a material development, behavioristic psychology, superficial progressive education, and to a so-called scientific liberalism in theology.

"If America is to play an effective role in world affairs, and if our American leaders are to guide these affairs aright, then our colleges and universities, in all departments, must re-emphasize the place of religious values in all human relations," he said.

Government Clerk Leaves Fund To Encourage Religious Careers

WASHINGTON, D. C., (RNS) Young men and women studying for the ministry and other religious careers were made chief heirs to the bulk of a $48,502 estate—the lifelong savings of a 73-year-old U. S. Department of Agriculture clerk whose meager annual income was $1,980.

Admired for her deep religious convictions and devotion to the work of Calvary Baptist here, Miss Bertha M. Roberts accrued her modest fortune through frugal living and careful investing. It was the will of Benjamin Franklin which she read during a visit to Philadelphia that gave her the inspiriation for the bequest.

The fund will be used to provide loans to young people pursuing religious careers. Miss Roberts, a native of Hudson Falls, N. Y., had spent 23 years in government service up to the time of her death.

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Clyde Widick, Morristown Pastor, Is Buried in Springfield, Tenn.

Morristown, Tenn., January 4, 1948.—Funeral services for Pastor Clyde R. Widick were held at the First Baptist Church here at 4:00 P. M. yesterday, with Dr. J. Marvin Adams, pastor of the First Church of Middlesboro, Ky., in charge, and Dr. O. D. Fleming, former pastor of the Morristown Church, assisting. At 2:00 P. M. today Pastor Ray Dean, of the First Church of Central City, Ky., conducted a short service at the Springfield (Tenn.) Baptist Church, assisted by the pastor, Luther J. Thompson, and others. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery at Springfield.

He suffered a heart attack in the pulpit on Sunday morning, December 28, but completed his sermon and received a member into the church before going to his study, where a physician was called. He was taken to a Morristown hospital, and remained in a critical condition until he was called home.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ethel Jones, before marriage connected with Southwestern Woman's Training School, Fort Worth, Texas; two daughters, Misses Josephine and Ruth, students in Georgetown College; two sisters, Mrs. Hobart Tucker, Tullahoma, Tenn., and Mrs. Jane Smith, McCook, Nebraska; four brothers, Ray Widick, Springfield, Tenn.; Charles of Pueblo, Colo.; and Joseph Elmer and Harvey of Denver, Colo.

The Morristown Church furnished a blanket of 406 yellow rosebuds for his casket—a rose to represent each of the 406 people received into the church during his pastorate at Morristown. The yellow rose was his favorite flower.

Ministers Ask Ban On Games Of Chance

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (RNS) Civic groups here have been asked by the Ministerial Association to refrain from raising funds through "games of chance."

In a lettter sent to the leaders of various clubs, the association enclosed copies of a resolution passed by the religious groups.

The resolution said:

"Many of the organizations devoted to civic and community welfare have succumbed to the baser appeals of money-making such as games of chance, gambling, raffling (not the least that of liquor). These same organizations are thereby working against their own purposes of moral uplift."

The resolution then called on the groups "to utilize positive and constructive means and methods for their social and attendance purposes."

If Southern Baptists Answered God's Challenge

(Continued from Page 9)

If Even a Million Tithed

Emphasis this year has been, and will continue to be next year, on "A Million Southern Baptist Tithers for Christ."

These million—and there should be more than a million—represent a sixth of our total membership rolls. If a million of our six million members would tithe, their gifts would total $81,360,000 annually.

And if one-sixth of our membership contributed this sum, it is more that reasonable to expect the other five-sixths to give approximately twice what the one-sixth contributes.

This total means a denominational income of $243,900,000 per year—more than double what is now being received. This great blessing to our work would come if even one-sixth of our membership acknowledged God's claim on the tithe!—*Quartely Review.*

Ila Whitfield Was Ordained By Salem Church In December

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Dec. 28, 1947.—The Salem Baptist Church, near here, met in a called business session today to ordain Ila Whitfield to the Gospel ministry. The council, composed of eighteen members representing twelve churches, was organized. Frank Mitchell was elected moderator, C. R. Morton Clerk; O. L. Weir to question the candidate and preach the ordination sermon, James A. Kyle to lead the ordination prayer, and C. D. Cole to present the Bible to the candidate. Following the laying on of hands, and the singing of a song, Ila Whitfield was called upon to pronounce the benediction.

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5. "The Love of God" "If We Never Meet Again"
6. "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone" "I've Been Listening"
7. "I'm Winging My Way Back Home" "In The Garden"
8. "A Beautiful Life" "Keep On The Firing Line"
9. "When He Calls I'll Fly Away" "The Old Rugged Cross"
10. "'Tis Wonderful To Me" "When They Ring The Golden Bells"
11. "When God Dips His Love In My Heart" "I Can Tell You The Time"
12. "I'm Satisfied With Jesus" "Did You Ever Go Sailin'"
13. "O Little Town Of Bethleham" "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"
14. "Silent Night, Holy Night" "O Come All Ye Faithful"
15. "Joy To The World" "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"
16. "Give The World A Smile" "More About Jesus"
17. "I've Never Been Sorry" "Precious Memories"
18. "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" "All The Day Long"
19. "Where Could I Go" "When The Saints Go Marching In"
20. "Life's Railway To Heaven" "I'll Be Somewhere Listening"
21. "This World Is Not My Home" "Beyond The Shadows"

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"Thank You" Comes From Two Grateful Children

NEW ORLEANS—Among the most interesting of the scores of "thank you" letters being received daily at the Southern Baptist Relief Center from the grateful recipients of relief goods sent overseas, is this one from a young Austrian boy.

The picture published here was blown up from a small snapshot enclosed with th · letter.

"To the friends of American churches:

"With many, many thanks I received from my Pastor at school some very useful things for me and my younger brother. I am so grateful to you, as I got



a pullover and a pair of shoes and my brother a pullover and a shorts as well, just now at this hard winter-time the things are so very helpful to us.

"For us Austrian children it is a great pleasure to know that there are so many good people in America who want to help us over the terrible time. God bless you all for this kindness.

"Now I am going to tell you just a few things about us. I am eight years old going to the second class of the Elementary School. I am sure you are surprised about my writing in English, you see this is a little trick. I wrote in German and my auntie translated for me. Did she well? I hope she did!

"My brother is five years. I am going to send you a fotograf of us both. I hope you like it. We are two, what we call "Styrian Boys." I suppose you have not much heard about our country. Anyway we live in the second biggest town of Austria, it's a very nice place.

"One thing I forgot to tell you, how I got your address. You see in one of the shoes in the last corner there was hidden the little note of yours so I had the opportunity to thank you personally.

"Well I once again thank you for your help and send my best regards to you all. I remain yours, As your thankful, H. P. Schweigert.

"Enclosed a Fotograf."

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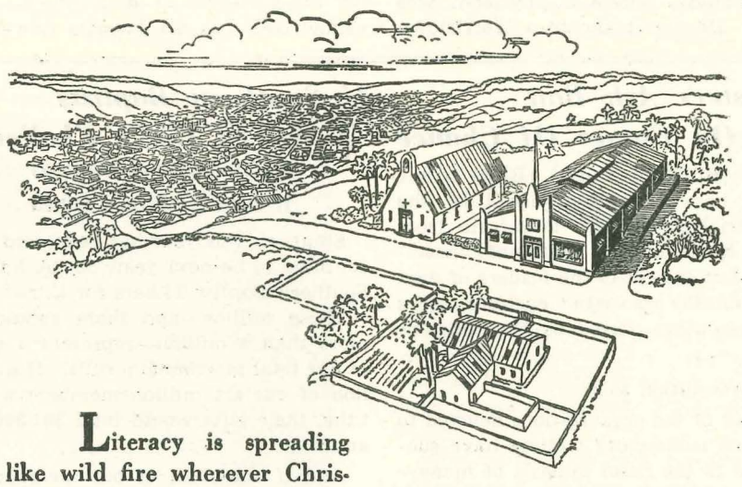
If you would like to get a personal "thank you" note from the person receiving your gifts of clothing, bedding and shoes, write your name and complete address on several slips of paper and put them in the pockets of the garments and in the shoes.

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►**G. H. Lynn**, of Hustonville, Ky., was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Hustonville Baptist Church on January 4. The Parlor Grove, Mt. Salem and Middlesboro Churches sent ordained representatives to form the council making the examination. Brother Lynn has been called to the pastorate of the Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Parksville, Ky. **Brother Oscar F. Davis** is pastor of the Hustonville Church.

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Literacy is spreading like wild fire wherever Christianity takes hold. Nigeria, with its twenty-two millions, was one time 93 per cent illiterate but today boys and girls, and men and women are learning basic English fast, and they read everything they get their hands on. They believe what they read. Nigerian Baptists plead for help in creating a Christian literature —reading matter that is simple but clean, true, and idealistic, and available at the price Africans can pay.

At Ibadan, the largest native city on the continent of Africa, the site chosen by the British Government for a state university, Baptists want to establish their publication center. That city of a half million people can be the birthplace of another movement of educated paganism, or of light and hope and peace for the African world.

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Franklin Street Church Has Their Eightieth Anniversary



The Franklin Street Church of Louisville celebrated their eightieth anniversary on January 1, 1948. During 1947 the records show that they had the largest membership and made the largest financial contributions in their entire history. The above shows some of the 108 new members who united with the church during 1947. The number includes twenty couples, husband and wife. Pastor I. Ferd Graves is seen in the back. In the last ten years there have been 958 additions to the church.

Long Run Church Ordains Herman McDowell To The Gospel Ministry

Eastwood, Ky., January 4, 1948—Dr. O. T. Binkley, Professor of Christian Sociology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered the sermon on "Three Convictions" today as the climax to the ordination proceedings in setting aside Herman McDowell for the work of preaching the Gospel.

The council was composed of Pastors J. Cody Stone of Long Run Baptist Church; Iris H. Stone of Garfield Avenue Mission, Louisville; and James A. Campbell, assistant at West Side Church, Louisville. Deacons assisting included: Messrs. Elmer King, John Crash, William Whitehouse, all of Long Run Church, and Carl Cahill of West Side Church.

Pastor Stone served as moderator, William Whitehouse was Clerk, and Pastor Ball was interrogator.

Pineville Observes Second Anniversary Of Pastor Dehoney

Pineville, Ky., December 7.—The First Baptist Church here observed the second anniversary of their pastor, Wayne Dehoney. The church honored as special guests the 270 persons who joined its fellowship during the past two years. There was "dinner on the ground" and an afternoon program of Negro spirituals sung by the choir of Swift Memorial College, Rogersville, Tennessee.

The church membership has reached 1,000 with the 270 additions to the church within this two-year period. During this time $62,678.84 has been given through the church for all causes. Bro. Dehoney is a graduate of the Southern Seminary, and came to Pineville from the First Church of Rogersville, Tenn.

The Pineville Church conducts five mission Sunday schools each week, held eleven mission Bible schools last summer, and owns a revival tent and loud speaking equipment for the promotion of its rural mission work. The church has a visual education program, supports a paid staff of four workers and contributes to the salary of two mission pastors. A wire recorder has recently been added for carrying the church services to the sick and shut-ins of the church membership and to the hospital wards.

Lincoln Page And Leslie White Ordained As Deacons At Elk Lick

Lewisburg, Ky., January 4, 1948.—Lincoln Page and Leslie White were ordained as deacons by the Elk Lick Baptist Church, near here, today following an examination by a council composed of Pastor Marion T. Duncan and Deacon James W. Moore of Elk Lick; John A. Ivey, Pastor J. Hoyt Roberson and John A. Ivey of First Street Church of Russellville; Deacon William C. Harrell, Jr., of Beechland Church; and Deacon Bemis B. Wilkins of Green Ridge Church; and Deacons Herman Spencer, W. H. Porter, Joe H. Page and Rev. S. Bruce Shemwell, from Lewisburg-Mt. Pleasant Church.

Pastor Duncan was elected chairman of the council and questioned the candidates. Brother Ivey preached the ordination sermon, and Pastor Roberson led the ordination prayer. The benediction was pronounced by Brother Shemwell.

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February 22, 1948, or the nearest convenient Sunday, is the date suggested by the Board for this offering. It is not expected that any pressure shall be used, or that these offerings shall interfere in any way with our Co-operative Program or other work, but many churches and individuals will be glad of the opportunity to help in this way to provide for the wider distribution of the Word of God.

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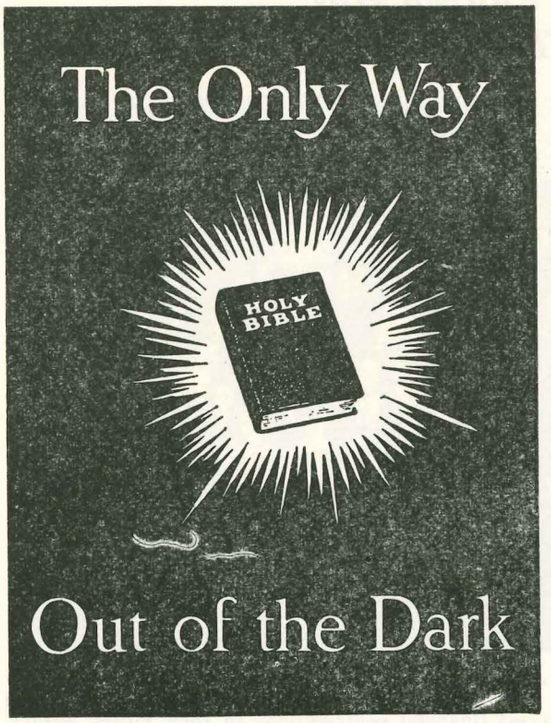
Draft Exemption Did Not Cause Rush To Seminaries

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) Exemption of divinity students from the draft during World War II did not cause "a great rush" to theological schools, according to national headquarters of the Selective Service System here.

Selective Service reported that theological schools were gaining in enrollment during the three years preceding the war at a rate of between three and four per cent per year, and that during the next four years this increase dropped to an average of just over one per cent. In the year following V-E and V-J Days, the increase rose to five per cent, and in 1946-47 to 15 per cent above 1940-41 enrollment.

Conclusions issued by Selective Service were drawn from a survey study of the effect of the war and of the exemption of theological schools from the selective draft on the enrollment in certain theological and divinity schools. The study was based on an analysis of reports received from 561 recognized theological schools.

A table showing the number of veterans of World War II in current attendance reveals that 541 schools have 10,431 veterans enrolled. Protestant schools have by far the largest number, with 8,973 veterans comprising 37 per cent of the total enrollment in 294 schools. Veterans in 231 Roman Catholic schools number 1,392, or 6.7 per cent of the enrollment, while 16 Jewish schools have 66 veterans, who represent 3.2 per cent of the students.



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