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## Do Baptists Unchurch Their Fellow-Christians?

By W. C. TAYLOR, *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

ONE SO OFTEN HEARS liberal Baptists say: "I don't unchurch anybody." Happily, you can't, nor can any human being. And, that being so, the obverse is equally true. You can't by any liberalism constitute that a church which, by New Testament Standards, is not a church. Let's call men and women to that source of authority, and, in its light and leading, they will see what churches are and ought to be.

The implications of the phrase "unchurch" are, generally, that the church saves: so that, in denying a man's baptism or church, you have denied him a part in Christ, damned him for trivial reasons, or no reason at all. Everybody that feels like that needs to be evangelized, whether he be in a Baptist church or a Baptist pulpit or the highest spot one can reach. Salvation is in Christ. If a man has that, whatever the facts may be as to his possession or his utter lack of baptism, the Lord's Supper and a real, obedient church life, no opinion is expressed as to his salvation when we state those facts, as we see them. Salvation is simply not in the realm of ordinances or organizations. Right or wrong, these do not gain it or lose it. Salvation is in the sphere of trusting faith, of the spiritual, of the invisible union with Christ. No church life or act can give it or take it away. Whoever is confused there, needs to be illumined by God's Word. Whoever really believes that salvation is in church membership and that, in unchurching a man, you unclothe him of Christ and saving grace—that pitiful soul needs the gospel. Evangelize him.

You cannot *church* an organization, any more than you can unchurch it. It is what it is, and the New Testament decides that. We decided what we believe about that, if we were intelligent and conscience-guided, when we made our personal choices of obedience to Christ in the concerns of church life and organization.

CHURCH is not a mere general term to describe anything religious, like *biped* describes hens, men and penguins. It is one of Christ's words. He used it in the plural, so the incessant propaganda that there is just one church is false and mischievous. It has in it all the germs of the Inquisition, and its faggots and flames will inevitably follow. The New Testament, in the judgment of millions of convinced, permanent Baptists, knows no such thing as a National Church. That is a hang-over from the theocracy of Israel, a nightmare of the decay of Christendom in Europe. You cannot *church*. Only the New Testament, the revealed will of Christ, can CHURCH anything. Its standards measure all pretenders and show where they exceed or fall short. If we have the mind of Christ, there revealed, we share that judgment, that decision, that element of the faith once for all delivered to the saints. We have, in the New Testament history, nearly a century of such church life, under apostolic norms; and we have the Scriptures that describe and control many decades of that church life. While the apostles lasted, nothing else was styled a church that was not of a congregational nature. Our Lord's words, "Hear what the Spirit says to the churches" is perfectly clear on that. His language judges every thing that pretends to be a church. He boldly claims the right to remove or retain the candlesticks he has lighted. Every National Church is a national sin. Every Catholic pretense is a worldwide deception of the victims of it among all nations. CHURCH is a word that belonged to our Lord's vocabulary. To those who love him let it mean what it meant on his divine lips.



# Baptists Meet in St. Louis

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## EDITORIAL

### Wednesday—Morning Session

The inspiring strains of "Amazing Grace" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee" rang out Wednesday morning, May 7, 1947. Thus opened the ninetieth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the municipal auditorium, St. Louis, Mo. A great congregation was present. President Louie D. Newton, Ga., was in the chair and Ira C. Prosser, Convention song leader directed the music, with Miss Katherine Carmichael at the organ and her assistant, Mrs. Frances E. Swartz, at the piano.

First and Second Vice-Presidents R. C. Campbell, S. C., and C. R. Angell, Fla., were in their places.

In a few well-chosen words of greeting by Hight C. Moore, N. C., and in the devotions by F. F. Brown, Tenn., a clear, sound, spiritual note was sounded. "The hope of the world is centered in the Man of Galilee—God manifest in the flesh." C. Oscar Johnson, Mo., welcomed the Convention and response was made by R. Lofton Hudson, Okla.

After being presented by Vice-President R. C. Campbell, S. C., President Newton delivered the President's Address, speaking on the theme of the Convention: "Human Plans—God's Destiny". Baptists can win in tomorrow's world by out-thinking them, outliving them, out-giving them and out-loving them." The great audience sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Dr. Newton presented to the Convention a golden communion chalice, the gift of Russian Baptists, after which three brethren from Northern Europe spoke briefly. Editor John W. Bradbury, New York, of the *Watchman-Examiner*, was presented, as also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lin and Charles Chi from China. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was movingly sung by the Southwestern Singers under the direction of J. Campbell Wray.

The annual sermon was preached by W. A. Criswell, Texas, on the theme, "Our All—Sufficient Savior." This was published in last week's REFLECTOR.

### Wednesday—Afternoon Session

At the afternoon session, L. E. Barton, Ala., was asked to serve as parliamentary advisor throughout the Convention, which he did acceptably at all times.

The Convention adopted a memorial offered by B. O. Herring, Calif., that a committee be appointed to study the status of the Golden Gate Theological Seminary with a view to the Convention's receiving the Seminary as one of its institutions, the committee to report at the next session of the body.

Executive Secretary Duke K. McCall presented the report of the Executive Committee.

Reports for 1946 show the largest total and largest per capita gifts in our history, and the receipts of the Executive Committee for 1947 show a substantial increase over last year. Total receipts for 1946 were \$10,259,995.77.

### WORLD RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

The special appeal for \$3,500,000 for World Relief and Rehabilitation resulted in \$3,743,300.73 through the Executive Committee; some additional funds were sent direct to the Foreign Mission Board. This happy result was due, under God, to the hearty co-operation of our agencies and people. Every state adopted a goal and nearly all of them reached and some far exceeded their goals. To God, our leaders, and all who helped we are grateful.

### THE TITHING EFFORT

The effort to enroll a million Southern Baptist tithers has made a good beginning. The states have adopted tithing goals, the total of these being more than one million. Reports from the field indicate that where pastors and churches have stressed Christian stewardship with the tithe as the minimum basis of Christian giving the results have been most gratifying.

Mr. C. E. Bryant, Tenn., was introduced as the successor of Walter M. Gilmore, deceased, as Publicity Director. Also attention was called in the Executive Committee's report of the announced intention of J. E. Dillard to retire July 1 as Director of Promotion and tribute was paid to his service through the years.

A proposal came from the Northern Baptist Convention that a committee be appointed to meet with a similar committee from the Northern Convention to consider the matter of boundaries," that is, comity, between the two bodies in territories where each carries on work. After discussion by Lewis J. Ray, E. D. Solomon, John D. Freeman and others, the proposal was decisively defeated. However, at a later session the Convention reversed this decision. In view of the circumstances and on the principle of Christian courtesy, this seemed the proper thing to do.

Charles F. Taylor, Calif., closed the afternoon session with an eloquent address on "The Future of Mass Evangelism." This followed a report on Evangelism by A. C. Baker, Ky. One would hardly agree with all that Mr. Taylor said, but would cheerfully admit that he was a forceful speaker.

### Wednesday—Evening Session

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" rang out in the auditorium. This Rock was emphasized again and again throughout the Convention. The Southwestern Singers of Fort Worth and the combined Baptist Choirs of St. Louis each movingly offered special numbers, and E. E. Deusner, Tenn., conducted devotions.

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, commented on salient points in the report of the Board.

The annual report of the Home Mission Board for 1946 shows that 44,873 new members were added to the churches as a result of the ministry of the 720 full-time missionaries of the Board and the 200 student summer workers who served for ten weeks on the various fields. Of this number, 27,474 were reported as conversions.

To make the grand total of 920 missionaries (including 203 summer workers), 87 new missionaries were added during the past year. There was some turnover in personnel, but the net gain in the number of missionaries was 69. These workers delivered 94,145 sermons and addresses, made 222,281 religious visits, and did personal work with 166,701 individuals.

Besides the 7,317 revivals conducted by home missionaries, there were 12,841 mission classes taught, 361 missions opened, 131 new churches organized, 36 kindergartens maintained, and 1,815 Vacation Bible schools conducted in mission situations.



Associate Secretary Courts Redford then took charge and by the dialog method explained and emphasized the work of the Board. Following this the Negro Choir from Central Baptist Church, St. Louis, sang some special numbers in wonderful harmony. One felt lifted to the mountain top.

### Thursday—Morning Session

Following the customary devotions, Maxey Jarman, Tenn., spoke to the Report on the Baptist Foundation. And when the Report on the Southern Baptist Hospital was presented, Louis J. Bristow, retiring superintendent, together with Mrs. Bristow, was presented to the body and was then commended by resolutions read by Richard N. Owen, Tenn. Frank Tripp, the new superintendent, spoke briefly.

During 1946 we admitted 26,852 patients, and gave them 143,987 days of service. Eight hundred and thirty-five persons were given 9,596 days of free service at a cost to the hospital of \$74,655.72. There were 2,856 live births, and 4,302 emergency cases which were not hospitalized. Thirty-eight young women were graduated from the school of Nursing, and 14 young doctors completed their fifth year in medical education. Our operating income was \$1,609,827.13; gifts were \$7,245.99; rents, etc., \$1,691.57; thus making our gross income for the year \$1,618,764.69. We paid all operating expenses, including cost of the free work, paid \$51,553.72 on capital expenditures; and closed the year with a substantial surplus.

The Report on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, prepared by E. P. Alldredge, Tenn., who could not be present, stated among other things, the following:

This is the third year of Dr. R. W. Riley's administration as president of the Seminary, and each of these years has been marked by outstanding gains in student enrollment, the figure increasing from 43 in 1944 to 118 in 1947. Also, instead of five poorly paid professors, two of them being half-time preachers, we now have ten better paid professors—four of them part-time teachers.

Since the laying of our new six-inch water main to the Seminary's property and the erection of three new and important buildings on the campus, the prestige of the seminary has risen 50 per cent in the community. The six-inch water main cost \$13,000. The Seminary Grill and Book Shop cost \$4,000. The Central Heating Plant cost \$55,000. The J. B. Lawrence Administration Building cost \$96,000. This new administration building is the handsomest, the most substantial and the most serviceable administration building possessed by any institution of learning in Nashville.

We received in 1946 approximately \$85,000 from the Co-operative Program, as compared to only \$77,000 received in 1945. Various churches and individuals also added some \$10,000 in designated gifts to our 1946 receipts—though most of this came in January, February, and March of 1947. The designated gifts, however, fell \$75,000 below the designated gifts in 1945. So that, instead of total receipts of \$164,570.52 which we reported in 1945, we can report only about \$90,000 for 1946.

In the meantime, and particularly since the recent meeting of the National Baptist Convention in Atlanta, the first days of September, there has come a finer spirit of fellowship, a better understanding and a greater desire for real co-operation between the Negro Baptists of the South and the white Baptists.

This was followed by a splendid address by President R. W. Riley.

Reports from other Seminaries were in part, as follows:

#### NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

On February 5, 1947, the seminary purchased a seventy-five acre campus on Gentilly Boulevard with the idea of moving the seminary when money is available. The cost was \$247,752 for the seventy-five acres. Architectural plans are being drawn for a campus to accommodate up to 1,000 students. The buildings will require from \$3,000,000.00 to \$5,000,000.00. There is no indebtedness on the new site, although there is virtually no money in hand for new buildings.

This seminary is a member of the American Association of Theological Schools, and has its Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Divinity, Bachelor of Religious Education and Master of Religious Education degrees accredited through the Accrediting Commission of the State of New York.

On January 1, 1947, men students entered Lipsey Hall, the first new building the seminary has ever had in its twenty-nine years of history. It was named fittingly for the man who first conceived the idea of having a seminary in New Orleans and who served as President of the Board of Trustees for twenty-eight years, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, of Mississippi. Lipsey Hall accommodates 96 students.

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#### SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

During the year we have received a large number of relatively small gifts from individual friends. An annuity gift of \$60,000 from Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Foster for the purchase of a twelve-unit apartment house adjacent to the campus is of unusual value. It enables us to provide living quarters for staff members, instructors, and faculty members in the lower salary bracket. Another friend has provided \$25,000 for the equipment of a radio and speech studio. The single biggest financial gift of the year was the extra contribution from the Cooperative Program between September 1 and December 31.

We have had the largest enrollment in our history: 754 men, 142 training school students, 32 music students, and 76 wives of preachers, making a total of 1,004 students.

The completion of Norton Hall wing, made possible by a gift of \$50,000 by Woman's Missionary Union, \$12,500 by the Sunday School Board, special gifts by other friends, and increased support by the Co-operative Program, lifts a great load from our shoulders. This wing will meet adequately our need for classrooms, speech and radio department, post office, book store, additional office space, and student supply center. It will also meet our need for additional reading lobbies in connection with the library. The cafeteria has met satisfactorily another urgent need.

We plan to add at least two men to the faculty at the annual meeting of the Board. Six or eight others will be added in the near future. With the faculty enlarged and additional classrooms provided, we can begin to reduce the size of each class to what it should be.

#### SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has just completed the thirty-ninth year of its inspiring history. The enrollment for the year 1946-47 totals 1,376-853 men and 523 women. There were 694 enrolled in the School of Theology, 607 in the School of Religious Education, 201 in the School of Sacred Music. The student body came from 34 states, the District of Columbia, and 5 foreign countries, and includes 526 new students, 581 ministerial students, and 52 graduate students. Total number of graduates for the year is 253.

The Seminary received \$133,154.23 from the Co-operative Program on the current operating budget during 1946. Our percentage of allocation from the funds received for capital needs yielded \$221,199.63. Receipts designated for endowment amounted to \$37,475.96. The endowment now stands at \$1,650,866.48.

The Seminary is the beneficiary of a bequest of \$100,000 in the will of the late T. B. Hendrick of Abilene, Texas, "to be used for the aid and assistance of young men being educated for the ministry." We have also received other valuable and appreciated gifts.

Our building program reflects progress. The cash received on the Scarborough-Truett Memorial Building is now \$647,481.17, with additional unpaid pledges amounting to \$113,523.38. A building committee has been appointed and is at work studying plans being submitted by the duly elected architect.

The highlight of the Thursday morning session was a mighty address, a prophetic address, by President Ellis A. Fuller of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on "Seminary Education." God spoke through His servant to the heads and hearts of the listeners.

### Thursday—Afternoon Session

After reports on The Preservation of Baptist History, by W. O. Carver, Ky., on Public Relations, by Walter P. Bims, Mo., on Correlation, by Gaines S. Dobbins, Ky., on Baptist History, by Henry W. Tiffany, Va., and on Baptist Papers, by O. W. Taylor, Tenn., President Newton, who is also chairman of the committee, gave the Report on Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign. A goal of 1,500,000 circulation is set to be reached by 1950. The present circulation stands at approximately 703,630.

The Report of the W. M. U. was presented by Mrs. Geo. R. Martin, Va., the President.

Last year shows a gain of 1,335 in a total of 54,934 mission study classes for W. M. U. organizations, almost equally divided among the women and young people. A combined circulation of 21,933,500 copies was achieved in 1946 by the four monthly W. M. U. publications: *Royal Service* for the women, *The Window of Y. W. A.*, *Ambassador Life*, and *World Comrades* for the youth auxiliaries.

It is not a matter of surprise then that the 43,081 W. M. U. organizations contributed last year \$7,817,774 exclusive of the contributions for their local church work, which is an increase of \$1,300,452 over the 1945 receipts.



Included in this amount is the Annie Armstrong offering for Home Missions amounting to \$529,047, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions amounting to \$1,269,043, and a special offering of \$1,009,229 to World Relief and Rehabilitation.

Another explanation for these substantial offerings is found in the weeks of prayer for Home and Foreign Missions and the fact that 195,348 of the members are regular tithers. The goal for 1947 is 333,333 tithers, or one-third of the objective set for Southern Baptists.

Last year's report shows that 4,891 new W. M. U. organizations were added, of which 982 were for women. There are now 43,081 W. M. U. organizations, with a total enrollment of 767,521, of whom 420,592 are women. The remaining 346,929 are young people.

One of the pet projects of the W. M. U. Organization is the Training School for Women adjacent to the campus of the Southern Seminary in Louisville, which has at present an enrollment of 218. Only college graduates are eligible for enrollment in this school. All the classes of the Seminary are open to the Training School students.

The report was spoken to by Blanche Sydnor White, Va., Mrs. Bill Carden, Okla., and Miss Margaret Bruce, Tenn.

The time for the election of the officers of the Convention having arrived, Louie D. Newton was re-elected President and C. Oscar Johnson, Mo., and T. V. McCaul, Fla., were elected First Vice-President and Second Vice-President respectively.

### Thursday—Evening Session

"At the Cross" and "Sweet Bye and Bye" were sung by the assembled thousands.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Board was presented by Executive Secretary M. Theron Rankin.

Marked progress has been made in sending missionaries back to war areas. Already one hundred and thirty-seven have returned to China; one has returned to Japan; and plans are under way for others to follow. One couple is in Spain and another in Italy. Several additions have been made to the staff in the Near East.

During the year 1946, sixty-two new missionaries were appointed. As of the end of the year, our Board had 565 active and 94 retired missionaries, making a total of 659 who receive financial support from the Board.

Extensive projects in relief and rehabilitation have been launched, most of which will continue throughout 1947. This was made possible by the special offering contributed by Southern Baptists in July through September—an offering which reached a total of \$3,914,085. Detailed arrangements have been completed for the use of \$1,500,000 for direct relief, and \$2,000,000 for rehabilitation. The balance will be allocated during 1947.

Rehabilitation funds have set forward the recovery of Baptist work by several decades over what Christians in the devastated areas could have done without this help. Church buildings have been repaired, school plants rebuilt and equipped, hospitals restored, and missionary homes provided. Southern Baptists have never made an offering which gave so much happiness and encouragement to so many people, as this one has done.

Undesignated receipts for the year from the Co-operative Program amounted to \$2,033,872. Expenditures for operating expenses alone during 1946 total \$1,926,203, and appropriations for operating expenses in 1947 are \$2,276,206. These appropriations do not include any provision for purchase of land, erection of buildings, repairs and equipment of our investments on foreign shores. The special offering for rehabilitation helps in this regard, but in part only. Other help for buildings comes in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, which 1946 offering has reached, at this time, \$1,348,836.92. It is probable that a considerable number of the present 100 fully prepared volunteers will have to be refused because the Board has reached the limit of its operating budget.

Discussing the report, Dr. Geo. W. Sadler said: "Woe betide us if we open not our hearts to the world's torment."

Then followed a moving scene. An offering for relief was taken amounting to \$5,171.03. Then following this, R. Paul Caudill, Tenn., came from the balcony to the platform and called for missionary volunteers, whereupon fourteen young people, all of them serious and many of them weeping, came forward. Their names were P. M. Harvey, Mo.; Monte Wike, Mo.; E. Carroll Curtis, Tenn.; Mae Redman, Mo.; W. Neville Claxon, Ky.; Carey Joe Miller, Mo.; Nylwan Holt, Texas; Charles Stigers, Mo.; William I. Barkley, Jr., Va.; Rev. Henry C. Walker, Miss.; Ila Hayworth, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Jerry W. Webb, Mo.; and Paul Z. Ball, Miss.

The audience was profoundly moved. And when Secretary-Emeritus Charles E. Maddry prayed the closing prayer, all knew that God had spoken to the hearts of His people!

### Friday—Morning Session

The proposition of establishing a Western Assembly to supplement Ridgecrest was left with an appointed committee with power to act within the framework of previous actions of the Convention.

The Report of the Radio Commission as presented by Edwin S. Preston, Tenn., and discussed by Ramsey Pollard, Tenn., and others, was adopted.

General Secretary Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis, presented the Report on the Baptist Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood movement is focused upon two objectives: to enlist men in the full program of their churches, and to promote the entire denominational program, state and southwide. It, therefore, occupies the dual position of an enlistment and promotional agency.

In many respects 1946 was a record year in our southwide Brotherhood work. Our southwide budget was substantially increased by action of the Convention, and this enabled us to install certain much needed physical equipment and to increase our southwide office personnel. This increase in budget also enabled us to render a larger co-operation to our state Brotherhood departments. Our distribution of free literature was greatly increased and we were in a position to give a broader personal assistance to our state work.

During 1946, there were approximately seven hundred new Brotherhoods organized. During 1946, three states established full-time Brotherhood departments with full-time state secretaries.

At the close, 1946, there were twelve states having Brotherhood departments with full-time secretaries.

J. B. Weatherspoon, Ky., presented the Report of the Committee on Race Relations, which was adopted with amendment to continue the Committee on Negro Ministerial Education for another year.

(1) We shall think of the Negro as a person and treat him accordingly. (2) We shall continually strive as individuals to conquer all prejudice and eliminate from our speech terms of contempt and from our conduct actions of ill-will. (3) We shall teach our children that prejudice is un-Christian and that good will and helpful deeds are the duty of every Christian toward all men of all races. (4) We shall protest against injustices and indignities against Negroes, as we do in the case of people of our own race, whenever and wherever we meet them. (5) We shall be willing for the Negro to enjoy the rights granted to him under the Constitution of the United States, including the right to vote, to serve on juries, to receive justice in the courts, to be free from mob violence, to secure a just share of the benefits of educational and other funds, and to receive equal service for equal payment on public carriers and conveniences. (6) We shall be just in our dealing with the Negro as an individual. Whenever he is in our employ we shall pay him an adequate wage and provide for him healthful working conditions. (7) We shall strive to promote community good will between the races in every way possible. (8) We shall actively co-operate with Negro Baptists in the building up of their churches, the education of their ministers, and the promotion of their missions and evangelistic programs.

Then after "Amazing Grace" had been sung and Mrs. Herbert J. Miles, Mo., had sung "The Holy City," Geo. D. Kelsey (colored), Ga., delivered an address on Christian Love and Race Relations, which was referred to by many as "the tallest address of the Convention."

What does Christian love mean in its practical expression and bearing on race relations?

1. Christian love means receiving, appreciating, and serving the other person as he is.

2. Since Christian love means receiving, appreciating and serving the other person as he is, it means accepting him as a whole.

3. Christian love is always personal—love of persons, not abstract ideals.

4. Christian love is lost love. It extends to those who do not return it; service to one's enemies is the highest point of the soul's creativity and freedom.

Christian love is the love of God operating in the human heart. It is creative, spontaneous and without cause. It does not seek to gain but to bestow its riches. It would rather give than receive.

Seldom, if ever, do people hear a greater speech. "Nobody can really love a man's soul and hold his body in contempt."



## Friday—Afternoon Session

The Friday afternoon session was keyed to the song, "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

Hon. Harold E. Stassen, Minn., spoke on "Baptists and World Peace."

The Report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher of the next Convention evoked much discussion, but it was finally adopted, as follows:

TIME: May 19-23, inclusive, 1948.

PLACE: Memphis, Tenn.

PREACHER: W. R. Pettigrew, Ky.

ALTERNATE: Herschel Hobbs, Ala.

## Friday—Evening Session

Following the singing of gospel hymns by the great congregation and after devotions, the combined Baptist Choirs of St. Louis, sang special numbers.

Executive Secretary T. L. Holcomb presented the Report of the Sunday School Board.

An increase of 213,614 in enrollment in Southern Baptist Sunday schools brought the total for 1946 to 3,738,924, the largest in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. The number of Sunday schools gained 467 to reach 25,435.

The Training Union enrollment also climbed 99,527 during the year to reach a total of 802,859 enrolled in the church training program. There were 232,019 training awards won by Sunday school officers and teachers during the year with 323,965 awarded by the Training Union.

Total receipts for sale of periodicals and books during the year amounted to \$5,266,042.81. Total circulation of all periodicals during 1946 was 28,985,378. There were 2,269,557 books manufactured during the year, representing 255 titles. There were 24 new books and 231 reprints.

There were 13,145 Vacation Bible schools reported, with a total enrollment of more than two million.

The Training Union Department has launched a campaign to enlist more than a million individuals who will agree to read their Bible daily.

New bookstores have been opened at Miami, Florida; Owensboro, Kentucky, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, during the year to bring the number to thirty-two.

The Sunday School Board appropriated \$904,896.56 for denominational causes during the year. An initial gift of \$10,000 was given to launch the *Southern Baptist Foundation*.

Clifton J. Allen, Harold Ingraham, J. O. Williams, all of Tenn., and W. R. White, Texas, spoke to the report. B. B. McKinney, and W. Hines Sims movingly sang a duet, "Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sins."

The closing message was a mighty deliverance by Robert G. Lee, Tenn., spoken as only he can speak.

## Saturday—Morning Session

A Bible preserved from the Wincoff Hotel fire in Atlanta was presented by the Gideons to President Newton for the Convention.

C. D. Johnson, Texas, presented the Report of the Education Commission.

Southern Baptist schools and colleges have reported the largest enrollment this year in all history. The total enrollment, including a regular summer session, 47,763. The increase over any past year is due in large measure to the presence of 15,626 veterans in attendance. These veterans are attending all types of schools as follows: seminaries and training schools, 482; senior colleges and universities, 12,891; junior colleges, 2,136; and academies, 117. Presidents and deans of colleges report that the veterans are among the best students.

Ministerial students this year number 5,126, a gain over any past year. The senior colleges and universities have 2,607 ministerial students; the seminaries have 1,744; the junior colleges have 675; and the academies have 101. So great has become the demand for educated ministers that all Baptist schools are stressing Bible and religious education courses. Bible departments have the largest enrollment they have ever had.

L. L. Carpenter, N. C., presented the Report of the Commission to cooperate with Returning Chaplains.

We feel that appreciation for the work of our chaplains should ever be kept before the Convention. We would remind the Convention that the work of Dr. Alfred Carpenter and the Chaplains Commission which is charged with the responsibility of recommending men to the chaplaincy will be continued, and we urge the interest and support of all Southern Baptists to this important program for securing the very best men for this important service. Also, the various state secretaries will continue, of course, to render any service they can to returning chaplains and also to those who may continue in the service.

In a solemn memorial service in charge of J. W. Raly, Okla., E. L. Watson, Okla., paid tribute to deceased pastors; Merrell D. Moore, Tenn., tribute to Dr. Walter M. Gilmore; Hight C. Moore, N. C., tribute to Dr. I. J. Van Ness; Courts Redford, tribute to Dr. B. D. Gray; Joe W. Burton, tribute to Dr. T. C. McCall; and Sydnor L. Stealey, Ky., tribute to Dr. John R. Sampey. While heads were reverently bowed, the organist softly played, "Going Home," and Dr. Raley prayed the closing prayer.

Executive Secretary Walter R. Alexander presented the Report of the Relief and Annuity Board, paying tribute to Secretary Emeritus Thomas J. Watts, and discussed the Report.

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention presenting its twenty-ninth annual report to the Convention, reported the year 1946 the best year in the Board's history. The total income of the Board was over \$2,700,000.00, while benefits to annuitants of the several plans amounted to more than \$1,000,000.00. The greatest amount of money ever distributed for relief, nearly \$200,000.00, was in excess of the amount received for that purpose from the Cooperative Program funds, this being due to the double budget of the Southern Baptist Convention inaugurated in 1946.

There were great gains in membership in all the major plans of the Board. Two thousand five hundred forty-one new certificates of participation were issued, the largest in any one year. The new Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan began operating in twelve states, providing annuities for widows of denominational servants who dies in active service.

The assets at the end of the year were nearly \$11,000,000.00, well over that figure now. The Board earned \$360,000.00 during the year.

It was announced that the total messenger registration (visitors, of course not included) to date was 8,309.

President Newton paid a beautiful tribute to the late Dr. James H. Rushbrooke, who had for several years been President of the Baptist World Alliance, which was adopted by the Convention as its expression as well. Following this Secretary W. O. Lewis of the Alliance spoke.

And then, a touching thing took place. President Newton called a young man from the audience dressed in the uniform and with the insignia of the Army Air Force. He proved to be Lt. C. W. Well-don, and he was asked to dismiss the Convention. This he did in a humble and beautiful prayer. One saw many misty eyes when he had finished.

## Saturday—Evening Session

With a great crowd present and with the singing of stately and moving gospel hymns and the usual devotions, the Saturday evening session of the Convention opened.

One of the outstanding features of the evening, and of the entire Convention, was the singing of the Bison Glee Club of Oklahoma Baptist University under the direction of Warren Angell. One doubts that he will ever hear better singing by a group.

W. R. Pettigrew, Ky., delivered a forceful address on "The Church and Christian Democracy." "Every characteristic that we have envisioned as being necessary for the making of a Christian democracy is to be found in the apostolic church, entrusted with the teachings of Christ and filled with the Spirit of God." "A



worldwide spiritual visitation would bring to pass those things necessary for the existence of Christian democracy among men."

The closing address of the evening was by Hon. Robert S. Kerr, governor of Oklahoma. Introduced by John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Governor Kerr spoke convincingly on "The Book We Teach." "The beliefs we form and keep, the faith we have and hold, determine what we are . . . Jesus said 'I am the way the truth and the life.' We cannot follow the way unless we see the light and know the truth. If we learn the truth and walk in the light, we cannot miss the way."

### Sunday—Afternoon Session

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" and other gospel songs rang through the great auditorium and the combined Baptist choirs of St. Louis moved the soul with their music. At another session of the Convention these choirs had sung the triumphant "Hallelujah Chorus" and they repeated it at this session. That always stirs the soul.

President Newton read a copy of a telegram which he had sent to "Mother Truman," mother of Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, as a Mother's Day greeting. The Convention approved the sentiment as its own expression. The Convention had previously sent a telegram to President Truman, assuring him of its interest and its prayers, to which he had beautifully responded.

Joe W. Burton, Tenn., editor of *Home Life*, spoke on America's Strength." It was an excellent address. "The strength of America is Christian Homes."

W. Marshall Craig, Texas, spoke with spiritual power on "America's Strength—the Mothers of Men." "The way out is the way up." "Civilization is Christian to the extent that the Christian movement captures the homes." "Civilization is the power of mothers."

### Sunday—Evening Session

The closing session of the Convention was "Youth Night" and was dedicated to the theme, "The Bible Our Textbook in the School of Life." The service was in charge of J. E. Lambdin, Tenn., secretary of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. These youth services at the Convention were inaugurated at St. Louis in 1936, when the Convention met in that city. A great congregation was present.

Total messenger registration at the Convention was announced as being 8,374 or 8,378, we are not sure which. This was more than the previous record attendance of 8,359 in 1920 at Washington, D. C. And when the visitors are added, one can estimate the large attendance at the Convention.

With R. Maines Rawls and Virsil S. Crenshaw, Tenn., in charge, two Intermediate youths spoke. Hagan Baskin, Jr., Ga., spoke on "Our Rules for the Game of Life." "We must play the game of life, and this calls for rules. These are found in the Bible." Following him, Winton Manning, Jr., Mo., spoke on "Our Guide for Clean Living." "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." President Newton said that when young men could speak as finely as these did, the preachers had better begin to look out.

Judge Camille Kelly, of the Juvenile Court, Memphis, in an address replete with humor and sense, spoke on "Spiritual Underpinnings for Youth." "I pledge you here and now that the youth of today, if given the safeguards and advantages to which they

have inherent right, will grow in stature and strength, and their characters will be strong, and their courage sufficient to carry on our traditions and make the American way of life a permanent heritage."

Always a forceful speaker, James L. Sullivan, Tenn., spoke on "Crusading for Bible Reading." "Many people know more about the Book of the Month than about the Book of the Ages."

Under the direction of Nelson Reagin, the Intermediate Glee Club of the Training Union of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, splendidly sang some special numbers. It brought a blessing to the soul of this writer.

The closing address of the evening was brought by J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, on the theme, "Youth Anchoring to the Living Book." Thoughtfully, earnestly, movingly, the speaker delivered his soul. "Youth is the time for treasuring the Word of God in the heart." "Youth is the state, the nation, the church of tomorrow." And with the last amen, the ninetieth session of the Southern Baptist Convention passed into history. "Surely God was in this place!"

### Addenda

There has not been space to record many things which took place at the Convention and many important resolutions which were either rejected or adopted by the Convention.

The Convention refused to take a stand for universal military training versus conscription.

The Convention refused to voice what amounted to a peremptory demand for the movies to delete crime scenes and immoral scenes and demand for wholesale boycott. Instead it made an earnest appeal for such deletion and appealed to the patrons to use careful discrimination in their movie attendance.

Again and again and again, the Convention stood out positively for religious liberty and the separation of church and state. As before, it condemned in no uncertain terms the position with and mission to the Vatican of Mr. Myron C. Taylor.

The Convention adopted a resolution asking the United States to receive its appropriate percentage of war-displaced refugees.

The Convention urged its constituency to proclaim and use Christian principles in race relations and to stand against racial prejudice.

It was a distinct cause for gratification that throughout the Convention the sound, orthodox Biblical note was so often sounded.

California Baptists made a strong showing in the vote for the Convention to go to Oakland next year, but when the majority voted to go to Memphis, the Californians graciously made it unanimous.

St. Louis did a fine job entertaining the Convention.

J. W. Raley, Okla., and his associates on the Committee on the Order of Business did a magnificent work in providing times and places for the items and speakers on the program.

Our Nashville fellow denominational workers also served magnificently and were appropriately re-elected secretaries of the Convention—Porter Routh and J. W. Burton.

And we would express our thanks to Mr. C. E. Bryant, publicity director, than whom we think no one served better, for his constant helpfulness.

The note which the Convention has left in our own soul is, "Lead on, O King eternal!"



# A Digest of Religious Thought

By RUSSELL BRADLEY JONES, Contributing Editor, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Neither the editor nor contributing editor necessarily concurs in the opinions expressed on this page unless so stated.

## The Sense of Sin

J. R. Jester in  
*Western Recorder*

The trend of modern thought is to minimize the nature of sin. It does not bulk large in the preaching of our day. Before we may expect any great revival there must be a new emphasis upon sin. Sin is more than a small imperfection or slight blemish that is of but little importance. It is the transgression of the holy law of God, and leads to missing the mark. Sin is essentially enmity and rebellion against God, and crouches like a beast at every door. Environment and culture can no more change its nature than they can transform a rattler. Sin degrades the mind, debases the moral nature, and enslaves the soul, dragging it down to infernal and eternal flame. Men need to see anew the exceeding sinfulness of sin. There can be no salvation, no peace of soul until it is dealt with by the Lord and put away. Hence the first note to be recovered in preaching is that which rings the target on sin, refusing in any sense to condone it, but that drags it into the light as the soul destroying principle. God hates nothing so much as sin, and compromising with it has led to the debauching of morals, and the return of pagan immoralities as seen on every hand today.

*(Oh, for more Jonathan Edwardses to tell us what it means for sinners to fall into the hands of an angry God!—R.B.J.)*

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## Publicity

*Baptist New Mexican*

Why are church publicists and pastors passing up the opportunity, the God-given task to spread the good news about civic betterment that comes about because their church exists in that community? Are

church executives so far behind the times that they fail to grasp the significance of the power of the printed word? Radio is marvelous. The telephone is an unprecedented convenience. Other means of communication reveal the unlimited progress of our age. None of these surpasses the power of the printed word. The radio speaks, the word passes out into the ether, is heard and fades into silence. The printed word, once it is put into black and white, may be read today, tomorrow and one, even ten years from now. The printed word lives on and on and can mold thought years and years later.

*(Jeremiah 50:2—R.B.J.)*

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## Stewardship

Roy L. Smith in  
*Christian Advocate*

The races of men throughout the earth are restless. Social, political, and religious ideals are being shifted about as never before in history. Whoever captures the imagination of this generation will determine the

history of the world for the next five hundred years. Never has the missionary opportunity and responsibility of the church been so great. These are the days in which to turn the tide in behalf of Christian ideals and hopes. Millions could be won now at less cost in money and effort than at any other time within the memory of man. But it cannot be done by giving at the rate of sixty cents per year per member! . . . We have done much preaching and talking about stewardship. Now we are challenged to be stewards. Only so can we save our souls. Nothing can be worse than that we shall fail in this critical hour.

*(This is the opinion of a great Methodist editor. He is right, of course.—R. B. J.)*

## Simple Funerals

*Arkansas Baptist*

"It is fitting to place flowers on the altar, and to have one or two other baskets of flowers in the chancel, but do not crowd the church with a lavish array. Simplicity better sym-

bolizes the Christian life, and we desire in Christian and democratic spirit to avoid anything approaching completion in funerals.

"Those who desire to pay tribute to the deceased should be encouraged to give some lasting memorial to the church or to some other good work in which the deceased was interested.

"Eulogies at church funerals are unnecessary and out of order. The people assembled know the deceased anyway, and it is certainly not necessary to give information to Him 'unto whom all hearts are open and all desires known.'

"Since 'we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out,' and since simplicity again should be a mark of the Christian life, we urge our people not to lavish their money upon expensive caskets or funerals. God looks upon the hearts; He is not impressed by caskets.

"The casket should be closed from the time it leaves the home or funeral parlor. If the body lies in state, or friends desire to view it, this can be done before the church service. The casket should never be open in any part of the church building. During the service our thoughts should rise to God, our Eternal Home, and not dwell upon the physical aspects of death or the art of the undertaker.

"The burial service of the church is complete in itself, and should not be combined with the services of any fraternal or military organization. Fraternal groups may, of course, attend the church service in a body, but if the family desires the rites of a lodge, those rites should take place at the funeral parlor before the church service."

*(The above is quoted from a brochure on "Christian Burial" issued by the Rt. Rev. F. W. Creighton, Episcopal Bishop of Michigan and the Rt. Rev. R. S. Emrich, Suffragan Bishop. It is excellent advice. We wish Baptists would take it.—R. B. J.)*

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## Watch Your Bible "Helps"

*Baptist Review*

Some weeks ago Dr. John W. Cobb, Dean of Wayland College, wrote a series of articles which appeared in the Baptist New Mexican entitled "Errors of Scofield's Notes," referring to the notes which are found

in the Scofield Bible. Now, Dr. W. H. Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, is replying to those articles under the heading "The Errors of Dr. John W. Cobb's Notes." It is not our purpose here to pass judgment on the issues involved in the series of articles by Dr. Cobb and Dr. Rogers. But it is well to suggest to all readers of the Bible that the "helps" which appear in so many Bibles are not to be accepted without question simply because they appear in the Bible. Almost unconsciously the average reader will accord to such notes and helps an authority they do not possess because they are bound within the covers of the Bible. They might not be so impressive nor accepted so readily were they to appear in their individual covers. There are many very fine Bibles with splendid helps and various features that are a genuine help to the Bible student. But they need to be used with the same discrimination and care that we would use any other commentaries.

*(This is excellent advice.—R. B. J.)*



# The Time of Creation Again

By HERVEY DICKEY, Milan, Tenn.

I WISH that there were some marvelous age,  
Called the time of creation again,  
When all of our doubts of our first wherea-bouts,  
And all of our poor disbeliefs  
Could be crushed, like a tattered old hat, in the street  
And never picked up again.

I wish we could enter it all unprepared,  
Like a singer who finds a lost chord,  
And I wish that the men who have doubted the thing,  
The greatest creation of all,  
Could be at the doors like a hostess who pours  
For party guests, punch sweet from hoard.

We would learn all the things we've wanted to know,  
But failed as we studied too late,  
The Earth's firm foundation Heaven's glorification,  
And all of the thousand and one  
Little mystics expected that might have corrected  
The thoughts of some more desolate.

It wouldn't be possible not to then find,  
In the time of creation again,  
How fowls of the trees and fish of the seas  
In moments were created there.  
Of the first breath of life and the first man and wife  
Our lips could more fully explain.

For what has been hardest would then be simplest,  
And what has seemed vague would be plain,  
For there isn't a thing that we would not then bring  
To the light for the doubters to see,  
That God by his hand made Earth and made man,  
In the time of creation again.

So I wish that there were some marvelous age,  
Called the time of creation again,  
When all of our doubts of our first whereabouts  
And all of our poor disbeliefs  
Could be crushed, like a tattered old hat, in the street,  
And never picked up again.

(Apologies to Tarkington.)

## As Long As There Are Homes

So long as there are homes to which men turn  
At the close of day,  
So long as there are homes where children are;  
Where women stay;  
If love and loyalty and faith be found  
Across these sills,  
A stricken nation can recover from  
Its gravest ills.  
So long as there are homes where fires burn  
And there is bread,  
So long as there are homes where lamps are lit  
And prayers are said;  
Although a people falters through the dark  
And nations grope,  
With God Himself back of these little homes,  
We still have hope.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 25

By R. PAUL CAUDILL, Pastor  
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Topic: THE FALL OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM  
Scripture: II Kings 17:5-12, 22-23; Isa. 28:1-4

## THE REIGN OF SIN

The reigns of Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, and Pekahiah may be characterized as "the reign of sin." Of Zechariah it is said: "And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin" (2 Kings 15:9). Little is said of the reign of Shallum, for he reigned but one month. Nevertheless, we know that he ascended the throne through conspiracy and by the slaying of Zechariah the king.

Shallum was assassinated by Menahem, the son of Gadi, and reigned in his stead for ten years in Samaria. Of him it is said: "And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin" (2 Kings 15:18).

Menah was followed by Pekahiah, his son, as king. Of him it is said: "And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin." In Pekahiah as in Menahem and Shallum the pattern of evil went unchanged.

The two year reign of Pekahiah was cut short by the conspiracy of Pekah, the son of Remaliah, Pekahiah's captain. Pekah smote Pekahiah in the castle of the king's house in Samaria and seized the throne in his stead. Of Pekah, as of his predecessors, it was said: "And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin" (2 Kings 15:28).

It was in the days of Pekah (Pekah reigned twenty years over Israel and Samaria) that Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria, came and took Ijon, Abelbeth-maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, Galilee and all the land of Naphtali, carrying away the people captive to Assyria. Following this, Pekah who gained his throne by conspiracy and at the hand of the assassin, fell himself by the hand of Hoshea, and Hoshea reigned in his stead.

It is a sorry picture from beginning to end—the era that preceded the fall of the Northern Kingdom. The national leaders, unmindful of the laws and the will of Jehovah heaped sin upon sin.

The Apostle Paul said in Romans 6:12 "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof: neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness." The kings of Israel did what Paul said should never be done by the children of God. They not only let sin reign in their mortal bodies; they led an entire nation into a woe-ful reign of sin that continued in unbroken line from kingship to kingship unto the end.

## THE WAGES OF SIN

I Romans 6:23 Paul says, "For the wages of sin is death," and again in Galatians 6:7-8 he said, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life."

In the fall of the Northern Kingdom we have a graphic illustration of the wages of sin. Let the reader turn to 2 Kings 17 and read verses 7 through 18 for the fuller picture.

It was in the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel that the king of Assyria came and took Samaria and carried Israel away unto Assyria in captivity. "And it was so," we read, "because the children of Israel had sinned against Jehovah their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom Jehovah cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they made."

The children of Israel had built "high places" throughout their city and set up "pillars and Asherim" upon the high hills throughout the realm. Upon these high places they burnt incense "as did the nations whom Jehovah carried away before them." General wickedness prevailed throughout the land. Idols were served notwithstanding the fact that Jehovah had said unto them "Ye shall not do this thing."

Still Jehovah continued to appeal to Israel to turn back unto his ways. Through prophet and seer the message went out unto them: "Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the laws which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

They rejected God's statutes and his covenant that had been made with their fathers. They disregarded the testimonies of Jehovah and following vanity they "became vain and went after the nations that were round about them." They even went so far as to use "divination and enchantments" and "sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah."

Finally Jehovah became "angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight" and Judah alone was left for a witness unto Jehovah.

## AS THE PROPHETS FORETOLD

The fall of the Northern Kingdom need not to have come unexpectedly to Israel. Fervently the prophets had pleaded for a return to the ways of Jehovah. In words of stern denunciation Isaiah had cried out against Ephraim and Judah.

Let the nations of today hear these words of the prophet Isaiah. The wages of sin is still death, and the nation that turns its back upon the ways of Jehovah shall one day go down to an ignoble end even as did the nation of Israel.

# The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3 Tennessee

It's V. B. S. TIME AGAIN! Of course you know what those letters stand for. Fill in the missing letters here:

V . . . . . B . . . . . S . . . . .

If your church has ever had a Vacation Bible School, you are probably looking forward to another one this year. Check with your Sunday school teacher or pastor to see when your school is to be held.

The folks who plan and write materials for use in Vacation Bible Schools are always anxious to get reports on these materials. They like to know what the boys and girls enjoy most, what they find most helpful.

Would you like to help in preparation of future materials by sending in a report of your likes and dislikes? Suppose you keep a diary of your Vacation Bible School experiences. You might make a little booklet with a page for each day and one or two extra pages for general information. Give the name and location of your church, the dates of the school, possibly the superintendent and teachers. Tell how many were in your group and how many were in the entire school. Then on each day's page write either a full account of what you did at V. B. S. that day, or a detailed report of what you enjoyed most that day. Of course, you will record all the unusual and important things that happen during the week.

If you do handwork, perhaps you will tell about that and what you plan to do with what you made.

Your diary will not be worked on at Vacation Bible School. Your teachers will have other things planned for you to do there. It will be your "home work," to be filled in day by day, while the experiences are still fresh in your mind.

Instead of a diary, maybe you'd like to write a letter or essay on "What Vacation Bible School Meant to Me," or "Why I Like Vacation Bible School." You might make notes during the school week or weeks, then compile them at the end of the time.

Maybe we could share the best of these letters or essays with other Young South readers. It's hard to believe, but some of them have never had a Vacation Bible School in their church. They don't know what they are missing. Perhaps your letter or essay would cause them to become interested in having a V. B. S. in their own church. They might even become interested enough to write the Vacation Bible School Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, for information on planning and conducting Vacation Bible Schools.

No matter when your school is held, keep notes on it, and send your dairy, letter, or essay to me. I will attach them to your card in my file and see that your reactions and suggestions are passed on to the proper people.

Here's hoping your Vacation Bible School will be the best ever this year. I'll certainly be looking forward to hearing about it.

Now for the new word pictures in the card file.

EVELYN BENSON, Route 3, Athens, Tennessee, is nine years old and in the fourth grade at school. She is a Christian and goes with her family to Calvary Baptist Church. Evelyn would like to have pen pals.

ELIZABETH ANN HALE, Route, Decatur, Tennessee, is eleven years old, and in the fifth grade. She is not yet a Christian but "hopes to be soon." We, too, hope that before long her word picture can be changed to read "Is now trusting Jesus as Saviour."

ELVIE TILLEY, Route 2, Lutts, Tennessee, is an old friend of the Young South, but this is the first time she has written this year. She wants more pen pals. Elvie is eighteen years old. Two of her favorite Bible passages are Ephesians 6:1 and Romans 10:11. Do you know what these verses are? If not, find and read them in your Bible now. Elvie wants to be a soul-winner. Every Christian should want to tell others about their Friend Jesus and to lead them to trust them, too.

Soon after I shared with you my word picture of HOWARD MILLER, 521 Blount Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, I received this note from Howard:

Dear Aunt Polly: When I asked you to help me get some pen pals, you really did! I thought I would write and tell you. I just got through writing my eighteenth letter since Saturday. [The note was written on Tuesday.] I have eighteen pen pals all over Tennessee. I even got one here in my home town. . . . Well, Aunt Polly, I guess I'd better close for now. I just had to write you and tell you all about my pen pals. Thanks a lot, and I'll write you again sometime.

It was thoughtful of Howard to send this note. I hope all of you are having such happy experiences with your pen pals. If you don't have a word picture in the file, please write me soon. And please follow Howard's example and keep me posted on the things you are doing.

Love, Aunt Polly



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## Bible Study Week

### A PLAN FOR ADDED BIBLE STUDY

We are happy to cooperate with the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board in announcing a plan for additional Bible Study as a part of the Sunday School Program of Bible Teaching. The following material is reproduced from a pamphlet recently issued by the Sunday School Board:

### THE PLAN OUTLINED

#### It Is Recommended:

1. That the second week in January each year be designated as Bible Study Week in the churches, and that January 5-9 be used for 1948.
2. That this week each year be made a definite item in the calendar of every church and considered as a part of the Sunday school program of Bible teaching.
3. That this Bible Study Week be led or at least directed by the pastor.
4. That the Sunday school organization be charged by the church with the responsibility for its promotion.
5. That Paul's letter to the Ephesians be used as the text and the book *Studies in Ephesians* be used as guidance material for the special Bible Study Week in January, 1948.

### SOME NEEDS STATED

1. Sin in low places and in high places is eating at the very foundations of our social and national life.
2. The liberty and security of mankind is threatened.

### SOME VALUES INVOLVED

An additional opportunity through special Bible teaching to strengthen the spiritual foundation of the homes.

A renewed interest in Bible study, which should stimulate regular attendance in all Sunday services.

An impace of a revival nature which should be felt throughout the community.

An opportunity which would interest many of the church members, other adults, and young people who are not at present enrolled in Sunday school.

A quickened interest in the total Bible teaching program of a Baptist church.

### ACTION IMPERATIVE!

1. Threatening dangers from without impel the churches to propagate the message of truth and right, life and light.
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	Hours Per Year
Preaching service, morning and evening.....	104
Prayer meeting hour each week.....	52
Sunday school hour each Sunday.....	65
Training Union hour each Sunday.....	65
Vacation Bible School, two weeks.....	30
Sunday school training course, one week in April.....	10
Training Union study course, one week in March.....	10
SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY WEEK, SECOND WEEK IN JANUARY.....	10
Individual daily Bible readings, suggested readings carried in <i>Open Window</i> and in <i>Training Union Quarterlies</i> .....	52
Daily family devotions, suggested readings carried in <i>Home Life</i> and in the Sunday school lesson periodicals.....	52
Total hours.....	450

A New Testament church using to the maximum extent these available means will offer 450 hours of guided Bible study each year, or an average of 2 school days of 4½ hours each week throughout the year!

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## Churches Observing Training Union Emphasis Day April 27

(Continued from last week)

### KNOX—

Lyons Creek .....	80
Mascot .....	100

### MAURY—

First, Centerville .....	13
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### MIDLAND—

Calvary .....	43
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### NASHVILLE—

Antioch .....	40
Bakers Grove .....	33
Belmont Heights .....	258
Bordeaux .....	43
Centennial .....	46
Donelson .....	56
Edgefield .....	109
Fatherland St. ....	90
First, Nashville .....	813
First, Old Hickory .....	377
Grandview .....	65
Immanuel .....	81
Inglewood .....	169
Joelton .....	60
Lockeland .....	152
New Hope .....	51
North Edgefield .....	58
Radnor .....	91
Shelby Avenue .....	119
Tennessee Home .....	130
Una .....	45
Judson .....	113

### NEW DUCK RIVER—

Charity .....	41
First, Cornersville .....	37
First, Shelbyville .....	89
Fosterville .....	27
Smyrna .....	50

### NOLACHUCKY—

Bethel .....	36
Brown Springs .....	25
First, Morristown .....	110
Grace .....	54

### OCOEE—

Avondale .....	204
Clifton Hill .....	80
East Lake .....	127
Falling Water .....	52
Highland Park .....	604
Hixson .....	43
Lookout Valley .....	65
North Cleveland .....	109
Northside .....	141
Oak Grove .....	112
Ooltewah .....	42
St. Elmo .....	120
Woodland Park .....	588

### ROBERTSON—

Greenbrier .....	39
Hopewell .....	25

### RIVERSIDE—

Jamestown .....	16
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### SALEM—

Auburntown .....	41
McMinnville, Second .....	17

### SHELBY—

Ardmore .....	124
Arlington .....	13
Bartlett .....	104
Bellevue .....	929
Boulevard .....	199
Central Avenue .....	185
Egypt .....	45
Forest Hill .....	30
Galilee .....	214
Hughes Avenue .....	77%
Levi .....	59
Longview .....	68
Millington .....	108
Speedway Terrace .....	237
Sylvan Heights .....	85
Union Avenue .....	312
Mallory Heights .....	151

### STONE—

Cane Creek .....	17
First .....	145
Steven St. ....	62

### SWEETWATER—

Tellico Plains .....	40
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### TENNESSEE VALLEY—

Bethel Spring .....	38
First, Dayton .....	74

### UNION—

Pistole .....	21
Sparta, First .....	40

### WATAUGA—

Big Spring .....	102
Doe River .....	33
Dungan Chapel .....	106
Elk River .....	53
Grace .....	72
Hampton .....	77
Pine Grove .....	31
Pleasant Grove .....	185
Rittertown .....	54
Siam .....	77
Watauga .....	85

### WEAKLEY—

Central .....	88
First, Dresden .....	60

### WESTERN DISTRICT—

First, Paris .....	75
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### WILLIAM CAREY—

Ardmore .....	74
Concord .....	42

### WILSON—

Bartons Creek .....	23
Cedar Grove .....	42
First, Watertown .....	66
Mt. Juliet .....	64
Prosperity .....	36
Round Lick .....	62



## Woman's Missionary Union

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### The W. M. U. Convention

(Continued From Last Week)

On Sunday evening and on Monday morning Dr. J. B. McLaurin, Secretary of Canadian Foreign Mission Board, told of his recent visit to the Orient. He made one see the suffering of the millions who are constantly dying from starvation and he also made us see the millions that are starving for the bread of life. He said we at home needed love in our hearts that would show that we have joy and peace in our souls. On the ship coming home, when they wanted to have a service, to find the Christians they walked around the deck and found those with happiness in their faces, and they were always the ones who loved the Lord.

We who heard Judge Camille Kelly in Memphis at our convention last year can visualize her as she appeared on that Sunday evening program speaking on "Action! Now!" She told of her experiences in Juvenile Court in Memphis and how she dealt with the thousands of young people who appeared before her each year. She pleaded for Christian homes, saying only such could solve the juvenile delinquency problem.

The devotionals each day were led by Mrs. George Sadler of Richmond, who had served as a missionary in Africa. She said our response to the needs of the world were our gifts of .07 per capita to foreign missions and one missionary out of 10,000 members. We need to "set our feet in a large room."

Dr. C. E. Matthews, Secretary of Evangelism, pleaded with us to sign the prayer card promising to pray daily for a spiritual awakening. We want one million in this league.

Mrs. Henry Lin of Shanghai, wife of the president of Shanghai University, expressed her gratitude for the message of salvation. She said the tidings of redemption unbound the feet of the grandmothers, made women individuals and gave leaders to China in its hour of great need.

Mrs. Irene Hanley of East St. Louis, a converted Jewess, thrilled our hearts as she told of the interest of Jews in the gospel and urged us to live our religion before the Jews.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Indians from New Mexico, appeared in Comanche Indian costumes. She pleaded for more missionaries, as now we have eight for 47,000 Indians. George Wilson sang beautifully, "I Am Redeemed."

Mrs. W. J. Cox, our Treasurer, announced our gifts in 1946 were \$7,817,774.87. Our expenses were \$62,000. We voted to erect a headquarters building in Birmingham, as we are now in a very crowded office building. We have 565 students who have received Margaret Fund scholarships. Last year we had 120. Mrs. Herman Rhodes, who died in March, left \$5,000.00 to the Margaret Fund in her will and the check was received while we were in St. Louis. Two students made perfect records, so Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarships were awarded to Campbell McMillan and Lois Chambers, both from China.

Our most gracious and gifted President, Mrs. George Martin, brought a great message. We hope to be able to print it on this page. She urged us to study our missionary history and prepare for the Sixtieth Anniversary in 1948. Our W.M.U. has a per capita gift of \$10.18, but we have not really counted the cost of discipleship.

Dr. Henry Lin of Shanghai gave us his life story, and it was thrilling to hear him. He is a fourth generation Christian. His great-grandfather, grandfather, and two uncles were preachers. He said they always had family prayers in his home. He spent eight years as a student in Shanghai University and took his postgraduate work here in America. Before the war he was sent by the Generalissimo to Germany to barter for arms. He spoke of seeing Hitler and he felt war would come because of conditions over there.

During the war he was in charge of the printing of the money and all other government printing. He said they had confidence in him because he was a Christian and did not smoke or drink. He never refused to serve the Lord while in government service.

During the war Shanghai University was moved to Chungking and there he carried on the work as president of the Alumnae Association. Then he was made president of the University. He has not always been a Baptist, but told of his decision to become one, and how many professors and students came and joined the church during the past year.

Monday evening was highlighted by messages from Mrs. J. M. Dawson, of District of Columbia, and Dr. Louie Newton, president of S. B. C.

Mrs. Dawson gave a stirring address showing the world conditions in her own graphic way. "Those who care enough will share and all will have enough." She said the per capita income of people in the United States is \$1,117.00, and of the rest of the world \$13.00. We must carry forward the dream of the soldiers for world peace.

Dr. Newton spoke on world fellowship as he called the names of our Baptist women leaders in European countries and told of their love for God and how they were serving. "To have peace and good will is a costly business. If we put into practice our Christian doctrines we can outbuild, outwork, outthink and outgive the Communist." He brought the grateful thanks from the Russians for the kits sent them from America.

(Continued next week)

## Brotherhood Department

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### Laymen Organize At First Baptist Church Ocoee Association

DR. JOHN A. HUFF, Pastor

A group of men at First Baptist Church organized "The Laymen's Brotherhood" April 24, 1947, and adopted a statement of purpose for "support of public worship, evangelistic effort, missionary enterprise, Christian brotherhood and fellowship and humanitarian ministration."

At the organization meeting, which was announced from the pulpit, John Allen Carter was elected president; J. R. England, Jr., vice-president; and Ronald Autry, secretary-treasurer.

They were chosen unanimously after their names were presented by a nominating committee.

Elected directors on nominations from the floor were Charles Claunch, James McCall, Harry F. Bickers and Stanley Biesack.

The officers and directors held a luncheon meeting yesterday to formulate tentative plans for the organization. They set another one for next Friday.

The Laymen's Brotherhood voted to meet again Wednesday night, May 7. A committee will offer a proposed set of by-laws at that meeting.

The group was organized, the statement of purpose said, because its members feel that "by co-operative effort we can benefit our church, its individual members and our community." The statement was drawn by Claunch and Clarence Kolwyck.

Officers were instructed as to the seriousness of the organization and pledged themselves to putting its work above that of other groups with which they might be associated.

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### Two More Brotherhoods—Knox County Association Glenwood Baptist Church

REV. PAUL BUCKELS, Pastor

According to information received in our office, this new Brotherhood was organized on April 16, 1947. With forty-one men enrolled, officers were elected as follows:

President.....	Bob Wolfenbarger
Activity Vice-President.....	Arnold Harrod
Social Vice-President.....	Leon Ridings
Secretary .....	Clyde Hawkins
Treasurer .....	Harold Wolfenbarger

### Mascot Baptist Church

REV. KINNEY COBBLE, Pastor

The report concerning the organization of this Brotherhood indicates that they were organized in March. However, we did not receive the report until April.

We are listing below the names of those who have been chosen by the church to lead in enlisting men in promoting the whole program of their church:

President .....	Ray Wagner
Membership Vice-President.....	Sim Marcum
Program Vice-President.....	George Eddleman
Activity Vice-President.....	Carl Holt
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Ray Cole



# AMONG THE BRETHREN

Inasmuch as transportation difficulties have proved to be serious for those who are planning to attend the World Congress at Copenhagen, Gilbert L. Guffin, director, Extension Department of Howard College, Birmingham 6, Ala., states that there are open spaces in the tour which is being headed by Major Robert Argo and himself, prepared by the Brownell Travel Bureau of Birmingham. Interested parties can correspond with him.

—B&R—

Mill Creek Baptist Church voted to build ten new Sunday school rooms immediately. In their recent revival in which Harold Gregory did the preaching there were 4 additions by letter, and 3 for baptism. The entire church was richly blessed and much good was accomplished.

—B&R—

Pastor Frank Waters and the Dunlap Baptist Church had a very fine observance of Mother's Day. In the morning service a corsage of Gardenias was presented to the oldest mother and a corsage of red carnations was presented to the youngest mother. In the evening service a Bible was presented to the mother with the most children present.

—B&R—

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kerr, former Ocoeeans, will return to Chattanooga this spring upon their graduation from Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth. He will become educational director and Mrs. Kerr will become church secretary of the Central Baptist Church, Russell Bradley Jones, pastor.

## The Baptist Hour

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 25, 1947

Use Your Baptist Hour to Win the Lost



Speaker: DR. A. D. FOREMAN, JR., Amarillo, Texas.

Subject: "The God of All Comfort."

Stations heard in Tennessee:

WCYB, Bristol and WNOX, Knoxville at 8:30 EST. WREC, Memphis, 8:30 CST and over WSM, Nashville, 7:30 CST.

Norris Shiflett has recently accepted the call of the East Lake Baptist Church of Chattanooga, to become Music and Educational Director of the church. He is a graduate of Carson Newman College and of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He has served in this capacity in several churches and has been for the last year and a half with the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. Bro. Shiflett is married and has one son, nine months of age.

—B&R—

Raymond Roberson has resigned the pastorate of the South Cleveland Baptist Church to enter Southwestern Seminary at the opening of the summer semester. As pastor there and in helping two rural churches to become full-time he was a member of the executive committee of Ocoee Association and has done an outstanding work in many ways.

—B&R—

Paul Brooks Leath of New Orleans, did the preaching in a recent revival of the East Lake Baptist Church, Chattanooga, and the song service was conducted by Norris Shiflett of Baton Rouge. There were 27 additions by baptism and 7 by letter. The church was greatly blessed by the ministry of these two young men. J. B. Hester is pastor of the church.

—B&R—

The First Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas, recently celebrated the 18th Anniversary of the pastorate of Porter M. Bailes.

## DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, MAY 11TH.

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alcoa, Calvary	220	91	--	Hines Valley	58	--	--	Galilee	318	115	3
Alexandria	163	101	--	Gallatin, First	319	47	--	Highland Heights	799	301	1
Athens, East	200	84	9	Harriman, Trenton Street	417	66	--	LaBelle	689	185	6
First	417	86	--	Walnut Hill	224	76	--	Levi	113	52	4
West End Mission	36	--	--	Hohenwald	59	42	--	Louisiana Street	167	81	1
North Athens	140	62	--	Humboldt, First	442	75	--	McLean	374	113	4
Cotton Port	106	49	--	Huntingdon, First	110	--	--	Mallory Heights	345	122	--
Englewood	156	--	--	Jackson, Bcmis	204	66	--	Speedway Terrace	810	185	5
Etowah, First	416	53	--	Bible Grove	84	78	--	Temple	1504	353	3
Etowah, North	122	10	--	Calvary	397	152	--	Union Avenue	1171	264	8
Good Hope	93	--	--	First	757	134	12	Milan, First	332	77	--
Good Springs	87	53	--	Friendship	68	--	--	Millington	142	83	--
Wildwood	105	84	--	North	246	125	1	Milton	67	43	--
Benton	139	32	--	Parkview	219	64	23	Morristown, Montvue	206	62	--
Bluff City, First	195	70	--	Royal Street	79	35	--	Murfreesboro, First	413	86	1
Brighton	150	58	--	West	864	290	3	Walnut Street Mission	29	--	--
Bristol, Calvary	576	108	--	Jellico, First	241	64	--	Powell's Chapel	105	51	--
Virginia Avenue	351	113	3	Jonesboro, Oak Grove	157	73	--	Taylor's Chapel	98	--	--
Brownsville	295	--	--	Keeling	76	--	--	Westvue	221	70	32
Carthage	168	33	1	Kingsport, Calvary	315	65	4	Nashville, Antioch	72	27	--
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	67	52	--	First	672	131	2	Belmont	744	223	--
Chattanooga, Avondale	587	152	--	Long Island	106	42	--	First	1775	464	--
Brainerd	362	149	--	Lynn Garden	302	102	--	Grace	710	127	--
Highland Park	2429	709	20	Knoxville, Broadway	1197	279	2	Harsh Chapel	107	53	--
Oak Grove	238	98	1	Broadway Branch	105	--	--	Inglewood	429	96	--
Red Bank	516	139	--	Fifth Avenue	1108	234	6	Lockeland	419	115	1
Signal Mountain	41	29	--	First	871	198	--	Mill Creek	52	27	1
Church Hill, McPheeter's Bend	148	87	--	Glenwood	240	108	4	Park Avenue	389	83	--
Cleveland, Big Spring	322	193	--	Lincoln Park	567	182	4	Third	160	--	--
First	603	183	3	Lonsdale	417	74	--	Woodmont	221	80	4
Mission	93	--	--	McCalla Avenue	638	101	4	New Market, Dumplin	100	48	--
South Cleveland	129	78	--	North Knoxville	414	80	3	Oak Ridge, First	539	70	3
Columbia, First	364	63	--	Rocky Hill	202	94	--	Robertsville	321	48	--
Dark's Mill Branch	14	--	--	Sevier Heights	438	106	6	Old Hickory, First	495	226	--
Godwin Mission	13	--	--	West View	267	32	--	Oliver Springs, First	134	19	--
Cookeville, First	404	107	--	Lawrenceburg	249	102	--	Orlinda, Pleasant Hill	143	--	--
Fourth Street	62	--	--	Lebanon	494	109	--	Parsons, First	245	82	--
Steven's Street	106	47	--	Barton's Creek	88	26	--	Philadelphia	134	45	--
Covington, First	277	--	--	Cedar Grove	100	52	--	Portland	230	75	--
Crockett Mills, Barker's Chapel	34	24	--	Lexington, First	202	41	--	Rockwood, First	355	150	--
Crossville, First	255	90	1	Mt. Pleasant	122	47	--	Whites Creek	64	46	--
Missions	87	--	--	Madison, First	357	112	14	Rutledge, Buffalo	120	49	--
Chestnut Hill	53	--	--	Maryville, First	623	78	--	Shop Springs	102	61	--
Oak Hill	103	--	--	Mascot Roseberry	228	85	1	Shouns, Pleasant Grove	171	127	--
Peavine Mission	20	--	--	Medina	132	53	--	Surgoinsville	153	48	--
Dunlap, First	124	47	--	Memphis, Bellevue	2473	606	16	Trenton, White Hall	87	60	--
Elizabethton, First	188	105	--	Boulevard	624	209	6	Union City, First	647	123	5
Fountain City, Central	768	188	2	Central Avenue	499	185	1	Watertown, Round Lick	121	66	--

Reports are not published unless signed personally with the name of the sender and reports must be in the Baptist and Reflector Office not later than early Wednesday.





PAUL BRUCE

Paul Bruce recently began his duties with the First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, as Minister of Music and Enlistment. Bro. Bruce is a graduate of Furman Baptist University, Greenville, S. C., and attended Berkley Baptist Divinity School, Berkley, Calif., and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Before going to Old Hickory he was minister of music in Louisiana and California, coming from San Leandro, Calif. Mrs. Bruce is also a qualified worker and has specialized in missionary activities and Young People's work in Nashville, New Orleans and California.

### Resolutions of North Side Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Tenn.

WHEREAS, our beloved pastor, Rev. Paul Watson, has served the North Side Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Tennessee from July 1943, and has now offered his resignation to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit to accept a call to the pastorate of the Central Baptist Church of Alcoa, Tennessee, and,

Whereas, his work has been blessed of the Lord, and merits the approval of his fellow workers and the membership of our church, therefore, it is resolved

That under his leadership and guidance our church has made great progress. Several new members have been added to our church, and there is a closer and sweeter fellowship among our members than there was before he came. Our financial budget has been increased over a thousand dollars, besides a nice sum in our treasury to be paid on a parsonage as soon as a suitable house can be found.

That, though we sustain a great loss in his going from us and express our deep regret at his departure, we humbly submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in calling him away.

That we thank God for the years of devoted and faithful service, for his consecrated life, for his wise counsels, and for his faithfulness to any one in need, either Spiritually or physically.

That we commend him to Central Baptist Church as a good pastor, a sound gospel preacher, and a faithful and untiring laborer. We also commend Mrs. Watson as a devoted pastor's helper.

That we extend them our abiding love and we pray God's richest blessings upon them in their new field of work.

That a copy of these resolutions spread upon our minutes, a copy be sent to Central Baptist Church, Alcoa, Tennessee, a copy be sent to Brother Watson, and a copy be sent to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for publication.—North Side Baptist Church, MISS HAZEL MCCLANE, Clerk.

WHEREAS, Rev. Charles Wingo, field worker for the Gibson County Baptist Association, since February 1, 1944, has offered his resignation effective April 15th, to accept the Kennedy Memorial Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, we wish to express our appreciation for him and his work and that of his family as follows:

1. We are grateful to God for his work in our midst. He has given himself faithfully in the Lord's work visiting and working with every church and field of need within the territory.

2. When Brother Wingo came to the association there were six full time churches, today, fifteen of the forty-one churches have worship services every Sunday.

3. In 1944 there were only a few of the churches with the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR going to the entire membership, today the state paper is in the budget of most of the churches and is going into most of the Baptist homes of the county.

4. During these three years and two and a half months of service in Gibson County Brother Wingo has gone into all of the churches with special work, such as Study Courses, Vacation Bible Schools, special conferences, supply, revivals, or in any way he could be of special help to the congregations.

5. He has conducted himself in our midst as a Christian gentleman, a minister of the gospel of the highest order and a true preacher of the Word.

We commend him to the Kennedy Memorial Church, Memphis, as a minister worthy of their confidence and support in every way.

We congratulate Kennedy Memorial Church on being led of the Lord to call him and Brother Wingo on accepting the call.

Brother Wingo leaves the association with the love, admiration and respect of every pastor and worker in our midst. He goes with the prayers of the more than ten thousand Baptists in Gibson County, that the Lord will richly bless him and his work in this new field.

Executive Committee  
Gibson County Association  
April 2, 1947

H. J. HUEY, Moderator  
D. P. MCFARLAND, Clerk

Bro. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pineville, Ky., recently held a two weeks' meeting at the Oakwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, L. C. Roberts, pastor. There was a total of 79 decisions made in the meeting, including 42 professions of faith, with 23 of these joining the church, 9 additions by letter, 24 re-dedications and 4 dedications to full-time Christian service. The church is engaged in a building program that will provide a Sunday school capacity of 1,000 and an auditorium that will seat 800. The April attendance in Sunday school and Training Union broke all records for the history of the church. There was an average of 411 in Sunday school and 187 in Training Union.

—B&R—

Recently there was organized at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy the Academy Minister's Conference Auxiliary, composed of the wives of the ministers who are enrolled in school. Most of these fine women find it necessary to remain at home during the day while their preacher husbands attend classes, so this organization was conceived in order that they might have fellowship and at the same time receive instruction in the evening while their husbands are caring for the home and children. Rev. P. B. Baldrige is their sponsor and teacher.

The officers are: President, Mrs. William Dyer; Vice President, Mrs. W. D. Tranbarger; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Claude Killiam.



REV. CHARLIE CHI

The Rev. Charlie Chi, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Shanghai, China, attended the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis. Mr. Chi, an evangelistic preacher, will speak in a number of churches in the South during May, June and early July.

In addition to his work as pastor, Mr. Chi is Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the China Baptist Convention. He is a Christian preacher and leader whose congregation has made remarkable progress even during the war years. During the summer of 1940, Dr. J. W. Marshall, Personnel Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, who is arranging Pastor Chi's itinerary in the States, conducted a revival meeting in Grace Baptist Church, Shanghai. At that time the congregation was worshipping in an uptown theater, their church building having been bombed to the ground. In the midst of war there was a steady increase in membership for Pastor Chi's congregation and nothing seemed to dishearten the people in their work.

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# News and Views from Tennessee and Beyond

## Second Anniversary

**R**EV. FRANCIS R. TALLANT has just finished his second year as pastor of our church. We, the members of the First Baptist Church, Jellico, are thankful that our Heavenly Father sent him to us as under-shepherd with his consecrated wife and son, Donald Lee.

On Brother Tallant's Second Anniversary, we met at the church bringing gifts for a pounding. The pastor and his family were taken to the church and surprised to find a large number of the members present and the platform loaded down with gifts. Resolutions were read expressing the love and appreciation of the church for the pastor and his wife and the gifts presented. At the close of this part of the service, another paper was read presenting him with a new 1947 Chevrolet with all the accessories, as a gift from the church.

In looking over the past two year's work, we find that much outstanding work has been done through Brother and Mrs. Tallant's untiring efforts and love for the Lord, His church and His people. During these two years, we have had 247 decisions; 127 conversions, 69 received by letter, 1 by statement, 39 rededications, 110 baptisms, 11 life dedications making a total of 180 additions to the church.

A new financial program was installed which has led from around 40 tithers to 191 tithers. The receipts increased from \$8,831.34 in 1944 to \$22,259.62 in 1946 with a good increase to missions. Around 75% of the resident members have been led to contribute.

A Schulmerich Tower Music System for Chimes has been placed in the church. This program of music has been heard several miles away from the church reminding sinners and cold church members as well as the faithful ones that it is time to gather into the house of the Lord. These are played before each service.

Brother and Mrs. Tallant are very interested in Young People and lead a very active program for them. He has organized a Youth Choir which has an enrollment of around 40.

Other outstanding progress has been made, such as installing an all electric kitchen, fully equipped, of which we are proud; a new outdoor bulletin board has been erected and has attracted wide attention; the church grounds have been landscaped and made more beautiful; a nursery added for the children; and there have been many other advancements made, too numerous to mention.

Our pastor is held in high esteem in the community by all classes of people, as he loves them all. He has won his way into many hearts because of his willingness to help in time of tragedy by going into fire and flood to help save life and property. He is admired and respected because of his convictions and willingness to stand by those convictions.—NONA STEELY, Church Clerk.

## Revival In Chattanooga

**R**ECENTLY we were privileged to be with B. Frank Collins and the Brainerd Baptist Church of Chattanooga in a series of revival services. There is no question but that we were all strengthened spiritually. The additions to the church were few—I should say around twelve or fifteen, I do not know the exact number; but it was a substantial meeting as to results.

God has graciously blessed the pastor through the years of his ministry—11 in number. On coming to this church as pastor, they were involved in a \$5,000 debt which has been paid in full and have built an auditorium without borrowing one penny of the \$45,000 involved in its completion. They have also built twenty Sunday school rooms with the pastor's home and have purchased two extra lots, all amounting to \$10,875, and at present they do not owe a dollar on their properties.

In their contributions to the cooperative program, they have gone from \$300 a year in 1936 to \$5,000 in 1947, and they are also contributing \$200 a year to Associational Missions, \$240 to a good-will center, and in a recent campaign for Carson-Newman College, their contribution amounted to \$3,000. They have also given \$1,600 to the Nurses' Home at Knoxville. Over a period of 11 years their Sunday school attendance has increased from 164 to 425. The Training Union with an attendance of 35, 11 years ago, has an attendance at this time of 145. Last, but not least, they have average 100 additions per year.

Mrs. Collins contributes in a large way to her husband's leadership, being an individual of spiritual strength and with a background of thorough preparation.

All glory and praise to God for His blessings upon this church through the years and these days of revival meetings.—WM. MCMURRY.

## Youth Leaders Needed In Germany

**M**R. B. GIBSON LEWIS, JR., an official of the Division of Church World Service, Inc., has sent the following message:

"The long awaited request from the German churches for American personnel help has finally come through. We are looking for five young Christian youth leaders who will go into the American Zone and help out in key centers of German church life. They must speak German, have earnest consecrated Christian motivation, be sympathetic to the terrific problems of the German church, and have the proper disposition for working with German church leaders."

This request was received late in April and Church World Service is looking for these young Christians now.

If you know of some qualified young person willing to go to Germany in answer to this re-

## Chaplains Needed

The U. S. Naval Reserve is calling for twenty-five (25) Southern Baptist Chaplains. We are short this number on our quota NOW. Nine (9) additional Navy chaplains will be separated from the Service on July 1. Qualified applicants will be appointed to the Naval Reserve from former Navy chaplains and from new applicants.

The U. S. Army requests that former Army chaplains enlist in the Reserve. This makes possible the opportunity of keeping abreast with the current need and remaining qualified for emergency. The Southern Baptist quota of chaplains on duty in the Army is filled; yet, there is a dire need for additional Reserves, and especially Reserves applying for active duty.

Southern Baptist quota in the Veterans Administration chaplaincy is filled at present. As additional hospitals are authorized and patient load increases, a larger number of chaplains will be required.

On April 1 the Southern Baptist chaplains on duty were 171 Army, 34 Navy, 28 Veterans Administration, with a total of 233.

The Chaplains Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention desires to maintain its full quota of chaplains to render a spiritual ministry for those who serve the Armed Forces of our Nation.

If interested, write Chaplains Commission, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.—ALFRED CARPENTER, *Director, Chaplains Commission*.

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# Japan Baptist Convention

Seinan Gakuin Baptist Church,  
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## Message to Southern Baptists on the Organization of the Japan Baptist Convention

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ of the Southern Baptist Convention:

It is with sincere delight and deep gratitude to God that we send this message to you, our brethren in Christ, as the mind of all who formed the Japan Baptist Convention. Will you try to imagine our happiness and great good fortune in having been freed from every obstacle and having been granted more than our fondest hopes in being able to greet you again and also our dearly beloved missionaries, from whom we parted in tears before the past fearful war, as brothers and sisters in Christ?

Although for a season we were overwhelmed in the turbulence of a painful war, we continued to nurture in our souls the thought of your prayers for us and the love and labors of your missionaries for us before the war. Amidst the many ruins by fire and destruction of our churches, schools, and social centers we have managed to carry on. During the war our churches were either burned or the members were called to the colors or scattered by enforced civilian labor service and even became pastorless so that there was no hope for anyone of us except in the Lord. We deplore the fact that because of these things we were unable to muster enough strength to change the course which our nation took and do humbly beg you and God to forgive us. On the other hand, the various denominations in Japan formed a type of federated union which we joined with the understanding that we would be able to carry on our church life and evangelism after the historic principles held by Baptists. During this sorrowful war none of us had any thought or hope other than to faithfully bear our crosses and follow our Lord, who gave himself upon the Cross.

The war has at last come to an end. There is no doubt in our minds that we were spared in order that we might dedicate the remaining years of our lives for the regeneration of Japan according to the divine purpose of God. Immediately after the war a large number of Southern Baptist servicemen and chaplains told us about you in the South, and when we received Dr. Rankin's letter telling us of your ardent prayers on our behalf we were greatly encouraged and felt that a bright future had been guaranteed us as the matchless expression of the providence of our living Lord. Since then the arrival of Brother Dozier, for whom we had expectantly waited, has fanned our old love into a flame, and through his representative presence the love and prayers of you brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention have moved us deeply.

Subsequently the Church of Christ in Japan in its annual meeting in October of last year officially announced that it was a CHURCH (not a Federation) and voted to move toward a unified constitution, polity, and creed. In regard to this we Baptists could not agree, and from the standpoint of the autonomy and liberty of each local church we continued to study the situation separately until we held a conference at which time it was unanimously voted on April 3rd, 1947, by those churches and institutions formerly of the Southwestern Baptist Association to form the JAPAN BAPTIST CONVENTION based upon the historic Baptist principles and thereby start anew a Baptist program of evangelism in Japan. In doing this we recognized our very great responsibility before God and at the same time our hearts were deeply moved at the marvelous will of God in entrusting us with this mighty task. Although today we have either lost our church buildings, pastors, loved ones, homes, or belongings, and are so few in number and weak

in strength, yet the greatness of our God and the wideness of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ gives us great hope and courage.

While we look forward with great joy in joining hands in the evangelization of Japan with Southern Baptists with whom for a long time we have had the closest bonds of Christian brotherhood, at the same time we would like to be admitted into the fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance as a member organization.

Finally, as Japanese Baptists, we ask that you will cooperate with us in doing the following for us and with us:

1. PRAY DAILY FOR US.
2. The people of Japan are earnestly seeking now and unless the way of salvation is given them today this opportunity will probably be lost forever. Unless the salvation of Christ

is given our people now they will starve both spiritually and physically and become lost in the mazes of Communism. Therefore *please*

- a. Help us strengthen our schools and Seminary to train workers for the harvesting.
  - b. Help in the increase of churches and send us more missionaries.
  - c. Help us spread the net of evangelism throughout the length and breadth of Japan as a Baptist field of endeavor.
  - d. Help us rebuild our destroyed churches, pastoriums, missionary residences, schools, and social centers.
3. Assist the JAPAN BAPTIST CONVENTION to become a member organization of the BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE.

May the blessings of God be upon you forever.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) SHUICHI OSAKI,  
President, Japan Baptist Convention.

(Signed) SADAMOTO KAWANO,  
Executive Secretary, Japan Baptist Convention.

## Cuban Baptist Convention

By ALFRED CARPENTER

Baptists in the four western provinces of Cuba met in their thirty-fourth annual convention March 31 through April 5. It was their first meeting without Dr. M. N. McCall, who had been their president since organization of the work. Hearts were heavy because of his absence, yet there was an atmosphere of rededication to the work.

### ADJUSTMENTS MADE

Many adjustments in the work were necessary. The Cuban brethren were wholeheartedly cooperative, and manifest a triumphant spirit. They are a capable group, grateful to Southern Baptists for making their work possible, and dedicated to the task of carrying forward the work so effectively promoted under Dr. McCall's leadership.

First two days, Monday and Tuesday, were given to ministers' conference, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, Sunday School, and Training Union. At all general sessions the auditorium of the Baptist Temple in Havana was packed to capacity. Fifty-six of their sixty-nine preachers attended the pastors' conference.

Ninety-one attended the Brotherhood meeting. Their first Brotherhood was organized in 1939. There are now nineteen.

At the first session of the Woman's Missionary Union 246 messengers were present. There are forty-eight societies in Cuba with one hundred and seven auxiliaries.

The Sunday School Convention announced three hundred and eighty-four messengers at first session. There are one hundred forty-nine Sunday schools with 8,600 enrolled. There are fifty-nine Training Unions with sixteen graded unions. Forty-three churches have one or more unions.

Each of the above gave triumphant reports of their work and adopted a forward, challenging program for the future.

### ANNUAL REPORT

The building would not hold the first session of the convention. Many were turned away. The Friday night session was dedicated to the memory of Dr. McCall and a rededication service for Cuban Baptists.

The annual report showed 69 churches with 5,673 members, 119 mission stations, and 369 additions during the past convention year. The Cuban churches gave for all causes \$38,371.24. Their per capita giving is \$6.75.

In soul-winning it took sixteen Cubans to win one.

Their immediate need from Southern Baptists is our continued prayers. For the future their needs are: A pastor for the English church; a teacher in the seminary; a promotional field worker; a field worker for W. M. U.; a music teacher in training school; a Cuban college and four faculty members; a Baptist book store; ten additional church buildings and six pastors' homes; increase in pastors' salaries; and twenty additional scholarships.

### NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Herbert Caudill, eighteen years in Cuba, has been elected by the Home Mission Board as superintendent of the work. Rev. Van Earl Hughes is acting president of the seminary. A pastor for the Havana church has not been chosen. Dr. A. T. Bequer, pastor of a leading church, is president of the convention. Thus the several major positions left vacant by the home-going of Dr. McCall are filled.

### A CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCHES

"What is the policy of this church? If you have a tithing deacon who puts in \$12.00 per Sunday, do you allow him to sit through both of the pastor's thirty-minute sermons each Sunday, because he has paid at the rate of 20 cents per minute for the privilege of hearing those sermons? And then if you have a poor junior boy who is the only Christian in a large, disinterested family, and who can contribute but 10 cents per week, do you order him out of the service during the first minute of the pastor's sermon on the grounds that his dime has paid for but half a minute, and that his time is therefore up?"

"Your indignant reply is: 'Certainly not! We want this lad to become informed and enlightened so that he may grow to be even more useful in life than this splendid contributing deacon!'"

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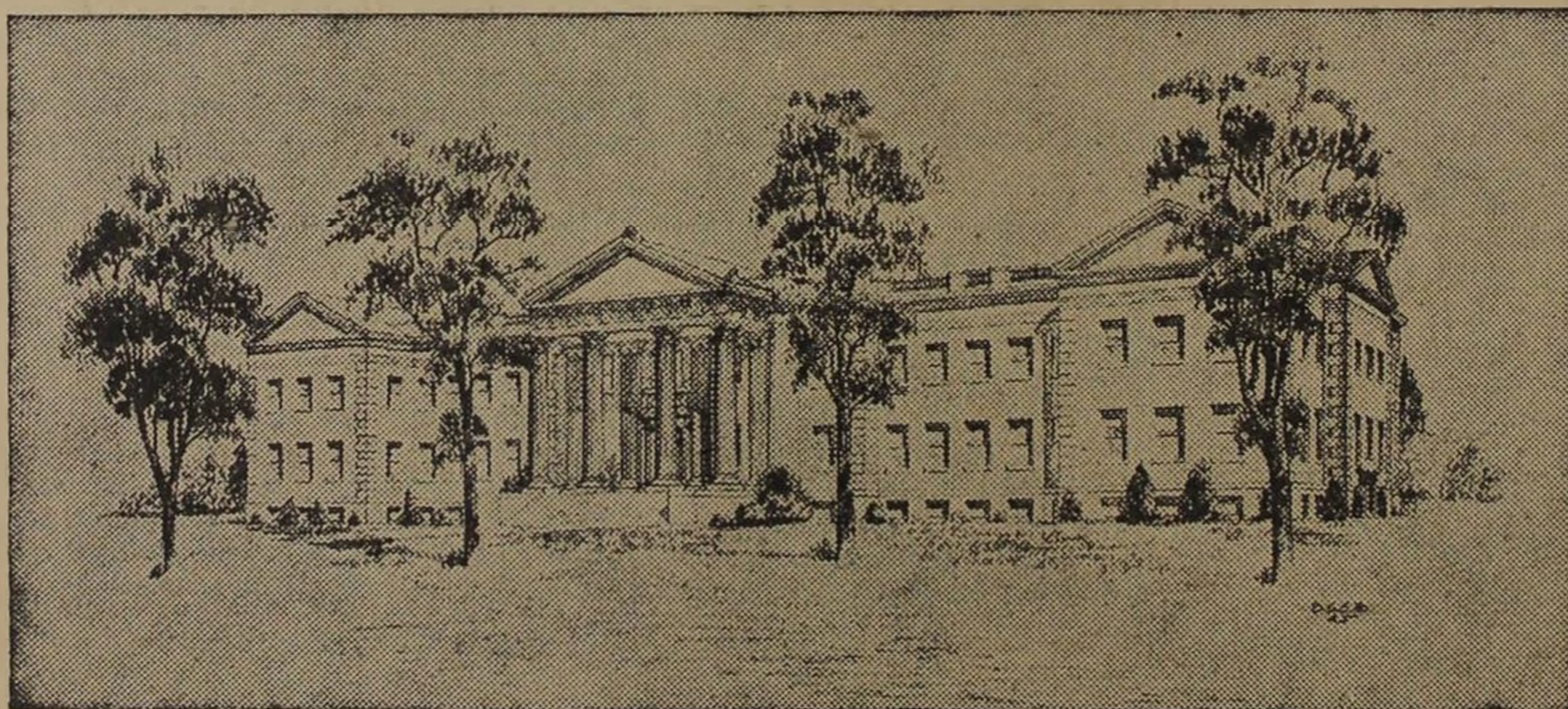
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