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Disturbing The Waters In Tennessee

By L. G. Frey

Amid the confusion of conflicting governmental ideologies, unrest, discontentment and cold war, it is stimulating and reassuring to know that more people were baptized in the Tennessee Baptist churches this year than any other year of the Convention's history. Last year's results surpassed any previous record, when a total of 25,208 men, women, boys and girls of their own free choice accepted Jesus as Savior and asked for Bible baptism. This year the number is 29,496. Baptists believe the only sure way to abiding peace is for individuals to make peace with God. Born again people—people with the new nature—are not hard to keep at peace with one another. No community, state or nation is better than the citizens composing it. That's why Tennessee Baptists are spending both energy and money in an effort to gospelize the more than a million people in our state who have had no genuine experience of grace.

So far, we have heard of no duplication of the 1900-year ago Pentecostal experience, but the overwhelming number of our 66 district associations have shown more baptisms than last year. This means that the evangelistic fires are constantly being mended throughout the State. No where has an association permitted its spiritual fervor to chill-off or freeze-up.

The only explanation we have to offer for the increase in baptisms, so far as human instruments are concerned, is that the Evangelistic Conferences stimulate the pastors' hearts who go back to their fields and do something about it. Then, too, the majority of the associations have employed missionaries and they are entitled to a share of this success.

The department staff of Missions and Evangelism bow their heads in heartfelt gratitude to God for his unmerited favor, and face the future with renewed courage. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Tennessee Baptist Convention Meets In Nashville

Reported by EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lexington

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting with the First Baptist Church, Nashville, was called to order at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, by Dr. L. B. Cobb, President.

Dr. Clyde J. Garrett led the congregation in singing "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story," "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," and "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Dr. L. S. Ewton of Nashville led in prayer. Dr. Garrett continued the song service by leading the assembly in "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Paul Isbell, First Church, Dresden, read a portion of Hebrews 11, 12 and led in prayer.

In a few well-chosen words, Dr. W. F. Powell, host-pastor, welcomed the messengers. It was the 13th time the Convention has met in Nashville.

Dr. Cobb appointed as Committee on Enrollment: A. A. McClanahan, E. L. Smothers, and James Gregg.

With First Vice-President O. E. Turner, in the chair, Dr. Cobb brought the President's annual message entitled, "God's Permanent Program." (This fine address is in the December 2 issue of Baptist and Reflector.)

Dr. H. H. Boston, Chairman of the Program Committee, presented the prearranged program and with a few changes the same was adopted.

President Cobb appointed the following committees; Committee on Committees: Paul Wieland, Trenton, Chairman; T. C. Meador, Erwin; John T. Courtney, Knoxville; Charles Morgan, Memphis; F. M. Dowell, Jr., Athens.

Committee on Resolutions: Carl Daw, Newport, Chairman; Bob Rochelle, Memphis; Howard Young, Knoxville; James Canaday, Lawrenceburg; B. Frank Collins, Goodlettsville; W. T. Baker, Jonesboro.

When the Report on Student Union work was called for, Secretary Rogers M. Smith presented two Nashville students, Bill Junker of Vanderbilt and Miss Frances Garner of Peabody, who gave personal testimonies of the value of B. S. U. work on the college campus.

Bro. Fred McCauley, Field Worker for the Home Mission Board for the Western States, spoke briefly concerning the mission fields of Washington, California and New Mexico. The brother stated that the State of Washington is the most pagan state in the nation—only 20% of the population making any pretense of salvation and church membership. California is some better—26% of the population in that state claiming to be Christian. The number of lost people in California is greater than the total population of the State of Texas. To meet this stupendous challenge, Southern Baptists are organizing a new Baptist Church in California every four days.

A. E. Harvie, choir director at West Jackson Church, Jackson, led the congregation in singing "Tell Me The Story of Jesus."

Judge John W. McCall of Memphis led in prayer, after which V. Floyd Starke, Pastor of Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, took the rostrum and brought the annual sermon on the subject, "Emphasized Essentialities" (Text: Mark 10).

Bro. Starke named five essentials for life and happiness here and hereafter: (1) the New Birth, (2) the proper place of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, (3) Love, the compelling force in one's life, (4) a full consecration to God, (5) Evangelistic zeal and a compassion for the lost world.

This message was delivered by one of our younger men in the State. It was characterized by a fine spirit, evangelical fervor, and spiritual power. Bro. Starke evidenced the fact that he had spent hours in prayer and spiritual preparation before coming to this hour.

The Convention was led in prayer by W. E. Gilliam, a layman of the First Baptist Church, Kingsport.

As a parting prayer the congregation sang softly "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Tuesday Night

As the messengers came into the auditorium, Bob Lassiter, a student at Union University, gave several selections on the accordion. This young man has dedicated himself and his talents to the ministry of music.

Dr. Garrett led the large congregation in the singing of "Footsteps of Jesus," "Jesus Paid It All," and "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Vice-President O. E. Turner presided and presented A. T. Willis of Hillcrest Church, Dyersburg, who read Isaiah 6 and led in prayer.

Ramsey Pollard, beloved pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, and Chairman of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the body on the past, present and future of the radio work of Baptists. Dr. Pollard, as usual, electrified the Convention with a dynamic message. At the close, he made a motion that a State Radio Committee be appointed and this was carried.

Dr. C. W. Pope introduced Lewis W. Martin, Home Mission Board Field Worker, who spoke briefly concerning the promotion of "Schools of Missions."

The following new pastors in the State were introduced by Dr. C. W. Pope and heartily welcomed by the brethren:

Name	Pastor of	From
M. M. Youngblood	Alexandria	Lafayette, Ga.
Aubrey C. Halsell	Poplar Ave., Memphis	West Memphis, Ark.
Wm. B. Gossett	Mt. Vernon (Dyer Co.)	Millersville, Mo.
Shields Webb	Beaver Dam (Knox Co.)	Fonde, Ky.
R. J. Sedberry	Leawood (Shelby Co.)	(Newly Ordained)
W. C. Kirk	Edgefield, Nashville	Birmingham, Ala.
D. D. Smothers	Fayetteville	West Helena, Ark.
P. N. Harlan	Germantown	Paragould, Ark.
Carl H. Barrett	Calvary, Nashville	Tylertown, Miss.
H. C. Hopkins	First, Lenoir City	Bessemer, Ala.
Selwyn Smith	McLean, Memphis	Birmingham, Ala.
Thomas Pope	Huntingdon	Clay, Ky.
Don J. Pinson	Deaderick Ave., Knoxville	Canal Point, Fla.
Virgil Cavender	Malcomb Ave., Memphis	Huntington, W. Va.
W. D. Burke	Brunswick (Shelby Co.)	
J. S. Prine	Santa Fe (Maury Co.)	(First Pastorate)
Melvin Williams	Providence (Crockett Co.)	Clinton, Ky.
Frederick P. Loman	Chaplain, Baptist Hospital	Memphis
B. D. Ricks	Hughes Ave., Chattanooga	Lyerly, Ga.
Sam McNeil	Grand Junction	Lexa, Ark.
Grady L. Randolph	Woodmont Mission, Nashville	(Newly Ordained)
Ralph Norton	Red Bank, Chattanooga	Cynthiana, Ky.
E. W. Bragg	Gates and Woodville, Gates	Illinois
John G. Clark	Associate pastor, First, Knoxville	Timmonsville, S. C.
J. Harold Smith	Woodland Park, Chattanooga	

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L. G. Frey, Supt. of Missions and Evangelism, spoke briefly concerning the work which he heads. Attention was called to the fact that 1948 was the best year from the stand point of evangelism—4,000 more were baptized this year than in 1947.

The entire staff of workers was presented to the Convention by Dr. Pope who then spoke on the subject, "Weighed in the Scales and Found Not Wanting." He called attention to the old moss-covered lie that it takes 90 cents out of every dollar to administer missions. "It actually costs 1½ cents out of a dollar and the cost is being reduced each year," he continued.

Telegrams were read from A. U. Boone, Memphis, and Mayor Thomas L. Cummings of Nashville.

One of the highlights of the day was the musical program presented by the choir of Union University under the direction of Dr. Garrett. It is seldom that we hear such beautiful music, even at the Southern Baptist Convention. The congregation then sang "We're Marching To Zion," "Oh, How I Love Jesus," and "Amazing Grace."

Dr. Cobb was now back on the rostrum and presented Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Church, Memphis, who prayed a prayer, especially for our needy world.

The closing message of the night was given by Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, speaking on the subject "One Task In One World."

We are living in one world. Jesus died for the whole world. He has given us one task, the task of world evangelization. This task may be thought of under two heads: (1) What is done at the home base, (2) What is done abroad—to this task we must devote our total resources. We must have a strong home base—a firm foundation—but there is something wrong when Southern Baptists give \$132,000,000 for all purposes and keep it all at home but \$4,500,000. To even begin to do the job of world-wide evangelism we must have a sum of \$10,000,000 per year for the Foreign Mission Board.

It was a high hour! We felt that we had listened to a real Christian statesman, a warm-hearted missionary, and an erudite scholar.

Dr. W. F. Powell, host-pastor, dismissed the body in prayer.

Wednesday Morning

C. Lamar Alexander, Minister of Music at Highland Heights Church of Memphis, led the congregation in singing, "How Firm a Foundation," "Faith of Our Father," "My Jesus, I Love Thee," with Mrs. Chesley L. Bowden, of Ripley, at the piano.

Roy Babb, Winchester, read a portion of Matt. 6 and led in prayer, after which Bro. Alexander sang a solo entitled, "Others."

Mrs. Sam Holloway, president of W.M.U. of Tennessee, presented the report on Woman's Missionary Union, "I do not want to burden you with statistics," she told the group, "but I do want to call your attention to the fact that this was the best year we have ever had. W.M.U. of Tennessee contributed \$582,891.17 to missions."

Mrs. Holloway introduced Miss Mary Northington with the remark, "Miss Mary is to W.M.U. what vigoro is to plant life," Mrs. Douglass Ginn, office worker, Miss Mary Christian, and the new Young People's leader, Miss Nellie Tallant, who spoke briefly on "Aim's for 1949."

Norris Gilliam, executive-secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, presented the report of the Foundation, and E. K. Wiley gave the report on Brotherhood.

Judge John W. McCall of Memphis, spoke to the report - - - a vigorous appeal for the enlistment of men in the service of the Kingdom of God. "A pastor has a right to expect the personal loyalty of his men, and he has a right to expect these men to be loyal to the program and work of the church," the judge said. "You preachers must command the same loyalty from your men that they show their club, their lodge, or their business."

J. Harold Stephens, pastor of Inglewood Church, Nashville, presented the report on Co-operative Program. "Where missionary preaching is done there is a response to missions. The first responsibility is at the feet of our pastors and associational missionaries.

Another way of promoting the Co-operative Program is through the Stewardship Revival. We are bound together by some unifying forces and factors." The speaker listed these as being (1) A supreme person—"One Lord," (2) An impartial promise, "Lo, I am with you always," (3) A worthy and challenging purpose, the winning of a lost world to Christ. The fourth unifying factor is the Co-operative Program. "It is the medium through which we implement our mission task," Bro. Stephens said. - - - A fine presentation of the subject!

Henry J. Huey, Milan, gave the report of the Executive Board calling attention to some of the salient features of it, number of baptisms, gifts to missions, condition of our schools and institutions, etc.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

Tennessee Baptist churches have again attained new heights in their gifts through the Co-operative Program. Last year, Tennessee Baptists gave through the Co-operative Program a total of \$1,144,585.35. The goal for this year was set at \$1,200,000.00, but total receipts amounted to \$1,234,467.90, which is \$34,467.90 in excess of the goal, and is an increase of \$89,882.53 over last year's Co-operative Program contributions.

This constantly increasing support of the Co-operative Program is evidence of the confidence and esteem which Tennessee Baptists have for this sound, scriptural, ethical, and economic system of financing the Master's kingdom interest. However, the task of enlisting the whole state in support of this program is far from complete. Last year, 823 churches, or practically one-third of the churches in Tennessee, gave nothing at all through the Co-operative Program, and only 39 churches gave more than fifty per cent of all contributions to the Co-operative Program. We must lead more of our churches to give some, and some of our churches to give more, through the Co-operative Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Below, we give a comprehensive, abbreviated report of receipts for the Convention year, 1947-48. The full detailed report of both receipts and expenditures will appear in the Convention Minutes.

Co-operative Program Receipts	\$1,234,467.90
Designated Receipts	679,338.95
Foundation Receipts	216,254.52
Retirement System Receipts	94,073.79

Total Receipts \$2,224,135.16

The recommendations were read by Executive Secretary Charles W. Pope and were as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That during the present Convention year the Co-operative Program funds be distributed as follows:

STATE	
State Missions	17%
Orphans' Home	8%
Carson-Newman College	5%
Cumberland University	5%
Union University	5%
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	2%
Ministerial Education	1%
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital	4%
Mid-State Baptist Hospital	3%
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	50%

SOUTHWIDE	
Foreign Missions	25%
Home Missions	8.2½%
Southern Baptist Theo. Seminary	2½%
Southwestern Seminary	2½%
New Orleans Seminary	2½%
WMU Training School	½%
American Baptist Seminary	1%
Relief and Annuity Board	6.2½%
Radio Committee	19/20%
Baptist Brotherhood	½%
Southern Baptist Hospital	1/20%
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	50%

It is, however, recommended that any change made by the Southern Baptist Convention in the allocation of its portion of the funds shall become effective as of the date determined by the said Convention.

2. On June 1, 1948, the trustees of the Mid-State Baptist Hospital, located in Nashville, presented that institution to the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention with the request that it be accepted by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and that it be subject to the same regulations, restraints, and privileges as obtains in the relation of other Tennessee Baptist institutions to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Executive Board unanimously voted to accept the institution, subject to the action of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

We recommend that the Mid-State Baptist Hospital be accepted by the Convention as a Tennessee Baptist institution; that its Board of Trustees be increased from seventeen to twenty-seven members; that these trustees be elected by the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and, that they be given an allocation of three per cent of Co-operative Program funds.

3. At the beginning of the present calendar year the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR was compelled to sign a contract granting a 20% increase in cost of printing. The contract was signed only after repeated efforts and failures to secure competitive bids from other printing concerns large enough to print the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. The result of the increase in cost is a deficit practically equivalent to the increase. At the June session of the Executive Board the Executive Secretary was instructed to purchase equipment whereby the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR can do its own printing. The BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR interests have been incorporated under the title, "Tennessee Baptist Press, Inc."

We recommend that the Convention approve this action of the Executive Board and the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

4. Six years ago a debt-paying campaign was launched to pay the heavy debts which had encumbered our Tennessee Baptist institutions for many years. After a vigorous campaign the last of the debts was paid. The Convention then instructed all Convention-supported institutions to operate within their income and to incur no indebtedness without permission from the Convention or its Executive Board. Today, the income to our institutions from the Co-operative Program is more than four hundred per cent larger than at that time. However, the tendency today toward debts and deficits is a serious matter.

We recommend that the Convention reaffirm its position that its institutions are to operate within their income, and that indebtedness must not be incurred without permission from the Convention or its Executive Board. This provision, however, is not to be construed as prohibiting open accounts for operation or short term loans for building purposes when sufficient provisions are made to finance them.

5. Whereas, the Federal Council of Churches is now actively entering the state of Tennessee with strong personnel to organize pastors and churches along their liberal lines of practice and policy; we recommend that the Tennessee Baptist Convention reaffirm its disapproval of certain policies and programs of the Federal Council of Churches, and the use of any mission funds contributed by Tennessee Baptists in connection with the work of the Federal Council of Churches.

6. We recommend that the Co-operative Program goal for 1948-49 be set at \$1,500,000, and that our churches, pastors, associational officers, and missionaries be urged to place renewed emphasis upon the program, beginning early in the year in order that the goal may be achieved.

7. That there be a hospital day, date to be designated for educational purposes, committee to be appointed as to the selection of this date.

8. That the report and recommendation concerning the proposed Baptist Memorial Hospital as presented by Dr. Kendall be adopted and the Convention direct that the funds appropriated by the hospital to the orphanage be immediately returned to the hospital and the Convention further direct the Baptist Memorial Hospital to take necessary action to secure return of the funds. The report also suggested that certain groups confer with the Tennessee Baptist Orphanage Superintendent and Trustees relative to working out some plan concerning the proposed orphanage at Memphis.

W. Fred Kendall, Jackson, reported for the special committee appointed last year to study, along with similar committees from the states of Arkansas, and Mississippi, the relationship between the Baptist Memorial Hospital and the proposed Memphis Baptist Orphanage. (*Due to the widespread interest in this matter we will publish the complete report in a later issue.—Ed.*)

The report was discussed by E. C. Sisk, J. G. Hughes and passed by a unanimous vote.

With Miss Kathleen Connor of Jackson, at the piano, A. E. Harvie sang "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," after which Pastor E. L. Williams of Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville, reads portions of Romans 1, and spoke on the subject, "Stewardship Waits on You." Though the schedule was running far behind time, most of the large audience remained for this splendid heart-warming message by a beloved pastor and faithful friend.

J. C. Blalock of Kingsport, dismissed with prayer at 12:32 p. m.

Wednesday Afternoon

With Wm. E. Young, minister of music at Temple Church, Memphis, as leader and Mrs. Bowden at the piano, the congregation sang "Doxology," "All Hail the Power," "Praise Him! Praise Him!," and "Take the Name of Jesus with You."

Ralph Fields, Avondale Church, Chattanooga, quoted several passages of scripture from memory and led in prayer.

The time for the election of officers having arrived, the president declared nominations in order:

J. G. Hughes nominated Judge John W. McCall of Memphis, Homer Cate nominated W. Fred Kendall of Jackson, Wade Carver nominated Henry J. Huey of Milan; J. Harold Stephens nominated R. E. Guy of Jackson. The ballot was taken and the tellers reported that Judge John W. McCall had been elected. Motion prevailed that the vote be made unanimous.

C. D. Tabor nominated Homer A. Cate of Shelbyville for first-vice-president, and he was elected by acclamation.

Edwin Deusner nominated Walter Warmath of Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, as second vice-president and he too was elected by acclamation.

L. S. Ewton nominated L. G. Frey of Nashville for the office of secretary and he was elected by acclamation.

W. C. Creasman placed the name of Noah B. Fetzer, and A. A. McClanahan nominated C. W. Pope for treasurer. Both were elected unanimously, the latter by a rising vote.

W. C. Creasman presented the report on Orphanages and introduced Miss Lena Terry, a teacher at the home. Miss Terry is an alumna of the orphanage, having been admitted when she was two years of age. After graduation from the school at the home she went to Tennessee College for Women and then to Cumberland University. Following her graduation she became a member of the teaching staff of the home under the direction of Dr. Creasman.

The Intermediate Girls' Choir of the Orphanage thrilled the large audience with numbers. Genter L. Stephens is giving Saturday afternoons to the work of training these fine girls.

At this time the newly elected officers were presented and in a few well chosen words, congratulated by Dr. Cobb.

Following the singing of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" the choir of Cumberland University, under the direction of Genter Stephens, sang "The Old Ark's A' Moverin'" and "Almighty God, God of Our Fathers, Immortal!"

Russell Bradley Jones, Central Church, Chattanooga, speaking on the report on Christian Education read a most significant and thought-provoking statement from his report:

Your committee not only comes with the usual suggestion that Tennessee Baptists take a greater interest in and give better support to our schools, but we insist that the time has come for us to project an over-all educational plan intended to meet the needs of our people for years to come. At present, our schools are largely dependent on local constituencies. As we now operate, Carson-Newman cannot hope to enlist the vital interest of Baptists beyond the borders of East Tennessee; Union cannot expect to be known outside of West Tennessee; and Cumberland must look to Middle Tennessee for its future. In consequence we are operating three struggling colleges, no one of them able to meet the requirements of Baptist young people or measure up to present standards. Has not the time come for Tennessee Baptists to correlate the work of our three colleges and one preparatory school into what, for a better name, might be called a Tennessee Baptist university system?

Under some such arrangement, each college would of course offer the basic course in liberal arts leading to an A.B. degree. In the field of specialized study, each school would seek to develop departments not included in the other schools. It has been suggested, for instance that Carson-Newman might develop an outstanding science department; Union might offer special training in agriculture and related fields; while Cumberland would expand its emphasis on law and possibly the social sciences. In the course of the years, under carefully planned supervision, it might be possible for each of the schools to add other departments so that within the reasonably near future our young people could find any of the more important specialized courses in one or the other of our Tennessee Baptist colleges.

In order to effect such a correlated and integrated system of education, much prayer, careful study, and effort will be required.

We recommend, therefore, that the Education Commission be instructed to study the whole subject of a Baptist university system composed of our present schools so related as to form a unified and adequate educational system for Tennessee and bring a report of its findings and recommendations to the next annual meeting of this convention.

During the Christian Education period, Roy Anderson spoke for Harrison-Chilhowee; Harley Fite was introduced as the new president of the school and spoke for Carson-Newman; Edwin S. Preston spoke for Cumberland University; and D. A. Ellis, president of the Board of Trustees of Union University, spoke in interest of that school.

One of the most delightful features of the entire convention was the demonstration of verse speaking by five students of

Cumberland University, namely, Miss Lyn Ganeko of Hawaii; Miss Marjorie Nelson of Lebanon; Miss Nell Coke of Springfield, Jack Kennedy of Chattanooga; and Thomas Hight of Columbia. Miss Judith Mayes is the instructor in this field.

Henry J. Stokes, First Church, Knoxville, presented O. E. Turner, Paris, who read the Christian Education Commission's report, after which it was discussed by Dr. Stokes.

The work of the Southern Baptist Relief Center was presented by Clark Hensley, Nashville, who emphasized the necessity of continuing the drive for more clothing for overseas relief.

Joe W. Burton, Nashville, Editor of *Home Life* brought a message on "Meeting Today's Crisis in the Home."

The benediction was pronounced by Wayne Bassett of Cumberland University.

Wednesday Night

After an excellent musical program by the choir of Union University and several congregational songs, O. E. Turner called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. W. R. Rigell, Johnson City, led in prayer.

W.L. Baker, Jonesboro, read Rom. 1:14-17 and prayed.

Paul Wieland, Trenton, read the report of the Committee on Committees for the 1949 meeting of the Convention.

PROGRAM: J. O. Carter, Earl Stallings, Roy Hinchey, J. S. Riser, Paul Hall, D. L. Sturgis, Lowell Milburn.

NOMINATIONS: James L. Sullivan, Charles Bond, Hayward Highfill, R. E. Guy, Merle Pedigo, James M. Windham.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: W. Edwin Richardson, Elmer C. Masden, P. B. Baldrige.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE: O. W. Taylor, W. A. Boston, W. C. Taggart.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY: S. A. Murphy, James Canaday, W. L. Baker.

HOSPITALS: M. W. Egerton, D. P. McFarland, G. Allen West.

ORPHANS' HOME: W. C. Creasman, Carl P. Daw, J. F. Brewer.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM: D. M. Renick, W. C. Summar, Thomas V. Wells.

W.M.U. WORK: Miss Mary Northington, Mrs. H. H. Boston, Mrs. M. K. Cobble.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: W. G. Rutledge, Leonard Sanderson, L. C. Roberts.

TRAINING UNION: Charles L. Norton, Edwin E. Deusner, Miss Marcella Adams.

STUDENT UNION: Rogers M. Smith, A. H. Hopson, Ralph Kerley.

BROTHERHOOD: E. K. Wiley, D. W. Black, A. Roy Greene.

CHURCH MUSIC: Clyde J. Garrett, Howard Young, Roy Babb.

TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE: E. L. Williams, L. S. Ewton, D. A. Ellis.

MEMORIAL: James M. Gregg, James Boyd, W. A. Farmer.

CAMPS: V. F. Starke, Paul A. Wieland, Mrs. M. K. Cobble, Mrs. D. C. Shepard, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, F. M. Dowell, Jr., J. R. Kyzar.

RADIO: J. G. Hughes, Harold Stephens, Walter Warmath.

C. Aubrey Hearn gave the report on Social Service and presented James G. Furman, executive-secretary of the United Dry Forces of Tennessee, who spoke to the report. Bro. Furman stated that a local option bill on the sale of beer would be introduced at the next session of the Tennessee Legislature and all who feel that this is needed legislation are urged to enlist the support of their representatives and senators in support of this bill.

Thomas T. Holloway, field worker for the American Bible Society, was introduced and spoke briefly. Among other things, he said, "During 1947 the society distributed over 2½ million volumes of scriptures to people in war-torn areas; the greatest such distribution in any one year. The society also produced 150,000 Japanese Bibles, a task which required more paper than ever used before in a single edition of any Bible or Testament in any language. Also, a Russian Bible has been published. It is believed to be the only Bible available in the revised alphabet now required by the Russian government, and shipped 10 thousand of these, which reached Russia in time for Christmas. A total of more than 4 million volumes were distributed in America and a total of 9 million altogether. "To this task, in 1947 Southern Baptists gave a total of \$91,641."

Harold D. Gregory, Nashville, gave the report on Sunday Schools and W. G. Rutledge and Jasper N. Barnette challenged the convention to increase the Sunday School enrollment in Tennessee's Baptist churches by 50,000 during 1949.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1948

Griffin Henderson, Murfreesboro, read portions of the Training Union Report and introduced the workers in the B.T.U. Department. Chas. Norton, state secretary, outlined the objectives for 1949. Copies may be obtained by writing Mr. Norton's office.

President Cobb returned to the chair. The house was literally packed, many were standing (perhaps 400 or more stood around the walls), the adjacent chapels were filled. Otto Whittington of Knoxville led in singing "I Am Resolved."

Union University singers very effectively rendered John Stainer's "God So Loved the World" and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

The closing message of the session was brought by the one and only R. G. Lee of Memphis whose subject was, "The Stewardship of Souls." Texts: Prov. 11:30 and John 1:42.

Your reporter made no effort to take notes on this message. When one hears Dr. Lee preach one loses interest in note-taking. It will suffice to say that, as always, the greatest pulpit orator of this generation brought home to our hearts the desperate condition of our world and the power of Christ to save it. It was a grand climax to a day of inspiration and challenge. Dr. Duke K. McCall dismissed the assembly with prayer.

Thursday Morning

Miss Ruth Widick of the staff of the First Church, Nashville, was at the piano, and Elmer Thomas, Oak Ridge, led in the singing of "My Jesus, I Love Thee." D. L. Sturgis, Gibson, prayed.

B. B. Powers, Mt. Juliet, conducted the devotional, reading II Cor. 8:1-5 and Eph. 4:11-16.

The Memorial Service was in charge of David N. Livingston at Maryville. After a few words of comfort, he called on Dr. C. W. Pope who spoke feelingly on the "Gain of Dying." Then Charles Bryan, of Nashville, sang two verses of "My Jesus, As Thou Wilt." Following a moment of silence, Dr. L. S. Ewton led in prayer.

Motion prevailed that the following telegrams be sent:—

Dr. A. U. Boone,
Memphis, Tennessee

Tennessee Baptists are keenly conscious of your first absence at the convention in fifty years. Third John 2.

L. G. FREY, *Secretary*

Hon. Thomas L. Cummings,
Mayor of Nashville, Tennessee

The Tennessee Baptist Convention is profoundly gratefully for the hospitality of the people of Nashville which has been manifested in many various ways.

We especially wish to thank the Police Department for their invaluable assistance in the parking of our cars about the church property.

We are looking more and more to Nashville as the "Convention City" of our state.

May God grant you continued good health as you persevere in your efforts to provide our capital city with good government.

L. G. FREY, *Secretary*

L. S. Ewton, Nashville, gave the report on Ministers' Retirement. The report showed that 60 ministers are receiving retirement benefits; 15 ministers are receiving disability benefits; 58 are receiving relief from the board; and 78 widows are being assisted.

R. S. Jones, Dallas, Texas, spoke to the report as did R. E. Pettigrew, Corinth, Miss.

Jack Perkins, educational director at Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, led the congregation in singing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" after which T. L. Holcomb of the Sunday School Board, led in prayer.

W. Leonard Stigler, Grace Church, Nashville, read the report on Denominational Literature, and E. N. Delzell, business manager of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, combined facts with humor in a good speech on the subject.

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V. Floyd Starke, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, brought the report on Camps. He said, "If sufficient funds can be raised by early spring it is possible to have the camps ready by summer of 1949. One will be at Carson Springs and the other near Linden. A total of \$150,000 is needed and so far, \$52,739.56 has been raised." Miss Mary Northington and Carl Daw discussed the report.

Dr. R. C. Briggs, professor of Bible and Greek at Union University, announced that a long distance call from Pres. Warren F. Jones had been received conveying the good news that Union had been admitted to the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. The audience broke into applause.

Paul A. Wieland, Trenton, presented the report on Hospitals and introduced Jack Massey, chairman of the Trustees of Mid-State Baptist Hospital, who spoke briefly and presented Robert M. Murphy, administrator of the hospital, who told of the progress of this institution under Tennessee Baptist auspices.

Genter L. Stephens gave the report on Church Music, and then led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance." Frank H. Leavell, Nashville, led in prayer and then Elmer Thomas, of Oak Ridge, sang "The Love of God," accompanied at the piano by Miss Ruth Widick. Bro. Thomas gave this song in response to many, many requests from those who heard him sing it at the State-wide Evangelistic Conference last March.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, brought the final message of the convention. His subject was, "Ministerial Education." The interest and attention were fine right on down to the finish.

Robert Orr, Brownsville, read the report on Nominations. We will carry this report soon.

President Cobb announced the final enrollment as being 585,—3 more than last year.

Carl P. Daw, Newport, read the report on Resolutions in which thanks were extended to Dr. W. F. Powell, the First Baptist Church, presiding officers, speakers and musicians for their effective service.

The officer's who will serve at the 1949 session were called to the rostrum and presented gavels and inducted into office, Judge McCall, having been called to Memphis on urgent business, was represented by his illustrious son, Dr. Duke K. McCall.

The final benediction was given by First Vice-President Homer A. Cate, Shelbyville.

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TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION

Place	First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
Time	November 15, 16, 17
Preacher	R. E. Guy, Jackson
Alternate	Paul A. Wieland, Trenton

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Observations

L. B. Cobb and O. E. Turner made excellent presiding officers. The attention and the spirit of reverence on the part of those attending the convention surpassed anything we ever saw at an assembly of this size. This was made possible by responsive "followship" to good leadership.

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All the messages were of high calibre. We dare say that no state has a stronger ministry than does Tennessee.

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The First Baptist Church of Nashville is an ideal place for the convention to meet. The pastor, Dr. W. F. Powell, and his corps of workers certainly know how to put out the welcome mat.

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L. G. Frey may not be the best secretary in the South but he

stands first in our book and will keep on being first until we are convinced there's a better.

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The same goes for our beloved Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C. W. Pope. The record speaks more eloquently than words of tongue or pen.

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The congregational singing and special music were the finest we've ever had. Dr. Clyde J. Garrett did a first-class job of arranging the music for the convention.

Pastors' Conference

PRESIDENT ROBERT ORR of Brownsville called the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference to order at 9:45 a. m. Tuesday morning.

With Mrs. Garrett at the piano, Dr. Clyde J. Garrett of Union University led the congregation in singing "We're Marching To Zion," "I Love Him," and "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Mrs. Calvin Cooper of Jackson sang as a solo "I Saw The Place Where Jesus Prayed."

Pastor J. F. Brewer of First Church, Columbia, read a portion of I Timothy 3 and led in prayer.

President Orr appointed the following committee on Nominations: B. Frank Collins, Goodlettsville; Paul Turner, Clinton; and Jonas Stewart, Somerville.

Dr. E. Gibson Davis, Pastor of Temple Church, Memphis, spoke on "The Pastor's Prayer and Study Life." This was the first of three messages on the general theme of the Conference, "The Pastor in Today's World." It was a hard-hitting, punch-laden message, yet delivered in a beautiful Christian spirit. Dr. Davis has promised to furnish Baptist and Reflector with a digest of his address.

Following the report of the Committee on Nominations, the following were elected for next year: L. S. Sedberry, Lockeland Church, Nashville, President; V. Wayne Tarpley, St. Elmo Church, Chattanooga; Vice-President; Clyde Burke, Mt. Pleasant, Secretary; R. K. Bennett, Stanton, Chorister.

Fred McCauley, Field Worker for Home Mission Board, was recognized and spoke briefly concerning Southern Baptist work in the far west.

Pastor David Livingston of Maryville spoke on the subject "The Pastor's Visitation." Dr. Livingston said that he had three observations on pastoral visitation:

First, general or promiscuous visiting is a waste of time. It may become just "pious loafing."

Second, the only worthwhile visiting is visiting with a definite aim. Visiting should be as objective as preaching. Perfunctory, professional visiting borders on hypocrisy.

Third, it takes more common sense to visit with profit than it does to preach.

With Mrs. B. B. McKinney at the piano, Mr. Wm. Blankenship of Watertown led the congregation in singing "He Leadeth Me" and "Blessed Assurance." Mr. Blankenship sang with feeling "Somebody Needs Your Love."

Dr. R. C. Campbell, Pastor of the First Church, Little Rock, Ark., was presented by Dr. Leonard Stigler, Chairman of the Program Committee. Dr. Campbell's subject was "The Pastor's World." In his message he outlined the functions of the minister in this world. The pastor must find the sheep, feed the sheep, protect the sheep and shear the sheep.

The brethren were moved heavenward by this great message. We hope that Dr. Campbell will find time to prepare this message for publication.

President Orr dismissed the conference with prayer at 12:07.

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.

Close Shaves the Modern Order

Baptist New Mexican

The "Close Shave" Christian is present at Sunday School and on time, or is he? The "on time" part is conceded, but barely so, since he is merely in hearing on the opening bell. The habit is chronic and fixed with certain members. The near slacker is found among the financial supporters. Believe it or not, he is such a good tither that he unalterably measured his stewardship loyalty by the rigid adherence to the one tenth demand. If every one tithed, church coffers would be swelled to overflowing, but even then, it is doubtful that the rigid tither is the best type of steward. The Good Book speaks of both tithes and offerings in the same breath and it is the offering that places the giver in line for the blessing.

In the field of Christian attitude and behaviour, there are, perhaps a larger number of "close shaves" than in the classification above. Too many church members strain the point. They refuse to place the cold beer in the class with "Look not on the wine when it is red." They sometimes deal on the border line of honest business, and while they succeed, the means followed are so shaded and spurious that they are barely left in the column with the decent, the true, and the consistently faithful. Often they have strange ideas, such as "All is fair in war." Their principles are the most flexible part of their nature, their religious affiliation becoming a sort of window dressing for life's work-a-days.

Yes, there is a finally. They do get to heaven, but as by fire and after winning public mention. They are known as "Eleventh Hour Christians," a title that is weighted with condemnation.

(How do you know they get to heaven?—R. B. J.)

Education for One World or Two?

MERLIN L. NEFF
in Arkansas Baptist

Calvin Coolidge once said enigmatically: "Education which is not based on religion and character is not education. We do not need more material development; we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power; we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge; we need more character."

America needs hundreds of small Christian colleges today, colleges built and sustained by churches who love youth and who desire to see the men and women of tomorrow taught of God. Such colleges would be the salt of the nation, wielding a mighty influence for truth. Higher education in itself is not the answer to the disillusioned world of 1948. Education will broaden man's mental powers and develop—his appreciation of art and science. Training will make him skillful in vocations, in business, and in professional careers. But when all of this is accomplished, man remains a pitiful husk unless the power of Jesus Christ has transformed his soul. Knowledge alone cannot cure the heartache, the disease of sin, moral corruption, national hatred, jealousy, greed, and every form of degradation into which our world has fallen. A man may become the most skillful surgeon, the brightest lawyer, or the most talented musician, and also be a disgrace to his community—a criminal and a dissolute character. Higher education reaches beyond the library, the laboratory, and the classrooms. The Master declares to all students: "Learn of Me." It is time for every parent to ask: "Is

the college or university educating my son or daughter for one world or two?" It is imperative for youth to ask: "Is my training preparing me for spiritual crisis I am certain to face?"

(Baptists parents, are you guiding your boys and girls in selecting a Christian college?—R.B.I.)

Why Not in the United States?

Western Recorder

The *Religious News Service* informs the public that the Ministry of Finance in Greece has made it illegal to bring into the country any religious publication which does not have printed on each piece that correct name of the denomination or sect printing and distributing it. This is a move in the right direction. Book agents and paper salesmen go from door to door throughout the land selling or giving away books or literature to our Baptist homes—religious propaganda which our people would never touch or suffer their children to read if they knew what it is. Usually the name of the religious sect producing it does not appear any place on the printed matter. If there is a name at all it is disguised so the average reader does not know. In this way, large advances, inroads have been made. The same thing is happening on the radio. Disguised, these isms scatter their doctrines. Certainly! all sects have the right to propagate their doctrine. This is America. But they should, Baptists and all, be compelled by law to print and announce who they are.

(A splendid idea—and no more than right—R. B. J.)

Lindberg Lauds the Spiritual

Baptist New Mexican

Lindberg, the Lone Eagle of 21 years ago, has returned from faith in things material to faith in things spiritual. In a new book he asks with great seriousness "Why should I spend my life developing aviation, if aircraft are to ruin the nations which produce them?" That young intrepid spirit that sailed the uncharted airways of the Atlantic has traveled a long way over the road of experience and sober thought. Today he writes that man can find peace only through a balance of mind and spirit and that it is up to each individual to develop the qualities that will insure for safety in the world. He says "scientific materialism will not save us." Here is a significant statement, obviously out of his heart: "In worshipping science, man may gain power and at the same time lose the most precious things of life; to leave out the spiritual is to leave the material force without power." There are many who have yet to learn what Mr. Lindberg has discovered. War is fratricidal, leaving the victor as well as the vanquished, morally and economically weaker. There is almost a universal acceptance that World War III will mean planetary destruction. While this is a rather late hour for Mr. Lindberg to sound the alarm, there is, however, a salutary and redeeming note in his present cry. Once an ardent isolationist, crying for clouds of planes, he is now missionary in words and attitude. Where spiritual concepts prevail, sectionalism is dispelled, and a will for peace with all men takes the place of a will for war for personal aggrandisement. There are more ways to fight for a nation than parading the sword. There are greater forts for defense than ramparts of stone. Mr. Lindberg, on this point, seems to possess the truth.

(Are we discovering the truth TOO LATE?—R.B.J.)

Keeping Faith In Eternal Security

(Message delivered at the Ocoee Baptist Association, First Church, Cleveland, Tenn.,
by Pastor Percy Maples of the Candies Creek Baptist Church)

WHO ARE KEPT by the power of God through faith unto salvation.—I Peter 1:5

There are two groups of people in the world; materialists and mystics. The materialists accept the material; the mystics accept the spiritual. The materialists walk by sight; the mystics walk by faith.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is assuming the attitude of entire dependence upon God. It is believing the Word of God, resting upon the atonement of Christ, and receiving the grace of God. It is intellectual perception plus spiritual reception. It is the assent of the mind and the consent of the heart. It is acknowledging one's own disability and another's ability. It is seeing the invisible and accepting the unknown. It is acceptance, reliance, dependence, and confidence. It is the link which connects man and God.

There are two sides to salvation; the divine and the human. God thought salvation; Christ brought it; the Holy Spirit wrought it; the devil fought it; the church taught it; and men sought it. Man must repent toward God and exercise faith in the acceptance of Christ to become a believer.

There are several views concerning man becoming a recipient of salvation. Some teach that man is saved by grace and kept by works. Some teach that man is saved by works and kept by works. Others teach that man is saved by grace and kept by grace. Grace is the unmerited favor of God. It is a holy love reaching for unholy men and bringing them to Christ. It is the mercy of God pitying, the wisdom of God planning, the power of God preparing, and the love of God providing. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). In this verse we see the opening up of God's mind, the revelation of man's need, and the sufficient remedy. In it is the extent of God's love, the content of God's love, and the intent of God's love. A great God had a great love, made a great gift, gave a great invitation to a great company with a great promise and possession.

In Romans eight there is shown the foreknowledge of God. He saw the end from the beginning. His will followed His knowledge and He foreordained those whom He foreknew to be conformed to the image of Christ. He called them, not merely with an external call to the ear, but with an internal or effectual call to the heart, not merely as invited but also as having accepted the call. They were justified or declared to be guiltless before God. They were tried before the tribunal of God in heaven and acquitted. Justification is declaring the unjust to be just.

I. Believers are kept because of their relation to God. God is the believer's advocate, protector, provider, and justifier. There is no condemnation since Christ paid the penalty. There is no law to condemn since Christ fulfilled the law and became the end of the law for the believer. Believers are not under law but under grace. There is no tribunal for judgment since the believer's tribunal is a throne of grace and not a place of judgment. There is no judge to judge since the only judge is God and He is the believer's justifier.

II. Believers are kept because of their relation to Christ. They have the protection of Christ's death as the propitiation for sins. Through His death the wrath of God was appeased. They have the protection of Christ's resurrection as a proof of their justification. The just demands of God were satisfied, so God raised Christ's body as proof of it. And they have the protection of Christ's ascension, since He is at the right hand of God as their advocate. They have the protection of Christ's intercession which in the power of His endless life saves to the uttermost.

III. Believers are kept because of their relation to circumstances. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Roman 8:35, 37-39)

A Layman Dedicates His Business To The Lord

I HAD THE PRIVILEGE recently of participating in a most unusual and impressive dedication service. It was the dedication of a grocery business to the Lord. I was invited to participate in the dedication service by Mrs. Harold Dorris, a member of our church and a sister of the Logan Brothers, who have recently established a number of Logan Super Markets in Nashville and Davidson County.

I was directed to Mr. George Logan, one of senior partners in firm, and a deacon in the Edgefield Baptist Church; who turned aside from his business to talk with me about his desires concerning the dedication. He said, "first of all we want to publicly acknowledge our dependance upon the Lord. In the second place we want to publicly acknowledge our responsibility as stewards of our Lord, and in the third place we want to pledge to many patrons that this business shall be run along the line of Christian principles."

Logan Super Market in Inglewood is one of the largest in the country. It stands out as a grocery market that will not sell beer, and will not stay open on Sunday.

Mr. Logan's pastor, Rev. W. C. Kirk participated in the dedication service following the opening prayer by the contributor of this article. Governor Jim McCord then spoke a word of appreciation for this attractive and serviceable place of business, and cut the ribbon which symbolized the formal and official opening of the new store.

I report this for one purpose and that is to challenge Christian businessmen all over the country to recognize their stewardship to the Lord, and to dedicate their business to the Lord and to regard Him as their chief partner in all that may be done.—J. HAROLD STEPHENS, Pastor, Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville.

"Yes, I Tithe"

Says W. FRED KENDELL, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson

EARLY IN LIFE in a stewardship revival in my home church, I learned that the Christian is a steward of a life which is a gift of God. He is responsible to live by the will of God. I learned that tithing is God's plan for a systematic stewardship of possessions. From that early period I have tithed regularly. Numerous blessings through personal experience confirmed beyond doubt that it is God's plan. It has lifted the financial program of every church I have pastored to higher levels of spiritual achievement.

"I believe in

Every Baptist a Tither

The Young South

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Department of Student Work

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Are you going caroling this Christmas? Many boys and girls do sing carols on Christmas Eve—sometimes for money for a worthy charity and sometimes simply for the fun of it.

Perhaps you know a shut-in who would appreciate a Christmastime visit from your Sunday school class, R.A., or G.A. group. You might plan a special Christmas service to help you share your Christmas joy with this shut-in friend. Of course, you will want to get together ahead of time and plan your service, perhaps practicing the song and verses.

Here is a very simple plan which some boys and girls whom I know have used to help them tell the Christmas story in song and verse:

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Luke 2:8

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Luke 2:9-10

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Luke 2:11

"Away in a Manger"

Luke 2:12

"Joy to the World!"

Luke 2:13-16

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Luke 2:20

You may make a plan which better fits your particular groups and the person for whom the service is planned. Perhaps someone will sing softly the lovely carol, "Winds Through the Olive Tree," or while the group hums softly, someone may repeat the words of the song as a poem:

Winds through the olive trees,
Softly did blow
Round little Bethlehem,
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay,
White as the snow,
Shepherds were watching them
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy skies,
Angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy,
Long, long ago.

For in his manger bed,
Cradled we know
Christ came to Bethlehem
Long, long ago.

KATHERINE PARKER.

For your "extra touch," maybe you'd like to make a "program book" for each person taking part in the service, and one for the friend for whom the service is planned. This may be simply a booklet made of folded construction paper. If white paper is used, red or green ink or crayon would add a Christmasy appearance. Red or green construction paper may also be used, with the program outlined in white ink on the inside. The front of folder may be decorated with Christmas stickers or stars, or with a cheery drawing. One lady cut snowflake designs from lace paper doilies and pasted them on the front of folders. I haven't tried this, but it sounds like a nice idea, doesn't it?

The John Hancock Insurance Company has a lovely little book of Christmas carols which may be had for the asking. Last year one group I know made a combination program-songbook by inserting their program plans in the center of the booklets. These carol books contain all the old favorites except "Joy to the World!" (which most of us can sing from memory anyway). Perhaps this insurance company has an office near you. If not, you may get free copies of the carol books from the office at 904 Nashville Trust Building, Nashville 3, Tennessee. Write for yours right away, so that you will get them in time to use both in your shut-in services and in your own family service on Christmas Day.

I hope you will write and tell me about some of your special plans for making others happier during this happy season.

Love, Aunt Polly

Judson Youth Revival

Nashville, Tennessee

The Judson Baptist Church had a Youth Revival the week of November 14-21. Dr. H. B. Cross, the pastor, Dr. Clark Hensley, the associate pastor, and Mr. Floyd H. North, Baptist student secretary for Nashville, were in general charge of the meeting. However, the Baptist students of Vanderbilt and Peabody conducted the services and lead the publicity and visitation programs. Jimmy Hampton, from Vanderbilt, was general chairman of the B.S.U. group, and Dorothy Colson was the general chairman of the church group.

The speakers for the week were: Bill Garmon and Carl Halverson, from Peabody; Bill Junker and Ralph McIntyre, from Vanderbilt; and Bill Norman, from the Vanderbilt Medical School. Those leading the singing were: Bill Greenlee, from Vanderbilt; Bill Highbaugh and Marvin Spry, from Peabody. Claire Jones, from Peabody, was the organist, and Joyce Cantrell, of Judson, was the pianist. The choir was made up of young people in the church.

The results of the week were: 13 additions to the church by letter; 5 by baptism, and 5 professions of faith; and 75 rededications. Dr. Hensley said that he felt this was a very successful week and that the whole church was revived. There were good crowds present for the services and everyone seemed to be greatly blessed by the messages of these young men and the wonderful singing.

An offering was taken for the meeting and \$405.50 was received. The Baptist students of Nashville have been raising money to buy a car to be used in their mission work and other B.S.U. activities, and this money is to be used for this purpose.

We wish to express to the Judson Church our deep appreciation for making this opportunity available to our students of Nashville. We know that the students who participated in this revival were greatly blessed by it and that these experiences will live long in their memories, and be of abiding inspiration to them. We trust that other churches will avail themselves of the opportunity of using student groups in this way for we feel that it will mean much to the student and to the churches.

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Standard Young People's Department Makes Progress

The Young People's Department of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, Mrs. John W. Senterfitt, superintendent, has made wonderful progress in the past year. We give below a table of achievements:

Average enrollment for the year 1947-48, 158.

Average enrollment for the year 1946-47, 95.

Average total attendance 1947-48, 108.

Average per cent of members present 1947-48, 55%.

Highest enrollment 1947-48, 190.

Highest enrollment 1946-47, 102.

Total new members enrolled 1947-48, 138.

Average per cent preaching attendance 1947-48, 79%.

Members of department joining church, 1947-48, 90, (by letter 73, by baptism 17; includes 38 college students.)

Promoted to newly organized Adult I Department, September 1948, 31.

Transferred to places of service in Sunday school, September 1948, 9.

Five out of 7 classes were Standard, 1947-48.

We congratulate Mrs. Senterfitt and her department on these achievements. Dr. W. Fred Kendall is pastor, and John Senterfitt is educational director.

We believe that the progress of this department is due to the following of the Standard as a program for their work.

The Extension Department Helps the Sunday School Enrollment To Grow

Is your church building overcrowded? Even though the space in your church is limited, you may increase your enrollment through the Extension department since its ministry is carried on in the homes.

One of the largest Extension departments that we have a record of is in the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. Three hundred members, all regularly enrolled in the Sunday school, are ministered to be thirty-five visitors in this great church. Through the thirty years that this Extension department has been successfully operating, scores have been transferred into the regular classes of the Sunday school.

Over three million adults in our Convention territory cannot attend Sunday school because of age, health, or Sunday work. A goal has been set to reach 50,000 of these this year. A minimum of ten for each church and for many churches approximately what has been accomplished in the First Church, Richmond, Virginia, seems reasonable and right.

We are asking the churches of Tennessee to accept this challenge to go as Jesus went, into the homes and places of business, through the Extension department. All Southern Baptist churches are requested to strengthen their Extension department during December.

"Go ye . . ." was Jesus' command to the redeemed—to all Christians—to the Extension worker.

Organize your Extension workers *now* for this blessed task.

Secure Preview Studies Now

This is the time of year to get your Preview Studies and go over them with your officers and teachers. Any officer or teacher will profit a great deal in studying the lessons as far in advance as possible. Order your Preview Study from the Sunday School Board.

Enrollment Goal '48-'49—600,000 Net Gain

The Southwide goal for increase in the Sunday schools next year is 600,000 net gain. We are being asked where are 600,000 that can be enrolled. We give below the number of people by age-groups that are not enrolled in any Sunday school:

	White People Not Enrolled in Any Sunday School
Cradle Roll	2,400,000
Beginner	1,448,000
Primary	1,944,000
Junior	2,784,000
Intermediate	2,928,000
Young People	5,096,000
Adult	18,400,000
Extension	5,000,000

Certainly every community will find people who are not enrolled in Sunday school. Emphasis should be placed upon Cradle Roll, Nursery, and Extension Departments in order to arrive at the desired increase.

"Every Sunday School Should Grow"

Training Union Awards Issued In Tennessee During October, 1948

BIG EMORY—	Inskip	1
Big Emory	Island Home	3
Riverside	John Sevier	2
Rockwood	Lincoln Park	1
South Harriman	Lonsdale	16
Trenton Street	Lyons Creek	3
Walnut Hill	McCalla Avenue	10
Child Memorial	Meridian Avenue	2
	Mt. Olive	2
	North	7
	Oakwood	6
BLEDSOE—	Sharon	3
Chestnut Grove	Smithwood	15
	South	4
	Washington Pike	4
		136
CARROLL-BENTON	MADISON—	
Camden, First	Calvary	68
	Enville	5
		73
CHILHOWEE—	McMINN—	
Everett Hill	Union Grove 2	55
	Walnut Grove	20
		75
CLINTON—	NASHVILLE—	
Black Oak	Belmont Heights	1
Highland View	First	157
	Green Hill	9
	Lockeland	1
		168
CUMBERLAND GAP—	OCOEE—	
Pump Springs	Central	67
Tazewell, First	First	1
	Big Spring	48
	Woodland Heights	60
		176
FAYETTE—	SALEM—	
Somerville, First	Woodbury	32
		32
GIBSON—	SHELBY—	
Trenton, First	Bellevue	4
	Berclair	2
	Eudora	2
GRAINGER—	First	1
Bean Station	Highland Heights	1
Blue Springs	LaBelle	12
	Oakville	2
	Prescott	1
	Raleigh	5
	Seventh Street	2
	Temple	2
	Union Avenue	3
HARDEMAN—	Whitehaven	2
Saulsbury		39
	STONE—	
HOLSTON—	Stevens Street	16
Unaka Avenue		16
Hulen	SWEETWATER—	
	Philadelphia	32
		32
INDIAN CREEK—	WILSON—	
Waynesboro, First	Cedar Grove	50
	Fairview	5
		55
JEFFERSON—	Total	1,309
Mill Springs		
White Pine		
KNOX—		
Arlington		
Beaumont Avenue		
Beaver Dam		
Bell Avenue		
Broadway		
Central, Fountain City		
Crichton Memorial		
Fifth Avenue		
First, Knoxville		
First, Fountain City		
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Miss Womack Writes From Africa

Many boxes of sheets, towels, wash cloths, old clothing and cloths for bandages have been coming to us from you. I wish I could express how grateful we are for your interest in our work here in Joinkrama.

I know Dr. Cox has been writing to many of you and I am sure Miss Manley has spoken to a number of you during the past year, but I thought I, too, should express my thanks.

Dr. Cox and I are looking forward to Miss Manley's return. I know I shall enjoy working with her very much.

The plans for the building of our hospital are progressing nicely. We are now having the land cleared and plan to get the first building started next month.

Please continue to pray for us and our work.

Christians In China

MRS. J. A. ABERNATHY

We are beginning to understand what Job meant when he said, "The thing which I greatly feared is come upon me." We had discredited reports up to September 26th when the newscast startled us with the message: "The Generalissimo reluctantly confirms the report that Tsinan has fallen to the Communist." We lost interest in our noon meal and seemed under a cloud for the remainder of the day. As we tried to sleep the condition of our minds caused dreams which were far from comforting. We thought of the many Christians who had escaped from their country homes and had become refugees in Tsinan. Some had escaped from Communist prisons at one time so were already on their "black list." We knew their policy of destroying everything Christian, and not leaving a trace of missionary influence. Churches, hospitals, schools and residences of missionaries are razed to the ground. Loot is given to the ones who are forced to do the work; foundations are dug up and building materials divided up. Everyone's mouth is closed. I remember the prayer of one native pastor who had escaped from the clutches of Communism: "Oh Father, bless those who have testimonies to give, but cannot give them; those with songs to sing, but must not sing them. They have prayers to pray, but dare not voice them." Pray for these souls "that on Jesus hath leaned for repose; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, never, no never forsake!" May we live to see the day and hear the testimonies of those who were saved because of their silent witness.

Yesterday we received our first letters direct from China since the fall. One clipping reads: "A competent government source this morning confirmed the fall of Tsinan, important Nationalist stronghold in Shantung province, on the night of September 23rd . . . Governor Wong, Commanding General at Tsinan, has been captured by the Communists . . . The Ministry of National Defense issued a communique late last night stating that the Communists were using tanks for the first time in assaulting the city." Eight American and two British missionaries are still in the city. Two Southern Baptists went in for a two-week's visit, but took a speedy departure when they realized that fighting was drawing near. They reported that Chinese were still clinging to the wings of the plane when they were ready to take off. The CAT plane made one more trip to try to pick up the last of their personnel but they were fired upon as the plane took off.

Governor Wong and family had become intimate friends of ours. They visited in our home and entertained us in theirs. In fact, at the Governor's suggestion I became his "adopted sister," which gives access to the home. We had given them Bibles, New Testaments, Bible picture scrapbooks for the children, and other literature which they seemed to enjoy.

Time Magazine tells of Governor Wong putting his best troops under trusted General Wu on a line defending the capital's most vital points—the main air field, the railroad and the commercial district . . . Suddenly Wu turned traitor and led some 8,000 men over into the Communist's lines. Tsinan's outer defenses collapsed. A letter from one of our missionaries says these have been the tactics used by the Communists in all their recent victories. They specialize on a "key man," and pay any price to get him. Only ten miles from Tsinan wily Communist Commander Chin Yi had set up a "reception house," vigorously spreading the word that all hungry Nationalist deserters would be welcome.

Our missionary friend also told us that both the Methodist and Baptist Christians were reported to be suffering much at the hands of their captors. The "iron curtain" has fallen. It would seem that they are experiencing the great tribulation such as was not from the beginning of the world. Truly they and we need "the whole armor of God, that we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1948

Two More Associations Organized

With twelve churches represented and approximately fifty men present, we had a splendid meeting in the First Baptist Church, Springfield, on Monday night, November 15, 1948. Mr. C. Wells Burr led the congregation in singing familiar hymns with Brother Sams at the piano. Brother Burr had arranged a male quartet which was appreciated by the entire group and was a contribution to the success of the meeting.

Brother Ray Widick, who had been elected associational Brotherhood president by the association at its regular meeting at the First Baptist Church, Greenbrier, on Tuesday, October 19, 1948, presided in a most efficient manner. Following a brief discussion concerning the duties of the officers necessary to complete the organization and the purpose of the associational Brotherhood movement, it was unanimously agreed that Robertson Association should be fully organized. The following were elected:

Robertson County Association

President Ray Widick
Program Vice-President Marvin Smith
Attendance Vice-President Cecil Gossett
Promotion Vice-President Allie Blick
Chorister G. Wells Burr
Secretary-Treasurer Rev. Oscar Lumkin
Pastor Advisors Rev. Vern Powers, Greenbrier
Rev. J. L. Robertson, Barren Plains
Rev. Braxton Sams, Springfield

Cumberland Association

At the annual meeting of Cumberland Association at Grace Avenue Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tennessee, on October 5, 1948, Mr. Dick Taylor, of St. Bethlehem, Tennessee was unanimously chosen to lead in the organization and promotion of the Brotherhood activities for the next year. This new president immediately arranged for a meeting to be held in the Second Baptist Church, Clarksville, on November 21, 1948, for the purpose of completing this organization. After a brief discussion stating the purpose of the associational Brotherhood, and naming the major objectives for 1949, the organization was completed by electing the following officers and pastor advisors:

President Dick Taylor
Program Vice-President Otis Seay
Attendance Vice-President Dallas L. Hill
Promotion Vice-President C. G. Ford
Chorister Rev. C. G. Sego
Secretary-Treasurer Arch Northington
Pastor Advisors Dr. R. N. Owen, Clarksville
Rev. M. I. Crocker, Clarksville
Rev. Ralph Whicker, Erin

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

At Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., there is a class of 14-year-old boys, taught by O. M. Jones, that has emphasized for several years the Six Point Record System in Sunday school work. Two years ago this class made the unbelievable record of 600 one hundred per cents in 52 Sundays. For the month of October of this year, they are reporting a total of 55 hundred per cents, or an average of 11 each Sunday. Their goal for the first quarter is 145 hundred per cents.—*Baptist Record*.

—B&R—

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, Ark., assisted Pastor J. G. Hughes and the Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, in a revival November 14-28. Lee Baum, young people's director of Trinity Baptist Church and Memphis Union Mission, directed the music. There were 108 additions, 58 of them by baptism, and 9 rededications, part of them surrendered for full-time Christian service.

—B&R—

"I think unless a child has known the scriptures from his childhood, he never really gets the right start in life. Frankly, the Bible has helped me as much in understanding business as religion. The higher one goes in business, the greater the pressure, and therefore, a greater need for a source of 'truth' becomes evident."—FRED SMITH in Third Baptist Church bulletin, Nashville.

—B&R—

Professor H. D. Hager of McEwen is supplying the pulpit of McEwen Baptist Church, Judson Association. The church has been pastorless since the going of James Binkley to the pastorate of Seventh Baptist Church, Nashville.

—B&R—

Sunday, November 21, the Central Baptist Church, Decatur, Ala., dedicated their new Sunday school annex and observed the fourth anniversary of Pastor Paul Roberts.

It was my privilege to conduct a revival in the Grandview Baptist Church of Knoxville. This is an extension mission of the McCalla Avenue Baptist Church, but having its own pastor, and a well-rounded church program with Sunday school, Training Union and W. M. S. It is a virile, growing demonstration of what a strong church can do by extending its efforts outside its own walls. There were 13 additions. R. V. Brock is pastor of the mission church and Chas. C. Bowles is pastor of the McCalla Avenue Baptist Church.—M. K. COBBLE, mascot.

—B&R—

Pastor Ben B. Holeman and the Montvue Baptist Church, Morristown, recently closed a successful revival in which they were assisted by Roy Austin doing the preaching and George Williams, Chattanooga, leading the singing. There were 20 conversions, 9 rededications, and 25 additions to the church. Since the meeting closed the Sunday school and prayer meeting attendances have increased, souls saved and several have united with the church.

—B&R—

Earl B. Edington, a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, now pastor of First Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., did the preaching in a revival at First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla. First Church, Tallahassee, is only five blocks from the campus of Florida State University. Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dibble were in charge of the music. There were 101 additions. Harold G. Sanders, a former Navy Chaplain is the pastor.

—B&R—

Francis R. Tallant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jellico, will deliver the main address at the Training Union mass meeting, First Baptist Church, Lothair, Ky., on December 9. Mrs. Tallant is also on the program to present a chalk talk.

Acclaimed by many members as the greatest and most deeply spiritual revival in its history is the revival which was conducted November 14-21 by Pastor Howard C. Bennett and the First Baptist Church, Kilgore, Texas. In addition to a number by letter, 37 were for baptism. The preaching was done by Walter Warmath, pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville. The closing Sunday saw 823 people in Sunday school in a downpour of rain, 493 in Training Union and great congregations for the preaching services. In the closing service three complete families numbering 12 persons were received, 10 of them for baptism.

—B&R—

Word comes from Herman King, Missionary of Nolicucky Association, that a Vacation Bible school was held at Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown. More than a hundred were enrolled in the school and recently they have had an attendance in Sunday school of more than three hundred. This is a young church but it is making great progress under the leadership of Pastor S. D. Rhodes.

—B&R—

Pastor Bunyan Smith and the Third Baptist Church, Nashville, recently held a revival in which the pastor did his own preaching. George W. Card, Baptist Sunday School Board, directed the music. The church was deeply moved by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. There were 8 additions by baptism, 3 by letter and 1 reclaimed.

—B&R—

Rogers M. Smith, State Student Secretary, supplied the pulpit of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, on Sunday, November 28.

—B&R—

Dr. Edward D. Solomon, editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness* for 17 years, has announced plans to retire May 31, 1949.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, NOV. 28, 1948

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Athens, First	308	74	1	Jackson, Bemis	187	64	—	McLean Chapel	51	—	—
West End Mission	59	—	—	First	561	151	3	Parkway	223	101	—
Brighton	219	92	—	North	274	128	5	Prescott Memorial	460	134	2
Bristol, Calvary	215	126	—	West	692	256	—	Shirley Park	110	65	—
Brownsville	242	61	—	Jellico, First	172	83	—	Speedway Terrace	668	149	3
Woodland	61	41	—	Kingsport, Lynn Garden	186	62	—	Sylvan Heights	160	103	2
Carthage, First	144	34	—	Mission	45	—	—	Union Avenue	1047	286	36
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	30	55	—	Knoxville, Alice Bell	40	24	—	Milan, First	239	64	—
Chattanooga, Concord	159	79	—	Broadway	575	222	2	Oakwood	81	25	—
Daisy	76	80	—	Liberty Branch	78	49	—	Milton	39	32	—
First	585	162	4	Fifth Avenue	572	209	—	Monterey, First	201	50	—
Chapel	51	—	—	First	539	94	—	Morristown, First	289	82	—
Highland Park	1570	527	8	Lincoln Park	338	174	5	Montvue	73	33	—
Red Bank	355	150	2	McCalla Avenue	399	126	—	Murfreesboro, First	330	55	—
Cleveland, First	306	146	—	Sevier Heights	293	111	—	Walnut Street Mission	60	—	—
North	125	95	—	Lebanon, Barton's Creek	100	41	—	Powell's Chapel	94	38	—
South	79	69	1	Cedar Grove	73	22	—	Taylor's Chapel	74	20	—
Clinton, First	—	—	3	Fairview	99	39	—	Westvue	382	109	—
Columbia, First	349	181	—	First	414	83	1	Woodbury Road	76	—	—
Godwin Chapel	7	—	—	Lenoir City, First	238	113	—	Nashville, Calvary	117	60	—
Rock Spring	86	43	—	Leoma	77	—	—	First	1057	—	2
Second	94	54	—	Mt. Juliet, Chandler	31	23	—	Grace	692	186	—
Cookeville, First	307	112	—	Maryville, Broadway	181	95	—	Park Avenue	498	133	—
Algood Mission	54	—	—	Everett Hills	172	94	2	Third	208	—	—
Fourth Street Mission	102	44	—	First	356	139	—	Una	128	92	1
Covington, First	181	43	—	Maynardville	72	14	—	Oak Ridge, Glenwood	118	52	—
Decatur, Goodfield	26	26	—	Medina	118	93	—	Highland View	182	96	—
Decherd	84	68	1	Memphis, Bellevue	1943	711	8	Robertsville	—	77	2
Eagleville	112	35	—	Boulevard	522	214	1	Old Hickory, First	559	262	—
Elizabethton, Big Spring	91	118	4	Highland Heights	760	364	8	Parsons, First	162	50	—
First	338	97	—	Hollywood	373	99	—	Portland, First	209	56	1
Siam	124	79	—	Kennedy	119	44	2	Rockwood, First	162	102	—
Fountain City, Central	556	164	4	LaBelle	499	119	—	Rutledge, Oakland	77	34	—
Hines Valley Chapel	35	—	—	Levi	226	115	—	Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	128	73	—
Gladeville	138	68	—	McLean	283	105	8	Watertown, Round Lick	122	52	—

Cumberland Grads Lead In Tennessee Government

Lebanon, Tenn.—Many of Cumberland University alumni in the Tennessee governmental organization will participate in Cumberland University's Second Century Program which has a goal of \$630,000 by December 31, 1949. The first phase, which is an alumni drive in Tennessee, will be from December 7 through 17.

Chief Justice A. B. Neil of the Supreme Court, an alumnus of Cumberland, has been appointed National Treasurer by the General Chairman, the Hon. Josh Lee. Other appointments include Governor-elect Gordon Browning and the Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals, Hu C. Anderson, as members of the National Sponsoring Committee, and from the Attorney General's staff, Harry Phillips as National Executive Chairman, and Chancellor Robert E. Lee as National Chairman of the Parents Committee.

Judges of appellate courts in the Cumberland alumni list, in addition to Chief Justice Neil, are Hu C. Anderson, Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals, Sam L. Felts, Peabody Howard, Luke M. McAmis and Winfield B. Hale of the same court.

Federal judges in the list are Xenophon Hicks of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Leslie Darr, U. S. District Judge at Chattanooga. A number of other Cumberland alumni are on the Federal bench. These are the two whose courts serve Tennessee.

Chancellors in the Cumberland list are Sam A. Marable, Ashland City; Thomas A. Shriver, Nashville; W. W. Herron, Trenton; DeWitt Henderson, Jackson; R. E. Lee, Pulaski; Gordon Browning, Huntingdon.

Circuit and Criminal Court judges in the list are D. A. Vines, Johnson City; Pat Quinn, Maryville; John D. Halladay, Cookeville; R. W. Smartt, McMinnville; Dancey Fort, Clarksville; Richard P. Dews, Byrd Douglas and Chester K. Hart, Nashville; Jesse L. Rogers, LaFollette; A. B. Broadbent, Clarksville; Lyle B. Cherry, Trenton; E. A. Morris, Obion; Wallace J. Smith, Franklin; Alan S. Kelly, South Pittsburg; Will I. Davis, Jr., Tazewell; Andrew T. Taylor, Jr., Jackson; and Raulston Schoolfield, Chattanooga.

CU men serving as attorneys general are J. Carlton Loser, Nashville; R. B. Witt, Madisonville; W. C. Howell, Dover; David P. Murray, Jackson; L. L. Harrell, Trenton; J. M. Drane, Newbern; G. C. Watkins, Ripley; and C. C. Chattin, Winchester.

Cumberland men on the State Attorney General's staff include Solicitor General William F. Barry and Assistant Attorneys General Harry Phillips, Allison B. Humphreys, Jr., and Henry C. Fouch.

Among other prominent Cumberlanders in the state set-up are J. B. Avery and Hammond Fowler of the Railroad and Public Utilities Commission; Davis S. Lansden, Clerk of the Supreme Court; Porter Dunlap, State Property Custodian; W. S. Shoaf, Commissioner of Welfare; C. W. Phillips, Commissioner of Highways and Public Works, and O. E. Van Cleave, Commissioner of Agriculture.

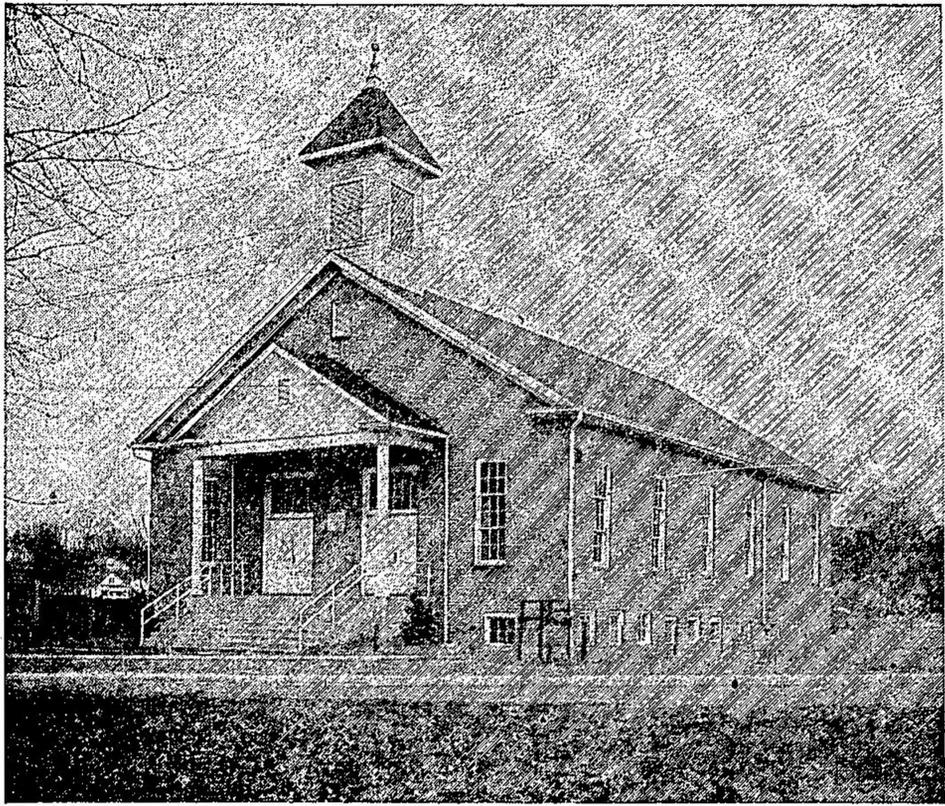
Work is progressing on the \$47,000 Sunday school annex at Glenwood Baptist Church, Kingsport, J. C. Blalock, pastor. The annex will consist of 37 rooms and assembly halls. Last year there were 98 additions to the church; 65 by baptism.

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Sunday morning, November 21, Pastor C. H. Petty and the Apison Baptist Church, Ocoee Association, ordained Jack Cornutt as deacon.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1948

Tenth Anniversary of Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, Bristol, Tennessee



On the third Sunday in December, 1936, a cardboard was placed in a little storehouse window in what is known as the "Willie Boom" section of Bristol, Tennessee, on Virginia Avenue, announcing religious services to be held that day—Sunday school at 2:30 p. m., and preaching service at 3:30 p. m., in charge of Rev. Roy O. Arbuckle, at that time pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church at Bristol, and who is now pastor of the Glenwood Baptist Church at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The result of the above announcement was the beginning of what later became a Missionary Baptist Church.

On November 14, 1938, a special meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. J. Lacy Basham, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, called the meeting to order. Ministers and Deacons from neighboring Baptist Churches were asked to council the organization. The Virginia Avenue Baptist Church was organized with 161 charter members coming from the Calvary Church. On the date of the organization Truett Cox, now pastor of the Yates Baptist Church at Durham, N. C., was called to pastor the church.

Bro. Cox served the church until September 1941. During his pastorate the present building was built, many souls were saved, Sunday school and Training Union enrollments grew rapidly, and the membership was increased to 343.

On January 5, 1942, Freeman Wright was called as pastor. During the six years and ten months

of the present pastorate many improvements have been made. A new heating plant has been installed, four new Sunday school rooms built, a new Baptistery, a pastorium has been purchased. These improvements have been made and paid for plus a \$1,700.00 debt on the church building at the time pastor Wright came on the field.

During the present pastorate the membership has grown to 644, the church is giving 15% of her income to the Co-operative Program. The BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR has been included in the Church Budget for the past two years, and the W. M. U. Organizations have been Standard five years. The Sunday school, under the leadership of Edward Liverman, averaged 310 in attendance during the month of October. The Training Union attendance average during the same period was 110 with Charles Saul as director.

On Sunday morning, November 21, 1948, the last notes were burned at the morning worship service by Seth Campbell, R. J. McGarry, and Oscar Rather.

We are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for His blessings upon our efforts during the past ten years of our existence as a church, to Dr. Freeman and the State Mission Board for their support during the early days of our work, and to the Calvary Baptist Church for their prayers and help in directing the program until we were able to carry on ourselves.—(Contributed).

Visiting in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR office recently were: C. H. Robinson, Goodlettsville; Raymond Patterson, Watertown; Ernest J. Kelly, Jr., Lebanon; Leslie Coleman, LaMont; J. W. Audry Minor, Mt. Juliet; W. Edwin Richardson, Lebanon; C. W. Peeler, Centerville; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jewel and John Nance Jewell, Watertown; T. G. Davis, Oak Ridge; K. B. Combs, Clinton; Dwight H. Smith, W. Stuart Rule, Roy O. Arbuckle, J. R. Black and T. A. Early, Oak Ridge; and Fred W. Walker, Ardmore.

—B&R—

Mr. A. E. Ritchie has been called to be music and educational director of the First Church, Cleveland. He resigns a similar position with the First Church, Pineville, Ky., to accept the call. He will begin his new work January 1 on which date Dr. L. B. Cobb will assume his duties as pastor.

Word comes that Ernest Cartwright who has spent most of the past two years in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, suffering from injuries received in a car wreck is now out and able to preach. He still uses crutches some but expects to be off them soon.

—B&R—

W. P. Stansbury, retired Baptist minister, and a member of Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, passed to his reward November 17. His last pastorate was at Tyner. For the past few years he had been either inactive or partially inactive on account of failing health.

—B&R—

W. D. Arms has accepted the pastorate of Rutledge Memorial Baptist Church in Cleveland. The church has taken a little house and remodeled it to care for the needs of their mission. Joe Moats is mission pastor.

Local Option Beer Bill Should Be Passed

On Wednesday, December 1, at the Maxwell House, a luncheon meeting was held, with members of the Board of Directors of United Dry Forces of Tennessee, Inc., from all over the state, along with Baptist Associational Missionaries, in attendance. The luncheon was held at this time and was arranged by James C. Furman, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of United Dry Forces, to take advantage of the presence of Baptist pastors and laymen, at the State Baptist Convention. While the luncheon was at the official meeting time of the UDF Executive Committee, actually the matter up for discussion was the Local Option Beer Bill which United Dry Forces of Tennessee, Inc., will endeavor to have enacted into law at the January-February session of the Tennessee General Assembly.

Mr. Furman pointed out that while there is no assurance that this bill will be passed, no stone should be left unturned in an effort to first have it introduced into both the House and the Senate, and then to push the bill through to a vote. He pointed out further that the bill is not apt to be enacted into law unless the incoming governor and his administration declare themselves to be in favor of the bill. Furman and Dr. Alvis J. Davis, of Nashville, Executive Secretary of the important Inter-board Council of the Methodist Church, who is also a member of the Executive Committee of United Dry Forces of Tennessee, will discuss the bill with Governor-elect Browning. Furman has already had a preliminary discussion with the governor-elect.

It was brought out at the luncheon-meeting in Nashville that it is important for every Christian in Tennessee to talk with his Representative and State Senator, urging them to vote for this Local Option Beer Bill. Readers of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR should do this. Talk to them before they go to Nashville. Write or wire them after they get to Nashville. Write or wire Governor Browning after January first. Or, better still, write or wire him during the month of December, addressing your letter or telegram to him in Huntingdon, Tennessee.

When you refer to this bill, simply speak of it as the Local Option Beer Bill which is to be introduced. Don't call it the United Dry Forces of Tennessee Local Option Beer Bill. UDF seeks no credit. Lawmakers will be more apt to look with favor on the Bill if they hear the voices of Christian people, if they receive wires from Christian people, as such. When the bill has been introduced, UDF of Tennessee will, however, notify its friends through Baptist Associational Missionaries, through others, and through the columns of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, advising you as to the number of the House Bill and the number of the Senate bill. Then you can again contact your representatives, as well as the governor, expressing your wishes. If we are to give the people of Tennessee the same right to hold local option beer elections which they now have to hold local option whisky elections, Christian people *must speak!* Otherwise, this Local Option Beer Bill will fail. *But it must not fail!*—(Contributed).

C. S. Wilson, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Columbia, supplied the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Carthage, November 28.

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Henry C. Rogers Accepts Alabama Pastorate

For nearly two years, Henry C. Rogers has served as the Minister of Education for the First Baptist Church of Waco. Having received a call to the South Highland Baptist Church, Bessemer, Alabama, to become pastor, he has accepted the call and will begin his work there as of January 1st.

Brother Rogers has led in a superb way as Minister of Education at the First Church. The attendance in both Sunday school and Training Union has practically doubled during the two years of his leadership. He has made a deep place for himself in the community life. He and Mrs. Rogers have provided dynamic leadership, and their services will be hard to replace.

Brother Rogers goes to the church of which Mrs. Rogers was a member as a young girl, her parents both being members of the church at the present time. Their many friends in Texas, Tennessee, Carolinas and the entire Southland will wish for them a successful and useful ministry with the South Highland Church.—FORREST C. FREEZOR, pastor, First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

\$5,000 To Spend, But She Gave It Away

Bartlesville, Okla.—(BP)—What does a woman do when suddenly \$5,000 is dumped in her lap?

Many a woman—or man—could spend it on a new home, or new clothes, or maybe an automobile. But when Argye Briggs, a Baptist housewife and mother of three teen-agers, got \$5,000 in a lump sum, the only thing she bought for herself was a typewriter.

The money came when Mrs. Briggs' often-rejected and now shelfworn novel won the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company's \$5,000 Christian fiction prize. The novel: "Root Out of Dry Ground," which already has an assured circulation of 175,000.

First thing Mrs. Briggs did with her money was to pay a tithe to First Baptist Church of Bartlesville. She believes in tithing, and that had to be done. Then Uncle Sam took his taxes, which left only about \$3,000. The rest she divided 50-50. Half went to her husband, who had encouraged her in her writing. The other half, \$1,500, was earmarked for Baptist missions in China, because she remembered hearing a missionary on furlough describe the need among the masses of the Orient.

Yes, Argye Briggs is broke again, but she's happy. She hadn't written the novel to sell as much as to release the convictions of her own soul. That was done, and all this other too.

Baptist Highlights

BY PORTER ROUTH

State Baptist Conventions in the Southern Baptist territory continued last week with progressive reports.

Arkansas Baptists celebrated their centennial with a dramatic pageant showing the highpoints in Arkansas Baptist history. Rev. E. C. Brown, Blytheville, was re-elected president. Dr. B. L. Bridges reported that the "honor debt" had been reduced to \$185,000 and would be paid within the next year.

North Carolina Baptists elected Dr. F. Orion Mixon, Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, as president, and reported church members gave nearly \$15,000,000 for all causes last year. It was reported that the over-all cost of moving Wake Forest College to Winston Salem would be nearly \$18,000,000.

Alabama Baptists accepted the two hospitals operated by Birmingham Baptists which had pre-

Resolutions

We, the Second Baptist Church of Clarksville, Tennessee, in regular monthly business meeting, Nov. 10, 1948, hereby wish to express our esteem, love, and appreciation of E. C. Brewer and family, who recently resigned as our pastor to accept a call of Bethel Baptist Church, Fairview, Ky.

Whereas, he and his wife have served so effectively and efficiently during the past two years and eleven months, and

Whereas, we feel the church has grown materially and spiritually under his leadership. He encouraged the organizing of a B.T.U. and other organizations.

Whereas, Bro. Brewer demonstrated the highest qualities of statesmanship and spiritual leadership, not only for his own congregation but throughout this the Cumberland Association.

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we thank God for his work among us,

Second, that we invoke the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon him as he goes from us,

Third, that we commend him unreservedly to Bethel Baptist Church and to the Brotherhood throughout the state of Kentucky.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be filed in the records of our church, that a copy be mailed to Bro. Brewer and that a copy be mailed to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR to be published in that paper.

DALLIS HILL,
Superintendent of Sunday School;
CARL SEAY,
Director of B.T.U.;
MRS. ERVINE RINEHART,
President of W.M.U.;
LESLIE E. SEAY,
Chairman of Deacon Board;
L. H. SISK,
Church Clerk.

viously been offered to the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans. Total gifts for the year through the state office were \$1,393,572.92, according to State Secretary A. H. Reid. Dr. John Slaughter, Birmingham, was re-elected president.

Georgia Baptists elected Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer University, as president, and voted to divide its Co-operative Program receipts with the Southern Baptist Convention 50-50.

District of Columbia Baptists reported 1,241 coming for baptism into the 35 churches during the past year, with total gifts by members reaching \$1,100,000. Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, Calvary Church, Washington, was re-elected president.

South Carolina Baptists set up a foundation, voted to divide Co-operative Program receipts 50-50, and elected Rev. J. E. Rawlinson, Orangeburg, as president in their annual Convention. A Co-operative Program goal of \$1,600,000 was voted.

Mississippi Baptists voted a new Education Commission and elected W. E. Greene as president.

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BOOZE AND BEER HEADLINES FROM THE NATION!

BY JAMES C. FURMAN, Executive
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Here are some startling headlines I have gathered from clear across America! When you read what follows, I wish I could be with you to ask you "Isn't this frightening? Isn't this appalling?" Then, if you should say "Yes," I would like to ask you, "What do you think we ought to do about it?" And so, I ask you, through the medium of the printed page to ask yourself: "What *should* I, as an individual, do about this beverage alcohol problem? Should I learn more about it? Should I pray more? Should I give more of my time and my money to help in every way that I can?"

But, back to the booze and beer headlines:

NEW YORK CITY: \$20,000.00 per year Canadian Executive murdered at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, in a drunken brawl. Nineteen year old American the murderer!

IDAHO: Auto collision—drinking driver—six in one family killed: four children, mother and father! Drinking driver ran into their car.

KANSAS CITY, MO.: 94 drunk men, asleep on streets of city, arrested on Thursday morning.

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA: 506 men, black and white, piled high in "drunk tank"—piled high like dead pigs—in jail supposed to accommodate 100.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—1947: Ordinance passed, permitting children to drink at bars and in cocktail lounges.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—1948: In 1947 Washington was already the heaviest drinking city on the face of the globe; but in 1948 it is worse. Liquor consumption in April, 1948, 72% higher than in April, 1947.

MIAMI, FLORIDA: Five children appear before judge in one week for public drunkenness; one a twelve year old girl who had gone from bar to bar, throughout the night, with an eighteen year old wife. All arrested were twelve years of age or younger. Judge says: "This is not unusual. It happens every week."

SAN ANTONIO: Air cadet drinks eight bottles of beer; then soon after midnight he crashes his plane into home, killing himself and an occupant of home; home burns, as do two adjoining houses. All because of eight bottles of legalized beer.

CHATTANOOGA: 16 year-old boy drinks 16 glasses of beer—comes home; shoots and kills his father.

KNOXVILLE: Drinking man hits wife with chair, hospitalizing her.

KNOXVILLE: War veteran gets drunk, burns his own home, attempting to kill his wife.

ATLANTA: Wealthy man shoots off his leg while drunk.

INDIANAPOLIS: Mother and father of five (father an employee of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company), living in a hovel, spend each Saturday afternoon and night drinking beer in saloons. Their 10 year old son found feeding sour milk to his baby sister. Police place baby in hospital; place other children in jail for safe keeping; then scour the beer joints looking for the delinquent parents.

KENTUCKY: Mother gets drunk on beer. Asks four year old son to go out and buy whisky. He refuses. Mother hits him over head with beer bottle, giving him concussion of the brain.

NASHVILLE: 21-year-old mother enters beer joint, gets drunk with 18-year-old boy. They walk out of this dive, arm in arm—but being drunk on beer, boy slashes throat of young wife and mother, who falls dead on side walk, leaving husband and baby.

ATLANTA: The dean of a great Southern University arrested for drunken driving, while visiting Atlanta. He spends the night in jail. University officials vote to keep him as dean, because he was so nice to jailers. He acted like a perfect gentleman, university officials say.

Yet, in spite of all this, we don't learn! We don't seem to believe that beverage alcohol is an outlaw! We *must* not believe it, because here's what we did at the ballot on November 3, 1948:

1. Kansas, with the distillers pouring millions of dollars into the state for false propaganda, voted wet for the first time in 69 years!
2. Washington state voted saloons into hotels!

The headlines might indicate that drunkenness, alcoholism, represents America's Number One problem. But this is not the case. America's Number One Problem is "the moderate drinker," because EVERY ALCOHOLIC WAS ONCE A MODERATE DRINKER. America's tragedy, America's shame lies in the fact that we have already accepted "moderate drinking" as a way of life! And who has sold us moderate drinking as a way of life? The distillers and brewers of course. The \$100,000,000.00 per year spent by the distillers and brewers on advertising alone has already won the battle. We have lost! Now we must *win back* our church members and others who believe the distillers and brewers rather than God.

Listen! Here is what the Editorial Director of LIQUOR PUBLICATIONS, INC., said recently: "In artistic beauty and cleverness of appeal, no industries excel the advertisements of liquors, wine and beers. *The immediate purpose of this advertising is to create good will for the industry, lead the people to believe that social standing depends on the use of beverage alcohol, to associate it with that which is gracious and noble in life.* IT'S ULTIMATE PURPOSE IS TO GET THOSE NOT DRINKING TO DRINK, THOSE NOW DRINKING TO DRINK MORE."

The American people spent \$9,640,000,000 on booze and beer in 1947. Of that amount, \$5,555,000,000.00 was spent on beer, a 20% increase over 1946. Brewers tell you beer is a food

drink, but *what do you think* after reading the headlines? We have sixty million drinkers in America; three million drunkards; one million alcoholics (twice as many alcoholics as tuberculars); alcoholism is the number four health problem in our country today. IT IS THE NUMBER ONE SIN PROBLEM!

What are we going to do to answer the flagrant claims of the distillers and brewers, the criminal admission on their part that they are out to make you drink more, and that *they are out to make drinkers of your sons and daughters!*

How we answer the challenge of the distillers and brewers is up to you? United Dry Forces of Tennessee, Inc., can offer the leadership, the inspiration. But the battle is always won by privates in the ranks. Write us, 167 Eighth Ave., North, Nashville, if you want to volunteer!

By the way, about the only good news we know of on the liquor and beer front, last election day, was this: Bedford County (Shelbyville, county seat) won a liquor election and remained dry, by a vote of three to one. United Dry Forces of Tennessee, Inc., is proud of the fact that we had a part in that victory. We were the only temperance or dry organization which was in the fight. Since July, 1946, when I took over the work here, we have been in six liquor elections. We have been victorious in all six. We were the only organization participating in five of the six, the only one invited. We are mighty happy over that record, and we know you readers join us in prayers to God that this fine record may continue.

He Saw the Need

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—A five-dollar bill has come to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in testimony to a sailor's observation on the need of Christian missions.

The envelope which the mail man brought to the Convention offices contained only two items: the money, and a note "To be used for missionary work at home and abroad."

Outside the envelope was the return address of Ensign Micheal Childress, USN, U.S.S. Kenstin, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

The Second Annual Southwestern Rural Church and Community Conference will be held June 27-July 1, 1949 on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. W. F. Robinson, Chattanooga, passed away November 30 at 5:30 a. m. She was the mother of Mrs. C. D. Creasman of Donelson. The Lord comfort all the sorrowing.

J. Harold Smith has accepted the pastorate of Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga. He succeeds E. L. Williams who is now pastor of Bell Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville.

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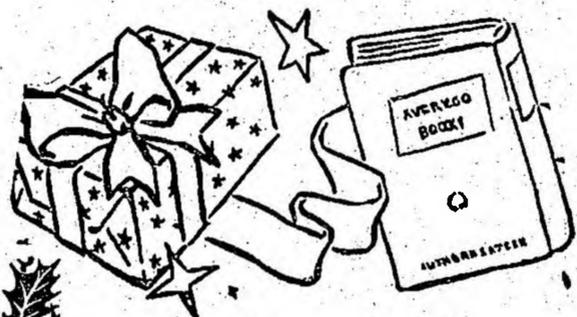
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