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A Message From the President and Secretaries of the Baptist
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"Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love!"

IN TIMES when men and nations are becoming more and more divided, by fears and jealousies, by conflicting interests and warring ideologies, the bonds of love that unite us across all boundaries, become increasingly precious. In days when we must refrain even from communicating with our brethren in some parts of the world, lest we add to their burdens of anxiety or persecution, we would again remind ourselves of that imperishable fellowship with each other which is ours through union with Christ.

We are one through our faith in Him as our Saviour. Our assurance of the forgiveness of sins and our hope of life eternal rest on no merits of our own, on no ordinances, however Biblical, on no Church, however divinely instituted, on no experience, however precious, but simply and only upon Jesus Christ himself, who died for our sins and rose again for our justification.

But we are also one in our common loyalty to Him as our Lord. The Creed that unites us is that truly apostolic confession: "Jesus is Lord!" His love has conquered our hearts. His truth lays claim to the undivided obedience of our consciences. Our ultimate allegiance belongs to Him unto whom all authority in heaven and on earth has been given.

If there is a thing above others that has distinguished the people called Baptists throughout the centuries, it is their stand for the undelegated sovereignty of Jesus, and their refusal to let anybody usurp "the Crown rights of the Redeemer." We know we must obey God rather than man. No priest and no king, no church and no state, shall dictate to our consciences, but only Jesus Christ himself.

Religious liberty can therefore mean nothing less than complete freedom to proclaim and practice His will as revealed in His Word and interpreted by His Spirit. Violation of this freedom by the powers that be is an attack upon the Lordship of Jesus. For this freedom our Baptist forebears have suffered prison and torture. In defiance of ecclesiastical and secular authorities they have proved, even at the burning stake, their loyalty to Christ.

The days of suffering are not past. In some countries Christians of our persuasion, and of other persuasions as well, are subjected to persecution. In some places their belongings are confiscated and their places of worship closed. In other areas their leaders are banished, or thrown into slave camps, or after torture and terror brought to trial on false charges. We cannot be with them in their hour of distress or reach them with words of comfort. But through our common access to the throne of God, and by virtue of that spiritual communion which is ours across oceans and continents, we can strengthen them with our intercessions and in some measure open our hearts to the fellowship of their sufferings. Let us pray without ceasing that they may remain faithful to their Lord, and that, even in the darkest hour they may experience that joy of which Jesus spoke: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!"

We who are spared the supreme test of loyalty under persecution, let us see to it that we do not grieve our Lord by divided hearts, or fail Him by compromising with evil, or betray Him by disobedience to His will, but consecrate ourselves anew to His service and throw our innermost being open to a new outpouring of His love by His Spirit.

In comfort or in poverty, in success or in defeat, in honour or in disrepute, in freedom or in prison, in life or in death, let each one of us cling to that unfailing love of which Paul says:

"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."

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EDITORIAL

IS VALUE LOST AFTER 100 YEARS?

SOME BROTHER strongly imbued with "the modern viewpoint" may speak rather impatiently after this fashion: "Don't argue for something which some Baptist believed 100 years ago, but preach the New Testament." We raise the question, Does truth lose its value after 100 years?

This brother is on a sound basis when he says to "preach the New Testament." The New Testament unfolds the Old Testament and gives its deeper meaning so far as it is applicable to us. But setting forth the New Testament has been the proposition of true Baptists in all ages of their history. Over and over again they have contended that only that supported by the New Testament is true religiously speaking and is binding upon men.

On the other hand, the brother's own words turn against him. If the Baptist position 100 years ago was according to the New Testament and if the New Testament is to be proclaimed, then by all means we ought to contend for what Baptists contended 100 years ago.

It cannot be shown that the position of Baptists on the great teachings of the Book were not according to the New Testament 100 years ago. But if it was, it should be contended for today.

The brother's very proposition to preach the New Testament is 100 years old and, in fact, centuries and centuries older than that. If, then, the New Testament is to be preached today, then, contrary to our brother, we are to contend for the Baptist position in vogue 100 years ago and for a position which was in vogue for centuries before.

Any truth that is taught in the New Testament is centuries old. If, then, the New Testament is to be preached today we will have to set forth doctrines that are very ancient. Our brother must do the thing which he says not to do. For he says not to contend for what some Baptist held 100 years ago whereas any true position held by a Baptist 100 years ago is not only that old but goes far beyond that.

What the New Testament teaches is old truth. Truth does not lose its value because of age. Therefore, if we are to proclaim the New Testament we must proclaim truths that are not only 100 years old, but many centuries older.

HIGHNESS TURNING TO LITTLENESS

WIDESPREAD COMMENT has resulted from the action of President Truman in using a dinner party in Washington for a disgraceful personal attack upon Drew Pearson, well known columnist and radio commentator. Most of the comment has been distinctly unfavorable, and rightly so.

Major General Harry H. Vaughan, military aid to the President, had received a citation and a medal from President Peron of Argentina. Mr. Pearson pointed out that, under the Constitution, Congress would have to approve before a military officer could accept a decoration from a foreign power. He also pointed out that the Peron government is a dictatorship and opposed democratic government in World War II.

Mr. Truman became greatly irritated. He lost his temper. At the Washington dinner party, although some women were present along with the men, he applied to Mr. Pearson an epithet which in private would make most men fight who would fight at all because the epithet is commonly construed as an insult to mothers.

Here is highness turning to littleness. The President used his high office to do an exceedingly little thing. It is supposed to be the work of columnists and commentators to unearth facts, interpret the news and inform the people. If the things presented by them are not true, the proper course for those involved is to disprove those things; and if they cannot disprove them then face them like a man. But Mr. Truman seemed to think that the facts presented by Mr. Pearson called for personal insult.

The President has let down the young people of America, who generally look to the high office of president for noble leadership and lofty ideals and becoming dignity. And adults will find it hard to respect the President as they would like to unless he demonstrates repentance for the littleness he exhibited.

FREELAND OBSERVES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, March 13, Pastor A. W. Osborne and the Freeland Baptist Church, Nashville, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the church with an all-day homecoming program.

Mrs. Taylor and the editor arrived in time for the closing of the Sunday School in charge of Superintendent Marion Staggs. Howard Cooley led the congregational singing throughout the day, with Peggy Warren at the piano.

The pastor led the Beginners and Juniors respectively in the singing of special numbers. It was an inspiration to see and hear them. At the morning worship hour the editor preached. Two united with the church upon a profession of faith and two by letter. At noon the church served an excellent dinner in the basement.

For the afternoon and evening programs the following were indicated on the program: Ralph Grubbs; Thomas Hale; Carlisle Thompson; Bunyan Smith, pastor; Third Baptist Church, Nashville, under whose auspices the mission was established which became the Freeland church; James Binkley, pastor Seventh Baptist Church, Nashville; sextet by the children of Mrs. Roy Frizzell; Nancy Hale; N. F. Looney; R. W. Alexander and the pastor.

Freeland has an excellent brick building entirely paid for, located on land given by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Uhlian. It has Baptist and Reflector in the budget. Bro. Osborne has been pastor throughout its history. The people believe in him and he is leading them in a fine way. If our visit even partially blessed the church as the visit blessed our own soul, we are thankful to the Lord.

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.

Conscience of the Nation

The Christian Advocate

In Slovakia, where the Communist government recently banned youth organizations sponsored by the churches, Lutheran Bishop Vladimir Cibrda recently told what he thought the churches ought to do. "We see today efforts and tendencies, more open and more pointed with every new day, which try to limit the work and the influence of the church to purely religious matters," he said. "Everything else—not only politics, culture, economic matters, but also education and the whole public and private life of men is taken away completely from the influence of the church, religion and God, and reserved exclusively for the state. However," he continued, "man and his life is a whole, which cannot be cut to pieces, leaving one piece to the church and giving the rest to the state; also it is impossible to separate a Christian from the laborer, official, politician, statesman, as if a person as Christian and church member could be measured with different measures than a laborer, official, politician, or statesman. Therefore, the church cannot let itself be pushed among the four walls of a place of worship."

How like America where, without the program of a Communist-dominated government, some would push the church out of board of directors meetings and union halls, out of classrooms and hospitals, out of the council chambers where the political decisions are made. In America, as in Slovakia, the church "must be the conscience of the nation, and point to black as black, to darkness as darkness, to evil as evil, wherever it meets them."

(It is strange that we lose sight of this.—R.B.J.)

Sunday Night

Radio Broadcasts

The Watchman-Examiner

In the role of a friendly critic, the Radio Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention has offered suggestions regarding Sunday night programs of radio and television broadcasts. The Committee, headed by Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, declared that millions of families are disappointed with Sunday night programs. A resolution presented states in part: "That the Radio Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention request the radio industry to give more attention on Sunday nights to good music, creative educational features, variety programs which will help develop the basic institutions of American life, including that of religion." A resolution on give-away programs said that they were "not good radio" and were rapidly lowering the standards of broadcasting and forcing excellent programs off the air. Our experience with Sunday night radio broadcasts is that not one of them can compare with a heart-warming evangelistic service in a church where Christian fellowship is pure and sweet. But since many families will not go out Sunday night, it is well that their interests are being defended in a constructively critical way.

(Why should the radio stations broadcast all day Sunday? We wish they would sign off Saturday night and let us have a rest from their blare on Sunday.—R.B.J.)

Tithing

Jeff D. Ray in Home Life

I do not find that Jesus ever gave any detailed instruction on tithing. The only times he is reported to have used the word, so far as I know, were when he told some Jews they ought to tithe (Matt. 23:23 and Luke 11:42) and where he quoted a Jewish Pharisee saying he tithed (Luke 18:13). My tithing habit accepted as a duty nearly seventy years ago has never been based on any specific New Testament instruction on that subject. Common sense and a good case of religion convinced me that even if not required to do it I ought to give at least as much to the Lord's cause under grace as the ancient Jew was required to give under the law. These speculations

about whether Jesus was a tither or taught tithing seem to me like childish, or possibly selfish, quibble. When one gives all he has to an enterprise, it is childish to ask if he gave a tenth or believed in giving a tenth or taught giving a tenth or required giving a tenth. If, in the matter of giving, any man will follow the example of Jesus, he will not worry about the tithe.

(If I am not mistaken, Jesus demanded that His followers give ALL. The Holy Spirit is to direct in the use of any of that ALL for personal needs.—R.B.J.)

Pope to America?

United Evangelical Action

A Canadian Press dispatch from Montreal says that on the authority of a recently arrived Jesuit in Canada plans have been made in Rome for the transference of papal authority to the Western world in case of an emergency arising in Italy. The mantle of the pope in that case would descend upon the shoulders of "a young cardinal in the Western Hemisphere." Apparently Cardinal Spellman of New York has been chosen to lead the forces of popery should the occasion arise. Romanism is falling to pieces in Italy, and even though Communism was defeated in the last election it is only "down" not "out." It will rise again. The wooing of the United States that has been going on in recent years, helped forward by the American representative at the Vatican, is all paving the way for the establishing of the hierarchy on this side of the Atlantic. Many of us will without doubt live to see the pope flee from Rome to find an asylum either in Quebec or Washington. The latter would no doubt be preferred, but an aroused Protestantism might prevent it. In Quebec all is in readiness and the new Roman-Catholic controlled government in Ottawa would undoubtedly approve.

(We wouldn't be surprised.—R.B.J.)

Endowments for Institutions

The Baptist Courier

We have a growing conviction that the best sort of endowment any institution can have is the good will of its constituency. Indeed, it seems certain that no amount of financial assets can compensate for lack of good will, while an institution which is firmly rooted in the love of the people is assured of financial support. This may seem a bit too idealistic, but one can cite cases of institutions which depend almost, if not quite, altogether upon direct and current contributions for operating expenses and yet are thriving and serving gloriously. We know cases of endowed institutions that are in difficulty also. We recognize, of course, that many of our greatest institutions, especially schools, have in the past depended largely upon endowment funds. It seems, however, that now is a good time for a re-thinking of this whole matter, especially in view of the shrinkage of returns from endowments.

This writer professes to be no authority on such matters; and what little he does know is restricted, largely, to the area of Southern Baptist Institutions. In this restricted area, he believes there has been a tendency for institutions that become financially independent of the denomination to become independent in other ways also. This results in their losing the good will of the people and, in turn, losing financial support, with the result that they are forced to break from the denomination entirely or die for lack of support. If this be a tendency or danger, it does not argue that we should "keep our institutions poor so that they will not become independent (in spirit)"; on the contrary, it is an argument that institutions, like individuals, should look first to their spiritual ideals so they may deserve and receive the good will and support of their constituency. It suggests also that a good rule for getting more is to make proper use of what one has. No Baptist institution can afford to let anything keep it from staying close to the hearts of the people—the ordinary, "mine-run," Baptist people.

(This makes sense.—R.B.J.)

DO YOU BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION?

By L. G. FREY, Superintendent

Missions and Evangelism

WELL, READ THIS STORY fresh from the mission field, and draw your own conclusion.

Something more than three years ago, a young man from Campbellsville College in Kentucky accepted a joint-pastorate on one of our mission fields in Tennessee. This included a church in the small county seat town and two rural churches.

One of these rural churches was housed in a small one-room building, perched on the hillside, that had formerly been used as a beer joint. The church did not own this building but was using it for services. Their Sunday school attendance is shown just outside in cut number one.

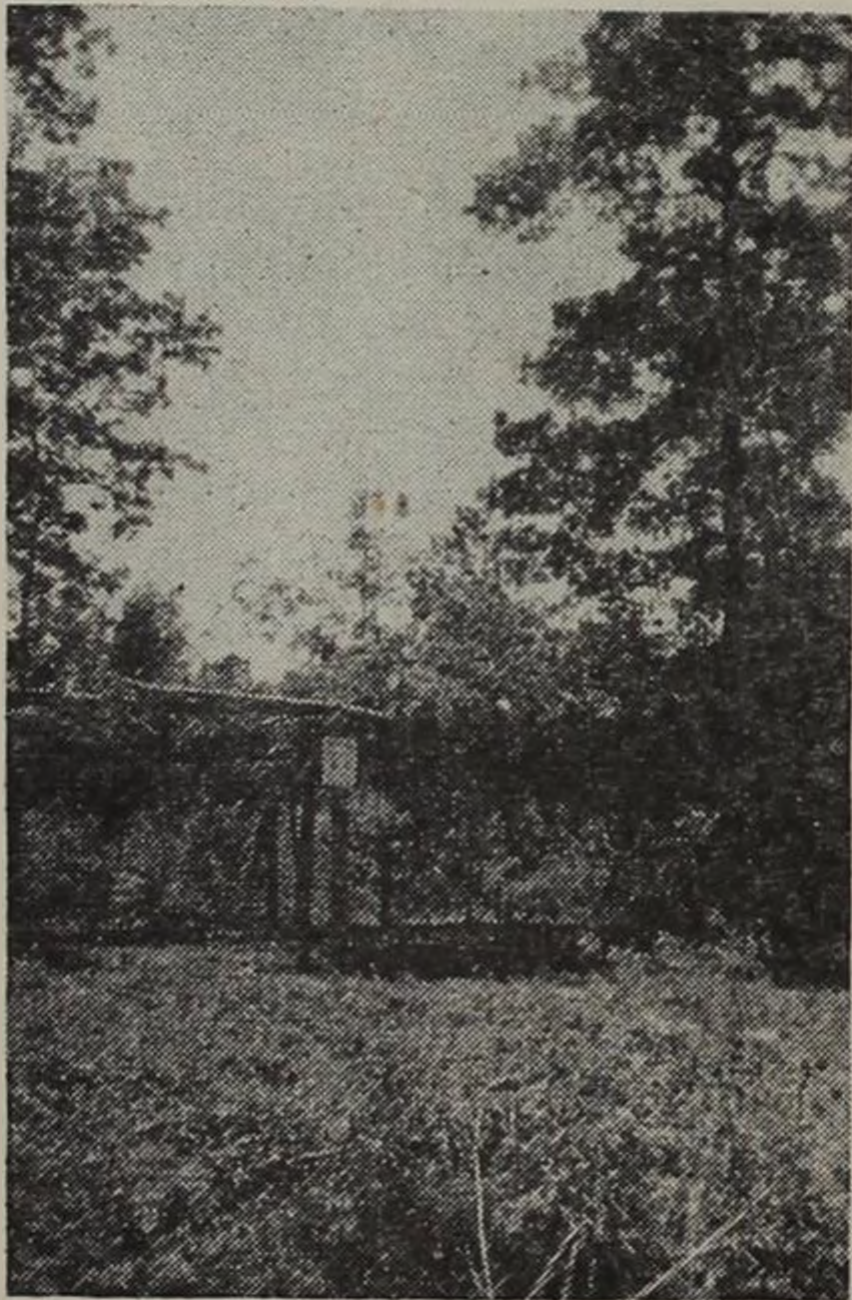
Before the first six months passed, the earnest, faithful, and determined little flock was asked to vacate, which they did. The Lord had smiled upon them with a glorious summer season, so a lot nearby was secured, and a brush arbor was quickly erected. See cut number two. This sufficed until better arrangements could be made.



Now they have a nice new building 28 by 40 feet and four Sunday school rooms, all of which is free of debt. This has been done on one of our comparatively new fields where Baptist work is still in its infancy. Others had preceded the present pastor and made their contribution on the field.

Now I wonder if you believe in evolution? Of course, I mean an unfolding, hence, a manifestation of related events in an orderly succession, as in a process of growth, and not organic evolution.

Thrilling rural romance like this never makes front-page stuff for our big dailies.



In fact, it seldom if ever appears on the back page of the county weekly, but we have a suspicion it is seen by the recording angel and appears in uncrowded space on the heavenly register.

P.S.—Would you like to know who this brother is?

THE USE OF TITLES

By A. A. CARLTON, Rutledge, Tenn.

EVERY NOW AND THEN someone makes a remark about the frequent use of the title "Reverend" (abbreviated when written) when referring to Baptist ministers, and nothing else is offered to remedy the practice.

When addressing personally, or in addressing mail to such brethren, use their office as a title. For example, Pastor John Doe, First Baptist Church (if necessary for other address). Or otherwise, and as the case may be: Evangelist John Doe, Missionary John Doe, Educational Director, and Musician. Any other officer of a church or work promoted by a Baptist preacher.

In time to come, these titles will be recognized by the public and abbreviations will be possible and practical.

The other day a dignified lady addressed me as "Doctor," which surprised me very much. But why should it? The next Lord's Day I tried to expound the DOCTRINES of the BOOK. I never have felt that I ought to be called "Reverend." "Doctor" is more nearly correct.

I would rather my people would call me "Pastor" than "Reverend" as many of them do, and we should tactfully teach such a practice. The greeting "Good morning, Pastor" should thrill any shepherd of a flock. The flippant title "Preacher" is undesirable, yet highly preferred to "Reverend."

We have heard one Baptist preacher introduce another as "The Reverend So and So." It is disgusting.

Take Your Tent and Pitch Camp

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Housing accommodation at the 1949 session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City are likely to be comparable more to a camping trip than a luxury vacation.

Or to say it another way, the 10,000 messengers expected at the session will necessarily be more interested in carrying on the Lord's business than in relaxing in a choice hotel suite.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, just back in his office from a hurried trip to Oklahoma City, host to the 1949 Convention sessions, had lots of praise to members of the entertainment committee. They're doing marvelously, he said. But the truth remains that there'll be a tremendous shortage of hotel rooms.

On one side of the ledger is a stack of reservation requests. They stand, pressed down, two feet and seven inches tall. They ask for 6,200 rooms.

On the other side of the ledger is the fact that Oklahoma City is not overly blessed with hotels, and it will be a marvel if hotel managers are able to find as many as 1,000 rooms for Baptist messengers.

Rev. Anson Justice, chairman of the housing committee, and other leaders in the general entertainment group, are working hard and undoubtedly will find accommodations for all who come. These accommodations are likely to be more of the wild-west camp-meeting style than of the luxurious class, however.

Beautiful thing about it is that everybody has an even chance. Preference in housing is being given only to the handful of people actually involved in operation of this session of the Convention. All others, be he pastor of a huge city church or lay member of a country church, are treated alike. Even employees of denominational boards are given no preference. Reservations were considered beginning February 1, and all are handled in chronological order.

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LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING

MRS. A. B. CLARK, Jackson, Tenn.

IN DUE SEASON we shall reap, if we faint not" when we serve the Lord, Gal. 6:9.

Since June 1, 1934, the writer has tried to witness for the Lord, even though poorly, in the capacity of General Missionary for West Tennessee, employed by the Baptist State Mission Board of Tennessee.

The Temptation to Faint

Quite a few times there has been the temptation to faint by the wayside, to refuse to answer the call when it seemed the price to pay in effort was far too much for what the results would be in return. But I can honestly say I do not recall a time when that temptation was yielded to, but on the other hand each time the temptation was the hardest to resist the results proved to be the greatest.

The past summer there were two such experiences. I was asked to conduct Vacation Bible Schools in places where I had been before. From past experience I knew the conditions were such that the work would be hard with not too much hope for favorable results. I was sorely tempted to refuse and give my time to some other place where I thought it would count more. Both proved the most blessed of all the weeks of the summer. Conditions had entirely changed and God had a group of eager boys and girls with their parents and other workers, prepared and waiting for what we were able to give them through our teaching and service. The visible results astounded us.

Reaping the Harvest

A few months ago at a Regional Meeting, a mother with her fine son came to me and said, "My son and I want to speak to you and tell you how we appreciate what you did for us when you were at our church. With your illustrations and explanations of the plan of salvation my son was made to understand, and soon after was converted. We just wanted you to know about it." I could not recall the incident but was happy in my heart that God had used the effort to His glory.

Recently, a friend of mine, a member of one of our best Rural Churches, told of the Thanksgiving program and offering which is annually observed in their church, now for a number of years. She told of how the offering had increased each year as the church has grown and developed in its expanded program of work. Last year the offering, more than a thousand dollars, was used to finish paying for a church bus. This year besides a sizeable cash offering, there was given by one member a lovely building site for the pastor's new home which is to be built soon, and the logs were given by another, and the work in cutting and hauling given by various members, the sawing given by another. Altogether there is sufficient lumber for building already on the grounds and it constituted the largest offering of any time. Then she said: "You know you were the one who suggested and helped us in having our first such offering and program and we think this occasion, annually, has helped us a great deal in the advanced work of our church and we give you credit for initiating it."

Then I recalled my first visit to their church more than ten years ago. It then was a one-room church, with fourth-time preaching, a small Sunday School, a very weak W. M. S., and no church budget. Now it has added an educational building, has full time pastor, with pastor's home furnished, owns and operates a large bus, with all organizations of the church functioning nicely, a well balanced church budget, with God blessing them in calling from their membership those who have surrendered to the ministry and special service. It has been my privilege to be in and out many times in this church during the years, and I hope my small contributions with these fine people have been used by the Lord to have helped some in the progress that has been made. It at least has been heartening to see it grow.

In one association where I began my work in 1934, I found one organization of the Woman's Missionary Union and that in a church where the pastor bitterly opposed the organization, but the church membership and the women in particular did not agree with him and continued faithfully on with the work. It was from that organization that we were able to enlist an Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, after one other organization came to be organized in another church. She served for a long period of time with only two organizations in the association. But through her effort with some help, after a period of time, other churches became interested and she was able to organize one after another until now, among a small group of churches composing the Association and covering a large territory, there are between thirty and forty organizations. The Superintendent is a housewife and a business woman, but a consecrated Christian and takes the time to promote the work by correspondence and personal contact. There were times when she, too, became discouraged but knowing that all was done for the Glory of God, she claimed his promise "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not," so now, she with others can rejoice in the time of rich harvest. Women are enlisted in Missionary service and Young People are receiving missionary education; and from among them, young men are surrendering to preach and young women to special service.

It was in 1935 or '36 at a Sunday School Conference when goals were being adopted for the next year, one field worker said twenty-five was his goal for number of Vacation Bible Schools for the West Tennessee Region. The leader of the Conference thought it was too high, saying that there had not been that many in the entire state the past year, but the goal was not changed. At the end of the season there had been more than thirty schools conducted in West Tennessee and many more than usual in the other Regions of the state, a sum total of more than eighty schools. Each year from then on the number of schools in the state has increased until last year the number reported was 1735.

Now in some of those places where we first went and with a few boys and girls conducted the school practically alone, we have the joy of being invited back to hold conferences in preparation for a school, with almost as many capable workers as we then had pupils. So today we are reaping in greater volume and better quality of work, where we once sowed in past days.

The Work Is One

But there is an experience, once each year, of mine that reminds me more than any other that "we reap in due season, if we faint not." In January or February of 1935, I attended the first meeting of its kind, held by Dr. Freeman, then our State Secretary of Missions, a conference for General Missionaries, Associational Missionaries, Mission Pastors and Departmental Secretaries. Since then I've attended similar conferences annually. As the work each year is reviewed and plans made for the next, I listen with amazement and marvel at the progress made year by year. I then in my mind compare the last reports with those of that first meeting fourteen years ago. What a difference! Then we are made to rejoice because of that difference and feel grateful to God for all those who have given themselves in hard sacrificial work through the years to bring about that difference. There are those noble souls, as Mrs. Louisa Carrol, who have gone on to their heavenly reward, and those who have gone to other places of labor and others who have stayed on and those who have recently come, but altogether the work is done. Some lay foundations and others build thereon, some pioneer and open the way for others to follow in their wake with greater achievements, but altogether it results in wonderful blessings for His people and for His Honor. Truly "we reap in due season, if we faint not." when we work for the Lord.

SIGNIFICANT NEWS

H. LEO EDDLEMAN, *Pastor*
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TWO OF THE MOST potentially significant news items ever to emanate from Southern Baptist circles have received emphasis in our periodicals in recent days.

1. The first has to do with the gift of \$50,000.00 designated to Foreign Missions by the First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor. The time having already arrived when we have more missionaries volunteering for foreign service than we have funds with which to send them, it is gratifying to see a spontaneous manifestation of concern that they be sent forth to preach the gospel as in the case of these First Baptist Church members of Little Rock. *This does not for one moment imply a feeling that too much is being given for any local, state or Southwide causes*, but it is a noble expression of the conviction that in the light of present needs and trends we are not doing what God would have us do for Foreign Missions.

2. The second news item of unusual significance is that of the action of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention taken recently in Nashville to the effect, as the writer understands it, that all funds that are given to Southwide causes in excess of the budget of six and one-half million dollars will be given to the Foreign Mission Board. This is to help the Foreign Mission Board implement its Advance Program which is to be recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City in May.

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Many are aware by now that the Foreign Mission Board is recommending to the Southern Baptist Convention that its Foreign Mission personnel be increased from a total of 650 to 1,750. In order to implement this it is estimated that a budget of ten million dollars annually will be required.

Inasmuch as the Foreign Mission Board already receives 50% of undesignated gifts to Southwide causes, there have doubtless arisen questions in the minds of some as to the wisdom of the action of the Executive Committee in Nashville recently. If one ponders the information on this subject at length, he can be almost violently impressed with the smallness of Southern Baptists support for Foreign Missions. For example, the average Southern Baptist church gives 3½ cents out of every dollar to Foreign Missions, while 96½ cents go for the support of local, state, and other Southwide causes. On making this statement once the writer was challenged by a loyal church member who said, "Why, our church gives 22% to missions." He was greatly surprised and justifiably disturbed on learning that only 25% of that 22% actually went for Foreign Missions. His amazement almost changed to bewilderment as he was led to trace the actual course of a dollar placed in the collection plate; 68% remaining in the local church program, 22% going to the State Board office; 50% of that 22% remaining in the state for state causes, the other 50% going to Nashville for Southwide causes, with at last 50% of that getting started on the way to the Foreign Mission Board for the implementing of the Great Commission around the world. Exclaimed he, "So what we give for Foreign Missions is actually 50% of 50% of 22%!" *We emphasized to this brother, of course, the necessity of wise and generous support of institutions and agencies on the home base, including the local church, statewide institutions, and other Southwide causes.*

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However, can it be possible that in our preaching, advertising, choice of terminology, etc., we have permitted the magnitude and urgency of Foreign Missions to be somewhat obscured? For example, the population of the United States is 140,000,000; the population of the entire world is two billion, two hundred

million. Thus, according to facts as we have them, Southern Baptists on an average expend 3½% of the collection plate dollar in their efforts to discharge their God-given responsibility among two billion, sixty million souls around the world, while 96½% is used for the discharging of our Christian responsibility among the 140 million souls within the boundaries of the United States.

Perhaps the nature and trend of the new era in which we live are challenging us to a new approach. This is no longer the stone age, nor even the iron age: since August 6, 1945 we have been in an era, the days of which seemed numbered from the very day of its inception.

1. One thing that points up the urgency of our intensifying and enlarging our missionary efforts is the fact of the shortness of time. It is now or never, according to the conviction of many men in government, science, and religion. It is highly possible, even quite probable, that what we do not do within the next ten or fifteen years can never be done within the framework of this civilization.

2. Another news item pointing up the necessity of the study of this question is that of the possibility of Southern Baptists being thrown back into another debt era.

III

An item publicized in our State Baptist papers recently, attributed to Dr. Louie Newton, poses an estimate of the indebtedness already lying upon the shoulders of Southern Baptists. The figure was so staggering that the present writer wrote Dr. Louie Newton asking if it were published correctly, and if so to please supply some information to verify the estimate. A lengthy letter from Dr. Newton satisfies the writer that he is not far wrong, if at all. He estimates that Southern Baptists already owe the staggering sum of 100 million dollars, chiefly in the form of debts on local church building programs, but with sufficient sums by institutions and agencies to increase the total to the staggering figure thus presented.

Can it be, brethren, that exactly during that one decade when Southern Baptists will have the opportunity to girdle the globe for God with the good news of personal redemption through the Lord Jesus Christ, we are going to be channeling our would-be missionary funds into payments on 5 and 6% interest debts? It is just possible that the answer lies in our determination to do two things: First, exploit present building facilities to their fullest. Noble indeed are the churches who prefer two sizable Sunday morning worship programs to a program that would not bring any more people under the sound of the gospel, but which would shoulder them with a staggering debt.

Second, exploiting the principles of practicality and utilitarianism in new buildings with a minimum of ornamentation and embellishment. Without for one moment discouraging the esthetic value of architecture that points upward and conditions the atmosphere for worship, the writer cannot help remembering instance after instance of pure architectural embellishment, the cost of which would have supported 40 or 50 missionaries for an entire year.

If architecture would save a country, certainly the continent of Europe would be the most saved area of the universe. Cathedrals in no other part of the world compare with those of Europe and even Russia; but so also is the blood-shed, intestine warfare, moral degradation, and Communism on the continent of Europe incomparable to those of other parts of the world.

For these days a fitting scene and measuring rod for many of our activities and programs is, "How shall they preach except they be sent?"

THE COMPASSIONATE HEART

By E. GIBSON DAVIS, *Pastor*
Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

THE BIBLICAL use of the word "heart" is much broader and deeper than that which we usually place upon it. We think of the heart as the bodily organ which is the center of animal life, but in the Old and New Testaments it is used in a variety of applications. It is the seat of the affectionate life, it is the organ of moral discernment and belief. One has given us a definition of personality in describing it "as the outward expression of an inward possession." If we possess the compassionate, pitying heart we are going to express it in a way that will reflect our feeling toward all mankind. It must have been some such thought as that which Christ had in mind, when He said: "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good, and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil" (Luke 6:45).

Christ's Example

If we were to carefully pursue and scrutinize the ministry and messages of Jesus during His days upon earth we could aptly describe Him as the One of Compassionate Heart. Follow Him on any of His journeys, day or night, and you will always find full proof of His pitying ministry. We are not to think of Him as an object of pity or compassion. Pity is always a call for help, but He never called for pity or compassion. To the women who followed Him on the way to the cross, He said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me." To the disciple who would have resorted to the sword in defense of his Master, He said, "Thinkest thou that I cannot pray to My Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

Compassion is always the cry for help, and as an object of help He never called upon men. But whether He was ministering to the sick of body, mind or soul He was always the great Physician of the compassionate heart. When He looked at the great city He had come to save, and knew He would live and die in vain so far as that capital was concerned, He yet looked at the city "and wept over it." The great prophet, seven hundred years before Him, said He would be a "Man of sorrows, and acquainted with tears," but not for Himself. When He remembered the fate that awaited Him, He thought not of that. His whole soul was taken up with the city that lay out before Him,—"the city with ten thousand memories, with the morning sun blazing on the marble pinnacles and gilded roof."

But it was not for the city, as such, that He had the compassionate heart. It was not brick, and stone and gold that really elicited His pity. He saw men, women and little children, who would reap the terrible consequences of rejection that moved Him to tears. He saw other temples than Solomon's falling in ruin. And He is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever." He weeps today. He comes near to shed tears today. He weeps and pities so many who put their talents to work for "the things that perish with the using of them," and who spend such a little bit of their time in the building of a spiritual house.

Paul's Example

Perhaps, there is nothing in the New Testament which so describes the compassionate heart, apart from the pitying Savior, like the life of the Apostle Paul. If there was anything in his letter to the Christian in Rome, more than anything else, which described this great heart of pity it was his prayer and desire that Israel might be saved (Romans 10:1). He had seen life from most every angle. He had known the covenant that had been a part of his people's life, but he had come to know Christ. He saw his countryman's life from a Christian point of view. He knew they were missing the joy that was his, but they were going to miss heaven at last. He proves their unutterable loss, but he finds himself almost praying now that he be cut off forever from salvation, if that would mean their salvation (Romans 10:3).

The thought of leaving his people in their sins wrings his heart. It sweeps him from the mount of triumph into the vale of despondency. He is almost incapable of reasoning. "My brethren are doomed! My brethren are lost!" Love for them is all he feels now. He was only one, but they were so many. "Send me away, but save them."

Christ and Paul Challenge Us

The Christian who, today, feels nothing of that spirit of compassionate heart which dominated Christ and Paul, needs to betake himself to that place of prayer where such a spirit is born. We need to enter into the fellowship of His sufferings, and feel the awfulness of sin's power sufficiently to make us weep. How dare any man call himself a Christian if he does not thrill at the thought of winning a soul? The greatest thing in the world is love. Paul said, "It never fails."

The world owes a great debt to those of the compassionate heart. Only as men shed bitter tears over the sins and inhumanities of men to men will their emotion be transmuted into action. Savonarola wept over the fair and lovely city of Florence—a city which was rotten by reason of the profligacy of her leaders—but gave himself at the same time to rebuking her sins and helping to cleanse her life; William Carey, pining in the cobbler's shop over the plight of the pagan, at last cast aside the tools of his trade and gave himself into saving love. Men like these have been the world's saviors, and who have truthfully sung the song which F. W. Meyer put upon the lips of Paul:

Oft when the word is on me to deliver,
Lifts the illusion and the truth lies bare.
Desert or throng, the city or the river
Melts in a lucid paradise of air.
Only like souls I see the folk thereunder
Bound who should conquer, slaves who should be kings;
Hearing their one hope with an empty wonder,
Sadly contented in a show of things.
Then with a rush the intolerable craving
Shivers throughout me like a trumpet call.
Oh, to save these, to perish for their saving,
Die for their life, He offered for them all.

Sixty-Eight per cent of Ministers now Active Pastors

By PORTER ROUTH

ONLY SIXTY-EIGHT per cent of the licensed and ordained ministers whose names have been listed in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual are now serving as active pastors of churches, according to a new study of ministers which will appear in the 1949 *Southern Baptist Handbook*.

During the past year, a complete check of the ministers' list has revealed 27,343 names of men who are now listed as licensed or ordained ministers in Southern Baptist churches. Of these, 16,251 were serving as active pastors when the associational reports were made.

The reports indicated that 1341 new ministers were ordained during the year, more than twice the number ordained in 1947. This does not include the large number licensed.

Of the 16,251 men serving as pastors of churches, 12,440 serve only one church. The survey indicates that 2,545 men serve as pastor of two churches, 796 serve three churches, 310 serve four churches, 108 five churches, 31 six churches, 15 seven churches, and 4 eight churches.

Two men in the Southern Baptist Convention serve as pastor of nine churches.

The complete study, on a state by state basis, will appear in the 1949 *Southern Baptist Handbook*, to be released by Southern Baptist book stores on May 1.

CONFERENCE OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

By ERWIN L. McDONALD, Southern Seminary
Louisville 6, Kentucky

THE FOURTH ANNUAL Southwide Conference of Baptist Theological Students will be held April 14 and 15 on the campus of the American Baptist Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee. Joe M. Conley, student at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, and executive secretary-treasurer of the Conference, has announced.

Every National Baptist and Southern Baptist school in the South which grants a theological degree is urged to join the eight schools already participating in the Conference. Any Baptist theological student, enrolled in any college or seminary granting a theological degree is eligible to become a member.

The program for the opening day will include: a forum, "The Work of the Baptist Social Service Commission," led by Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Baptist Social Service Commission, and Professor A. L. Porter of American Baptist Seminary, followed that evening by the annual banquet and the main address "Christianity and Civil Rights," delivered by Dr. E. W. Perry, Vice-President, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A forum, "Baptists and Catholicism," led by Dr. J. M. Ellison, President of Virginia Union University and Dr. Porter W. Routh, Secretary, Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature the second day's program. There will be a business session that afternoon for those able to remain.

The Conference was organized at the Southern Baptist Seminary in 1946 by students and representatives from five colleges and seminaries. Composed of Negro and white Baptist theological students of the South, it has for its purpose the promotion of Christian fellowship, the study of mutual problems relative to the work of the Kingdom, and the planning of cooperative efforts of all Baptists for the extension of the gospel.

Will We Heed These Voices?

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

GRATEFUL for slight evidences here and there of an awakening on the part of our people to the subtle encroachments of the Roman hierarchy upon the cherished principles of religious liberty in our country, I cite here four voices which I trust we will heed:

First: "That to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions, which he disbelieves or abhors, is sinful and tyrannical,"—Thomas Jefferson, "Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom," 1779.

Second: "It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment upon our liberties. We hold this prudent jealousy to be the first duty of citizens and one of the noblest characteristics of the late Revolution. The freemen of America did not wait till usurped power had strengthened itself by exercise and entangled the question in precedents. They saw all the consequences in the principle, and they avoided the consequences by denying the principle."—James Madison, 1787.

Third: "Let us hark back again to the great doctrine of religious liberty, and its inevitable corollary, the separation of church and state. I speak now this special word to our Baptist people of our United States of America. While we are lamenting the loss of religious liberty and other civil rights, in different sections of the world, it behooves us to open our eyes to insidious encroachments here in our own land. With a great price, our fathers purchased this great freedom which we now enjoy. Let us see to it that we do not forget it, nor allow anybody else to forget it,"—George W. Truett in his Presidential Address. Sixth Congress, Baptist World Alliance, Atlanta, 1939.

Fourth: "Let me acknowledge your letter of February 6. I certainly appreciate the salutary principle of complete separation of church and state. If we do not continue to recognize this principle in practice and theory, the liberty of the individual will ultimately disappear,"—U. S. Senator Walter F. George, 1949.

Baptist Church Changes Name

By ROY G. LILLARD, Clerk
Polk County Association

AT THE MORNING worship service, Sunday, March 13, 1949, the congregation of the Ocoee Baptist Church by a majority vote of those present changed the name of the Church from the Ocoee Baptist Church to the First Baptist Church of Benton. Rev. E. R. Webster is at present pastor of the Church. The recommendation was submitted by C. C. Geer, G. A. Lillard, and Jess Barclay.

The present church building was constructed as a result of a revival meeting which was held on the present site of the Church building in 1921 by Rev. Claude Sprague, then pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland, Tennessee. The revival resulted in 65 additions by baptism and a large number of renewals.

The Building Committee for the present structure was composed of: Rev. W. H. Rymer, Dr. J. D. Nuchols, G. W. ("Uncle Bud") Harbison, B. B. C. Witt, Abe Lillard, W. A. ("Bill") Prince, Hugh W. McClary, and J. H. Taylor, only the last two listed are now living.

Mrs. Lossie Higgins by means of her "Mite Box" contributed much toward the payment of the building debt, having collected approximately \$3,000.00 by this means.

The Ocoee Baptist Church was organized the Second Saturday of August, 1836, with members of the Friendship Baptist Church assisting in the organization. The first Church building stood slightly southwest of the present structure of the Old Ocoee (Four Mile) Baptist Church. Elder Jason Matlock served as the first pastor, with Elder Z. Rose following him as the second pastor.

Charter members of the Church were: Stephen Lawson, Samuel Duggan, Elizabeth Duggan, Josiah Doherty, Rachel Doherty, Preston Doherty, Anny Duggan, Samuel H. Tummins, Ed Tummins, Evan Campbell, Sarah Campbell, Abraham Lillard, Jenny Lillard, John Ritchey, Catherine Ritchey, Travis Rogers, Fanny Rogers, Mahala Lawson, Robert Duggan, Absolam Coleman, Nancy Coleman, Sarah E. Coleman, William Higgins, Mary Higgins, Jesse Lemmins, Nancy Lemmins, Solomon Summy, Ruth Summy, Sarah Lillard, Mary Robertson, Almon Guinn, Nancy A. Coleman, and Elisha Williams.

The record shows that on the second Sunday of June, 1837, China "a Black Woman" became a member of the church. Abraham Lillard, I, charter member of the Church buried his slave in the Old Ocoee Cemetery and erected a nice marker which may be seen today. The marker bears the inscription "Bob—A Faithful Servant."

Booze And Baby Dolls

By HUGH A. BRIMM

RECENTLY I released a news story from my office calling attention to the fact that a liquor dispensary here in Louisville has a sign on the window "Bubble Gum for Sale." I reported that I have seen children going in the store to buy the gum and soft drinks that are sold from a box in front of the counter.

I concluded with the question "are we to look for the time when package stores will put in a toy department or even operate a nursery while Mama does her shopping? This could be done since Kentucky law does not prohibit a package store from selling "other commodities."

A letter from Rev. C. E. Wilbanks, Fresno, California, tells me that four blocks from his home there is a sign hanging over the sidewalk in front of a liquor store. It reads "Liquor—Toys."

In this community mothers can say to their children "Now Tommy, you and Betty be good today and I'll let you go down to the liquor store to meet Daddy and he will buy you some little toys when he picks up his booze."

When are we going to do something to stop this sort of thing?

\$5.00 Sends A Hope Food Box

Each HOPE Box Contains:

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| 1 lb. Spaghetti | 1 lb. Long Grain Rice |
| 6 pkgs. Dehy. Soup | 1 Box Raisins |
| 1 Can Corn Beef | 1 Bar Soap |
| 1 Can Cond. Milk | 1 lb. Shortening |
| 1/2 lb. Cocoa | 2 lb. Sugar |
| 50 Tea Bags | 2 pks. Seed |

A copy of one of the gospels, written in the language of country to which the package is going, is placed in each box when available.

Cash Needed

The Southern Baptist Relief Committee needs cash contributions to ship contributed supplies overseas, to operate the Relief Center at New Orleans, to re-settle Displaced Persons, to buy medicine, vitamins, food for distribution in Europe and Asia by approved consignees. Send your cash gift today. Designate it, "For Relief."

Includes Delivery Overseas

(Special to You)

HOPE (Help Other People Eat) food boxes are available through the Southern Baptist Relief Center for \$5.00 each, which includes delivery overseas. These boxes were designed in response to the demand of Southern Baptists who want to send food overseas to individuals.

Donors may specify the persons to whom they want their boxes delivered. If the donor does not specify the name of a recipient, the Southern Baptist Relief Center will ship the box, along with others, to one of its regular consignees for distribution where most needed.

The HOPE box weighs eleven pounds and contains a variety of foods. The boxes are prepared for the Center at cost by a leading wholesale grocer.



Are People Really Hungry?

Baptist Highlights

By PORTER ROUTH

... Possibility of a Baptist college operated by the Southern Baptists in California is seen in the steps being taken to purchase building, grounds, and equipment of the Amerivet Academy at Atascadero, Calif.

... The Southern Baptist Radio Commission presented its first television picture in its new home, 1586 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E., in Atlanta, Georgia.

... The Sunday School Department reports 33,319 awards during February. The Training Union Department reports 23,523 awards, compared with 19,522 for the same month in 1948.

... U. S. Senator J. M. Broughton, a graduate of Wake Forest and one of North Carolina's leading laymen, died in Washington after a heart attack.

... A New York Appellate Court has ruled "under the usages and customs of a Baptist church, the authority to employ or dismiss a minister lies not in the trustees or the deacons, but in the congregation itself."

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

The last column of the month is a good time to look together at word pictures in our Young South file. Many of you have written letters to bring your word pictures up-to-date. Let's see how many of these we can share today.

LOIS BLACKMAN, Brighton, Tennessee, has had some unusual experiences since she sent in her word picture last year. During a revival in her church, Lois dedicated her life to special Christian service. Right now she feels that the Lord wants her to go to China as a missionary, but she is preparing to do whatever is needed in the Lord's work. She says, "I know that Christ wants us all to be missionaries in our homes, in our community, or anywhere."

Lois is a fine, fourteen-year-old girl, now in the eighth grade at school. She is looking forward to finishing high school, then entering Union University at Jackson, Tennessee. In the meantime, while she finishes her education, she is helping with the work in her own church at Brighton. She is President of the G. A. group in her church. Lois wants some pen pals fourteen to sixteen years of age.

SHIRLEY BOWLING, RFD Route 1, Greenbrier, Tennessee, is another of our long-time friends. One reason we haven't been hearing from her, she says, is that their BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR subscription expired, and she did not get to read the Young South each week, to keep in touch with what we were doing. We are glad that their subscription has been renewed, and that Shirley is bringing her word picture up-to-date. Shirley still has three pen pals, but she would enjoy receiving letters from others. She will be twelve years old on May 3. Perhaps you'd like to write to Shirley and welcome her back to the Young South.

RACHEL BROADBENT, Rural Route 2, Woodlawn, Tennessee, is a new Young South friend. Rachel is nine years old and is in the fourth grade at Woodlawn School. She goes to Blooming Grove Baptist Church. Rachel used to live in Clarksville. Her daddy still works at the post-office in Clarksville. We are glad for a brand-new friend and hope that Rachel will write us often. She would probably enjoy a personal note from you.

BARBARA EDMONDSON, Box 102, Linden, Tennessee, is another new friend. Barbara is eleven years old and has been a Christian almost two years. Barbara is the oldest of six children in her family. What fun they must have playing together! And what help they may be to their parents! Barbara's collection is postcards. Maybe you'd like to add to Barbara's collection a picture of something interesting in your town.

MARIE EDMONDSON is Barbara's ten-year-old sister. Of course, her address is the same—Box 102, Linden, Tennessee. Marie is in the fourth grade at school. She is a Christian but when she wrote her letter she had not yet been baptized. Perhaps she has been baptized since, and that part of word picture can be changed.

It's fun to make new friends. We hope that Barbara and Marie will keep on writing letters to tell us more about themselves, and that they will help their younger brothers and sisters write, too.

JEAN FORD, 1102 Crossland Avenue, Clarksville, Tennessee, is a new thirteen-year-old friend. She would like very much to have some pen pals about her age. Jean is a Christian. We hope that she will write another letter real soon and tell us about her church, her school, her playmates. The more we know about our Young South friends, the better pictures we have in our minds.

DOROTHY HYDER, Route 6, Elizabethton, Tennessee, wrote to bring her word picture up-to-date. Dorothy is twelve years old now and in the seventh grade at school. Basketball is one of her hobbies. She "made" the school basketball team this season. Somehow Dorothy has lost touch with the pen pals she used to have. She'd like to get some more—perhaps other Young South friends who enjoy basketball.

There are some more new word pictures in the file, but our column space is running out today. So let's put our place marker behind Dorothy's card, and begin there the next time we share word pictures. Perhaps others of you will find time to write and bring your pictures up-to-date. How about it?

Love,
AUNT POLLY

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Let's Give Them A Chance

OLETA MEEK

HOW MANY ARE THERE?—There are about 2,890,000 babies, birth through three years of age, in our Southern Baptist territory who are not enrolled in any Sunday school; 1,330,000 four and five year olds; 1,890,000 six, seven and eight year olds; and 2,450,000 not attending any Sunday school.

WHERE ARE THEY?—They are scattered all over our territory. A large number of them are in your community and perhaps will not be ministered to unless your church reaches them.

WHY DO WE WANT THEM?—They need a chance to hear of the love of Jesus, to find him as a Friend who understands and helps.

They may never have that chance unless you go after them for your Sunday school.

Our goals for enrollment gain in Tennessee are:

Cradle Roll	3,038
Nursery	2,800
Beginners	3,920
Primary	4,949
Juniors	7,007

Will you accept this challenge?

Our responsibility is found in Matthew 18:14 "Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

Resolution of Cooperation

We, the Secretaries of the State Sunday School Departments in the Southern Baptist Convention, and all the members of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, assembled in Mobile, Alabama, March 10, wish to reaffirm our deep interest in the support of church evangelism. Evangelism has been at the very heart of our Sunday school program through all the years. The enlistment of people in Bible study, the training of teachers and all that we have tried to do has been keyed to evangelism.

We have received a communication from Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, asking for our cooperation in the following ways:

1. "In combining prayer and interest in evangelism in the Bible Study Week in January.
2. Take a religious census in every community on Sunday, February 5 through the Sunday School.
3. Follow this census with a study of a soul-winning book for the entire membership, led by Sunday School officers and teachers.
4. Evangelistic emphasis in both the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union associational meetings for March."

We are happy, therefore, to cooperate in this Convention-wide evangelistic effort in the following manner:

1. To encourage every church to observe Bible Study Week in January and in connection with this week, call our people to prayer for a great evangelistic crusade.
2. We welcome the invitation to assume the responsibility for and to give guidance to the taking of the religious census through the Sunday school on February 5 in every church community.
3. It will be our plan to undergird this effort the week following in two specific ways: (1) By urging every church to carefully tabulate the census for a long range and an immediate program of visitation, and (2) By encouraging every church, under the pastor's direction, to meet for a prayerful study of one of our Training Course books Evangelism.
4. In keeping with the request, we will urge each associational Sunday school superintendent to give major emphasis to evangelism in the associational meeting for March.

We heartily join all the forces of the Southern Baptist Convention in praying and working for a great spiritual awakening.

Signed: E. W. WESTMORELAND, Chairman
ANDREW Q. ALLEN
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Special Committee for State Sunday School Secretaries

West Jackson Baptist Church Holds Great Study Course

By

MRS. CLYDE BRUMLEY

Director of Young People's Activities

ONE OF THE MOST successful Training Union Study Courses ever held in West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee was held the week of February 7-11, this year, with an average attendance of 233, and 200 awards.

Early in the Training Union year, the executive committee felt a need for a Training School, so after a conference with the Pastor, Dr. R. E. Guy, planning meetings were held, many of them, and every detail was worked out. This church is fortunate in having this year as one of the Associate Directors, Mrs. Jesse Meek, who is an approved State worker. Her experience and knowledge was a great help in working on this committee.

One of the first things that was done, was a classification of the entire Training Union, and a permanent enrollment file set up. Then a check was made against the Sunday School roll, which revealed many prospects.

Mr. C. S. Sewell, Director, and Mr. C. C. Latta, Associate Director, worked together on securing teachers for the school and did a fine job.

Realizing the nearness of the Training School, to the revival scheduled February 27, it was decided to designate the Training School Week as "SoulWinning Emphasis Week," using soul-winning books. The Pastor, Dr. Guy taught a large class of Adults, "The Plan of Salvation;" Rev. Neal Moore, Associational Training Union Director, taught the Young People, "Winning Others to Christ." Mrs. Floyd Cates, of Poplar Heights Church taught the 15 and 16 year Intermediates, "A Faith to Live By"—this same book was taught to the 13 and 14 year Intermediates by Paul Harwood of Union. Both classes were well attended. The 9 and 10 year Juniors were taught by Miss Hortense Rushing of Poplar Heights Church and the 11 and 12 year Juniors were taught by Rev. Marshall Burroughs of Malesus. Both classes studied "My Family and I," and were well attended. The Primary Story Hour was under the direction of Mrs. Tom Brandon, and the Beginner and Nursery Story Hour under the direction of Mrs. T. E. Shelly; she used various groups of workers. Mrs. J. L. Jones served as Secretary for the Training School.

On Sunday night, February 6th, a "roll-call" was held. Each member of the Training Union had been urged to be present to answer present, or to have someone to answer for him if he was providentially hindered. The departments assembled at Training Union time, made their reports and came to the church auditorium, and were seated together. After a song and announcements, the Secretary called the General Officers, then each Department called their department. There are 388 enrolled in the Training Union, and 371 answered present.

Each night during the week was a "feature" night. Monday night was Training Union night; Tuesday night the Sunday School Teachers and Officers were recognized; Wednesday night was "Deacons" night and a large percentage of the Deacons were present. Thursday night the W. M. U. family was recognized, and Friday was "Faculty Night" with special recognition going to the Pastor, together with a love gift.

Also on Friday night, Dr. J. F. Ray showed a film which was an inspiration to all, after which a social hour was enjoyed, with refreshments served in the dining room of the church.

During the entire week, the theme for the year "Found Faithful" was emphasized to close each night's service.

Much credit was due Don Booker on the publicity committee, for the fine posters he made one for each organization that was featured. On Thursday night a "poster parade" was held.

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Statistical Reports Received At State Office

Association

	No. Organi- zations	New Organi- zations	No. report- ing Each Quarter	A-1 Organi- zations	Mission Study Classes	Tithers
Beech River	24	6	6	2	30	205
Beulah	61	13	39	21	70	403
Big Emory	36	5	20	12	36	275
Big Hatchie	68	6	42	8	74	384
Bledsoe	23	7	15	2	22	172
Campbell Co.	39	18	22	6	31	172
Carroll-Benton	35	8	24	6	44	143
Chilhowie	109	24	39	10	98	612
Clinton	102	20	26	11	67	350
Concord	47	15	18	3	46	161
Crockett	26	5	19	10	44	163
Cumberland	21	6	14		13	125
Cumberland Gap	18	4	11	4	28	60
Duck River	29	5	8	1	28	135
Dyer	40	10	19		27	276
East Tennessee	18	5	9	1	17	75
Fayette	15	3	12		19	56
Giles	9	1	3		5	49
Gibson	82	14	66	11	112	547
Grainger	16	1	4		4	33
Hardeman	45	2	29	12	47	154
Holston	182	23	79	27	185	1078
Holston Valley		4	no report			
Indian Creek	30	3	15	1	20	100
Jefferson Co.	45	8	24		51	144
Judson	7		1		4	6
Knox	289	39	157	43	422	2068
Lawrence Co.	20	6	8	4	16	98
Madison	110	9	54	15	113	755
Maury	36		26	4	38	196
McMinn	70	9	32	6	79	429
McNairy	37	5	5		2	37
Midland		1	no report			
Mulberry Gap	2	2	no report			
Nashville	215	25	144	39	277	2011
New Duck River	33	8	25	4	37	180
New River	7	5	3			3
New Salem	19	5	19	1	23	42
Nolachucky	69	7	43	10	60	401
Northern		4			5	16
Ocoee	236	37	137	31	208	1707
Polk	20	7	6	2	10	80
Providence	23	10	4	4	18	110
Riverside	13	1	4		4	29
Robertson Co.	77	6	42	2	65	364
Salem	24	4	18	5		79
Sequatchie	19	6	5		8	121
Sevier	29	2	13	3	23	140
Shelby	339	39	237	52	450	3689
Stewart	14	1	7	5	13	54
Stone	45	5	7	7	8	111
Sweetwater	31	5	24	9	32	187
Tennessee Valley	36	6	12	8	48	179
Union	15	2	7	2	10	49
Watauga	73	15	40	13	35	323
Weakley	30	7	17	7	30	199
Western District	26	10	15	6	18	151
William Carey	66	22	14	1	33	134
Wilson	48	10	31	2	40	201
Wiseman	1					
West Union	2	1				

Four Laymen's Revivals Reported In March

The increased interest of our Brotherhood work is definitely manifested in the number of Laymen's Revivals in progress. We have already had reported to this office four Laymen's Revivals in the month of March; one at Cookeville Baptist Church in Stone Association, one at Lockeland Church and one at Bordeaux Church in Nashville Association, and the fourth at First Baptist Church, Sparta, Tennessee, in Union Association, where a Brotherhood was just organized on March 7.

Four New Brotherhoods Organized UNION ASSOCIATION

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SPARTA
REV. JAMES E. BOYD, *Pastor*

Rex Vaughn	President
George T. Johnson	Activities Vice-President
Edward Lance	Program Vice-President
Ray Safely	Membership Vice-President
Clyde Vaughn	Secretary-Treasurer
Dallas Pollard	Chorister

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

STONE ASSOCIATION

FOURTH STREET MISSION, COOKEVILLE
REV. JOHN BROWN, *Pastor*

The men of the Fourth Street Mission of First Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tennessee, met February 7 to organize a Brotherhood. There were thirteen members enrolled, the following to serve as officers:

Alpha E. Ware	President
Robert King	Program Vice-President
Travis H. Ford	Secretary-Treasurer
Bevy Jones	Chorister

This is the first Brotherhood organization that has been reported in a Mission Church, and our special missionary, Miss Vaughtie B. Rowland, tells us that this Brotherhood meets twice a month and is really doing things for the Mission.

SEQUATCHIE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

RICHARD CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
REV. M. H. WILLINGHAM, *Pastor*

The Brotherhood Secretary had the privilege of going to Richard City and speaking at the eleven o'clock service Sunday, March 13, and organizing the first Brotherhood in Sequatchie Valley Association in the afternoon. This group of men were very enthusiastic and definitely ready for a Brotherhood. They elected a full corps of officers and set the next meeting date for Friday night, March 18, in order to appoint their committees. The officers of this fine organization are:

Arthor Percell	President
A. L. Holt	Activities Vice-President
J. B. Handback	Program Vice-President
Melvin Kilgore	Membership Vice-President
J. L. Carter	Secretary-Treasurer
R. N. Blevins	Chorister

GIBSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MILAN
DR. HENRY HUEY, *Pastor*

Upon my election as Brotherhood Secretary, Dr. Henry Huey, president of the executive committee, immediately invited me to Milan for the purpose of organizing a Brotherhood. This was my first invitation as Brotherhood Secretary to organize a Brotherhood.

On Monday night, March 14, it was my pleasure to meet with Dr. Huey and a large group of his fine men. The women of the church had prepared a delicious dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed. After the program, Mr. George Wood was elected president of the Brotherhood and he presided to complete the organization in a great way.

A. B. Cloyce	Activities Vice-President
G. H. Dickey	Program Vice-President
Dan Holt	Membership Vice-President
Henry Martin	Secretary-Treasurer
Robert Cox	Chorister

Meetings will be held once a month.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

Pastor C. M. Pickler and the Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis, have bought a Connsonata Organ from the company which recently carried an advertisement in *Baptist and Reflector*.

—B&R—

March 23, Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., Wayne Dehoney, pastor, was blessed by the singing of Bethel Choir from Bethel College, Hopkinsville, under the direction of Mrs. Deva R. Howard. President Powhatan W. James, president of the college, was present with the choir.

—B&R—

Pastor E. L. Edens and the Powell Baptist Church, Powell Station, have installed a new Hammond Organ. Evangelist A. Douglas Aldrich of LaFollette and Singer I. C. Petree of Knoxville are to be with them in a revival April 18-29.

—B&R—

According to Eugene Howard, Field Representative of the Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans, Calvary Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., has filled one duffle bag for each family in the church, thereby setting a new record for individual giving of relief supplies.

—B&R—

With 31 present, the men of Woodbury Baptist Church, Woodbury, met Thursday night, March 17, and organized a Brotherhood. Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood E. N. Delzell assisted in the organization and brought an interesting message. The ladies of the church prepared a delightful banquet. Cecil L. Atchley is pastor.

—B&R—

The Middle Tennessee Baptist Preachers' School will be held June 20 to July 1 this year at Cumberland University, Lebanon. Preachers and their wives and denominational workers throughout middle Tennessee are invited and urged to attend. Rooms will be provided in the dormitory and meals will be furnished in the University dining room.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, Miss Mary Northington and Dr. Norris Gilliam will be among the leaders and speakers. Courses to be offered include Bible study, missions, evangelism, stewardship, etc.

This is an opportunity to spend two weeks in worship, study, fellowship and inspiration; also to see at first hand the splendid development being made in Tennessee's newest Baptist university. A warm welcome and a profitable vacation invite you to the campus of Cumberland University. We shall expect you.—W. Edwin Richardson.

W. F. Blaker, Secretary Gibson County Brotherhood Association, writes that Thursday evening, March 10, the men of the Bradford Baptist Church organized a Brotherhood. Thirteen were present and the ladies of the church served a delicious meal. The following officers were elected: President, W. F. Blaker; Program Vice-president, B. G. Crocker; Attendance Vice-president, J. D. Pate; Promotion Vice-president to (be elected later); Secretary-Treasurer, Russell C. Pratt; Pastor Advisor, Lawrence Ray.

—B&R—

Wednesday evening, March 16, Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga, presented a roll to the pastor, Russell Bradley Jones, which was inscribed, "In grateful appreciation of seven years' faithful service," and which was signed

by the congregation of the church. Clippings sent us from the *Chattanooga News-Free Press* by J. W. Hoback carry pictures of the presentation and of Dr. and Mrs. Jones cutting a cake. D. C. Landress, Mrs. George Gardenhire, Dillon Gibbs, Mrs. B. P. Brien, Miss Evelyn Gibbs, Mack Jordan, Jr., and Dorothy Jordan and Mrs. P. H. Sweet were on the program. We do not know anybody who better deserves such an expression of appreciation than these friends.

—B&R—

Not long since, Crichton Memorial Baptist Church, Concord, Knox County Association, ordained the following as deacons: Lynn Bevins, McKinley Braden, R. H. Duncan, Glenn Green, E. V. Hendrix, H. C. Jones, Harry M. Joyner, Curtis Lawson and Wallace Roberts. The pastor, Joe Gayle, was elected moderator and S. R. Bevins secretary. C. W. Juling, chairman of the deacons of Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville, questioned the candidates. Others who appeared on the program in various capacities were: G. B. Bevins, chairman of the deacons of Crichton Memorial church; D. L. Donovan; J. R. Black, pastor in Oak Ridge; and Charles S. Bond, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, who preached the sermon.

—B&R—

McCall Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, recently celebrated the fourth anniversary of their faithful and fruitful pastor Charles S. Bowles.

—B&R—

When the resolutions of the First Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg concerning Rev. and Mrs. James A. Canaday were published in *Baptist and Reflector* on March 17, the name of Chas. W. Vaughn, chairman of the deacons, was left off by the printers.

—B&R—

President Roland Q. Leavell of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary did the preaching in a revival with Pastor R. E. Guy and the West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson. There were many rededications with some surrendering for special work and 52 for baptism and 12 by letter. The following Sunday there were 8 additions.

—B&R—

After worshipping for fifty years in the main building of the Oneida Institute, the Oneida Baptist Church, Oneida, Ky., on Sunday, March 13, entered her new commodious and beautifully furnished house of worship. Overflow crowds filled it to standing room. The joy of the people knew no bounds. The pastor baptized 5 at the evening hour, one of them the builder of the church. A revival began with the son of the pastor preaching. Executive Secretary W. C. Boone of the General Association will preach the dedication on May 8. Lyn Claybrook, former Tennessean, is pastor.

—B&R—

Pastor A. P. Pedigo and Immanuel Baptist Church, Knoxville, have been assisted in a revival by Evangelist Arthur Fox of Morristown in which there were 65 additions, 52 of them by baptism, and many rededications. The pastor writes in high praise of the meeting.

—B&R—

Sunday afternoon, March 20, Collierville Baptist Church, R. W. Porter, pastor, ordained the following as deacons: Edward Lee Ashford, Robert Hughes Humphreys, J. B. McCandless, Jr., J. T. Highsmith, C. C. Carpenter and James Russell. Each was presented with a copy of "Honoring the Deaconship." D. M. Renick, moderator Shelby County Association, preached the sermon and Mark Fergis, of Olive Branch, Miss., prayed the ordination prayer.

The last Sunday in February Cumberland City Baptist Church ordained the following as deacons: C. L. Finch, J. M. Parchment and Gerald Parchment. The pastor, Joseph E. Camp, presided; R. G. Shelton led the opening prayer and examined the candidates; Pastor Ralph Whicker of Erin preached the sermon and charged the deacons and the church; and L. G. Saterwhite prayed the ordination prayer. Following the laying on of hands and the giving of the right hand of fellowship, the pastor prayed the closing prayer.

—B&R—

March 15, 1949, at McFarland Hospital, Lebanon, a daughter was born to Rev. and Mrs. Allen Buhler. Bro. Buhler is pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, Lebanon. The Lord guide the little lady through life.

—B&R—

Sunday afternoon, March 13, Woodcliff Baptist Church, Monterey, ordained three deacons. They were Alfred Ford, Hershel Swafford and Lewis Holloway. The presbytery was composed of three preachers, J. H. Roberson, the pastor, Clyde Cobb, and E. S. Brown, and eight deacons, Dillard Walker and Sanford Neal of Woodcliff; Wilbur Dixon and John Colfelt of Poplar Grove; J. S. Woodford, J. S. Brown, Paul Vaden and Joe D. Stevens of Monterey.

The pastor served as moderator and J. S. Brown as clerk of the presbytery. The candidates were questioned by several members of the presbytery after which the presbytery voted to proceed with the ordination. The sermon was preached by Clyde Cobb, pastor at First Church, Monterey. The charge was given by the pastor. The ordination prayer was led by E. S. Brown and after the laying on of hands Bro. Cobb led the closing prayer.—Mrs. Elbert Neal, *Church Clerk*.

—B&R—

Beginning May 2, Jimmy T. Williams, third-year student in Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Berkeley, Cal., will be available for some work out of Jackson, Tenn., in leading singing in revivals. He has had about five years' experience in full-time gospel singing in several states. His Jackson address is 171 Campbell Street.—Adv.

Ordination of William Douglas Bond, Jr.

At the request of the Prospect Baptist Church, Selmer, Bro. William Douglas Bond, Jr. of Memphis, was ordained into the full work of the gospel ministry by the above Church, of which he is the pastor, on March 4, at 7:00 P.M.

The following pastors were elected by the church as the Ordaining Council: James F. Rogers, William L. McCall, William Foote, Paul Harwood, Carl Duck, James S. Gray and Turner Michael, chairman of Deacons. The Council was organized by electing William Foote, chairman and James S. Gray, clerk.

The examination was conducted by James F. Rogers. After the examination which proved entirely satisfactory, upon a motion and second the congregation recommended that the ordination be granted.

Following the vote by the church to proceed with the ordination, Brother Edward McCall brought the charge to the candidate. Bro. Rogers delivered the sermon, and Carl Duck brought the charge to the church. Bro. Rogers led in the ordination prayer, and the hands of the ministers and deacons were then laid on.

Special music for the service was furnished by Misses Dortha and Verlan Bond.—James S. Gray, *Clerk*.

BETWEEN THE RIVERS

HOMER A. CATE, *Shelbyville, Tenn.*

Third Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Wendell Price, Pastor, has begun building their auditorium. The foundation is ready and lumber is on the ground to go right on up with it. The example of new Churches like this one is challenging and inspiring.

Two fine congregations in Nashville are finding it necessary to have two morning services to take care of their crowds. Belmont Heights has been having two morning services for some time. Grace Baptist Church, W. L. Stigler, Pastor, and Woodmont Baptist Church, G. Allen West, Jr., Pastor, are seeking to alleviate the need for more auditorium space by "doubling up" with an early service at 8:30 and the later service at the regular hour, 11:00.

The First Baptist Church, Columbia, J. F. Brewer, Pastor, had the privilege of seeing and hearing Miss Crea Ridenour, Missionary to Colombia, South America, on Sunday night, March 20. The Church made a voluntary offering to help this fine missionary purchase an automobile.

The First Baptist Church, Gallatin, Clyde Bryan, Pastor, is making fine progress on their new building. An unusual thing in the purchase of their new organ for their building is the fact that the organ console is to be made of Sumner County cherry lumber (from the tree of Dr. W. J. Fitts.)

An Associational Sunday School Study Course was taught in First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, D. D. Smothers, Pastor, during March 14-18. The books, "What Baptists Believe," taught by R. B. Kennedy, "A Church Using Its Sunday School," taught by Joe L. Wells, "How to Win to Christ," taught by D. D. Smothers, "The Meaning of Church Membership," taught by Fred Walker, and "Living for Jesus," taught by Mrs. J. W. Owens.

Knob Creek Baptist Church, Maury Association, Jesse Hunter, Pastor, ordained the following Deacons in special services Sunday, January 23. The Deacons ordained were Marvin Priest, Andrew Quirk, Joe Reed, Neal Wall, Frank Walker Stone, and Buck Warf. Ministers and Deacons were present representing many Churches in the Maury Association. T. Riley Davis, Columbia, gave the charge to the Deacons.

The work of the Lord must not halt, as witness the work of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, J. F. Brewer, Pastor, who took a group by bus to be baptized at Woodmont Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, March 13. They are unable to baptize in the Columbia Church since it will be some time before their new building is finished.

The Ward's Grove and Lascassas Churches.

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Concord Association, recently gave their Missionary, A. D. Nicholson, a lovely food shower. A fine example methinks.

Hoyte Vassar is leaving Giles County Association as their Associational Missionary to become pastor of Union Ridge and El Bethel

Churches, New Duck River Baptist Association

The Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, Harold Stephens, Pastor, will have their spring Revival April 2-17, with Dr. J. G. Hughes, Pastor, Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, as visiting evangelist. A week of Bible Study and prayer in which the Book of John will be studied will precede the Revival.

The Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, G. Allen West, Pastor, will have their Spring Revival April 3-10, with James W. Parrish, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi, as preacher.

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

MARCH 20, 1949

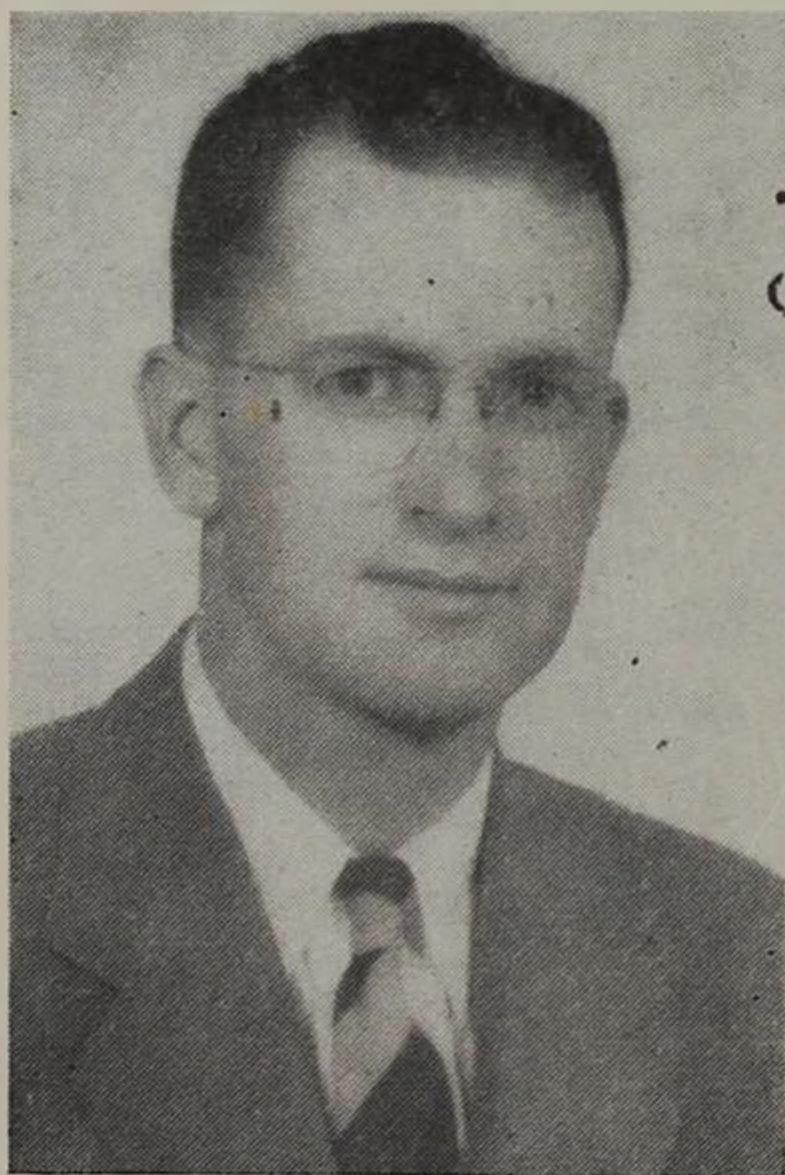
Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Ashland City	49	35		Walnut Hill	275	105	1
Athens, Antioch	137			Jackson, Bemis	251	74	2
East	332	129	3	Calvary	477	151	
First	585	251	30	First	832	212	2
West End Mission	75			North	318	111	
North	241	30	4	West	869	312	4
Clear Water	150			Jellico, First	250	121	
Coghill	68	69		Johnson City, Unaka Avenue	274	104	2
Eastanalle	34	14		Kingsport, First	735	120	2
Englewood	159	30		Lynn Garden	354	104	
Etowah, East	84			Mission	31		
Etowah, First	379	97		Knoxville, Alice Bell	72	42	
Etowah, North	271	101		Arlington	429	117	9
Good Springs	77	44		Bell Avenue	756	326	8
Lakeview	66	36		Broadway	1289	368	20
McMahan Calvary	82	32		Fifth Avenue	957	287	2
New Hope	49			First	1091		
New Zion	63			Immanuel	456	123	
Niota, East	156	55		Lincoln Park	652	228	1
Union Grove No. 2	43	22		Lonsdale	392	153	1
Blaine, Richland	124	67		McCalla Avenue	918	236	1
Brighton	234	122	1	Sevier Heights	512	156	2
Bristol, Calvary	377	122		LaFollette, West	162	67	4
Tennessee Avenue	394	118	4	Lebanon, Barton's Creek	126	56	
Brownsville	304	57	1	Cedar Grove	118	71	
Brush Creek	86	38		Fairview	102	53	1
Carthage, First	184	59		First	324	157	3
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	64	78		Lenoir City, First	505	176	22
Charleston	44			Leoma	160		
Chattanooga, Avondale	524	153	3	Lewisburg, First	324	157	3
Birchwood	55	30		Lookout Mountain	92	64	
Brainerd	442	153	3	McEwen	81		
Brainerd Hills	105	30	1	Maryville, Everett Hills	267	147	4
Calvary	450	99	3	First	711	200	
Cedar Hill	306		2	Broadway	343	141	22
Clifton Hill	378	117		Oak View	80	51	
Missions	76			Maynardville	94	26	
Concord	231	105		Medina	168	97	
Daisy	213	64		Memphis, Bellevue	2622	910	19
Eastdale	389	111	3	Boulevard	682	245	6
East Lake	561	142	8	Central Avenue	580	178	1
Chapel	53			Highland Heights	989	404	6
East Ridge	272	102	1	Hollywood	413	129	2
First	965	222	16	Kennedy	128	36	
Chapel	95	20		LaBelle	693	223	2
Highland Park	3295	1073	22	Leawood	236	87	2
Hughes Avenue	189	60	2	Levi	230	110	1
Kingwood	178	95	5	Barton Heights	101	45	1
Lupton City	149	119	2	McLean	378	134	2
Morris Hill	237	132	2	Mallory Heights	207	90	3
Philadelphia	136	69	1	Parkway	273	161	
Red Bank	586	162	3	Shirley Park	224	107	
Ridgedale	595	210	2	Speedway Terrace	1021	232	16
St. Elmo	359	108	2	Temple	1553	321	6
Signal Mountain	70	30		Union Avenue	1284	308	7
South Daisy	100	69	4	Milan, First	279	73	
Spring Creek	196	94		Milton	60	20	
White Oak	408	87	2	Prosperity	159	109	
Woodland Park	970	221	6	Monterey, First	282	100	
Church Hill, Oak Grove	169	94		Morristown, First	507	142	
Cleveland, Big Spring	289	177		Montvue	176	60	2
Cedar Springs	93	60		First	488	91	
First	543	197		Walnut Street Mission	50		
Galliee Mission	33			Third	96	35	
North	206	151		Westvue	585	129	20
South	153	82	1	Woodbury Road	71	56	
Clinton, First	237	73		Nashville, Belmont Heights	952	277	4
Columbia, First	414	141		Glendale	40		
Godwin Chapel	20			Jordonia	52		
Rock Spring	100	68		Edgefield	462		2
Cookeville, First	373	104		First	1182		4
Algood Mission	97			Grace	815	260	6
Fourth Street Mission	150	59		Inglewood	660	178	3
Steven Street	127	75		Lockeland	508	125	9
Corryton, Fairview	123	78		North End	138	52	
Covington, First	259	107		Park Avenue	625	163	2
Crossville, First	223	108	2	Newport, First	289	92	
Antioch	46			Oak Ridge, Glenwood	326	87	2
Laural Grove	27			Highland View	134		2
Decatur, Goodfield	60	44		Old Hickory, First	634	240	5
Dyersburg, Hillcrest Avenue	275	106	7	Parsons, First	243	66	
Elizabethton, Big Spring	165	133	6	Philadelphia	184	21	1
First	595	101	2	Pigeon Forge	144	85	
Siam	213	122	1	Portland, First	191	58	
Fountain City, Central	928	203	6	Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	182	192	
Hines Valley Chapel	57			Rutledge	115	35	
Gallatin, First	295	77		Oakland	139	55	1
Gladeville	126	72		Sevierville, First	386	66	
Gleason	91	29		Shelbyville, First	300	92	
Grand Junction	113	75		Tullahoma, First	225	75	
Center Point	18			Union City, First	574	151	3
Harriman, South	225	92	1	Watertown, Round Lick	136	77	
Trenton Street	415	89	1				

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Greeneville Baptists Enter New Building



When the First Baptist Church of Greeneville assembled for their first regular worship service in their new church home at 211 North Main Street, they had the privilege of participating in a most unusual and impressive service of praise and thanksgiving.



J. O. CARTER

A large crowd attended this service, with many extra chairs being brought in for use. Messages of congratulation were read by Charles Thorpe from the Rev. Prince A. Eades of the First Methodist Church; Rev. Sullins Dosser, pastor of Asbury Church; Rev. Warren

C. Mounts, pastor of Cumberland Presbyterian Church of this city, and from the Rev. Carl P. Daw, of the First Baptist Church in Newport.

Pastor J. O. Carter expressed appreciation for himself and for the members of his church for the beautiful flowers which were sent by Hogan Brothers Construction Co., Luttrell Electric Co., Smithson & Rouis and Architect Thos. W. Gardner and to the many who had given of their time and money in every phase of the work in making this beautiful building possible.

The pastor used as his Sunday morning subject, "Christ Pre-eminent," and at the evening worship, which was well attended, his subject was "Prayer Changes People."

Both services were well attended, with several local and out-of-town visitors.

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Recently the First Baptist Church of Greeneville ordained Eugene Thompson as deacon. Haven Lowe and Leonard Evans and visiting deacons and local deacons assisted in the service.

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Resolutions

Blackford

With reluctance the resignation of Bro. E. J. Blackford as pastor of Cog Hill Baptist Church, Etowah, Tenn., was accepted. He came to us October 1, 1947. He has accepted full-time work at Lilbourn, Missouri.

Among the accomplishments of Bro. Blackford's pastorate follows: A Gas Heating System, including hot water tank for baptistry, was installed. Celotex overhead ceiling, interior of church redecorated, one additional Sunday School room provided, new lighting fixtures and general repair work of the building.

Pastor's salary voluntarily raised. Gifts to missions increased. Good Training Union and Story Hour was organized April, 1948. One of the outstanding accomplishments is the enlistment and development of the men of the church. Had baptismal services the last two Sundays. The last night a father came at the close of the service and took his stand for the Lord and asked for baptism. The service was prolonged until he, too, was ready, and was baptized and went home with a happy wife. There was great rejoicing in the old church that night.

Bro. Blackford was Adult Training Union Director of the Association, and had taught Training Classes and supplied for the pastors in the best churches of the Association. Our church is only a half-time church. He has had calls to several full-time churches before this one.

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we thank God for this period of relationship as pastor and people.

Second, that we commend Bro. Blackford as a minister loyal to the Word of God, sound and convincing as a preacher, sympathetic in his ministry to the people.

Third, that we commend Bro. and Mrs. Blackford and their two daughters to the Baptist Church at Lilbourn, Missouri, and to the Baptists of Missouri, praying God's richest blessings on them and you.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be made a part of the record of this church, that a copy be given Bro. and Mrs. Blackford, a copy be sent to the Baptist Church at Lilbourn, Mo., and a copy be sent to the Baptist and Reflector.

Harley Williams, Deacon
J. C. Kirkland, Deacon
I. J. Cobble, S. S. Superintendent
John Pratt, Training Union
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John L. Williams, Church Clerk

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In Memoriam

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Whereas, our Heavenly Father has, in His infinite wisdom, taken from Pine Grove Baptist Church and Sunday School our fellow member, Mr. R. F. Page, one who was loyal and faithful to be taken by the death angel from who worked diligently from the organization of said church; and

Whereas, he was a charter member and the first to be taken by the death from our church, and

Whereas, he was a good neighbor and a true friend, charitable and trustworthy;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we express our deep sympathy for his family in his passing and that we bow in humble submission to God's will, knowing that he doeth all things well;

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent his family, a copy be spread on the minutes of our church, and a copy be sent to the Baptist and Reflector.

Mrs. A. E. Derryberry
Mrs. DeRoy Dickerson
Mrs. Troy McCollum
Committee

Joyner

On December 17, 1948, a few hours after sunset Mrs. Nora Palmer Joyner quietly went to sleep in death, after a few hours of illness. She was born July 28, 1873. At the age of 13 she found peace to her soul. In the year of 1897 she joined the Bethlehem Baptist Church and was baptized by Bro. D. T. Spaulding.

As a young girl she was loved by all who knew her. She was married to Mr. N. H. Joyner August 13, 1899, to this union was given five children. Wherefore, Mrs. Joyner was a good chaste keeper and her children thought she was the sweetest mother they ever knew. Her home life was that of patience, kindness, devotion, and faithfulness, often relating beautiful testimonies of her unbounded love for Jesus and those about her. Her companion and children feel their loss is Heaven's gain. While her prayer room is vacant, sunshine still remains. God's Holy Spirit will be felt as He answers the many petitions she made to Him alone.

She let it be known to her family where her altar of prayer was and that her desire was that each of them might follow her work. To all she came in contact with she gave smiles and made life brighter for those about her.

Therefore, be it resolved, that Mrs. Joyner was a member of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Maplewood Baptist Church.

She was a loyal and regular member and will be missed in the circle and Society.

Her passing away has left a vacant place in the home and society and her presence will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her lonely companion, N. H. Joyner, four daughters, Mrs. Gordon Sparks, Mrs. Hulie Revel, Mrs. Rufe Hamlin and Mrs. Dorris Neal; one son, Homer Joyner; two sisters, Mrs. Larceny Curry, and Mrs. Mattie McBride; thirteen grand-children and three great-grand-children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

The funeral service was held in Bethlehem Baptist Church, conducted by Bro. L. H. Brown, after which she was laid to rest in Bethlehem cemetery with a beautiful covering of flowers.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy be given to the family and a copy be recorded in the Church minutes and also one be sent to the Baptist and Reflector.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Bunn
Hulon McBride
Sam Joyner
Committee

Huckaba

ON THURSDAY morning, February 17, 1949, as the day was dawning, the Master who stood on the shore of Galilee and called His disciples to breakfast, called our beloved brother, O. F. Huckaba, from the labors of this life to dwell with Him in the Father's house of many mansions.

We, the Nashville Baptist Pastors' Conference, record our grateful appreciation of his gentle, godly life as pastor of several Baptist churches in Tennessee, and particularly of his long and faithful ministry in the North Edgefield Baptist Church in Nashville.

He was a man of strong faith, and preached the doctrines accepted by Baptists without reservation, and was a winner of souls whose zeal was unflagging and whose dependence was upon the Word and the Holy Spirit for the salvation of the lost. He was faithful to attend the conference, helpful in making suggestions, and fervent in prayer and often led us to a throne of grace.

We take this means of expressing our sympathy to Mrs. Huckaba and the children, and through the Baptist and Reflector, to the friends in Christ in Tennessee and beyond.

W. Rufus Beckett
L. S. Ewton
Edgar W. Barnett

The Baptist Hour

Sunday Mornings April through June, 1949

THEME: "CONSIDER JESUS"

Dr. J. D. Grey, Preacher

SUBJECTS

April 3—"Consider Jesus"
April 10—"Jesus Only"
April 17—"Alive for Evermore"
April 24—"Jesus Our Advocate"
May 1—"Christ, the Sin Cure"
May 8—"Mary, the Mother of Jesus"
May 15—"Jesus Knocks at Your Door"
May 22—"Our Sufficient Saviour"
May 29—"Jesus and Repentance"
June 5—"Jesus and the New Birth"
June 12—"Listen to Jesus"
June 19—"The Wounds of Jesus"
June 26—"What Will You Do With Jesus"

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Ordination of Charles Roy Harwood

An ordaining council was called by Temple Baptist Church, March 18, 1949, for the purpose of examining Charles Roy Harwood for the full work of the gospel ministry. E. Gibson Davis served as moderator and J. G. Lott as secretary. The council recommended that the church proceed with the ordination, and the church with representatives from other churches of the association set Bro. Harwood apart to the full work of the ministry on Sunday afternoon, March 20, 1949.

The sermon was preached by a brother of the candidate, Glenn Harwood, pastor of the Rutherford Baptist Church, Rutherford. The ordination prayer was offered by Bro. Lott of the Calvary Baptist Church, Memphis, and the benediction was given by Bro. Harwood.

Bro. Harwood is a student at Southwestern University at Memphis, and is doing full-time pastoral service in the Forrest Hill Baptist Church, Shelby Association. He is the third man to be ordained by Temple Church since last August, the others being, Brethren Robert Mizell and Darrell Hall.

Gems for Thought About the Bible

"What Are You Reading?" and "The Book that Speaks for Itself" are the titles for the first day's broadcasts in the "Gems for Thought About the Bible" series by Dr. Francis C. Stifler, American Bible Society secretary, and editor of the Society's magazine, the BIBLE SOCIETY RECORD.

Two different programs will be broadcast each Friday, April 1 through September 30, at 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Central Standard Time, over the network of the American Broadcasting Company.

Dr. Stifler, a Baptist minister, is well known among Southern Baptists through his speaking at Southern Baptist Convention meetings and at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. Two of his books, "Every Man's Book" and "The Bible Speaks to You," have been included in Sunday School Board lists of books recommended for church libraries and for mission study. Dr. Stifler has become noted for his skill in presenting human interest stories about the translation and distribution of the Bible. This six-month schedule marks his eleventh annual series of radio talks about the Bible.

Other titles in these broadcasts include: "They Read It In a Russian Newspaper," "A Bible for a Day," "The Primer of Freedom," "Finding God With Your Fingers" and "Japan, Four Years After." Leaflets listing the complete series of titles, with dates, may be secured without charge, for individual use or in quantities for distribution, by writing to Dr. Francis C. Stifler, American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.—Thomas T. Holloway

BOOK REVIEWS

SOLID CERTAINTIES, by W. C. Creasman. Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Copyright 1948 by the publishers. 168 pages, \$1.75.

This is a book of sixteen sermons by the superintendent of the Tennessee Baptist Orphans Home. It takes its name from the first sermon in the series.

The subjects of the sermons indicate the richness of the contents. These are: "The Certainty of Those Things"; "Jesus in the Midst"; "Jesus, the Divider of Men"; "The Incomparable Preacher"; "Jesus Only"; "Sublime Extravagance"; "Crossing the Kidron"; "The Sacred Scars"; "The Price of a Soul"; "Hope for the Hopeless"; "The Word of the Cross"; "How Much Do You Love?"; "A Bargain is a Bargain"; "Imperial Imperatives"; "I Have Sinned"; "The Victory of Faith."

In the *preface* the author says of his book: "The approach is not argumentative but declarative. The purpose is not so much to instruct as to inspire." However, as the reviewer sees it, the book equally instructs and inspires.

The sermons are smooth and flowing in English, clear and logical in homiletics, sound in doctrine and uplifting in impact. Here there is no excess verbiage. Here is real preaching. This reviewer's soul was blessed by the reading of the book.

We unhesitatingly commend *Solid Certainties*. It is good for preachers and for all others, both saints and sinners.—O. W. Taylor

THE RADIANT CROSS by Paul S. Rees, D.D. Published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Copyright 1949. 134 Pages. Price \$2.00.

This is a book of ten sermons, on this very attractive subject; which is well handled by the author, Dr. Paul S. Rees. Dr. Rees is pastor of The First Covenant Church, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The work is well outlined, each chapter has an attractive title, with a describing sub-title, for example chapter one: "From The Cross—A Radiance"; Chapter two: "At The Cross—Derision," and so on throughout the book.

There are numerous quotations, and especially from the favorite hymns about The Cross.

The style is transparent, couched in easy-to-follow outline; which makes for easy, and pleasant reading.—Clyde Burke

BROKEN THINGS by M. R. DeHann, M.D. Published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Copyright 1948. 137 Pages. Price \$1.50.

Broken Things is a series of radio talks, by this popular radio speaker, on the problem of human suffering.

It is the aim of the author to give encouragement to those who suffer, and inspiration to those who read about suffering.

Mr. DeHann handles his subject with his usual enthusiasm, and earnestness, but there are times when his enthusiasm beclouds his accuracy, for example: "Until Jesus was broken He could not be your Saviour." This statement is a reference to the crucifixion of our Lord, and if it were accurate it would mean that Jesus could save nobody until after the crucifixion; which is not correct.

There are several good illustrations in the book, and some very moving statements, for example: "There are many people who are busy learning theology and feeding on the blessed truth of the Lord Jesus Christ that they forget their duty toward the poor sinners round about who have never gazed in faith upon His blessed face." This is certainly true.

Chapter five, which bears the title of the book is, perhaps, the best; in it the author deals with: Broken Pitchers; A Broken Body; A Broken World, and A Broken Law.

Those who admire Mr. DeHann will be pleased with this book.—Clyde Burke

WHO SAY YE THAT I AM? by Wm. Childs Robinson, D.D. Published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Copyright 1949. 173 Pages. Price \$2.50.

There are several things about this work that make it interesting, first: it is a compilation, which has been written by seven different authors; Dr. Robinson, who compiled the book is a Professor in Columbia Theological Seminary. The chapters were written in competition for The Robert A. Dunn Award, which is given in the class on Apologetics; this is somewhat off the beaten path.

The chapters deal with The Deity of The Saviour, and they are written in strong affirmation.

It is refreshing, always, to find a book on this subject which has been written with the proper reverence for our Lord, and no fault can be found with this phase of it.

The facts of our Lord's Deity are carefully marshalled, and well presented, and those who need some new insight upon this subject will find it here.

Some of the chapters, as one would expect in this kind of book, are somewhat sophomoric, but on the whole very good; Dr. Robinson's own chapter on "The Witness of The Immediate Context," is, perhaps, the best. Other witnesses called upon are: Matthew; Mark; Luke; John; and Paul.

Considered as a whole the book is more factual than inspirational.—Clyde Burke

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER, a narrative biography by Fredrica Shumway Smith. The Christopher Publishing House, Boston. Price \$2.75.

This book has three values. To those who want to know and really feel conditions as they were before the Civil War, and the causes that led up to it, this book reveals it not in subject but in incident. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote him that "if he could use poems for a cause, she would use prose." Her Uncle Tom's Cabin, many think, "lighted a spark" that touched off the conflict.

In the 226 pages of this book you have glimpses of New England culture at its best in the family, social and literary life of a generation and more ago.

The other is in poetic values of the simple and the plain which really are the sublime things. We will illustrate with brief parts of

two of them. Barefoot Boy was written early in his life.

Let the million dollared ride!
Thou hast more than he can buy.
In the reach of ear and eye
Outward sunshine, inward joy;
Blessings on thee barefoot boy!

Not long before his death in 1892, at 85 years, he quoted to his grand-nephew seven stanzas which he had written some years before at this boy's fourth birthday, two of which are given here:

Yet when did Age Transfer to Youth
The hard-gained lessons of its day?
Each lip must learn the taste of truth
Each foot must feel its way.
Dear boy! for whom the flowers are born,
Stars shine, and happy song-birds sing.
What can my evening give to morn,
My winter to thy spring!

—John R. Chiles

Convention to Hear Family Altar Report

By JOE W. BURTON Editor
Home Life

AN INSPIRATIONAL service featuring family worship has been planned for the Christian home period at the Convention in Oklahoma City, Sunday afternoon, May 22.

A report of the Southern Baptist Campaign for 100,000 new family altars will be given during the service.

The principal message of the afternoon will be brought by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, warm-hearted executive secretary of the Sunday School Board and a former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

A choir of several hundred voices from Oklahoma City churches is being developed for the occasion by W. J. Reynolds, choir director of First Baptist Church.

The service of the afternoon will be introduced by a family worship period with a family altar scene depicted by an Oklahoma City family.

Another feature of the service will be a four person panel discussion of "The Christian Home Today and Tomorrow."

The service will be concluded with a period of dedication to Christian home building.

NEW HOME OF RADIO COMMISSION



The new home of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1585 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia was dedicated during an open house Tuesday night, March 8.