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## A Little Parable For Mothers

By Temple Bailey

THE YOUNG MOTHER set her foot on the path of life.

"Is the way long?" she asked.

And her Guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young Mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

The night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the Mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come." And the Mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the Mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience, and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars, and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth—clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the Mother said, "Look up. Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds the Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their Mother; and when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And the Mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We can not see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a Living Presence." — Sent by Ralph DeBord.

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## EDITORIAL

### Poplar Grove Dedicates Building

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, Poplar Grove Baptist Church near Cooke-  
ville dedicated its new house of worship.

Pastor J. H. Roberson presided. His son, Clyde, led the  
singing and his daughter, Pauline, played the piano. Hugh  
Myers sang a solo. The editor preached at the 11:00 o'clock  
hour and appreciated the attention given him. At noon the  
church served an excellent dinner.

In the afternoon, A. M. Senter of Cookeville was to speak  
and another brother was to speak that night. We could not  
remain for these services.

The new building is a pretty stone structure in a fine setting  
in an agricultural community. Bro. Roberson lives on the  
field and serves two other churches in addition to Poplar Grove.  
He is leading in a fine way and his people are following him  
as he follows Christ.

### Harping on Defects

IN SPITE of whatever faults it may have, our Cooperative  
Program work is one of the best movements among Baptists.  
It is far superior to anything ever devised by its critics.

Yet some brethren almost constantly harp on the defects,  
real and alleged, in the Program and rarely, if ever, seem able  
to find anything in it to praise. They advise their followers to  
designate to certain items in the program to keep from sup-  
porting things deemed to be unacceptable.

For a change it is recommended that these brethren select the  
admittedly good things in the Program and praise them for  
awhile. It will be a welcome relief from monotony.

### Three Friends Gone

THURSDAY MORNING, April 7, Henry Dahlinger of Nashville  
passed away. He was a neighbor of the editor. We always  
found him pleasant and accommodating. His funeral was con-  
ducted the following day by his pastor, I. W. Gernert, of the  
First Lutheran Church of Nashville and his body was laid to  
rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery to await the resurrection.

Tuesday morning, April 12, at Halls, Tenn., two men whose  
pastor we used to be passed away. They were I. W. Simmons  
and John Ferguson. The former served as treasurer of the  
church for twenty-eight years and the latter was also a faithful  
member there for many years. It was a rare thing for these  
men not to be present at the services of the church.

April 13, the editor was associated with Pastor R. J. Cooper  
at the funeral of these men, one at 11:00 o'clock A.M. and the  
other at 3:00 o'clock P.M. Their bodies were laid to rest  
in the cemetery at Halls to await the resurrection.

May God comfort the sorrowing loved ones of these three  
friends: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh  
in the morning."

### Does God Guide The Speaker More Than The Writer?

SOME BROTHER announces that he has discarded Sunday  
School quarterlies and proposes to teach simply "the Bible  
plus nothing minus nothing." This is not as virtuous as it  
sounds.

We know a man who voices frequent criticism of quarterlies.  
But he publishes *his* lesson expositions in his paper in advance  
of the time they are to be taught. What is the difference  
between printing a lesson in a paper and printing it in a  
quarterly? If errors in exposition are made or are alleged,  
may he not commit such errors the same as those who write  
the quarterlies?

A pastor demands that his people discard quarterlies. Yet  
no doubt in his own studies he refers to books and other publi-  
cations for help. The design of quarterlies is not to supplant  
the Bible but to help in the study of it. This brother has his  
teachers' meetings. In these meetings he gives his exposition  
of the Sunday School lesson as he wants his teachers to present  
it the following Sunday. He wants his teachers to remember  
what he says and even asks them to take notes. Is the Spirit  
more apt to guide him when he speaks or makes notes and  
more apt to guide the teachers when they take notes after him  
than the Spirit is apt to guide the brethren who write in the  
quarterlies? Being human, is not this brother liable to err now  
and then even as these brethren are?

It is granted that quarterlies sometimes make mistakes  
and that the Sunday School Board sometimes makes mistakes.  
Being human, they are liable to err even as others do. We have  
known of even Baptist pastors and churches that made mistakes!  
But by and large, the Sunday School Board and the quarterlies  
are doing a wonderful work. Do you know that, notwithstanding  
such errors as it may make, the Sunday School Board is looked  
upon in theologically liberal or modernistic circles as being so  
conservative or sound that it is hopelessly mossback and out  
of date!

This sometimes happens. A brother turns the cold shoulder  
to our Sunday School literature on the ground of "guarding  
my people against heresy." And then, this brother, by his bel-  
ligerent, divisive spirit, or in his teaching on the church and the  
ordinances, or by his uncooperative attitude, or along the line  
of missions, or in some other way, *sets forth a worse heresy  
than that which he condemns.*



# A Digest of Religious Thought

By **RUSSELL BRADLEY JONES**, Contributing Editor, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

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

## The Greatest Wrong Against Society

*Home Life*

The enormity of the disease which threatens the home and the terrible consequence which it produces should be made clear. There is no more serious misdeed against society than the breakup of a home, for on the home the whole social structure rests. If this foundation is swept away, then all else falls in wreckage about the blasted foundation. The highwayman may be sent to the workhouse to pay for his crime. His wrongdoing has been toward property. He who evades his income tax may be sent to the penitentiary, again for a crime involving property. He who takes another's life may pay for it with his own in the electric chair, and society approves, saying that justice has been served. But let one break up a home—any home, his own or another's—and he has committed an act more serious in its effect on society than any other misdeed—yes, more harmful even than murder, for the murdered takes only one life, whereas the home-breaker blasts the very foundation of society. It is no wonder that the ancient law thundered, "Let him be stoned with stones." He who destroys the home destroys society. We need to realize today that the disease in home life, now as ever, is a degeneracy of heart. Men and women cannot build homes except only on the basis of a moral commitment made to one another and kept as long as life lasts. Lack of such moral capacity endangers the whole structure of society today. That disease is an infection which the body of humanity cannot endure. It must be exercised.

*(And the Blood of the Lamb is the remedy that will cure the disease.—R.B.J.)*

## Open Letter to Pulpit Committee

*Western Recorder*

If I were asked, by my church, to serve as a member of a pulpit committee I would want to know—

1. Something about his Christian experience and the clarity of his call to the ministry. Without this he fails.
  2. How broad were his scholastic attainments. I would not make this a rigid test; but I would insist upon a man with at least some training.
  3. About his previous record—the churches he has served and the type of work accomplished, not to forget, also, how well it continued.
  4. If his general health is good.
  5. What are his personal habits. Many a man's usefulness in the Lord's work has been terribly injured by habits.
  6. Something about his family—his wife and children. How many times churches have been embarrassed by men who had no control over their children and whose preaching carried no weight because it found no response in his family relationships.
  7. How broad was his knowledge of the Word of God. If you want to put this qualification higher up I shall not make an issue of it.
  8. Whether he had a capacity for growth and development.
  9. If he gets along well with people.
- Last, but not least, I should like to know:
10. If he is a worker. Laziness and pulpit efficiency are incompatible.

Well, bless my soul, what do you know? Not once have I mentioned his age. How in the world could I have been so dense? Well, forgive me, brethren. I'll leave that up to you.

*(Pulpit committees, take notice. This is good stuff.—R.B.J.)*

## Church Property

*The Christian (London)*

A liberal attitude on the part of the Israeli Government toward the Christian churches is reflected in a communication addressed by that Government to UNO and also to various Church leaders. A promise is given that ecclesiastical properties formerly requisitioned by the British military forces, and now in occupation of the Israeli army, will be returned to their rightful owners as soon as the military situation makes that course practicable. It is added that there has never been the slightest intention to expropriate Church properties. The early fulfilment of that undertaking will be a test of the integrity of the Israeli Government, as also will be the liberty allowed to churches and missions to continue their work without let or hindrance. Some of the statements of Zionists in the past in regard to missionary work in Palestine have aroused serious misgiving.

*(We shall see.—R.B.J.)*

## Erecting Churches— Not Building Plants

*The Brotherhood Bulletin*

There is one word—wrongly applied, we believe—commonly used these days. It is the word, "plant." We hear about our new "plant," our great "plant," our educational "plant," etc. This strikes us as being somewhat crude when we are erecting houses of worship to the glory of our God. In using the word "plant," we ordinarily think of some industrial building—a shoe factory, a textile mill, or some other structure in which mechanical equipment is turning out commercial products. In the case of a church building, however, we are erecting a structure that must stand in the community as a symbol of the presence of God, and serve as a place of worship for the followers of Christ. It must radiate a spiritual influence that permeates the life of the community, and of the world. "Plant" seems to us to be a little crude. We do not believe that it has either an accurate application or a scriptural basis. At any rate, we are glad that the boy Jesus was found "in the temple in the midst of the doctors" rather than in the "plant" discussing matters with the foreman.

*(Thanks, Brother Cooke. You are certainly right.—R.B.J.)*

## Federal Aid Pro- posed for Religious Schools

*Baptist Standard*

We devoutly hope that the bill to give federal aid to education in any form, will be defeated. In our opinion, one of the dangerous features of such a law, appears in the efforts already being made to force the government's support for sectarian schools. But if that phase of the bill is eliminated, as it should be, there will remain other dangers to both education and the prerogatives and rights of the states. If and when the federal government gives financial aid to schools in all the states, there will be federal control as to what shall be taught and who shall do the teaching. We have too much federal control now. John Q. Public will have to pay the bill for whatever system of education is maintained in the respective states, and the job can be done more economically and effectively if left with the states. This modern clamor for centralization of power in Washington and disposition to make Uncle Sam the federal government Santa Claus to various and sundry schemes of financial aid to church schools, hospitals, and so forth, is loaded with dynamite. We had better wake up and stop these wild-un-American schemes before the dynamite explodes. We ought to remember that Hitler and Mussolini, took over the schools of Germany and Italy before they took over their respective states.

*(Wake up, freedom loving America!—R.B.J.)*

## Do Not Ship To Russian Zone

By CHARLES R. GAGE

**S**TUTTGART, Germany—Issuing a ringing call for cooperation with the U. S. Government's counter-blockade of the Russian Zone of Germany, Rev. Otto Nallinger, Baptist Relief Representative in Europe, has urged that the World Alliance Relief Committee not attempt in any way to get relief supplies to the Russian Zone.

"I realize that I may be misunderstood by making such an appeal, but permit me to give you my reasons for making an apparently inhuman and unchristian statement.

"The Russians started this whole business of blockades. There are times when you fight fire only with fire. Our government has deemed it a wise policy to put into effect a counter-blockade. In order to make the blockade secure they have now forbidden the shipment of all relief supplies into the Russian Zone.

"I feel that we as Baptists ought to give our Government our wholehearted support in their effort to enforce the counter-blockade. Communism is playing a sleight of hand game. They would like nothing better than to have us ship relief supplies to their zone. They would know how to turn these supplies to good advantage for their cause.

"It is true that our brethren in that zone will have to undergo great suffering and privation. The human and Christian thing would be to send relief supplies to them. But by doing so, we would help the communists against our own government. I think that we as American Baptists owe it to our government that we give it full cooperation in this matter. They cannot stop us from shipping relief supplies from Sweden to the Russian Zone, but they ask that we cooperate with the principle of the blockade and I think that we ought to do so."

## Wire Recorders At Convention Sessions

By C. E. BRYANT

**A**T LANTA, Ga.—(BP)—Except for a novel invention of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, it probably would be impossible for messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City to see their speakers.

That is, the speakers undoubtedly would be buried behind and under a mass of wire recorder microphones—except for this amplifying box perfected by Jack Robertson, Radio Commission technician.

Indications are that between 100 and 200 pastors will bring wire recorders to the Convention for the purpose of transcribing the session's business and inspirational periods for replay back at their home churches. Thirty pastors did so at the Memphis meeting last year when wire recorders were a comparative novelty.

Dr. Sam F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission, said that provision for wire recorders will be made off the Convention platform, both in the auditorium and at Taft Stadium. A central microphone will be placed on the pulpit stand used by speakers, and the sound will be carried through an amplifier to a special room set aside for wire recorders. Outlets from the amplifier will plug directly into the microphone post of the recorder. The extra sensitive pulpit microphone plus the amplifier will give even better recordings than would be possible through the recorder's own microphone.

Positions on the amplifier board and space for the recorders will be assigned by Dr. Lowe, and a service charge of \$2.50 will be made on each recorder to pay for cost of the special equipment and the technician who will handle it. Reservations for space should be made immediately, with payment enclosed, to Dr. Lowe at 1585 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta 6, Ga. Numbered cards will be issued entitling the holder to choice recorder space. Low numbered cards will be most sure of space.

## Reporting Family Altar Results

By JOE W. BURTON, Editor, *Home Life*

**M**ANY WONDERFUL spiritual victories were won on Home Dedication Day last Sunday. Many new family altars have been established in this climax to the Southern Baptist campaign for 100,000 new family altars.

Many of these spiritual victories no doubt are worthy to be recorded in the archives kept by angels. Many surely will be recorded to the Baptist press throughout the land.

We want a report from every church and pastor. A postal card will do. Simply state the number of homes which have established family altars. Address your card to the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

One of the thrilling moments at the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City will be when the combined report of the family altar campaign is given. This report will be made at the Christian Home Service on Sunday afternoon, May 22.

## Planned Economy

April 13, 1949

Dear Editor:

**C**OMMUNISM in all of its forms and shades is planned economy. Some people want that in the United States. We have some places in the United States that already have Planned Economy. My attention was called to such a place the other day. A man was telling me about a place where:

Everybody there has a job

Everybody has a bed to sleep in

Everybody has three meals a day without worry

Everybody has free medical care

Everybody has clothing to wear.

Do you wonder where such a place could be? Just any state penitentiary. Arkansas has one at Tucker farm. But some how I am not interested in becoming a part of such regimentation. Are you?

Yours for good old free America.

Rev. Otey Rhodes, Missionary-Evangelist

P. O. Box 4000, Memphis, Tennessee.

## Carillons At Oklahoma City

**O**KLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(BP)—"Carillonic Bells" will extend a musical greeting to messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention here, May 18-22. These Bells will be heard from the top of the Apco Tower, one of the tallest buildings in Oklahoma City and will be played daily before and after the Convention meetings.

In cooperation with the Sunday School Board and the Baptist Book Stores, Schulmerich Electronics, Inc., of Sellersville, Pa., exclusive manufacturers of "Carillonic Bells," obtained the cooperation of the management of Apco Tower so these Bells might be heard from the highest building over a wide area and which would add to the welcome extended by Oklahoma City citizens.

"Carillonic Bells" have been heard at state conventions and the last four annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and are installed in several hundred Southern Baptist churches. A special exhibit of the instrument will be shown in the Exhibit Hall of the Convention auditorium.

G. J. Schulmerich said the "Carillonic Bells" being installed on the Apco Tower will undoubtedly be the largest set of Bells ever used in Oklahoma, for they will be heard for a radius of at least five miles or more, depending on atmospheric conditions.



# Christ Guiding the Hand that Guides the Child

By MRS. T. C. MEADOR, Erwin, Tenn.

**S**O OFTEN TODAY we hear parents say how difficult it is to rear children in this day and age. I wonder if the mothers and fathers of the Bible felt that way? Did John's parents rebuke him for his quick temper and caution him that it would lead to trouble? Did Peter's parents deplore his impulsiveness and fear that it would prove his undoing? Even Jesus' Mother as she "pondered all these things in her heart" must have worried about how to rear this Supernatural Child who had been placed in her care. Perhaps when we complain we leave God out of our thinking. Is not our God as powerful today as He was when He protected the child Moses or guarded the baby Jesus from Herod's cruel edict?

## Trust in the Face of Problems

Certainly the evils surrounding our children today are just as compelling and just as attractive as they have been in any age. But our God is just as powerful as He was when He formed a universe from the dreams of His mind, and just as loving as when in the form of His Son He suffered little children to come to Him, and just as understanding as He was when He restored Jairus' daughter to her parents. The difficulty today is that we as parents and leaders of young people do not look, in trust, to this powerful, loving, and understanding Heavenly Father to guide us in guiding our children.

During Parent Week a group of seventy-six school children in a New York village were asked what qualities they would most admire in their parents. The first three qualities to appear on the list were honesty, justice, and truthfulness. The most severely criticized faults found in the parents were smoking and drinking.

It seems that we are a little turned around in the world today when the children search for honesty in their parents. If we would guide the young people we must set before them a moral character worthy of admiration. The manager of a noted roadhouse in one of our cities regularly deposited on Monday morning the large receipts derived from his business over the week end. The Christian teller of the bank one day questioned him as to the age of the patrons of his establishment. He hastened to assure the teller that the young people did not frequent his place of entertainment for they could not afford his prices. He catered to middle-aged people.

## Seeking Guidance

Christian parents have a double responsibility today for they must not only guide their own children but they must counteract the influence of homes where there is no Christian guidance. The Christian home must not only be made attractive for our own young people but must touch the life of every young person who enters its doors. What a great responsibility rests on Christian parents! How much a Christian parent needs to lean daily on God for divine guidance.

The first place that a parent should seek guidance is in his church. There, on Sunday, and in prayer meeting, he should join with other parents to pray collectively for the young people of his town, his nation, and the world. There he should talk to God and God should talk to him so that he may gain inspiration for the practical problems that will face him through the week. A Christian parent must attend church! And by his side should be the boys and girls. When a mother says that she can't get her teen-age boy or girl out of bed to go to Sunday School, I wonder if the picture would be different if on Sunday morning, from the child's infancy, the mother and father had worked and planned so that they could take the child to Sunday School every Sunday morning. I wonder if the child's indifference would be present if he had heard only praise from the lips of his parents. I wonder if it would make a difference if in the

boy or girl's mind he held a picture of both mother and father cheerfully serving the Lord in their church.

God can guide our children through the prayer life of parents. I stood at my kitchen window horrified and watched my nine-year-old boy ride his bicycle directly into the path of an on-coming car. The brakes of the car screeched as it stopped within a few feet of the boy. That night, as I thanked my God and reflected on how good He had been and how different my home might have been, I remembered that that morning I had prayed that God would protect that boy. God is an all powerful God. He is so powerful that He can not only protect the physical life of our children but He can hold their moral and spiritual lives in the hollow of His hand. Yes, God can guide the youth of our land if the Christian parents begin to pray.

And God needs to guide our prayer life so that we will grow and take the long look in prayer. The parent who prays only for the physical well-being of his child from day to day has failed. The parent who prays only that God will give to his child a life of ease and happiness has failed to grow up in his own prayer life. Rather, he should pray that his child may have Christian fortitude to stand against the temptations of the world, to have a compassion and love for those less fortunate than he, a thankful heart for God's blessings, courage to meet the problems of life, and a deep desire to serve both God and his fellow men. What a challenge for parents to grow in their prayer life that God may guide the child through the parents' prayers.

Has your child ever seen you pray? Does he know that you pray for him? How can you offset evil influences without a family altar? Southern Baptists are seeking to establish one hundred thousand family altars in the Southern Baptist Convention. When this is established and maintained for a generation we will have a group of Baptist young people that we can send out without fear to meet the world. Invite Christ into your home. Let us pray with our young people and pray for them.

And last, we must permit God to guide our lives if we seek to guide the life of youth. The father and mother who bend above the crib of the baby and in their mind's eye see a lovely young woman or a noble young man must remember that that child will be influenced by the parents' lives long before he can read his Bible or understand a sermon. Every time he takes his child to church, reads his Bible, prays in family worship, or performs the kindly acts of Christian living in his home, he is planting an indelible influence for God in the life of his child.

## Exemplary Footsteps

The child who hears his father and mother praised for their Christ-like lives glows with pride and strives to follow in His footsteps. How greatly to be pitied is a child who is dragged into worldliness by an ungodly father or a worldly mother! Often tragic is the life of the young person who strives to build a Christian life against such marked indifference and evil influence.

Sometimes our own faith is tested through our children. If we have lived and prayed for them through the years and they are not living close to God, do we doubt or can we trust that God will still guide them? Do we let them know that we have an abiding faith in God? Lord strengthen our faith as parents.

The diamond has been lost from a lovely ring. The ring is not lost. It still has value. But the empty gaping hole seems to mock you with its ugliness. So the life or the home without Christ still has value but it seems to mock our young people with its lack of Christian living. Mother, father, friend and leader of youth, if we would have the all powerful, all loving Heavenly Father guide our young people, He must first guide us.

# On World Council of Churches

*(To a Ministerial Student from First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, who is at Edinburgh University, Scotland, by his pastor, M. E. Dodd.)*

DEAR FRANK:

Your very interesting letter about school life in Edinburgh University and the religious life round about, is most interesting.

First Baptist Church is proud of the ten ministerial students from her membership who are now attending colleges, universities and seminaries in various places.

Your inquiry about the position of Southern Baptists in regard to uniting with the World Council of Churches has particular interest at this time, and I am glad you will have an opportunity to interpret their position in the program to which you refer.

Not only have Southern Baptists declined affiliation with the World Council but the Baptist World Congress took a decisive stand at Copenhagen in 1947 to the same effect. Rev. Henry Cooke of England had made a passionate appeal to the Congress to affiliate with the World Council. No place had been provided on the Program for presenting the opposite view. I felt constrained to say something and secured the permission of the president to make a statement, which I did, speaking more or less extemporaneously.

As briefly as I can state it in a letter, the following is a fair summary of what I said:

"In years past, the enemies of our Baptist freedom, message and mission sought to silence our testimony by persecution. Today, the effort is made with perfume. If Baptists should yield to these soft and wooing voices, there would soon be no distinctive Baptist message in the world. The same thing would happen to them that happened to Algie. Algie went for a walk; Algie met a bear. The bear was bulgy; the bulge was Algie.

Baptists, therefore, cannot afford to enter into these compromising positions and Southern Baptists have resolved several times not to do so on the following ground:

1. Because Southern Baptists are and all other Baptists should be, passionately and aggressively Evangelical—Evangelistic, New Testament Christians. The New Testament program is expansion and not concentration. It is a definite fact that every case of union has reduced the total number of people they win to Christ.

2. Because Southern Baptists and all Baptists should be democratic in their form of government and in their attitudes and conduct. Their very genius, which we believe is that of New Testament Christianity, makes it impossible to unite with others of such divergent methods and message. It is like yoking the ox and the ass together, which God's law prohibits—"How can two walk together except they be agreed." Southern Baptists will not go into the Council for the same reason that Jews and Roman Catholics do not go in; namely, Because their mission, message and method of operation do not permit.

3. Because the sole authority for the Baptist faith and practice is the Word of God, and having received from Christ the great Commission, it cannot be delegated to other individuals or groups of persons. Christ commands us to preach the gospel to every creature; and to unite with others, places inhibitions and prohibitions as to where we shall preach. When Southern Baptists entered California, they found towns of several thousand people in which there was no church because Northern Baptists were prohibited from entering these towns by the Federal Council of Churches with which they were associated.

4. Southern Baptists have not affiliated with the Federal Council or the World Council of Churches, and we believe no Baptist should do so, because we believe that the first and fundamental method for securing moral conduct and proper social

action is not by outward compulsion or numerical strength, which is tantamount to force, but by the New Testament principle of regeneration and a new life in Christ. We have a Baptist mayor in Shreveport, a Baptist governor in Louisiana, and a Baptist president for the United States, not because Baptists are more numerous than all others but because back in the years past somebody led these men to Christ and church membership.

5. Because Southern Baptists believe in moral suasion and not political force for the securing of correct action.

6. Because we have observed that most, if not all the movements toward unison are the expression of a defeatist spirit and defeatist attitude. It is an effort to make a show of numbers and influence by uniting rather than by winning the multitudes to Christ and the Church. The Rev. Cooke who made his appeal at Copenhagen is an example; he is at the head of Evangelism for the Baptist Union of England and they have had a net loss in membership of their churches for a number of years.

When Southern Baptists and Northern Baptists separated 100 years ago, there were a great many more members in the Northern group than in the Southern. Today there are 1,500,000 Northern Baptists and 6,300,000 Southern Baptists. In 1912 there were 13,245 churches affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention, and in 1948 the Annual shows 7,124.

Southern Baptists have been content to attend to their own business of Evangelizing and building up 27,000 churches and thereby contributing to the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

If all Baptists would put as much time, thought, energy and money into evangelizing and building up Baptist Churches as some Baptists do in working for union with others, the Kingdom of God would be a great deal better off.

7. Southern Baptists do not affiliate with interdenominational councils because our affiliation with others would be a betrayal of our martyred dead in past ages and of those heroic Baptist souls who are suffering the fires of persecution in many parts of the world at the present time. To affiliate with the World Council of Churches would not be a real fellowship but would be a feigned and forced appearance because some of the religious groups in that affiliation, like the Church of England and the Greek Orthodox Church, have been the most cruel persecutors of Baptists.

Baptists will honor their Lord, will bless the world, and will advance the Kingdom of God on earth by maintaining their own identity uncompromised and unhindered by artificial affiliation with others.

Now, this does not mean a narrow-minded isolationism for all Baptists who have the world outlook and the so-called ecumenical spirit, there is abundant opportunity for enjoyment and expression of both in the Baptist World Alliance which, in its international Congress has affiliations from more than half as many again nations as the World Council has represented in Amsterdam.

Neither does this position mean that we cannot cooperate with other religious bodies—even Jews and Catholics and even non-Christians in great moral issues, such as the prohibition of intoxicating liquors, for example."

Thank you, Frank, for the opportunity you have given me to make this statement. May God continue to bless you in your studies. May He give you courage for your testimony, and may He soon bring you back home for a great ministry.

Cordially your pastor,  
M. E. Dodd."



# OBEDIENCE: Lifting The Cross

By CHARLES C. BOWLES, *Pastor*

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(Delivered before Evangelistic Conference, Nashville, Tenn.)

**L**ET US COMPARE Romans 5:19, Hebrews 5:8 and Matthew 26:39. He was obedient unto the very extremity of obedience; death, although that death came in the most disgraceful form, upon the cross. The death of Christ is not here considered as an atonement, for that view of it did not come within the scope of the apostle's immediate purpose, but it is viewed solely as an example of perfect obedience.

## Voluntary Obedience

Christ's obedience unto death was no mere resignation, for that is the attitude of the soul toward the inevitable. But Christ Jesus in His perfect obedience died, because He so willed, and when, and as He willed. "It is appointed unto men to die." . . . But with the "captain" of our salvation it was far otherwise. He had his life either to give or to keep. He gave His life with all its preciousness, a free will offering, a priceless sacrifice "of a sweet smelling savor unto God."

"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross" . . . That cross is not our thought now. The cross of our theme is found in the blessed word of Jesus when He said unto His disciples, "if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." (Matt. 16:24). The marks of true discipleship are to be found in self-denial and cross-bearing.

That cross, the soldiers of Rome raised . . . once and for all. Never again! Never again! On that cross the Blessed One "finished" the suffering for sin! But that cross ordains me another one, that cross assures my victory—if I, too, shall bleed! The old legend of the birds lifting their wings which were so heavy they cumbered the bird, and found that the lifted wings lifted the birds themselves; still has a true moral for us. If we bear our crosses, they will lift us!

## Obedience to What?

We Baptists have duly emphasized salvation through trusting; but we have too seldom sung: "There's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Consider obedience. Obedience to what? We are to obey . . . "That form of doctrine which began to be spoken by our Lord Himself and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him." If it is a burden, O, brother of mine, to obey when we preach, let us stoop low in the dust of humility and get a new glimpse of the cross and then heave high and hard and get that cross up high. When Peter and the other apostles stood before their judges in Jerusalem, being charged of preaching the doctrine of our Lord, they answered, "we must obey God rather than men."

Dr. Gambrell often told an experience of a western preacher in a revival. A woman professed and was to be baptized. Her husband objected to the Baptist preacher's doctrine and threatened to knife him if he baptized his wife. The preacher, at the water, stood firm, baptized the woman at the point of a knife. After the ordinance had been completed, the man fell down and prayed for that sort of religion.

Obedience to whom? Obedience! A hard word. So was the "cross" to our Redeemer! He it is who sent us! He who bled for us! He who burned in those flames of Golgotha "which give no light but darkness visible." It is Jesus whom we are to obey—Mary's blessed son, God's eternal, infinite, chosen, ordained, anointed, self-giving, calvary-dying, risen, exalted, Prince of Peace, Wonderful One, the "Father of the Ages," Immanuel, who sends us.

## Play Up Advance

Obedience! Obedience when? Now is not only the day God ordains to save repenting sinners, it is the day the King orders His soldiers to advance toward the iron-bound gates, hell's locked bars. How long do we halt? Those gates are ordained to

be attacked! It is not their emptying myriads coming at us, that is to be defeated. It is the order of the heel—bruised son of woman, obeyed, that breaks down those imprisoning gates!

Do you recall that world-renowned, widely published and unforgettable photograph of the famous "Flag-Raising" on Iwo Jima by Joe Rosenthal.

On Friday, February 23, 1945, twenty-two thousand men entered into the bitterest battle in one hundred and seventy years of illustrious U. S. Marine Corps history. Ascending up Mt. Swibachi (546 feet), crawling on their stomachs like reptiles, wormed their way through volcanic waste to the top under terrific fire from the enemy hiding in caves. Four men took the Stars and Stripes and placed it on top of the mountain, mist speeding bullets, bursting bombs and exploding grenades. Casualties were 4,907 dead and 15,500 wounded.

How we thrill at such bravery and we should, for these men stood between us and the enemy. But I wonder, do we thrill at bravery of the Son of God, who bled on the cross and stood between us and hell and the grave?

## Obedience and Death

Obedience! Obedience why? "For God so loved the world" palsied be the tongue that tries to describe His love. But, blessed be the eyes of those who see it displayed on the cross in the vicarious suffering of Jesus.

When I hear Paul say "without the shedding of blood there is no remission" and visualize Jesus walking in obedience to His Father's will, I cry, "Such submission!" I see him in the Garden of Gethsemane prostrate on the ground with your sins and mine upon Him. Drops of sweat from His brow liken unto blood and, I cried, "God, there is blood, surely that's enough," but God echoed back, "It is not enough." I see the soldiers take him like a criminal to Pilate's Hall, fasten His wrist in leather bands to tessellated marble walls. His raiment is rent and a robust man with thongs of bone and lead bits in each strand beats His back until blood from those lacerations runs down His legs and forms a pool of blood at His feet. I cried, "O God, there's blood, surely that's enough!" But God echoed back, "It is not enough."

I see and hear angry crowds spit upon Him and slap Him. A cross is put upon His shoulders and He is marched up Golgotha's hill. He stumbles beneath the weight of the load, One is secured to bear that cross. I see Him unreservedly submit to the cross and hear the thuds of the objects that drive the spikes in His hands and feet. With cruelty and without care they lift that cross over the socket of the earth and release it. When the butt of the cross hits the bottom of that hole, I see the tissue of our blessed Lord's hands torn and blood runs down in His armpits and I cried, "O God, there is blood, surely, surely, that is enough!" But God echoed back, "It is not enough."

I see the crown of thorns placed upon His brow and blood from these wounds run down into His eyes and cakes upon His head, but still, God said, "It is not enough." Then a drunken soldier releases a spear and cuts a gash in His side and blood and water comes forth. Again, I cry, "O God, how much more? There is blood!" But he answered, "It is not enough yet." I hear Jesus call for water and the God of all could have sent rains which would quench the thirst of Jesus, but He did not. I hear Jesus say, again, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The God of all comfort and consolation turned His face from Jesus and then echoed one more cry, "It is finished." Then I hear God answer, "It is enough. That whosoever believeth in Him shall never perish but have everlasting life."

The world is waiting not to hear only, but to see such obedience in our lives to our Father. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

## A Neglected Theological Need

By L. E. BARTON, Montgomery, Ala.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST Convention Committee on survey of our needs in theological education will make a very important report at Oklahoma City.

The first recommendation of the committee reads as follows: "That it is the purpose and intention of this convention to project a long range program of education seeking to meet the needs as far as possible of all our churches and ministers." That is a very worthy ideal and a goal much to be desired.

Recommendation six says: "That two new seminaries, one in the West and one in the East, be established as soon as suitable sites can be had and adequate plans be made for financing the same without injury or impairment to our existing seminaries."

That is also a good recommendation, but one wonders whether it goes far enough. That recommendation evidently contemplates two new full-fledged seminaries of graduate grade and scholastic standing.

Is there not also a vast need throughout our territory for help for men who have not gone and will not go to college? Dr. Dillard says, and I think he is correct, that fewer than one-third of our pastors are college and seminary trained. My recollection of the figures, which could be at fault, is that seventeen or eighteen thousand of our twenty-six thousand churches are rural and a large per cent of those are half-time and quarter-time churches. This percentage will decrease through the years but will not disappear for a long time, if it ever does.

When the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was established, nearly all pastors were untrained in college and seminary. Therefore the seminary curriculum was adjusted so such men could attend and graduate from the seminary, and quite a few have done so with brilliant records. But that becomes more and more difficult because of the multiplication of courses of study and because nearly all of the students now are college trained men, which makes it more embarrassing and difficult for untrained men to adjust themselves in a college atmosphere and compete with men of superior educational opportunities. Therefore if we "meet the needs as far as possible of all our churches and ministers" attention will have to be given to schools for under privileged men who are called of God to ministerial service, who will be far more effective if they can have fundamental theological training which they will never get in college and could not get in college even if they went to college, which they will not do.

One of the "Three Changes in Theological Institutions" set out by Dr. Boyce in his famous address by that name was: "A Baptist Theological School ought not merely to receive college graduates, but men with less of general education, even men having only what is called a common English education." That marked a departure, for most seminaries then required college degrees for entrance to the seminaries. But we have many men in the ministry who do not have a common English education. Many of them will be effective pastors if they can have training in a school for the under-privileged, such for instance as the Mountain Preacher's School at Pineville, Kentucky. If anyone thinks our seventeen thousand rural churches will largely be "pastored"—excuse the word—by college and seminary graduates, he just does not know Southern Baptist conditions; neither does he realize how "choosy" seminary graduates are about three, four, and five-thousand dollar salaries. If we don't do something for the under-privileged men many rural churches will suffer on account of our neglect. This is no plea for an untrained ministry, but a plea for us to do the best we can with what we have.

Remember that all theological education is not necessarily of the graduate type. I have heard some mighty men of God who were uneducated technically, but who could preach circles around half the seminary graduates.

## Where Our Students Come From

By J. E. DILLARD

OUR THREE Southern Baptist seminaries have students from thirty-eight states and eight foreign countries. The most of the students come from the states close to the seminaries.

The New Orleans Seminary enrolls 226 or 60 per cent of its students from three nearby states and only 44 per cent from twenty-nine other states and five foreign countries.

The Southwestern Seminary enrolls 641 or 46 per cent of its students from one state alone while the other two seminaries receive only twenty-seven students from this state. It is evident that the proximity of the seminary is a deciding factor in student attendance.

This raises the question of the location of our seminaries: where they are and where others ought to be.

But both Louisville and New Orleans are 600 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. Here is a territory 600 by 1200 miles without a Baptist seminary.

Now look at the West. From Los Angeles, California to the Southwestern Seminary is 1,449 miles, to New Orleans is 1,942 miles, and to Southern Seminary is 2,215 miles—that is as the crow flies; and few Baptist preachers fly that way, especially when there are plenty of non-Baptist and mushroom institutions close by.

We Southern Baptists as a denomination should not forget the first law of nature.

## A Demonstration of Unity in the Training Union

(Contributed)

EVERY TRAINING SCHOOL should be characterized by the unity of the Spirit and the unity of the faith. The unity of the faith is realized in the unity of the Spirit. The unity of the faith means the full acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord and the unity of the Spirit is expressed by consecration to the tasks of evangelism. Such spiritual unity is made possible by a common loyalty and devotion to the authority and sufficiency of the Word of God.

The achievement of this twofold unity was demonstrated in a Training School which was held at Trinity Baptist Church, April 4-9, in Memphis, Tennessee.

After all preliminary arrangements for the school had been made by the Training Union director, Mr. Milo Gartrell, the pastor, Dr. W. O. Love, announced that a definite emphasis would be given to Bible study at every assembly of the school and throughout the membership of the Church during the week.

The pastor emeritus, Rev. C. E. Myrick, was called upon to lead the devotional period each evening and to present the plan of Bible study offered in his new booklet, entitled "THE WAY OF LIGHT." This method of study gives a comprehensive view of the Bible as a whole, provides a corresponding word outline of the books of the Old and New Testaments, and makes Christ the unifying theme of all the Scriptures. By this teaching and testimony the whole school became Bible-minded and Christ-centered in the unity of its objectives.

In the afternoons during the week, Brother Myrick visited in the homes of the members of the Church urging the people to give God's Word first place in their lives. The result of this work was that over one hundred homes were committed to this method of systematic Bible study as a foundation for the establishment of a family altar and the making of the Word of God supreme in daily life.

The lasting blessing and benefit of this demonstration of the unity of the faith and the unity of the Spirit were not only the re-discovery of the central place of the Bible in Training Union work, but on Sunday, following the close of the school, when the pastor preached fifteen young people were received into the membership of the Church.



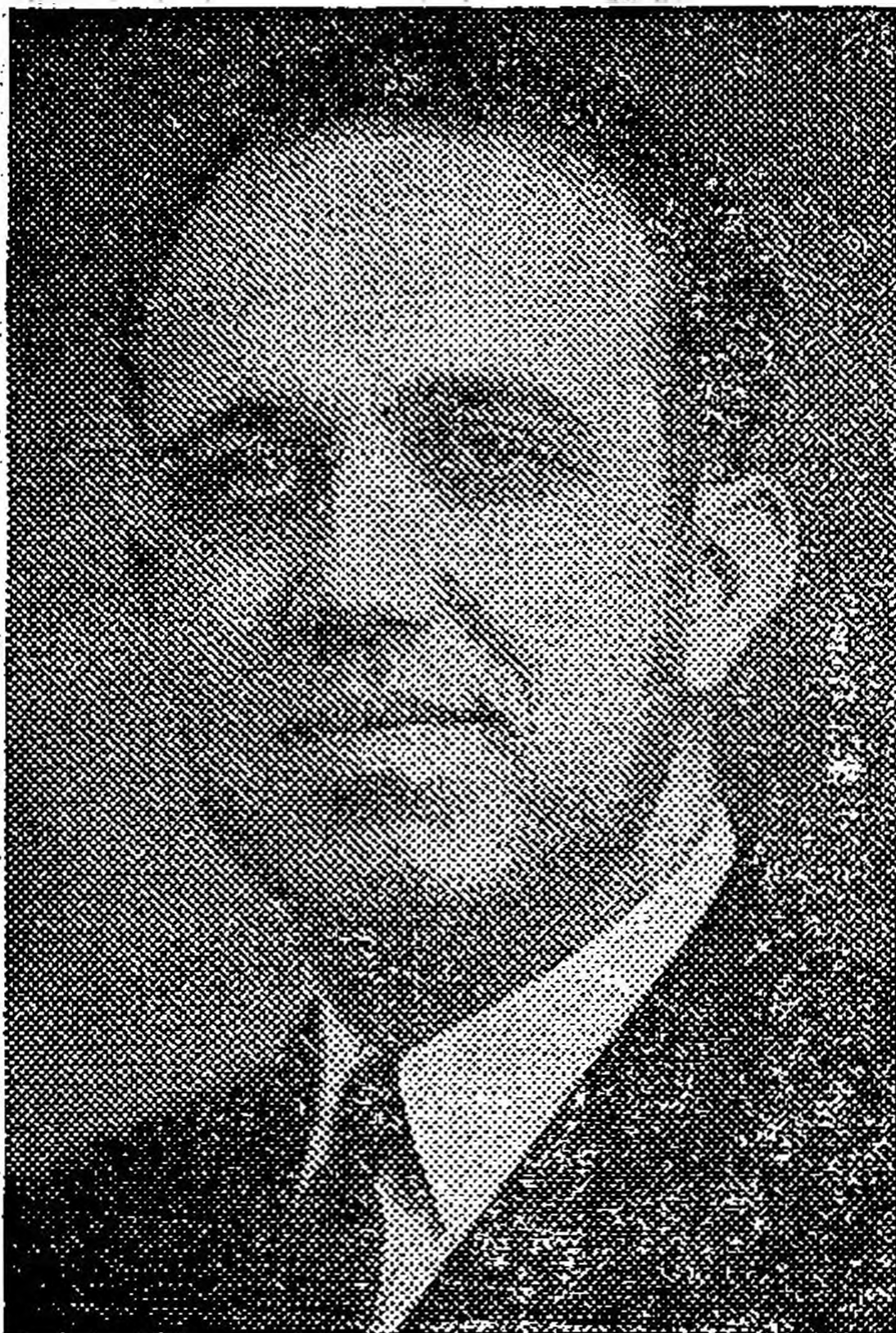
# Family Worship Will Solve Problems

By MERRILL D. MOORE

FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS it was my joyous privilege to be a pastor, and for other years to serve as president of a Christian college and in other posts of duty which put me in close touch with homes and the products of homes. I have not known a divorce in a home that prayed together daily in a family altar where a true spirit of worship was maintained. I have not known serious friction of trouble to persist in a home where the family altar was a regular part of that home.

But I have known critical problems to yield to regular family prayer and Bible study. I scarcely know a "problem child" to come from a home where the family circle was "unbroken" each day about the place of prayer. Certain cases which come to my mind point up and prove these wise words, "When a family prays together, it stays together."

## The Training Union Director Favorable



"As the Sunday school grows our constituency increases too; so every Training Union worker is for the 600,000 emphasis one hundred per cent! Now here in our church, for an example, every time we add fifty more people to the Sunday School attendance there are enough new adults for another union and all the other unions are greatly strengthened. We're not only for it—we'll help our church reach her part of this 600,000 increase in Sunday school enrolment."

WILL YOU HELP YOUR  
CHURCH DO ITS PART NOW?

## Henry Grady On "Home Sweet Home"

I VISITED a country home: A modest quiet house sheltered by great trees and set in a circle of field and meadow, gracious with the promise of harvest—barns and cribs well filled and the old smokehouse odorous with treasure—the fragrance of pink and hollyhock mingling with the aroma of garden and orchard, and resonant with the hum of bees and poultry's busy clucking.

Inside the house, thrift, comfort and that cleanliness that is next to godliness—the restful beds, the open fireplace, the books and papers, and the old clock that had held its steadfast pace amid the frolic of weddings, that had welcomed in steady measure the newborn babies of the family, and kept company with the watchers of the sick-bed, and had ticked the solemn requiem of the dead; and the well-born Bible that, thumbed by fingers long since stilled, and blurred with tears of eyes long since closed, held the simple annals of the family, and the heart and conscience of the home.

Outside stood the master, strong and wholesome and upright; wearing no mar's collar; with no mortgage on his roof, and no lien on his ripening harvest; pitching his crops in his own wisdom, and selling them in his own time in his chosen market; master of his lands and master of himself.

Beyond was the good wife, true of touch and tender, happy amid her household cares, clean of heart and conscience, the helpmate and the buckler of her husband. And the children, strong and sturdy, trooping down the lane with the lowing herd, or weary of simple sport, seeking, as truant birds do, the quiet of the old home nest.

And I saw the night descend on that home, falling gently as from the wings of the unseen dove. And the stars swarmed in the bending skies—the trees thrilled with the cricket's cry—the restless bird called from the neighboring wood—and the father, a simple man of God, gathering the family about him, read from the Bible the old, old story of love and faith, and then went down in prayer, the baby hidden among the folds of its mother's dress, and closed the record of that simple day by calling down the benediction of God on the family and the home.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1949

# The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

"April showers make May flowers!"

I hope you have planted some flower seeds this spring, so you can have the fun of watching the flowers grow and bloom. It isn't too late to begin a flower garden now. There is an interesting little "Wonder Packet" of seeds which may be purchased for ten cents. The explanation on the back of the package says that the seeds in the envelope were tested and did not quite measure up to the requirements because they grow a bit slower than A-1 seeds. So these were combined into a package of mixed seeds. To make up for the low test grade, more seeds than usual were put in an envelope.

I have planted a package of these seeds, and am looking forward to discovering how many different kinds of flowers I have. The seed packet suggests that these flowers make a "wonder spot" in the garden—because of the "wondering" which the planter does before he sees his flowers begin to grow.

You'll be learning the names of a lot of different flowers. Here is a little puzzle to help you see how many names you already know. Make the name of a flower by joining a word from the left column with a word from the right column. The answers are printed upside down at the end of today's column. Give yourself ten points for each correct answer. Eighty to a hundred is very, very good. Sixty or seventy is above average.

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| 1. Snap   | a. Lock    |
| 2. Snow   | b. Slip    |
| 3. Dog    | c. William |
| 4. Blue   | d. Wood    |
| 5. Hem    | e. Sweet   |
| 6. Sweet  | f. Nation  |
| 7. Cow    | g. Dragon  |
| 8. Bitter | h. Rose    |
| 9. Car    | i. Bell    |
| 10. Tube  | j. Ball    |

Here is another springtime game which you and your family will enjoy. Maybe you'd like to use it at a May party. Each player should have his own copy of the chart. The object is to try to name a vegetable, a flower, a bird, and a Bible character beginning with each of the letters in the word "Plant." There would be a vegetable beginning with P, then L, A, N, and T. And so on, with flowers, birds, and Bible characters.

When each one has finished his chart, let him check his own paper, or the group may exchange papers for grading. Each player who has thought of a vegetable, flower, bird, or verse, which no one else thought of, gets 100 points for that word. If two people mention the same they get fifty points each, and so on, dividing 100 by the number of players who name the same item. Explain this method of scoring before you begin the game, so that each player will try to think of unusual words.

	P	L	A	N	T
Food					
Flower					
Bird					
Bible Character					

Either of these games will be good for a lot of different occasions this spring and summer. Even if you do not know now that you will use these suggestions, perhaps you'd like to cut and file them where you can find them when the need arises. It's good to have a few games and puzzles ready when company comes, or when you are responsible for party plans.

From time to time we will add to this collection of puzzles and games. If you have some on hand and would like to share them with other Young South readers, be sure to send them to me. Maybe you'll even write me a note about yourself and send it with your game. I hope so.

Love,  
AUNT POLLY

Answers to Flower Game: 1-G, 2-J, 3-D, 4-I, 5-A, 6-C, 7-B, 8-E, 9-F, 10-H.



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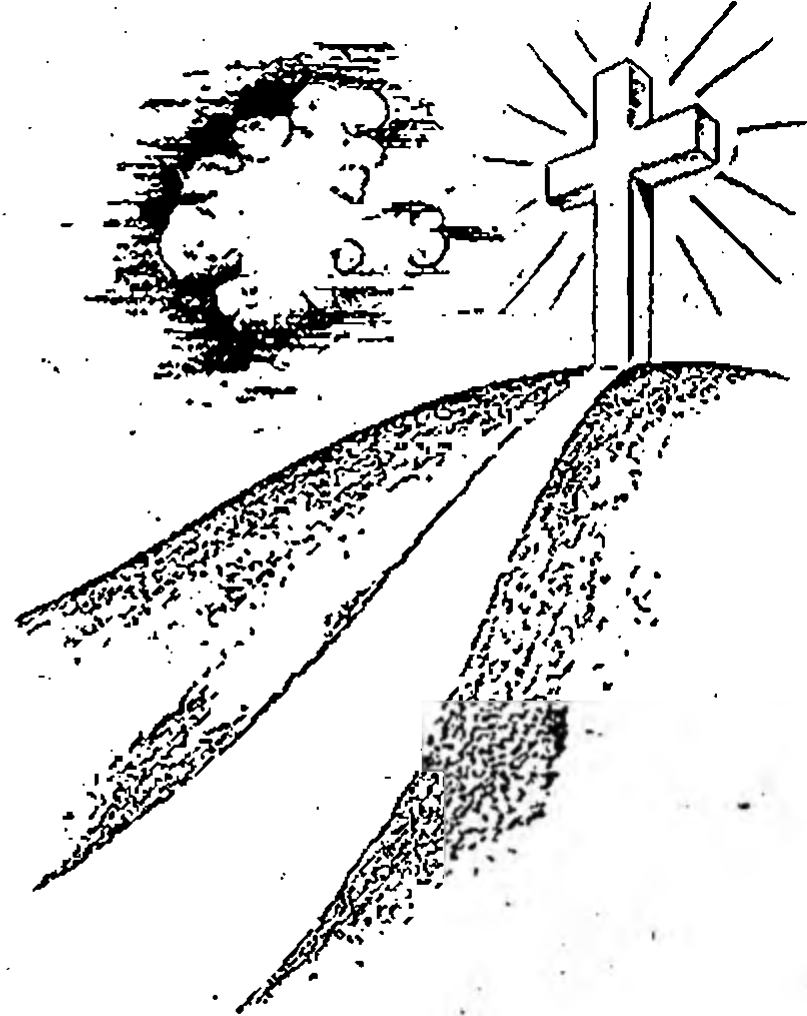
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# HELP HER REACH HIGHER GROUND



SUPPORT

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Christian Education Day June 26

Every Sunday School should observe Christian Education Day in the month of June. Some schools may find it more convenient to have a program on a day other than June 26. It is important to give information to our people regarding our schools. We list below our Baptist educational institutions in Tennessee:

Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee

Dr. D. Harley Fite, President

Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee

Dr. Edwin S. Preston, President

Union University, Jackson, Tennessee

Dr. Warren F. Jones, President

Harrison-Chilhowee Academy

Mr. Roy Anderson, President

These schools need our support. We need their Christian influence in educating the youth of today.

### Meeting of Educational Workers at the Convention

The Religious Education Association of Oklahoma is planning to have a dinner for educational workers May 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church. Tickets are on sale at \$1.00 each. People who care to make advance reservation should write Mrs. Emma Kraft, 223½ N.W. First Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### Training Union Awards Issued In Tennessee During March, 1949

<b>BEULAH</b>		<b>KNOX COUNTY</b>	
Martin	19	Beaver Dam	1
Obion	7	Black Oak	10
	26	Central, Fountain City	2
<b>BIG EMORY</b>		Churchwell Avenue	8
Crossville	77	Fifth Avenue	21
Rockwood	5	Fort Sanders	32
Pond Grove	31	Gallaher Memorial	1
	113	Gillespie Avenue	1
<b>BLEDSON</b>		Glenwood	26
Gallatin	1	Grove City	6
Fountain Head	26	Little Flat Creek	32
Hillsdale	22	Lonsdale	3
	49	McCalla Avenue	3
<b>CAMPBELL</b>		Oakwood	150
LaFollette	72	Powell Station	45
Oak Grove	39	Sevier Heights	1
Ford Town	51	Sharon	17
	162	Washington Pike	65
<b>CHILHOWEE</b>		West End	4
Alcoa	9	Marbledale	67
Armona	13	Northside, Fountain City	13
Broadway	6	Ramsey Heights	50
Calvary, Alcoa	2	Tennessee Avenue	1
Chilhowee	60		559
Dotson Memorial	1	<b>LAWRENCE</b>	
Everett Hill	20	Ethridge	5
Grandview	13	Iron City	1
Maryville, First	112	Park Grove	13
Mt. Lebanon	5		19
New Hopewell	31	<b>MADISON</b>	
Oak Street	9	Calvary	9
Oak View	1	Henderson	26
Pleasant Grove	8	Madison	49
Stock Creek	2	Poplar Heights	34
	292		118
<b>CLINTON</b>		<b>McMINN</b>	
Clinton, First	1	Athens, East	106
Lake City	22	Athens, First	110
	23	Bellefonte	2
<b>DUCK RIVER</b>		Etowah	168
Decherd	19	New Friendship	14
	19	Lakeview	21
<b>DYER</b>		East View	2
Hillcrest	47		423
	47	<b>MIDLAND</b>	
<b>EAST TENNESSEE</b>		Piney Grove	35
Newport, Second	56		35
Newport, First	20	<b>NASHVILLE</b>	
	76	Baker's Grove	14
<b>GIBSON COUNTY</b>		Nashville, First	4
Trenton, First	122	Grace	37
	122	Hendersonville	25
<b>HOLSTON</b>		Ivy Chapel	13
Beulah	4	Judson Memorial	1
Cherokee	12	Radnor	24
Temple, Johnson City	52	Third	38
	68	Berry Field M	32
<b>JEFFERSON</b>		Baptist Center M	12
Northside, Jefferson City	47		200
Piedmont	59	<b>NEW DUCK RIVER</b>	
	106	Short Creek	4
			4

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### Significant Opportunities at W. M. U. Annual

#### Meeting in Oklahoma City

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK

Speaker: MISS MARGARET APPLGARTH

SUNDAY NIGHT, 8 O'CLOCK

Speaker: DR. WALTER JUDD

There will be other impressive speakers, including missionaries and denominational leaders throughout the program. Sessions will begin at 9:30 A.M., 2:00 P.M., and 7:30 P.M. on Monday and Tuesday. Prayer services are being planned for 8:15 A.M. and 1:15 P.M. these two days.

All delegates must register, of course, and all visitors are cordially invited to register. Registration will be open on Saturday, May 14, in Hotel Biltmore lobby from 1 P.M. to 10 P.M.; then the place to register will be changed to the Municipal Auditorium for Sunday afternoon, 1 P.M. to 10 P.M.; Monday, 8 A.M. to 10 P.M.; Tuesday, 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. There will be no registration during program hours.

Come to W. M. U. meeting in Oklahoma City for renewing and enlarging your missionary zeal.

Reservations for homes and for hotels are made through Rev. Anson Justice, 223½ N.W. First, Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma.

### Notice to W. M. U. Training School Alumnae

Our annual business meeting will be held during breakfast Wednesday morning, May 18. The place is the Oklahoma City Y. W. C. A. The time is 7:30 A.M. Breakfast (including tip) will be \$1.00. Buy your ticket Tuesday in the foyer of the municipal auditorium. If you are not in Oklahoma City before Wednesday morning come along and we will do our best to take care of you. Maybe you could get a friend to buy your ticket for you and meet you with it at the Y. W. C. A. Anyway—breakfast meeting at the Y. W. C. A., 7:30, May 18.

### Tennessee Missionary In Spain

I have received my first issue of *Reader's Digest* from you and want to say a special "thank you" to each one for this nice gift. George and I both enjoy reading it as well as the *Baptist and Reflector* which has been keeping us informed of so many old friends we have not seen for a long time but have thought a lot about.

Evelyn Hughey and I have divided the W. M. U. work between us. She is directing the women's activities and I am directing the young people's organizations.

Miss Margaret Bruce wrote me that she is coming to Spain for a visit this summer. You can well imagine my excitement over this news.

We are very grateful to God that we have had no interference from the authorities thus far in connection with our Bible Institute which was organized last September with George as director.

I am confident that I need not remind our Tennessee friends of our need for your prayers as we feel that your love and prayers are always with us and have seen us through many difficulties of this our first year in Spain.

With much gratitude and Christian love,

Frances Sharp Jennings

### A Call for Delegates

If you are going to Oklahoma City in time for the W. M. U. Convention, May 15 or 16 and would like to be a delegate, please write immediately to Miss Mary Northington, 149 Sixth Ave., North, Nashville. We do not have our full quota as only one delegate from an association was supposed to be appointed, but since that number has not indicated their intention of going to the convention we are throwing it open to all.

### New Sunbeam Band Pin

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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1949

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### Campus Representatives to the State Spring Retreat

Andrew Jackson Business University.....	2
Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.....	8
Carson-Newman College.....	18
Cumberland University.....	16
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital.....	7
East Tennessee State College.....	5
Knoxville General Hospital.....	2
Maryville College.....	8
Memphis State.....	24
Middle Tennessee State College.....	20
Peabody College.....	13
Southern College of Optometry.....	3
Southwestern College.....	1
Tennessee Tech.....	21
Union University.....	34
University of Chattanooga.....	6
University of Tennessee.....	22
University of Tennessee Junior College.....	20
University of Tennessee School of Nursing.....	1
Vanderbilt University.....	26
Ward-Belmont College.....	2
Speakers and other guests.....	45
TOTAL.....	304

### Summer Missionaries Chosen

The students at the State Spring Retreat selected Hugh Davis, from Carson-Newman, to go to the San Andres Island and Bill Jones, from Memphis State, to go to Hawaii. They also voted to send Mr. Rogers M. Smith, State Student Secretary, to the World Baptist Youth Congress meeting in Stockholm, Sweden August 3-9 as the representative of the Tennessee B. S. U.

The money for these projects will be raised by assigning a quota to each campus throughout the state. Mr. Bob Beard, state B. S. U. president from the University of Tennessee, is the general chairman in charge of securing these funds and he will be responsible for promoting the campaign for the state.—Jimmy Eaves, retiring state B. S. U. president



# AMONG THE BRETHREN

At noon, April 26, Dr. A. A. McClanahan, 86, retired dentist of Springfield, died suddenly of a heart attack. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. James C. Trefz, Washington, D. C., Mrs. John Charles Williams, New York City, and a son, A. A. McClanahan, Jr., pastor of Chamberlain Avenue Baptist Church, Chattanooga. The Lord comfort the sorrowing.

—B&R—

Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. with 2,400 members and 10 employees, has initiated two Sunday morning worship services to take care of the crowds. Wayne Dehoney, ex-Tennessean, is pastor.

—B&R—

The A Cappella Choir of Carson-Newman College under the direction of Prof. Charles Jones gave a sacred concert Saturday night, April 2, in the First Baptist Church of Elizabethton, William C. Taggart, Jr., pastor. The choir was with the church last year for a similar concert. Members of the First Church in the choir are: Ernest Pippin, Mary Ruth Cardwell, Edwin Ludolph, Kenneth Ludolph and Ernestine Lowe.

—B&R—

Church Clerk Ray B. Carver writes that Aubrey C. Halsell, pastor of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, recently assisted Pastor Lee Gallman and the Second Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., in a revival in which there were 108 additions, 76 of them by baptism. During the eight months that Bro. Halsell has been pastor of the Memphis church there have been 284 additions, 97 of them by baptism.

—B&R—

Pastor J. Harold Stephens and Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, have been assisted in a gracious revival by J. G. Hughes, pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis. Many souls were saved and the church was richly blessed. Of the visiting minister Bro. Stephens says that he "is undoubtedly one of the soundest gospel ministers I have ever known."

—B&R—

When Senator J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina went to Washington last January to begin his career in the United States Senate, he united with the First Baptist Church on his first Sunday in the city and began teaching a men's Bible class the second Sunday. The class adopted his name and in two months grew to 75 men. When he died suddenly in March, three of his colleagues and three other prominent Washington Baptists took over the teaching responsibilities. His senatorial colleagues in the list are: Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma; Estes Keefauver, Tennessee; and A. Willis Robertson, Virginia.

—B&R—

Signed by a committee headed by Dr. J. A. White, chairman of the deacons, the bulletin of Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, La., for April 17, carried a splendid expression of appreciation for Pastor Charles R. Shirar and Mrs. Shirar upon the beginning of Bro. Shirar's twelfth year as pastor there. The church has made impressive advances.

## Hear the Baptist Hour SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:30 A.M. May 8, 1949



Speaker—J. D. GREY  
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Subject for May 15—"Jesus Knocks at Your Door"

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## WESTERN UNION

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—B&R—

Pastor Luther Joe Thompson and the Springfield Baptist Church have been assisted in a revival by President E. D. Head of the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. C. Wells Burr, chairman of the deacons, led the music, with Mrs. Ross Fann at the organ and Miss Mildred Worsham as pianist. There were 33 additions, 17 of them by baptism, and two rededications.

**A NEW REGULATION.** The general rule of Baptist and Reflector has been to publish obituaries and obituary resolutions 200 words free and all words over that for 1 cent each and non-obituary resolutions for 1 cent a word straight. The paper finds it necessary to change this, as follows: Obituaries, obituary resolutions and non-obituary resolutions 200 words free and 5 cents each for all additional words. Even then, publication is below cost. Kindly send payment with material or tell us to whom to send statement, otherwise we will have to condense the material to 200 words.

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The Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, is pleased to announce a history-making event for our western work. The members of the first graduating class of the seminary will be given their awards at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 2, 1949. There will be thirteen members of this first class.

The commencement exercises themselves are estimated to assume proportions of historic import. The commencement address on that date will be delivered by Dr. Willis J. Ray, state executive secretary of the Arizona Baptist Convention. The baccalaureate sermon at 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, will be brought by Dr. Harry P. Stagg, state executive secretary of the New Mexico Baptist Convention.

The members of the class, together with the native state of each and the award to be received by each, will be indicated by the following list:

Diploma in Sacred Music—Darlene Hall, Texas.

Diploma in Christian Training—Leonard Jackson Boyett, Texas; Charles Ernest Wood, Texas, Rex E. Tutt, Kentucky.

Diploma in Theology—Felix Hayes Blackman, Missouri.

Master of Religious Education—Howard Cate Day, Tennessee; Bertie Alene Flowers, Tennessee; Eunice Louise May, Missouri; Helen Nixon, Texas.

Bachelor of Divinity—S. Madge Lewis, Texas; Joe Lockhart Morris, Texas; William Truett Myers, Texas.

Master of Theology—Charles Oren Mashburn, Alabama.

—B&R—

With Frank Burrell, pastor of Fountain Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., preaching and Morris Ungren of Memphis leading the singing, Pastor Mark Harris and the Speedway Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, held a series of evangelistic services recently in which there were 57 additions, 40 coming for baptism. The Speedway Terrace Baptist Chapel also conducted a revival with J. Carl McCoy preaching, with 33 additions, the majority for baptism. Speedway Terrace has entered its new educational building and almost every Sunday brings a new record of attendance and results in conversions and additions.

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## Associational Clerks Commended

Following is a list of associational clerks in Tennessee who have been commended by Mr. Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board, for the quality of the minutes they have produced. We add our word of congratulations and commendation for this splendid work.—Chas. W. Pope.

### Superior

Glenn A. Toomey, 412 McCowan Street, Jefferson City, Tennessee; C. E. Dodson, Athens, Tennessee; Miss Cecile Smith, 800 16th Avenue South, Apt. 6, Nashville, Tennessee; Major Arrowood, Route 4, Elizabethton, Tennessee.

### Excellent

Mrs. Clyde Burke, 210 South Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee; E. R. Webster, 411 Wharf Street, Loudon, Tennessee; Thos. W. Carl, 212 Wynn, Paris, Tennessee; S. H. Penuel, Statesville, Tennessee.

### Good

W. H. Foust, 138 E. End, Ripley, Tennessee; J. Elliott Pollard, R. F. D. 3, Clarksville, Tennessee; Mrs. Ida Sexton, Huntsville, Tennessee; Luther M. Vaughtner, Route 6, Lebanon, Tennessee.

Mr. Routh also states that there were others who produced excellent minutes, but the time element and printing difficulties prevented their being listed.—Editor.

—B&R—

Miss Margaret McGavock was appointed as a missionary by the Foreign Mission Board, March 10.

She goes to her duties at the Spanish Publishing House, in El Paso, and to Mexico. Miss McGavock is a second generation missionary, having lived her early years in Chile where her parents were pioneers in Baptist work. She holds the A.B. degree from Carson-Newman College and will receive the Master of Religious Education degree at Southwestern Seminary in May.

—B&R—

## Rural Church and Community Conference

The second annual Southwestern Rural Church and Community Conference has been scheduled for June 27-July 1, 1949 on the Southwestern Baptist Seminary campus.

This year's conference will include many of the same personalities and features of last year's meeting, plus other outstanding leaders of the south in this field. Some of the speakers and conference leaders already scheduled include: Dr. John D. Freeman and Dr. S. F. Dowis of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. Dan Russell and Dr. Ide P. Trotter of Texas A & M; Dr. Ben Bridges, State Executive Secretary of Arkansas; together with J. F. McClelland, C. W. Caldwell, Sam W. Scantlan, Bruce Maples, Directors of Rural Work in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, respectively. Rev. Otis Denny, Associational Missionary in the Ozarks of Arkansas, will also be on the program.

Rooms may be secured in the Seminary dormitories, and meals will be served in the cafeteria. Those desiring accommodations should write, Business Office, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas.

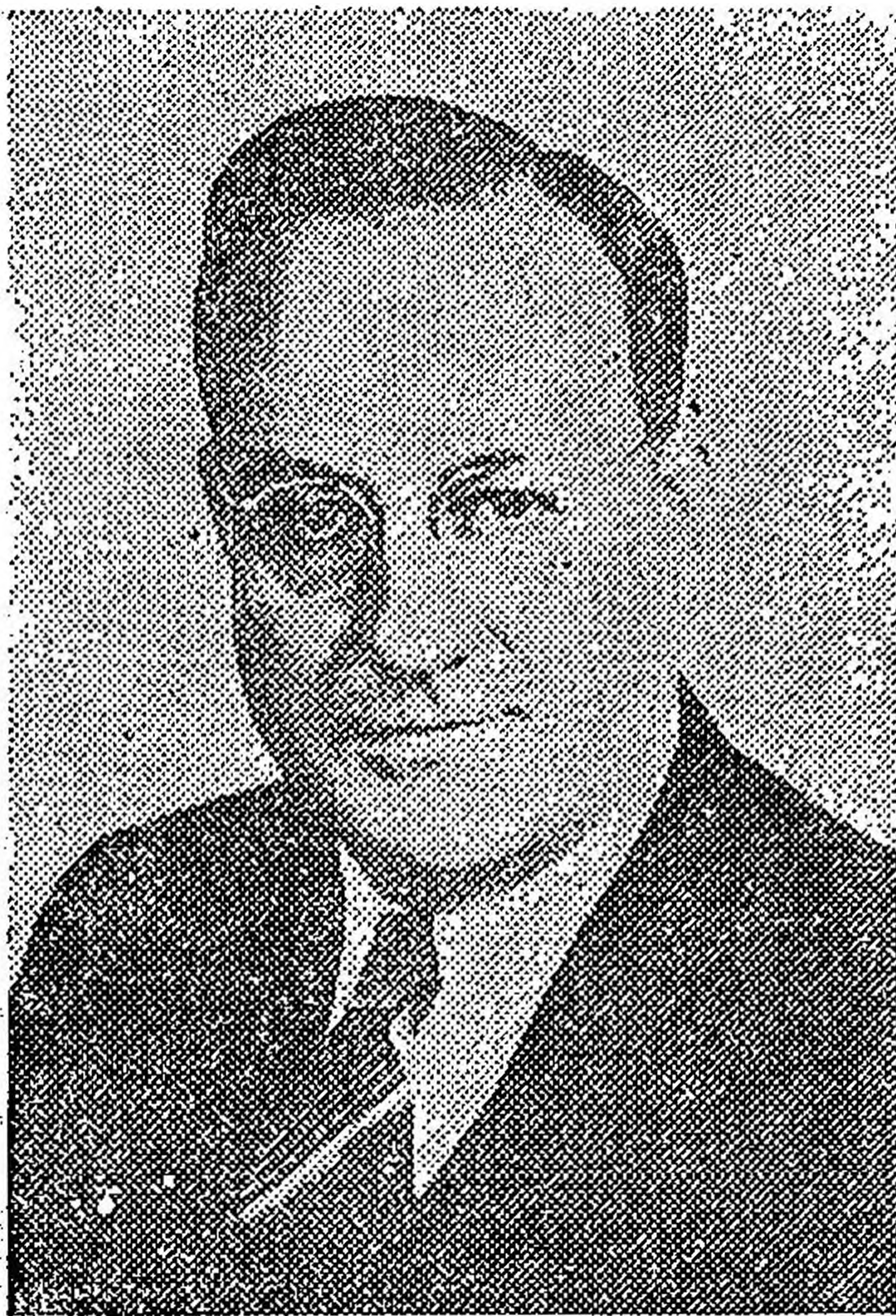
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## Grand Canyon College Dean Elected

Dr. Floy S. Wise has accepted the deanship of Grand Canyon College at Prescott and will assume his new duties June 1. For the past school year Dr. Wise has been dean and head of the department of Social Science of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas.



FLOY S. WISE

Plans are being completed for the opening of Grand Canyon College at Prescott on September 14 of this year, according to announcement by Dr. Willis J. Ray, president of the college. Dr. Ray states that Prescott is providing class rooms and office space to accommodate 300 students. Tourist courts within a radius of three blocks of the college buildings will be made available for dormitory space.

### Highly Recommended

In commending Dr. Wise to Arizona Dr. Ray says, "In my brief acquaintance with Dr. Wise I find him to be a consecrated Christian gentleman, a trained educator and a layman with unwavering faith in God."

Dr. Wise received the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Arts from the University of Arkansas. He received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Texas with a major in American history, first minor in European history and second minor in Government.

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## The Hohenwald Baptist Church Has Called Wayland

Marvin O. Wayland of Loretto, and he has accepted and plans to move on the field and begin his pastorate on May 15, it was announced at the church at the mid-week services Wednesday night.

A native of Sheffield, Ala., Mr. Wayland, 42, attended the Lawrence County High School, Lawrenceburg, the Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, the Florence State College, Florence, Ala., and was graduated from Union University, Jackson, with an A.B. degree. He began his preaching at 15 years while wearing knee pants, and has pastored Baptist churches at Iron City, Loretto, Centerville (seven years), and is resigning as pastor of two half-time churches, at Leoma and Deerfield, in order to accept the local work. He has taught school eleven years.

He married Miss Waymon Newman of Iron City and they have two children, a son, James Marvin, a freshman at Florence State College, and a daughter, Doris Nelle, a first-year student in Loretto High School.

The local church has voted to enlarge the pastor's home and J. O. Kidd has been named chairman of the building committee. It is expected that the addition will be completed by May 15, when the new pastorate begins.—Contributed

Arkansas; five years as superintendent of Dierks public schools; and two years as superintendent of Okolona public schools, Okolona, Arkansas.

From 1938 to 1940 Dr. Wise served as part-time instructor and instructor in the department of history in the University of Texas. He served as associate professor in the department of Social Science at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas in 1940-41.

From 1941 to 1948 he was head of the department of Social Science at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. During this period he was for four summers visiting professor at Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama; and for two summers visiting professor at the University of Mississippi.

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## Attention All Editors of State Papers

Your attention is called to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Chaplains Association on May 21st, 8:00 a.m., 14th floor of the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

All Chaplains are invited and urged to be present with us at this breakfast. The price of breakfast will be \$1.50. Obtain your tickets from Rev. Jack Manning, First Baptist Church, Britton, Oklahoma or from the Chaplains Booth, Convention Hall.

A splendid program has been arranged. Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter, Air Chaplain, Washington, D. C., will be our speaker.

Meet us . . . Skirvin Hotel, 8:00 A.M. May 21st.—Homer B. Reynolds, *President*, Southern Baptist Chaplains Association.

### REMEMBER! REMEMBER! REMEMBER! ! !

The present deadlines for receiving material indicated below for publication in Baptist and Reflector for the following week's issue are as follows:

1. *News Items*. Early Tuesday morning.
2. *Sunday School and Training Union Attendance*. Early Wednesday morning.

If either of these is received after these dates, it cannot be published in the following week's issue except under special circumstances and possibly not even then. See that material of this kind is in our office *on or before these dates*. Later we hope to change these deadlines, but it cannot be done now.

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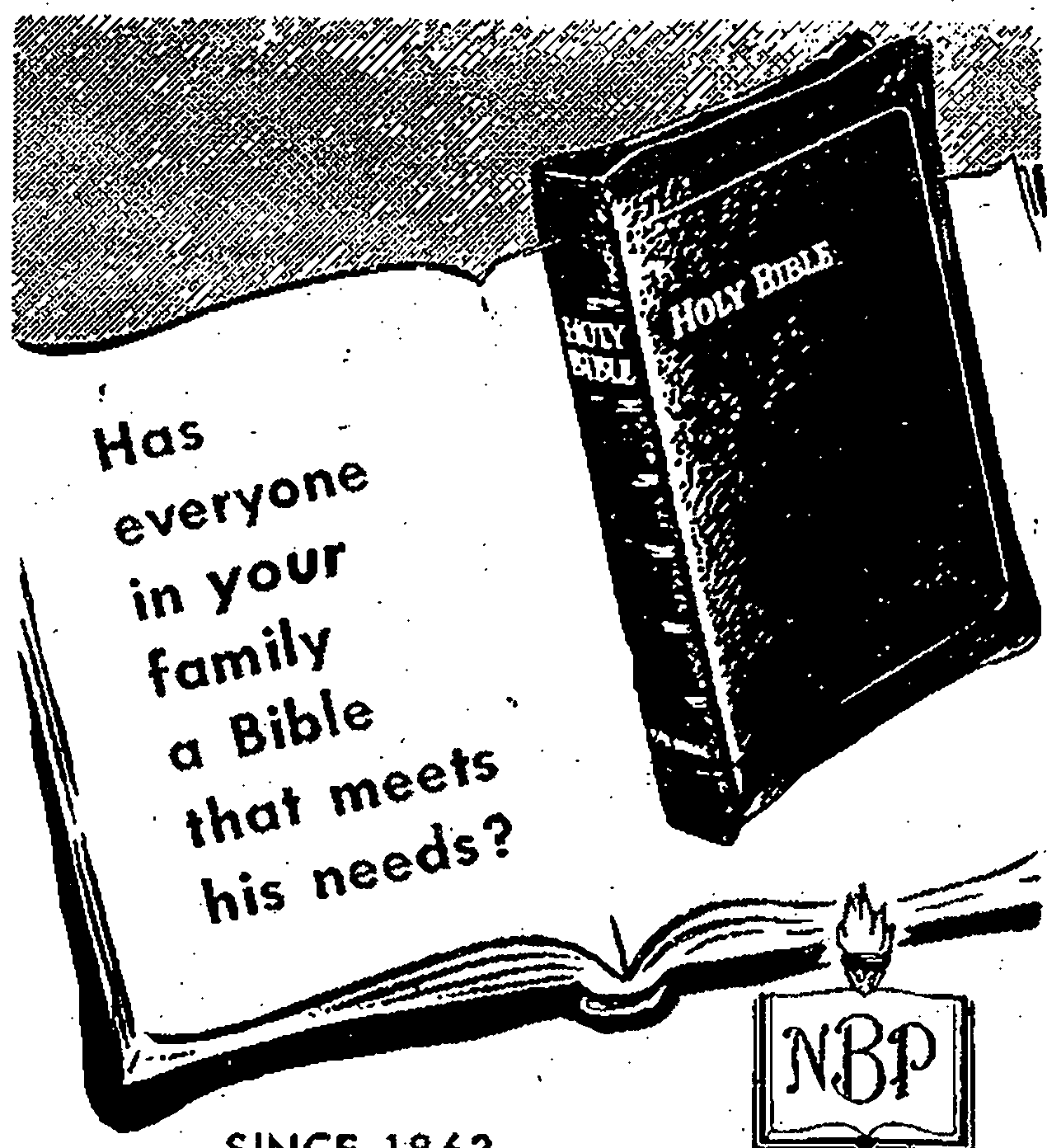
The Nursing School Bulletin, stating admission requirements, cost, course of study, etc., will be sent upon request. Plans are being made for the enrollment of 25-30 students in the September class.

Application should be made early, in order that they be completed by August.

## ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

APRIL 24, 1949

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Ashland City, First	59	32	—	Knoxville, Alice Bell	94	48	12
Athens, Antioch	132	—	1	Arlington	471	155	21
East	406	153	—	Bell Avenue	1040	441	61
First	536	253	4	Broadway	1492	426	23
West End Mission	71	—	—	Fifth Avenue	1065	313	38
Coghill	77	77	—	First	1110	183	—
Cottonport	91	43	—	Highland	160	—	—
Eastanallee	51	17	—	Immanuel	469	100	2
Etowah, East	94	—	—	Lincoln Park	626	188	1
Etowah, First	402	114	—	Lonsdale	526	189	35
Etowah, North	326	107	—	McCalla Avenue	931	221	33
Good Springs	82	64	2	Oakwood	421	239	24
Idlewild	68	61	—	Sevier Heights	552	180	15
Lake View	51	33	—	Washington Pike	251	70	25
McMahan-Calvary	91	33	—	Lawrenceburg	201	138	—
New Hope	41	—	—	LaFollette, West	171	73	1
New Zion	112	—	—	Lebanon, Barton's Creek	163	84	—
Rodgers Creek	20	—	—	Cedar Grove	120	73	—
Union Grove No. 2	68	61	—	Fairview	124	37	2
Zion Hill	66	—	—	First	461	88	—
Blaine, Richland	133	57	—	Lenoir City, First	476	128	3
Brighton	249	128	—	Leoma	148	78	—
Bristol, Calvary	542	150	33	Lewisburg, First	433	136	1
Tennessee Avenue	365	86	1	McEwen	72	51	—
Virginia Avenue	350	102	10	Madisonville, Chestnut	61	34	—
Brownsville	343	69	—	Maryville, Broadway	421	170	1
Woodland	169	134	—	Everett Hills	311	135	3
Brush Creek	51	25	—	First	708	209	—
Castalian Springs, Corum Hill	44	23	—	Oak View	80	44	—
Charleston	52	—	—	Maynardville	129	31	—
Chattanooga, Apison	139	65	2	Medina	167	92	—
Avondale	610	129	—	Memphis, Bellevue	2581	988	24
Birchwood	101	31	—	Boulevard	743	254	24
Brainerd Hills	134	49	3	Central Avenue	563	174	4
Calvary	486	—	4	Highland Heights	921	426	7
Cedar Hill	358	—	4	Hollywood	391	116	—
Chamberlain Avenue	279	97	6	Kennedy	132	55	—
Concord	289	114	2	LaBelle	866	245	20
Eastdale	588	159	18	Lamar Heights	613	211	16
East Ridge	307	119	—	Leawood	277	102	—
Edgewood	280	56	11	Levi	220	122	2
First	1083	252	6	Barton Heights	114	56	2
Chapel	118	32	—	McLean	393	142	—
Kingwood	188	95	7	Mallory Heights	238	113	1
Lupton City	183	115	1	Prescott Memorial	576	151	—
Oak Grove	270	99	—	Seventh Street	608	224	4
Philadelphia	150	—	6	Shirley Park	183	67	—
Red Bank	623	221	5	Speedway Terrace	1020	203	7
Second	266	83	—	Temple	1460	312	4
Signal Mountain	69	32	1	Union Avenue	1170	262	1
Spring Creek	260	117	1	Milan, First	337	67	—
St. Elmo	424	94	—	Milton	49	23	—
Church Hill, Oak Grove	240	169	—	Prosperity	157	124	—
Block City Mission	42	—	—	Monterey, First	346	151	3
Cleveland, Big Spring	357	236	—	Morristown, First	629	166	10
Cedar Springs	115	60	—	Montvue	155	47	—
First	585	191	—	Murfreesboro, First	431	83	1
North	193	136	—	Walnut Street Mission	45	20	—
South	155	108	—	Powell's Chapel	109	66	—
Clinton, First	436	68	—	Third	92	26	—
Columbia, First	424	141	—	Westvue	535	114	11
Godwin Chapel	22	—	—	Woodbury Road	81	43	—
Rock Spring	106	80	—	Nashville, Belmont Heights	1008	378	11
Second	115	73	—	Glendale	43	—	—
Cookeville, First	431	119	—	Jordonia	54	—	—
Algood Mission	62	—	—	Madison Street	35	29	19
Fourth Street Mission	147	68	—	Calvary	125	50	1
Steven Street	119	80	—	First	1242	—	5
Covington, First	282	78	—	Grace	898	207	10
Crossville, First	221	99	2	Harsh Chapel	171	95	1
Antioch	44	—	—	Inglewood	739	173	3
Laural Grove	38	—	—	North Edgefield	315	104	7
Daisy, South	134	86	2	North End	154	63	—
Decatur, Goodfield	83	44	—	Park Avenue	637	148	—
Eagleville	93	45	—	Una	182	113	1
Elizabethton, Big Spring	145	129	—	Woodmont	281	138	—
Siam	177	100	—	Woodmont Center	124	32	—
Fountain City, Central	910	227	—	Newport, First	280	60	3
Hines Valley Chapel	40	—	—	Oak Ridge, First	555	110	—
Fowlkes	133	77	—	Highland View	532	142	6
Gladeville	123	60	—	Old Hickory, First	687	230	4
Goodlettsville, First	235	114	2	Parsons, First	259	65	9
Hampton, Union	204	128	3	Philadelphia	176	21	—
Harriman, South	270	109	11	Pigeon Forge	171	107	—
Trenton Street	444	106	2	Riceville, Sanford	68	38	—
Walnut Hill	292	115	1	Rockwood, First	368	128	—
Jackson, Bemis	263	93	—	Rutledge	122	33	—
Calvary	432	137	3	Oakland	155	56	—
First	896	155	4	Shelbyville, First	363	79	2
North	263	135	1	Shelbyville Mills	230	81	—
West	852	48	1	Somerville, First	172	105	—
Jellico, First	297	124	—	Tullahoma, First	229	76	—
Kingsport, First	715	140	—	Union City, First	621	140	1
Lynn Garden	372	125	—	Watertown, Round Lick	171	77	—
Mission	33	—	—	Whitwell	211	80	—



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### Costa Rica Under Foreign Board

Baptist mission work in Costa Rica, an outgrowth of the work of the Home Mission Board in Panama, will be transferred to the Foreign Mission Board on May 1, 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes, missionaries serving in Costa Rica under the Home Board, were appointed *in absentia* by the Foreign Mission Board at its April 19 meeting when the transfer was approved.

### Missionary Airplane in Brazil

A small "Piper super-cruiser" plane was purchased with Christmas offerings for the use of the Corrente mission station in North Brazil. Although other mission groups have been using planes for some time for work in Brazil as well as elsewhere, this is a first for Southern Baptists.

Interior Brazil has few highways and railroads. The plane will enable missionaries in this station to get supplies and mail in only a few hours where heretofore it has taken six days to make the trip out and six days back. When Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnson transferred from Victoria to Corrente early in 1948 they went part of the way by slow river boat and then by jeep and horseback over trails they hacked out of the jungle. (Read Mrs. Johnson's story of the trip in the May issue of *The Commission*, page 23).

### New Foreign Missionaries

To Africa—Miss Stella Austin of North Carolina and Dr. and Mrs. William Gaventa of Georgia and Tennessee, for Nigeria.

To Europe—Miss Virginia Wingo of Alabama for Italy.

To the Orient—Miss Hilda Bledsoe of Georgia and Tennessee for Hawaii; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollaway of Arkansas and Illinois, Miss Annie Hoover of Arkansas and Miss Lelona Hudson of Texas for Japan; Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Kentucky and China, for China. (Mrs. Walker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, missionaries to China.)

To Latin America—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crocker of Tennessee for Colombia; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Doyle of Mississippi and Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Standley of Ohio and New York for North Brazil; Mr. Cecil Johnson of Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews of Alabama and Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Tennison of Texas (Latin American countries not designated); Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes of Texas for Costa Rica.

### Foreign Board Elects Treasurer

Mr. Everett Deane, assistant treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, was elected treasurer at the April meeting, his election to become effective when Mr. E. P. Buxton, treasurer since 1927, retires at the end of this year.

### March Receipts for Foreign Missions

March receipts of the Board totaled \$572,618, as compared with \$355,086 March last year. Receipts for the first three months this year are \$2,765,765; receipts for the first three months last year were \$2,371,055.

Treasurer E. P. Buxton reports a total of \$1,666,332 received through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering up to April 22.

### Relief Offerings Are Down

The Foreign Mission Board voted to transfer \$100,000 from rehabilitation to relief funds in order to continue work with refugees and displaced persons in Europe. This action was taken following a report from Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the Relief Committee, that only about \$16,000 remained in the treasury of the committee and that receipts were falling too low to maintain the work.

### Missionary Album

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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1949

## WEST OF THE RIVER

BY EDWIN E. DEUSNER, LEXINGTON, TENNESSEE

High Hill Baptist Church, Puryear, Tennessee, has called Bob Atwood to be their pastor and he has accepted. This is a full-time Baptist Church in Western District Association. To effect the change Bro. Atwood has resigned several rural churches in Maury County Association.

Maple Springs Church in Madison Association recently conducted a church revival, one designed primarily to enlist members in attendance and stewardship. Pastor J. Victor Brown was assisted in this effort by Bernard Scates of Bemis, and he speaks in highest terms of Bro. Scates' services.

One of Tennessee's newest Baptist Churches was organized April 3 in Memphis. The Park Avenue Branch of Union Avenue Church was established early in 1947 under the wise leadership of J. G. Hughes, ably assisted by two laymen, J. Kirk Graves and E. S. Tucker. Since then the work has grown to the point some 200 members were enrolled. Realizing the need for a church in that location, the group was formally organized into an independent Church. J. E. Williams has served them faithfully as pastor for more than a year. They began a Revival April 10 with Bro. Williams as preacher, and John Bondurant as singer.

Sylvan Heights Church, Memphis, engaged in a Revival the week of April 17-24. Pastor Freeman W. Gillespie was assisted by Pete Lunati as Evangelist, and Clyde B. Thornton as song leader.

A group of students from Blue Mountain College had charge of the Baptist Youth Fellowship program at Central Avenue Church, Memphis, J. S. Riser, Jr., Pastor, on April 23.

First Baptist Church, Jackson, set a new attendance record on Easter Sunday when 1,379 gathered for Sunday School. Their goal was 1,401. The achievement rated front page space in *The Jackson Sun*. Pastor W. Fred Kendall has recently been in a great Revival at First Church, Jefferson City, Tenn. Dr. D. A. Ellis supplied for him in his absence from Jackson.

Pastor-Emeritus F. F. Brown of First Church, Knoxville, did the preaching for Pastor J. E. Sharp and the Bells Baptist Church in a Revival recently. There was a large number of conversions and re-dedications. Bro. Sharp says "Dr. Brown was at his best in his preaching; and he won a place in the affections of our town, which is rare indeed."

For the second time in six months, Prince Edward Claybrook of Stantonville, assisted Pastor A. L. Bishop and First Baptist Church, Henderson, in a Revival April 3-10. This one even exceeded the first in interest and results. There were 20 professions of faith and 6 additions by letter. Pastor Bishop speaks in glowing terms of Bro. Claybrook's effectiveness as an evangelist. In the five-and-a-half years that Bro. Bishop has served the Henderson Church a total of 185 members have been received; Sunday School attendance has shown a 300% increase; and contributions have about trebled. The Church is badly in need of a better building.

After months of blood, sweat and tears Woodland Baptist Church, Woodland Mills, Tennessee occupied their new building on April 3 and celebrated the occasion with a special service. W. A. Boston of near-by Union City, and Paul Isbell of Dresden were the speakers.

The week following the Church observed "Loyalty Week" with a different speaker each night. Those taking part were Gordon DePriest, W. A. Boston, W. C. Agnew, H. H. Boston and J. T. Drace. Pastor W. A. Farmer is rejoicing over this great accomplishment.

R. G. Lee preached for Pastor Wade Carver, Parsons, on the night of April 22. Following a Revival in which Bro. Carver was assisted by James Eaves as preacher, and Tom Brandon as song leader, a baptismal service was conducted at Perryville Lake.

Pastor James Canaday of Calvary Church, Jackson, spoke to the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, on April 19. In addition to being a good preacher Bro. Canaday is an effective chalk-talk artist. His illustrated message on this occasion was entitled "The Christian Soldier."

Norris Gilliam supplied the pulpit of First Church, Milan, on April 10 while Pastor Henry Huey was engaged in a Revival at Minden, La.

In a personal letter to your scribe, Pastor Vernon Sisco of First Church, Caruthersville, Mo., tells of the wonderful results he is seeing there. Since going there from Halls, Tenn. about six months ago there have been 184 additions and of this number 125 came for baptism. He has baptized every Sunday night he has been there. All of these have come in the regular services, a good example of perennial evangelism. A new auditorium has been voted and work will begin soon.

While your scribe was engaged in a Revival at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, April 3-15, it was good to have fellowship with Slater A. Murphy, Pastor of Highland Heights, Memphis, and Pastor R. Oliver Pittman, "the Rabbi from Levi." Both of these brethren worked with Northside Church, Chattanooga, as preacher and song leader, respectively. It was a great meeting! We hope Missionary J. C. Williamson will find time to send in a report of this Ocoee Associational Simultaneous effort.

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# Conference of Relief Workers in Switzerland

By J. D. FRANKS

A CONFERENCE of relief workers was held at Bex, Switzerland, on March 17-22, which I was privileged to attend. More than eighty workers were in attendance, representing every type of relief service being administered in Europe and the Near East and practically every church or other relief agency now at work in this area. The personnel of the conference was perhaps the best prepared group that could be assembled in Europe, especially from the standpoint of their firsthand knowledge of the needs and their experience in the work, to consider the problems of relief from the viewpoint of the churches. The conference offered a splendid opportunity to get an over-all, up-to-the-minute picture of the relief situation here.

Knowing that the Southern Baptists Convention will soon be meeting and that the problem of relief will very likely be an item on its agenda it occurred to me that it might be in order for me to give through the Southern Baptist press a summary of the conclusions of this unique conference:

1. The greatest and most urgent relief need is that growing out of the refugee situation. This problem at the moment is apparently insoluble. In the displaced persons category alone there are between 800,000 and 1,000,000 miserable souls. These are found principally in Germany, Austria, and Italy. But they are not entirely hopeless for several of the major religious groups, including Southern Baptists, are hard at work in co-operation with International Refugee Organizations to find homes for them. At the present rate of repatriation, however, it will take a long time yet to process this group and start them on their ways to new lands which they can call their home.

The most pitiable and hopeless refugee group, however, is that horde of some eight to ten millions who do not qualify for displaced persons status and, therefore, have least hope of finding new homes in other parts of the world.

And their number grows. Every day they keep pouring across the borders.

I was in Salzburg, Austria, recently where I visited several refugee camps. I was informed by the authorities there that every week hundreds of new people from behind the Iron Curtain, braving death at the borders, slip across the lines into these camps, bedraggled, frightened, confused. This group needs everything—food, clothing, medicines, hospitalization in many cases, work, and above all spiritual comfort and encouragement.

There is still another group of refugees in yet another category. They are found mainly in Palestine and Greece, numbering approximately 600,000 and 800,000 respectively. Their condition is described as very grave, in many instances as desperate.

2. The need in the Russian Zones of Germany and Austria, particularly Germany, is great. It is urged that help of all kinds should be sent to these areas, if, when and wherever it can be done. Children from the Russian Zone slip across the border in certain sections into the American Zone to beg for food. Officers from both sides allow them to do it, it is reported, ignoring their violation of the regulation against it.
3. In Germany and Austria there is still need for food and warm clothing and certain medicines. The aged people seem to be the most neglected and neediest in these countries. Feeding centers and distribution of clothing should be continued for this group.
4. Students constitute another needy class in all of the war-ravaged areas. They need wholesome food, clothing, books, or scholarships that enable them to have these necessities. In this student class the churches have their most far-reaching relief opportunity, particularly is that true of students who will be to-morrow's preachers and church leaders.

Southern Baptists are doing something that is constructive and worthy in this field of need, through their theological schools and student subsidies.

5. There will continue to be need for contributed good of all kinds for at least another year in the judgment of the Bex conference.

Southern Baptists have shown up well in their generous contributions of material goods. The New Orleans Relief Center has been an outstanding success. Besides what was contributed through New Orleans they far out-distanced all other churches in America in their contributions through Church World Service.

6. The greatest need of all is for spiritual relief and encouragement. Up to now little has been done in this field. To leave the task of relief at the physical level would be the same as if Christ had fed the hungry multitudes with bread, without giving them spiritual counsel and comfort, without offering them himself.

Southern Baptists are in a particularly favorable position to render great spiritual service in Europe today, sharing with their Baptist brethren on the continent the fellowship of service in richly inviting fields of evangelism, religious education, cooperative missions and reconstruction of church buildings. The great emphasis of the conference at Bex was that the churches, and only the churches, can enter this wide-open door and administer the spiritual relief that is needed and would be acceptable.

This is not the time for Southern Baptists to plan to do less for relief, but rather to shift their emphasis to the definitely spiritual side.

This has been a rather cursory survey of the findings of this significant conference, but I think I have given the gist of its conclusions. I recommend them to Southern Baptists as worthy of their most serious and prayerful consideration.

## Youth Revival Demonstration Scheduled for Convention

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(BP)—A youth-led evangelistic service typical of Baptist youth revivals which resulted in 15,000 decisions for Christ last year will be held in Taft stadium here Saturday night, May 21, as part of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual session.

Robert Denny of Nashville, Tenn., associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Department of Student Work, said that the service will be "a natural, normal evangelistic service closing with a plea for professions of faith, as well as being a demonstration of youth revival techniques."

Young people from all of Oklahoma are being urged to attend the Saturday night service, Denny said. The stadium will be equipped to seat 20,000 persons.

Three Texas students—Howard Butt of San Antonio, Bo Baker of Fort Worth, and Frank Boggs of Dallas—will lead in the service. Baptist student leaders from all the Convention will cooperate.

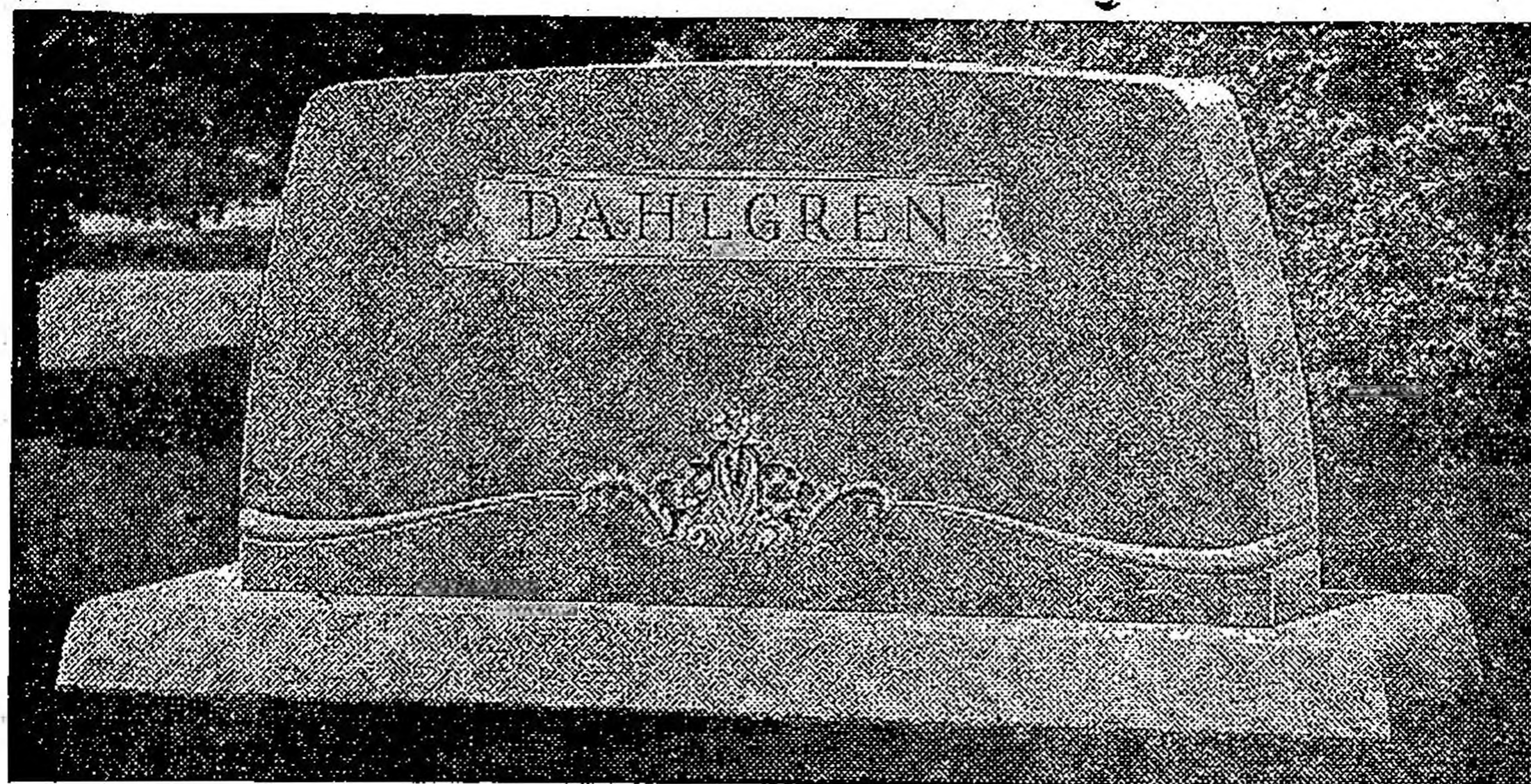
Denny declared that "the youth revival movement is one of the greatest spiritual tides in recent decades." He estimated that 60,000 Christian decisions are possible each year in properly promoted youth revivals throughout the Southern Baptist Convention's 21-state territory, as compared to the 13,000 to 15,000 decisions last year.

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Baptist and Reflector has received a report of a youth revival in an East Tennessee town, which is signed simply "Reporter." As has been often stated before, we do not use unsigned or unidentified material.

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H. B. Donnel, native Tennessean, has moved from Nashville, Ark. to Ripley, Tenn., to become associational missionary in Big Hatchie Association. Tennesseans welcome him back to the state and to his responsible position.



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