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EDITORIAL

(Editorials for this week were written by Chas. W. Pope)

The Spirit of Missions

This month the Baptists of the South are being given an opportunity to contribute to State Missions through the annual offering in the Sunday schools. The appeal for the support of missions is an appeal to the spirit of missions in our churches.

The spirit of missions is the breath of Christ upon his churches. "And when he said this (as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you), He breathed on them, and saith unto them, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost.'" When God created man he "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," and man became a living soul. When Jesus had commissioned his disciples He breathed upon them and they became a zealous mission church. This spirit of missions and evangelism is necessary to the life of a New Testament church. As a human body does not die so long as the soul remains in it; so a church cannot die so long as it is filled with the spirit of missions and evangelism. When the soul leaves the body, the body dies. When a church loses the God-breathed spirit of missions and evangelism, it becomes spiritually dead. The best way to revive a spiritually dead church is to let God breathe on it the spirit of missions and evangelism. The best way to awaken a slumbering church is to re-ignite the fires of soul-winning and missions.

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

The church, or church organization, which is interested in evangelism, but not in missions is afflicted with spiritual near-sightedness and is guilty of spiritual selfishness. The church, or church organization, which is interested in missions, but not interested in evangelism is afflicted with spiritual far-sightedness and is guilty of indifference to the salvation of lost souls for which it has a peculiar responsibility. The difference between missions and evangelism is primarily a matter of geography.

The Pentecostal revival, sweeping the city of Jerusalem and shaking its tradition-bound social order to its foundation while bringing thousands of souls into the Kingdom, is an example of the evangelistic fervor which permeated the New Testament churches. However, a little more than a decade later the strong-hearted, mission-minded Paul was planting churches in gentle lands, like lighted candles in a dark night. And these little

churches, filled with the Spirit which gave them birth, took the Torch of missions from the hands of the missionaries who had fallen in death and carried it onward toward the dark corners of the earth. Had the missionary zeal of the early Christians continued as the churches multiplied and grew in number, position, wealth, and power, the Gospel of Jesus would long ago have been preached to every nation, tribe, and tongue.

MISSION PROGRAM FAR-REACHING

An opportunity to give to the support of missions is not only an opportunity to support the work of the churches beyond their local communities, but it is also an occasion to strengthen the Spirit of Christ in his churches.

In a nation at war there are two fronts: the battle front and the home front. The home front provides the food, the weapons, the ammunition, and general provisions for the battle front. State Missions is the Home Front of all organized denominational missions.

In the Book of Acts we read of the great churches of Jerusalem and Antioch. They were the first great mission centers from which the first Christian missionaries went forth into a dark world with their messages of hope and salvation. However, the lights of these churches have long since gone out, and the churches themselves have ceased to exist. Today, we are sending missionaries back to Palestine to tell the story of Jesus to the people who live in the same villages and town where Jesus once taught. Back there somewhere they forgot the principle of State Missions.

Treasurers Last Report of Year

October 31 marks the end of the fiscal year of Tennessee Baptist Convention. Since as that date is on Monday, Cooperative Program offerings which are mailed in after the last Sunday of the month will not reach the Executive Secretary in time to be counted in this year's report.

It is suggested that Church Treasurers mail their offering in after the third Sunday. It will be possible, if this suggestion is followed, to count all of the offerings except that for the last Sunday in October.

Importance of Associations

The long season of the annual meetings of Associations is drawing to a close in Tennessee. The oldest, the smallest, and in the aggregate the most important of all Baptist conventions, is that which is usually called "the District Association." No other unit of our organized denominational life offers such opportunities to reach large groups of our people with the denominational program. No other unit affords so many opportunities for rich fellowship.

The association is close to the churches, the grass roots of our denominational life. The association is composed of messengers chosen by the churches. The association has no power over any body, whether church, State Convention, or Southern Baptist Convention. An association cannot receive members into or exclude members from any church within its fellowship. It cannot speak with authority on any internal dispute within any church in its membership. But it can prescribe the regulations for membership within its own body.

The first associations were organized primarily for the purposes of fellowship and counsel. In later years they have placed first emphasis upon service. The strength of the associations lies in the fact that they are close to the churches. Without these associations the State Conventions would have to go directly to the churches with every effort to promote a program. This would be a long, tedious, and expensive process. The greatest need of the associations was some further unifying organization which would enable all the churches in a given state to work together in a co-operative program. The State Convention supplies this need.

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 Gambling Granny

Western Recorder

No doubt, millions, though serious minded, got a relaxing smile from newspaper stories of a gambling grandmother who was reported as getting at least some relief from her poker-playing propensities by taking measured doses of glutamic acid. According to announcements, she had already been cured up to forty per cent. Now that the secret reason for this misbehavior is known—a shortage of glutamic acid in the system—maybe soon they will come up with a sure-cure for just about everything. Do you hate in your heart? Here! Take this pill. It will make you love your enemy at least forty per cent of the time. Feel a bit selfish? Want to turn loose and knock people and things right and left? Don't worry. We'll turn you into a saint in no time. Just take a level teaspoon of this in a little water after each meal and upon retiring, and you'll soon have a halo around your head. Ever fly off the handle and cuss a little? Just take this tonic as directed on the label and soon you won't even want to say a common byword.

The devil never stops. He'll always, if he can, divert minds from the real cause of sin and sinful deeds. There's only one remedy for sin, and for sinful nature—Jesus Christ, the Saviour—and His name and power do not come put up in capsules.

(Men will believe any silly suggestion rather than trust Christ.—R.B.J.)

Straying Church Members

Edward D. Hamner
The Christian-Evangelist

I used to have a cow which I staked out. But she was bad about breaking loose, and wandering around. She would cross busy roads, endangering herself and others. She would stray into yards, gardens, and fields where she had no business being. And when I found her, she would raise her head and look at me with her big, innocent eyes as if to say, "What are you angry about? I have a rope around my neck." The cow reminds me of those "church members" who claim membership in some congregation "back home" or off in some city where they once lived. They have a "rope" around their neck and they say, "Why get excited? I'm a church member." But they tend to wander where they ought not to go. They are unattached, and they are a bother to the church where they are or where they have been. They require time of the minister and other church members which ought to be spent in more constructive efforts, instead of in trying to gather back the straying members.

(This hits the nail on the head.—R.B.J.)

Lodges

Jeff D. Ray
Home Life

Sam Jones said, "The Mooses, the Elks and the Eagles have organized and I am expecting the buzzards to organize next." In deprecating the multitude of lodges, preachers usually say, "I have nothing to say against secret orders." I have not either but I cannot think of a good reason why a Christian needs belong to one. A loyal church member can use all his cars on the main line and then have more track space than he can fill.

(Brother Jeff is right.—R.B.J.)

Hero

The Prairie Overcomer

After having been indicted by a grand jury in Los Angeles for possessing the dangerous drug, marijuana, and for violation of the narcotic laws, Robert Mitchum, noted movie star, suddenly became the hero of public sympathy and sentimentality. Mitchum's studio managers supposed, of course, that his criminal conduct would so ruin his popularity that they would be forced for a time to withhold his productions. But even these managers of the world's lewd show business were "pleasantly amazed" at the new low to which public sentiment had sunk. They immediately "hastened to make hay," and released his latest movie in which this criminal was presented "as a frontier home-wrecker." It is heartbreaking to realize how swiftly American society is plunging down the road to ruin. The apostasy of Romans 1:18-32 is being re-enacted in this once enlightened nation.

("This once enlightened nation!" We are afraid "once" is right.—R. B. J.)

A Manufactured Product

Francis J. McConnell
The Christian Century

I remember a conversation with an intelligent listener in my first parish in a little village in New England. An elderly minister had at my invitation preached with notable effectiveness on a theme on which I had preached just a few weeks before. I had written my sermon twice with all the care of which I was capable, but I had not had any special attention from my hearers. Some had listened, but others had not. Some had dozed and some had looked as if they wanted to doze. Nobody dozed under the older man's preaching, though he said substantially the same things I had said just a short time before. I made bold on my own account to ask a seventy-year-old friend of mine why there was such a difference of response.

I cannot after all these decades repeat word for word his reply, but I remember well enough what he meant.

"Yours," he said, "was a better prepared sermon, but it was a manufactured product. His was a growth out of long years of fruitful living. You are not to blame because you are not fifty years older than you are."

(Preachers, take notice.—R. B. J.)

Our Baptist Termites

The Christian Index

The preacher, sitting there, was laughing about the termites in his church. They had real value, he insisted, despite the fact they devote full time to destruction. He wasn't talking about the winged species—the kind that can be killed by the exterminating company. He was thinking, instead, of those who had their names on his church roll. He drew some consolation in the thought every church has them.

Termites, he explained, never do anything constructive. They usually sit idly by as others build and then devote their full time to destruction. They watch others start new classes or launch out on enlarged programs. They nod their assent to plans for a mission without any thought of helping. They never have the time for service, even when the pastor or another leader appeals for help. The preacher insisted, however, that they have their value. The builders resent their kind. They remedy the defects and often get so mad that they expose the termites to the light. Termites die out in the open.

(You are not one, are you?—R.B.J.)

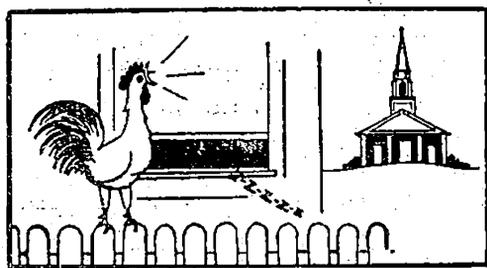
A Must . . . Take Your **WHOLE** Family

Why . . .

Take your Family to Sunday School

THERE ARE MANY PARTIALLY UNENLISTED FAMILIES

In one Baptist church a check shows 75 parents unenrolled in Sunday school who have children in either the Cradle Roll, a Nursery, or a Beginner department. Include the Primary and Junior departments, and the total number of unenrolled parents exceeds 125, or enough good prospects for the beginning of two departments, one for married people, ages 17-24 years; and one for adults, ages 25-34 years.



BE PRESENT

Your first duty is to be present yourself. Bring every member of your family.

Forty Million Possibilities!

THERE ARE MANY TOTALLY UNENLISTED FAMILIES

Census returns studied from the standpoint of family enlistment are very revealing. In one community approximately 500 entire families were unenlisted in Sunday school; in another there were found to be more than 300 families unenlisted; and in a rural community 25 families were unenlisted—whole families with no contact with religious teaching!

In the first community referred to there are at least 1,800 people involved. In the second, there are more than 1,000 people unenlisted; while in the rural community there are more than 100 people represented in the 25 families.

Below are the estimated unenrolled people in Southern Baptist territory:

Cradle Roll and Nursery Departments	2,890,000
Beginners	1,330,000
Primaries	1,890,000
Juniors	2,450,000
Intermediates	3,050,000
Young People	5,370,000
Adults	19,810,000
Extension	3,120,000

Estimated Total Unenrolled—40,000,000

Southern Baptist Sunday Schools Are Growing

1945	152,401
1946	215,750
1947	265,781
1948	303,669
1949	?

Let's continue the progress—after you have brought every member of your family, and have them there on time, seek to bring others.

THIS COULD BE DONE

1. Enrolment in every Adult Department *could* be increased 50%.
2. Enrolment of every Young People's Department *could* be increased 50%.
3. Every unenrolled Intermediate, Junior and Primary *could* be reached.
4. Every unenrolled child of pre-school age *could* be enrolled in the Cradle Roll, Nursery, or Beginner Department.
5. Present Extension Department enrolment *could* be doubled.

Punctuality is a virtue. Have your **WHOLE** family there **ON TIME**.



BE ON TIME

Helen Keller Says:

"Take your family to Sunday school" touches a deep chord in my heart.

True religion, I firmly believe, is essential to create an inspiring, wholesome and soul-shaping atmosphere for childhood. From my heart I deplore the fewness of American families who take the trouble to foster spiritual beliefs in their children.

The happiest experience I ever had was learning, while I was a little girl, that God is Love, and that the possibilities of good are greater than those of evil . . . and it has more than counteracted the cramping effects upon me of blindness and deafness. This blessedness of faith convinces me that all the young who are given opportunity to see God with their hearts have the best chance of facing life's problems courageously and making of their lives a noble achievement.

The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man seem to me the central teachings of the Bible whose stories children read in Sunday school—and from those teachings, if faithfully maintained, there will at last emerge a civilization in which all peoples shall live side by side in cooperative harmony and peace.

Bring Your Bible

All of history, biography, and most of literature is a record of the nations and of people. A large portion of the Old Testament is the story or record of God's chosen people and his dealings with them. Then, in the New Testament the story of the cross as given in the four Gospels contains the record of the Son of God while he was on the earth, and around this all Christian life revolves.



BIBLE BROUGHT

OCTOBER 23 IS DAY FOR STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

. . . to SUNDAY SCHOOL

Take Your Family to Sunday School

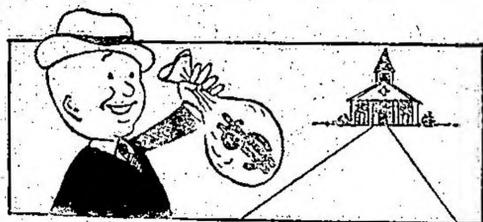
Over the past nineteen and a half centuries the teachings of Christ have become the essence of our moral standards—have determined for our family, our nation, and the family of nations our ideas of what is right and what is wrong.

Who can doubt, therefore, the importance to our children of a thorough knowledge of the Bible and its relationship to the problems we face as individuals and as a nation today! It has been the Sunday school through which the Christian children of the world have gained, to a large extent, their knowledge of these fundamental principles that are so basic to everyday life.

The Sunday school, an institution whose roots in American history extend back to the period of the Revolutionary War, has served not only as a great educational force in America, but it has become a basis for the unity of all races, creeds, and colors in their acceptance of a common ideal.

It should not be necessary, therefore, to urge an American to "Take your family to Sunday school."

*Harold E. Stassen, President
University of Pennsylvania*



OFFERING

The first step in Christian stewardship is regularity in giving. Make a Sunday school offering every Sunday.

Take Your Family to Sunday School

Our public schools do an important job of helping to train young minds. Countless civic programs help to train young bodies and coordinate young muscles and teach lessons of good sportsmanship. These have deserved support of most of our citizenry.

To provide for the schooling of a child's mind, to provide for his physical health, yet to neglect the health and growth of the soul within him is to rob him of his birthright—and cripple his spirit.

Until every boy and girl, and every man and woman in this nation has become an active participant in a Sunday school and church program, we are neglecting our most important national resource—the spiritual power of our people.



STUDIED LESSON

It is not enough merely to send your children to Sunday school. TAKE them to Sunday school this Sunday—take them regularly—join in the work of the church of your choice and you may discover in your-

self new spiritual strength which will bless your own life, that of your family, and the community in which you live.

*J. L. Kraft
Chairman of the Board
Kraft Foods Company*

Take Your Family to Sunday School

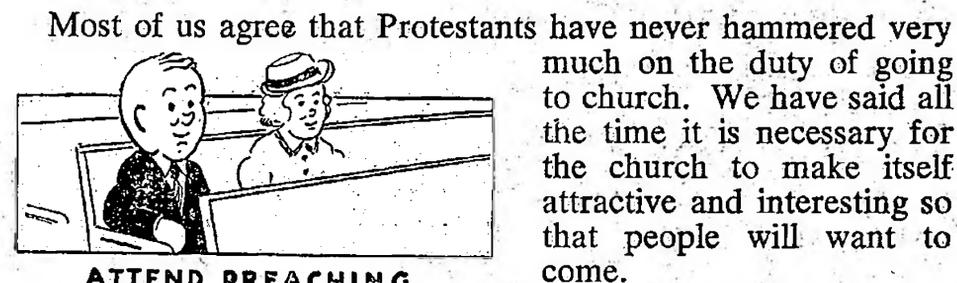
Over the years I have been deeply impressed with the fact that the families participating in Sunday school activities are also the families most interested in establishing a genuine home and progressive, wholesome community life.

The principles of religion taught in our Sunday schools are vital in the training of our youth, and the continuance of this instruction in adult life strengthens parents in the guidance of their children and provides spiritual benefits derived only from this source.

Parents who do not carry out their duty of instruction by example fail to assume their responsibility in a manner which is detrimental to our Christian society and increases the need for teaching by organized religion.

If we would have an enduring Christian nation we must strive to reduce crime. The plain and simple maxims of the Bible contain the essential rules which should govern human conduct.

*J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation*



ATTEND PREACHING

Most of us agree that Protestants have never hammered very much on the duty of going to church. We have said all the time it is necessary for the church to make itself attractive and interesting so that people will want to come.

But there are obligations on the part of the people. It is our obligation to give ourselves to the church.

It is the only hope of peace on earth and good will to men that exists among us. It underlies the fabric of the United Nations.

It is the church and its Saviour, its Prince of Peace, who is the last best hope of earth, and yours is a high and holy opportunity to support it with your undeviating loyalty.—Carl Sandburg.

Take Your Family to Sunday School

Peace throughout the world can only be found on the firm rock of religion. Religion is the very heart of our being—our most precious asset. It is our strongest bulwark for peace. If it touches us in childhood, it will remain the rod and staff of our adult life.

By placing a high value upon church and Sunday school attendance, regardless of creed, we deepen the faith of our children and make a lasting spiritual contribution to their growth.

We fathers and mothers of America must "take" not "send" our boys and girls to Sunday school, for religion is likewise the strongest link in the chain in family unity. And united families, with firm spiritual faith, not only spell happy, wholesome childhood, but furnish one of the surest and best ways for the preservation of democracy.

Sunday school attendance makes for the well-balanced life! So, fellow Americans, let's take the family to Sunday school, and give them a heavenly endowed fellowship in the greatest educational institution on earth.

*Tom C. Clark
Attorney General of the U. S.*

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM 1949

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION

MEETING WITH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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CONVENTION THEME:

LABORERS TOGETHER

THEME TEXT: "For we are laborers together with God"

(I Cor. 3:9)

OPENING SESSION—Tuesday Afternoon

THEME: "Together in Worship"

- 1:30 DEVOTIONS
MUSIC _____ Otto Whittington, Ridgedale, Chattanooga
- SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER _____ Selwyn Smith, McLean, Memphis
- 1:50 WELCOME TO NASHVILLE _____ W. F. Powell, First, Nashville
- 2:00 ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION:
Enrolling of messengers
Introduction of visitors
Miscellaneous
- 2:15 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS _____ Hon. John W. McCall, Memphis
- 2:40 REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE _____ J. O. Carter, First, Greeneville
- 2:45 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
- 2:50 THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM _____ D. M. Renick, LaBelle Church, Memphis
MESSAGE: _____ Carl Giers, First, Chattanooga
- 3:20 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
- 3:25 CONVENTION SERMON _____ R. E. Guy, Jackson
ALTERNATE _____ Paul A. Wieland, Trenton
- 4:10 ADJOURN

TUESDAY EVENING

THEME: "Together in Missions"

- 7:00 DEVOTIONS
MUSIC _____ Otto Whittington
- SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER _____ Sam Melton, Big Springs, Cleveland
- 7:15 INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASTORS _____
C. W. Pope, Executive Secretary
- 7:25 PRESENTING STATE MISSIONS PROGRAM _____ Chas. W. Pope, Executive Secretary and L. G. Frey, Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism
- 8:25 MUSIC
- 8:30 MESSAGE: "Together in Missions" _____ J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta
- 9:10 ADJOURN

WEDNESDAY MORNING

THEME: "Together in the Lord's Business"

- 9:00 DEVOTIONS
MUSIC _____ Otto Whittington
- SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER _____ Charles Ausmus, Lincoln Park, Knox.
- 9:15 DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE _____
O. W. Taylor, Editor Baptist and Reflector
- 9:30 TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION _____
Norris Gilliam, Executive Secretary
- 9:45 WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION _____
Miss Mary Northington, Executive Secretary
- 10:00 EXECUTIVE BOARD _____ H. J. Huey, First, Milan
- 11:00 CAMP COMMITTEE _____ V. Floyd Starke, Brainerd, Chattanooga
- 11:10 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- 11:25 MUSIC
- 11:30 MESSAGE: "Baptist Principles in the Life of Today," _____
Dr. George Ragland, First Lexington, Kentucky
- 12:10 ADJOURN

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

THEME: "Together in Christian Education"

- 1:30 DEVOTION: _____ Otto Whittington
- MUSIC _____
- SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER _____ Vern B. Powers, First, Greenbrier
- 1:45 BAPTIST STUDENT UNION _____ Roger M. Smith, State Secretary
- 2:05 CHURCH MUSIC _____ Roy Babb, First, Winchester
- 2:15 TEMPERANCE, SOCIAL SERVICE
UNITED DRY FORCES _____ E. L. Williams, Bell Ave., Knoxville
MESSAGE: _____ Dr. F. F. Brown, Knoxville
- 2:45 EDUCATION COMMISSION _____ Henry J. Stokes, Jr., President, Knox.
SEMINARIES _____ Dr. Edward A. McDowell, Louisville, Ky.
- 3:35 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
- 3:40 MESSAGE: "Christian Education" _____ Dr. John L. Hill, Nashville
- 4:15 ADJOURN

WEDNESDAY EVENING

THEME: "Together in Evangelism"

- 7:00 DEVOTIONS
MUSIC _____ Otto Whittington
- SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER _____ J. E. Sharpe, Bells, Tennessee
- 7:15 RADIO _____ J. G. Hughes, Union, Memphis
- 7:25 BROTHERHOOD _____ E. N. Delzell, Secretary
- 7:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL _____ W. G. Rutledge, Secretary
- 8:05 BAPTIST TRAINING UNION _____ Charles Norton, Secretary
- 8:25 AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY _____
Thomas J. Holloway, Field Secretary, Dallas, Texas
- 8:35 MUSIC
- 8:40 MESSAGE: "Together in Evangelism" _____
R. G. Lee, Bellevue, Memphis
- 9:15 ADJOURN

THURSDAY MORNING

THEME: "Together in Benevolences"

- 9:00 DEVOTIONS
MUSIC _____ Otto Whittington
- SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER _____ Paul J. Harting, First, Old Hickory
- 9:15 ORPHANAGE _____ W. C. Creasman, Franklin
- 9:30 HOSPITALS _____ G. Allen West, Woodmont, Nashville
- 9:45 RELIEF AND ANNUITY, MINISTERS RETIREMENT _____
S. A. Murphy, Highland Heights, Memphis
- 10:00 MEMORIAL SERVICE _____ James M. Gregg, Calvary, Bristol
- 10:10 SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIEF _____ R. Paul Caudill, First, Memphis
- 10:20 BUSINESS
Report of Committee on Committees
Report of Committee on Nominations
Report of Committee on Resolutions
Miscellaneous
- 10:45 MUSIC
- 10:50 MESSAGE: "Healing Humanity's Hurt" _____
Dr. Frank Tripp, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans
- 11:30 ADJOURN

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

OCTOBER 23 IS DAY FOR STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

Make an ADEQUATE Offering to State Missions on October 23

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER . . . *The Perfect Disciplinarian*

By J. G. Lott, Calvary Church, Memphis

All Christians commit sins. "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us," and "If we say we have not sinned we make him a liar and his word is not in us."

But God does not disinherit his child when he sins, but deals with him as the "Father of mercies."

We believe that our heavenly Father has a definite and effective plan for bringing his children toward the ideal of the perfect (mature) man "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," as he "perfects that which he has begun in us."

In the following order we believe that the Lord deals with his sinning children.

FIRST, GOD USES CONSCIENCE DISCIPLINE

When a Christian sins his conscience already sensitive to and resentful of the approach of sin, bring a sense of shame, guilt and pain to the heart. No Christian can live happily in sin. No Christian will live habitually in sin. If the convicted Christian repents, seeks forgiveness (Res 2:5), then the "blood of his son Jesus Christ cleanses him from all sin." But in too many cases the Christian does not yield to the voice of conscience and does not come back by repentance and prayer to the Lord. The Spirit of God who indwells every true believer, counsels, pleads and seeks repeatedly to lead God's sinning child back to the path of right. After so long a time the voice of conscience grows fainter, until the individual loses his sense of guilt. Some come to the point of saying, "I no longer feel that it is wrong for me to do certain things which I once felt were definitely wrong." The paralyzing effect of ignoring and resisting God's will as expressed through conscience has hardened the heart.

SECOND, GOD USES AUTOMATIC DISCIPLINE

If the conscience-smitten child is stubborn and will not obey his conscience, he begins an injury to himself which the Bible describes as a process of "searing his conscience as if with a hot iron." Hereby he puts himself gradually and more and more in a condition where the special helps of warning, conscience restraints and the guidance of the Holy Spirit appear to be withdrawn from him. But he has withdrawn from the tender cautions and calls of his heavenly Father.

Here automatic discipline begins. God allows discipline to come automatically out of the wrong that his child is doing. "Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backsliding shall reprove thee." "He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and who so breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."

The poor erring Christian who presumes that he is going to escape his own automatic discipline, will inevitably come out like the man Amos describes in 5:19: "As if a man did flee from a lion, and bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall and a serpent bit him."

Then a sad but sympathetic and faithful heavenly Father talks to his wayward child: "Know therefore and see that it is an evil and BITTER that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God." If such a child of God will humble himself and pray, seek the Lord's face and turn away from his evil ways, God will forgive his sins and bless his life.

In this stage of the Christian's disciplinary training, it is a gross misrepresentation of God to say that God is punishing his child for his sins. The child has done this to himself. It is possible to let Satan make us accuse the Lord of things he did not do. If I carelessly step on a rusty nail and neglect the wound until infection sets in and I suffer pain on account of it, I cannot justly blame anybody but myself for it.

If in all the light of the Bible and in spite of the help of God's Spirit in us, we go on doing things that are wrong and suffer as a consequence of it, let us come bravely and honestly to the

Lord, saying: "Father, I did it; forgive me and uphold me with thy spirit." We believe that He will say, "Go, sin no more."

THIRD, GOD USES EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE

In those cases where neither conscience nor automatic discipline have brought God's own twice-born child back into fellowship with the Father, the Lord in his own way and in his own time uses corrective discipline. This is a direct dealing, purposeful and effective. The all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving heavenly Father knows perfectly what to do, when to do it and how to do it to correct his child and bring him back. He has never failed with a single child. We believe that when God deals directly with his child in corrective discipline the child knows two things very definitely. First, that God his father is dealing with him. Second, he knows why and what the Lord wants him to do. God is the only perfect disciplinarian.

The Bible says that God rebukes, chastens and scourges his sons. These are strong and realistic terms. No true Christian can or will want to deny or minimize them. "If we be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then we are not sons."

Paul said to the Corinthians, "If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged (by the Lord here in this world) we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." 1 Cor 11:31-32

This corrective discipline is done in love and for the profit of the child. In a literal sense God does not punish his child on account of his sins. There are only two places where sin can be adequately punished. In the death of Christ on the cross or in hell forever. All the sins of a Christian on the punishment basis have been nailed to the cross. Here in this life we receive discipline under the wisdom, grace and mercy of God. At death we go home wrapped in the flawless righteousness of Jesus Christ.

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING: OCT. 23

HE OVERCOMES WHO KNOWS HOW TO PRAY

He overcomes the anxiety of the day who in the morning places his faith in God.

He overcomes the impatience of the hour who puts his trust in the God of the years.

He overcomes his small horizon who sees with the larger vision of God.

He overcomes his fears and worries who findeth the God that dwelleth within.

He overcomes the troubled spirit who rests in the peace of the everlasting arms.

He overcomes the importance of self who bows before God with a heart of humility.

He overcomes self-centered living who in the name of Christ goes about doing good.

He overcomes the coldness of heart who heals others' wounds with the ointment of love.

He overcomes his love for worldly gain who gives more for others; who wants less for self.

He overcomes the frustration of the times whose plans and purposes belong to God.

He overcomes his lonely days who walks with Christ, who walks with man.

—John Howard Blough

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

New Testament Christians Did Not Designate

We have magnified the individual church member's right to say where his contributions go, until many Christians feel that this is definitely in line with New Testament teaching and practice. A careful reading of the Acts of the Apostles will throw plenty of light upon this point.

When the Church at Jerusalem had grown to a membership of about 5,000 men, to say nothing of women and children, it faced an economic situation that called forth a most liberal spirit of Stewardship. In fact, it has not been surpassed in the last 1900 years. And yet these Christians were so filled with the spirit that they gave with no strings attached.

Acts 4:35, 37 say the money was laid at the Apostle's feet, which we believe was equivalent to giving to the church budget, or system of finance. Barnabas did not designate some to Aunt Susie, Uncle Jeb, Red Cross, Community Chest, or Foreign Missions. The Book says he "brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet."

This is exactly what Ananias and Sapphira did, Acts 5:2, except they lied about the amount. Some of us are alive today because God has not killed every church member who lied about money matters; yet, we know it is still a great sin.

When in Acts 11:30 the church at Antioch of Syria sent relief to Jerusalem, it was delivered to the elders. The apostles evidently were absent, but the financial practice had not changed. Great confusion is avoided if we will remember that in New Testament times bishops, elders, and pastors are used interchangeably and does not designate orders in the ministry, as we find today.

Then again in Acts 21:18, we find Paul bringing money to the elders from the churches in Achaia and Macedonia, according to Acts 24:17. This is near the end of Acts and no change is noted in the system of finance. It is either the "apostles' feet," or the "elders", and never designated, or prorated, by the donors to individuals for specific purposes. That is all settled by the church in conference.

We know of no improvement upon the apostolic practice. It should be followed today. Of course, if the church is undeveloped—made up of spiritual infants—and wants to consume all offerings upon itself; if the church refuses instruction; if it continues to turn a deaf ear to all Biblical teaching on missions and evangelism; then maybe one would be justified in designating during the church's continued sickness.

Surely none of our Tennessee Baptist churches are in that predicament now.

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING: OCT. 23

The Unknown Teacher

I sing the praises of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war. It is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young.

She lives in obscurity and contends with hardship. For her no trumpets blare, no chariots wait, no golden decorations are decreed.

She keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and makes the attack on the trenches of ignorance and folly. She awakens sleeping spirits.

She quickens the indolent, encourages the eager, and steadies the unstable.

She communicates her own joy in learning and shares with boys and girls the very best treasures of her mind.

She lights many candles which, in later years, will shine back to cheer her. This is her reward.—Henry Van Dyke

THE WELFARE STATE

By Rice A. Pierce

Many men of high ideal and purpose want to see the Welfare State established in our land. They say that the welfare state is the opposite of the illfare state. Others agree entirely that those whom God has blessed with ability and fortunate circumstances should share their wealth with those who have for the time been defeated by life. But this sharing should be voluntary.

NOT ANSWER TO NEEDS

I cannot say how far a state can go in forcing men to share their wealth before the character of its people is destroyed. But the socialistic, the communistic, or the welfare states are but stop-gap societies which cannot hope to provide an answer to men's needs. The most precious possession God has given to man is his liberty,—his freedom to be the steward of what he is and what he has. It would be better for men to live as animals, but free to seek a higher level under God, than to live as slaves doing right because the state forces them to do right.

FREEDOM AND DIGNITY OF MAN

Maybe the welfare state can be a bridge over a critical period, so that when that time is past its oppressive features may be withdrawn. But the socialistic, welfare state cannot preserve the freedom and dignity of man as a continuing state of society. If a society shows by its indifference and selfishness that it is not worthy to be the steward of the blessings God has given it let it disintegrate and be followed by men who will care for the needs of man while still preserving man's freedom. The socialist state, in trying to supply man's needs and preserve order, takes away man's freedom to exercise the mind and heart which God has given him. I am not sure that other peoples have this heritage, but Americans have grown great in the belief that freedom and personal responsibility are to be desired over order and security. When men have come to their senses and been at their best in our history we have had order and security along with freedom and personal responsibility.

May God give us wisdom so that we shall not throw away the most precious gift that we as Christians have,—the freedom to exercise an honest stewardship of the life and possessions we enjoy because of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Set to Destroy

In the Catholic catechism, Manual of Christian Doctrine, used in parochial schools in the United States, this papal theory is taught:

"Q. What more should the state do than respect the rights and liberties of the church?"

"A. The state should also aid, protect, and defend the church."

"Q. May the state separate itself from the church?"

"A. No, because it may not withdraw from the supreme rule of Christ."

Such a philosophy, if allowed to become a fact in America, will destroy separation of church and state, end religious liberty, and bring intolerance and persecution.

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING: OCT. 23

REAL SALVATION

Any religious experience which truly saves a man, inevitably gets out into his social relationships. If what has happened to him does not make him a better husband, a more conscientious citizen, a more generous employer, a more dependable employee, then he has not been saved. He has been emotionalized.

Sunday School Lesson

By O. L. RIVES

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For October 23, 1949

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

TEXTS: Isaiah 7; 12:2; 25-26; 30:1-17 (Larger)—Isa. 12:2; 26:1-7;
30:1-2, 15-17 (Printed)—Isa. 12:2 (Golden).

Isaiah Teaches Trust In God

The texts and the topic call to mind the familiar hymn, "Trust and Obey," the chorus of which goes:

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

It is a simple song, but it contains a sublime and practical truth. For there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey. We center our attention upon one phase of this two-fold teaching, that is, trust. We are to trust and trust in the right one, God.

I. THE WAVERING OF FAITH (Isa. 30:1-2).

1. *Due to rebellion against God.* Herein is the ultimate explanation of a faith that wavers, for it is here that such wavering begins. People who say they have lost faith in others, in themselves, in God; will find that the origin of such loss comes about as a result of going against God's revealed will. The essence of sin is such rebellion, and sin destroys faith or prevents its emergence in the first place.

2. *Due to dependence upon faithless men.* In Isaiah's day it was the dependence of Israel upon Egypt. In our day it is when we rely upon men apart from reliance upon God as He operates freely through men's lives. It is in reality the attitude of self-sufficiency that leaves God out entirely and substitutes for His help that of men. All such dependence results in bitterest disappointment. Godless men always disappoint. The result is a wavering of faith still further.

II. THE BANISHING OF FEAR (Isa. 12:2).

The reader may recall that some years ago there appeared on the market a book entitled, "The Conquest of Fear," by Basil King (as the writer remembers it). It was a helpful treatment of an ever-recurring problem for most all persons. The Scripture indicated above touches upon this problem, and makes two suggestions regarding fear's abolition.

1. *God is our strength.* And this makes Him also the theme of our song, as the Hebrew parallelism of the verse indicates. One of the best ways to banish fear of any sort at any time is to sing. One recalls boyhood days when passing along a lonely and dark road at night a song helped to scare away the imagined monsters.

2. *God is our salvation.* Of course He is! Where is any other salvation to be found. He is able to save. He is willing to save. He is anxious to save. He saves from sin, and He also saves from fear. If we are in the will of God we are the recipients of His maximum of love, and "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear" (I Jn. 4:18).

III. THE PRACTICING OF TRUST (Isa. 26:1-7).

We have trusted all of our lives, from the time we lay as helpless infants in our mothers' arms to the present. Without knowing it at the time, or recognizing it as such, trust was our first activity as babes.

1. *By staying the mind on God.* When this is done, there is the promise of a perfect peace (verse 3). One reason we become so fearful in a frightening world is that we look at the wrong things and persons. By fixing our attention upon Him and His promises, and recalling His past deliverances, we are able to grow a victorious faith.

2. *By using the strength of God.* "In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength" (verse 4). The marginal note on this expression is "rock of ages." It reminds of the hymn of this title, and also another one which begins, "O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come."

IV. THE STRENGTHENING OF SPIRIT (Isa. 30:15-17).

In the realm of the human spirit is where men need strength the most. If they are strong there, they become strong elsewhere. In contact with God, through His Spirit, is the strength that abides and enables.

1. *"In returning and rest."* The human spirit is refreshed by the Divine Spirit upon the basis of returning, in repentance and confession, to Him. Apart from and away from Him there can be no such refreshing. Having returned, we find rest in Him. Is there a satisfaction in any way comparable to this one? Like the bird returning to its nest, like the traveler who turns again home, like the Prodigal who points his steps again in the direction of his father's house; so with the soul that turns back to God.

2. *"In quietness and confidence."* Over and again He tells us to be quiet in order to be quieted. Like a mother who quiets the fears and sobbings of her little one, so He quiets those who put their trust in Him. Let all who have at any time turned away from Him come back to Him in confidence. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (Jn. 6:37).

National Letter Writing Week is almost over. Have you had a part in it? If every person in this great nation of ours had written just one letter this week, Mr. Postman would have been a very busy man, wouldn't he?

When I first learned about the special days set apart as National Letter Writing Week, I was a bit surprised. I'd heard of Kindness-to-Animals week, Safety Week, Health Week, and so on. But why a special week for letters? Here are some possible reasons. Check the one which you think best.

National Letter-Writing Week was proclaimed because:

- The post office wanted to sell more stamps.
- The postman wanted to see how many letters he could deliver in one week.
- People needed more practice in writing letters.
- Letters are friendly visits on paper; they can contribute much happiness to those who receive them and to those who write them.

You chose the last reason, didn't you? Not long ago I heard someone say:

"Words are hands that reach through space,
Filled with friendship's magic grace."

That radio speaker wasn't referring especially to mail, but what he said is certainly true of letters, isn't it? I guess that's one reason why the United States Post Office Department has been called "the biggest business in the world."

Did you know that more than 350,000 people work for the United States Post Office Department? Four years ago—in 1945—these 350,000 people handled twenty-five billion pieces of mail—letters, post cards, packages, and papers. Did you know that your own post office is one of forty-three thousand post offices in the United States? That's a lot of people and a lot of places isn't it?

Did you ever wonder what happened to a letter after you mailed it in your corner mailbox or at the post office?

In some towns the letters are put together in a mail pouch and picked up by a fast train as it goes through the town. Some of these trains have special Railway Post Office cars, with men to sort the mail while the train is moving. The Railway Post Office workers must be very fast and have good memories. Some of them have to keep in mind as many as 10,000 different items—names of towns, postal regulations, train schedules, and so on. But they have an excellent record—an average of not more than one error in handling a hundred pieces of mail! And they work so fast that they can pick up mail in one town, sort it, and have it in the proper bag ready for the next town, if that's where the letter is going.

Mail is handled a little differently in big city post offices. All the letters and packages which are dropped in corner mailboxes, or neighborhood postal stations, are carried to the main post office, for quick sorting. Large envelopes are separated from the regular-size ones. All of them are placed facing in the same direction so that they will be ready for the cancelling machine. Cancelling is printing over stamps so that they cannot be used again. (In small post-offices this is done with a small rubber stamp by hand.)

Other city post offices use trucks to transfer the mail from the cancellation room of the main post office to sub-stations, to trains, or an airport.

When mail arrives in the town to which it is addressed, it must, of course, be rehandled. Some of it is restamped—to show the date on which it arrived in that town. Then it is sorted for delivery or placed in the proper post office box to be called for by the owner of that box.

Considering how many times your letter is handled, how many chances there are for mix-ups, it's a wonder that it ever reaches its destination, isn't it? But aren't you glad that it does? Aren't you glad for the many people who make it possible for you to visit with friends all over the world?

No wonder there's a special time set aside as National Letter Writing Week. It's not only a time to encourage people to form letter-writing habits, but, for us, it can be a time to be glad for this way of letting our words "reach through space," like "hands . . . filled with friendship's magic grace!"

Beginning now—let our Post Office help us to make at least one friendly letter-visit each week! Would you like to do that?

Love,
AUNT POLLY

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CONVENTION-WIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

December 27-30, 1949

Dallas, Texas

Fellowship . . .

Inspiration . . .

Practical Helps . . .

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

Gladys Longley

During the first two weeks of September very successful Sunday School Planning Meetings for associational officers and other interested workers were conducted at the following places:

Region	Church	Host Pastor
Northwestern	Huntingdon, First	Rev. Thomas L. Pope
Southwestern	Speedway Terrace, Memphis	Dr. Mark Harris
South Central	Pulaski, First	no pastor
Central	Gallatin, First	Rev. Clyde Bryan
Eastern	Clinton, First	Rev. Paul Turner
North Eastern	Greeneville, First	Rev. J. O. Carter
South Eastern	Cleveland, First	Rev. L. B. Cobb
North Central	Sparta, First	Rev. James Boyd

A delicious meal was served by the host church in each region.

Mr. J. C. Hockett of the Baptist Sunday School Board was one of the main speakers in the meetings. The report given below is a comparative summary of the meetings in 1948 and 1949.

	1948	1949
No. of associations represented in the eight meetings	41	52
Total Present	207	508
No. of associational superintendents	23	31
No. of associational missionaries present	24	32
Associate superintendents and group leaders present	13	41
Age-group leaders present	37	50
Pastors present	32	64
Other interested people present	72	230

The following officers were elected for the year:

Officers for Regions 1949-50

Northwestern Region

President—Rev. Thomas L. Pope—Huntingdon, Tennessee
Vice-President—Rev. O. E. Turner—Paris, Tennessee

Southwestern Region

President—Mr. Powers Smith—Henning, Tennessee
Vice-President—Mr. Johnny Myers—Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee

South Central

President—Rev. C. D. Tabor—Shelbyville, Tennessee
Vice-President—Mr. L. A. Sands—Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee

Central

President—Mr. Joe Martin—Dover, Tennessee
Vice-President—Rev. Carmack Penuel—Gallatin, Tennessee

Eastern

President—Mr. Bill Atchley—Sevierville, Tennessee
Vice-President—Mr. Kenneth Combs—Clinton, Tennessee

North Eastern

President—Mr. R. E. Cardwell—Elizabethton, Tennessee
Vice-President—Mr. C. I. Hurst—Morristown, Tennessee

South Eastern

President—Mr. Roy Lillard—Benton, Tennessee
Vice-President—Rev. J. L. Griffin—Chattanooga, Tennessee

North Central

President—Mr. Christy Dotson—McMinnville, Tennessee
Vice-President—Rev. Cannie Leonard—Liberty, Tennessee

Training Awards Issued—September

BIG HATCHIE Liberty	59	Mt. Pleasant	1
		Loveland	3
	59	Smith's Grove	1
		Northside-FC	2
BLEDSON Mitchellville	11	Washington Ave	2
Corum Hill	19	Park Lane	4
		Skyline Dr	66
	30	Alice Bell	1
		Mars Hill	1
CAMPBELL Indiana Ave	1	Salem	65
		Memorial (?)	2
	1	Elm Street	1
CHILHOWEE Armona	6		636
Broadway-Maryville	4	LAWRENCE Summertown	20
Everett Hill	2		20
Maryville-1st	6	MAURY Columbia-1st	1
Calvary, Alcoa	3		2
Mt. Lebanon	7	McMINN Niota	34
	28		34
CLINTON Clinton-1st	1	NASHVILLE Central	17
Robertsville	7	Donelson	6
Norris-1st	1	Grace	5
	9	Green Hill	16
CONCORD Eagleville	1	Joelton	57
	1	Judson	1
GIBSON Medina	7	Riverside	36
Trenton-1st	117	Temple	71
	124	Springhill	1
GRAINGER Blue Springs	30		210
Oakland	4	NEW RIVER Oncida	13
	34		13
HOLSTON Baileytown	8	NOLACHUCKY Bethel	1
Chinquapin Grove	1		1
Bethel	13	OCOEE Avondale	6
Central-JC	4	Central	1
Temple-JC	1	Chamberlain	14
Unaka Ave-JC	3	East-Chattanooga	2
Jonesboro	20	Big Spring	115
Fall St. Chapel	13	North Cleveland	116
	63	Concord	1
JEFFERSON Dandridge	3	Daisy	23
Mill Spgs	2	Kings Point	3
Piedmont	3	Lupton City	16
White Pine	6	McCarty	1
	14	Oak Grove (H)	18
KNOX COUNTY Arlington	7	Oakwood	10
Beaumont Ave	8	Soddy, Oak St	1
Beaver Dam	7	Soddy, South	2
Bell Ave	41	Spring Creek	62
Calvary	4	White Oak (B)	24
Central, Bearden	9	South Daisy	7
Central-JC	20	Four Point (M)	7
City View	7	Cedar Hill	1
Clear Spgs	41		430
Corryton	2	WILSON Cedar Grove	50
Deaderick Ave	1	Lebanon	1
Euclid Ave	81		51
Fifth Ave	23	PROVIDENCE Tabernacle	2
Knoxville-1st	13	Lenoir City	1
Fort Sanders	9		3
Gallaher Memorial	1	RIVERSIDE Moodyville	11
Gillespie	12		11
Grace	8	ROBERTSON Orlinda	51
Highland	2	Springfield-1st	974
Immanuel	6		145
Inskip	2	SALEM Mt Zion	45
John Sevier	8		45
Lincoln Park	12	SHELBY Bartlett	1
Lonsdale	15	Bellevue	3
Marble City	7	Berclair	1
Mascot	4	Boulevard	1
McCalla Ave	8	Calvary	2
Meridian	5	Central Ave	1
Mt. Harmony	2	Memphis-1st	2
Mountain View	1	Parkway	9
North-Knoxville	3	Highland Hts	7
Oakwood	43		
Park City	4		
Powell Station	6		
Riverdale	3		
Roseberry	15		
Sevier Hgts	8		
Sharon	3		
Smithwood	7		
South-Knoxville	5		
Washington Pike	13		
Belmont Hts	12		

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Woman's Missionary Union

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R.A. Focus Week

Dramatize your efforts in "winning tomorrow's men today" before your church in such an effective way during Focus Week that they will never get over it. One counselor said "we had a hard time getting our church behind our boys' program until we staged a real Royal Ambassador Focus Week in our chapter."

The suggested theme for this year is "That the World may Know Christ." Build your activities in the minds of R.A.'s and the church around this theme.

Here are some hints from Ambassador Life for making Focus Week click in your church.

1. Solicit the interest and assistance of your pastor.
 - a. Feature Royal Ambassador at the worship service on Sunday morning
 - (1) Ask the pastor to bring a missionary message
 - (2) Use Royal Ambassadors to usher, distribute bulletins and collect offerings
 - (3) Have Royal Ambassadors wear arm bands at service
 - (4) Let the pastor recognize the Royal Ambassadors and speak briefly on the value of a missionary organization for boys.
 - (5) Use Royal Ambassadors to read scriptures and lead in prayer
 - (6) Use Royal Ambassadors to render special music
 - (7) Have Royal Ambassadors to repeat allegiance and give meaning of insignia
 - (8) Have a recognition service
 - b. Feature your chapter at mid-week prayer service
 - c. Make special effort to enlist new members
 - d. Make poster and place in prominent place in church
 - e. Have Father-Son Banquet in your church or association
 - f. Plan activities for every day or as much as your chapter can participate in.

For other suggestions see Ambassador Life, October issue.

"The boy of today must follow Christ if the world of tomorrow is to know Him."

Divisional Young People's Meetings

Leaders, plan now to take your young people to the young people's meeting in your division. Miss Cornelia Leavell, returned missionary from China, will be the guest speaker. She has many interesting films which she will show. Don't miss this meeting! It is planned for you and your young people.

Monday, October 17—7:00—Rogersville

Tuesday, October 18—6:00—Maryville

Friday, October 21—7:00—Cookeville

Monday, October 24—6:00—Shelbyville

Tuesday, October 25—6:00—McEwen

Thursday, October 27—7:00—Dresden

Saturday, October 29—All Day—Camp Linden

Camp! Camp!

Did you know that there were 1,329 young people attending your state G.A., R.A., and Y.W.A. camps this year!

We were thrilled when 201 young people made decisions: Conversions 58, Mission Volunteers 37, Definite Service 64 and 42 Rededications.

Fifteen missionaries joined our staff during the summer. Our mission love offering was \$328.94. Surely the Lord was in it all.

Work, pray and give that the 1950 camps will be larger and more far reaching in results.

A Treasurer For Fifty Years

Bell Avenue, Knoxville, has honored Miss Della Fielden for her fifty years of service as treasurer of the WMS of her church.

Miss Della has served faithfully, always sending in her reports to the associational superintendent as well as rendering an accurate report to her church. How we wish we had more Miss Dellas! Some officers should be changed but when a good treasurer is found she should be kept in service.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1949

Department of Student Work

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WANTED: CHRISTIAN TEACHERS FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

A. Leland Forrest

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(This is a digest of this article.)

I

What is a Christian college? The term has been used very loosely. It has been used to describe almost any independent, non-tax-supported institution. It has been used, certainly, to describe all church-related colleges.

A college may be church-controlled and yet not be a Christian institution. It may have a Bible requirement in its graduation pattern, and still foster attitudes and life practices which are hurtful. Christian education is not something added on to a watertight curriculum. To be a Christian college, I would suggest that at least four criteria should be observed.

1. A Christian college fosters a total spiritual interpretation of man and nature.
2. A Christian college is one in which persons are central.
3. A Christian college is one in which beliefs eventuate into life.
4. A Christian college is one which provides for Christian freedom.

II

It is obvious that such a Christian college is an impossible dream unless it is staffed by a particular type of teacher. What kind of teachers will be needed for a college possessing the above-named characteristics?

1. Certain basic convictions.
2. Respect for other persons.
3. Capable and well-prepared teachers.
4. A sense of calling.

III

There are many areas in which the Christian college, especially the small liberal arts college, cannot compete with its public-supported neighbors. It is the better part of wisdom, so it seems, to do well what we can do. Let the Christian college examine its program and procedures with a view to bringing them into harmony with a vigorous Christian philosophy of life. Let us have colleges that are vitally Christian. Then, such a college should follow a program of enlistment which will bring to its staff persons who are in harmony with its philosophy, competent in their fields, and who consider teaching as a Christian life calling. These educational aims in the hands of such teachers will do much to assure that the Christian college will train persons who are equipped to contribute to the life of our day.

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ARE AMERICANS SPENDING THEIR MONEY WISELY?

From \$164,755,000,000 of Personal Consumption.

Expenditures in the United States in 1947.

For a population of 143,382,000 on July 1, 1947.

	Millions of Dollars
Alcoholic beverages	\$8,770
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	3,880
Jewelry and watches (not including repairs)	1,365
Barbership and beauty parlor services	1,151
New and used automobiles	5,512
Gasoline and oil	3,601
Auto tires, tubes, parts, and accessories	1,685
Admissions to motion pictures	1,380
Radios, pianos, records, and musical instruments	1,393
Non-durable toys and sports goods	1,008
Pari-mutuel betting, net receipts	238
ALL RELIGIOUS BODIES	884
Social welfare and foreign relief	685

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

New Seminary Instructor



Miss Beatrice Collins, Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed to the faculty of the Department of Sacred Music at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Miss Collins will serve as instructor in Organ and Piano, and will direct classes in the Graded Choir Program.

She is an alumnae of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and received the degree, Master of Sacred Music, from the School of Church Music of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1948.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO CHURCH AND ASSOCIATION CLERKS

Please send me by November 1, 1949 the names of all in your church or Association who have died since last November 1st. Please indicate by the name if a preacher or a deacon. Please give also the church and Association with each list.

This information needed for the Memorial Service at the State Convention in Nashville. Send to James M. Gregg, 1016 Anderson St., Bristol, Tenn.

After thirty years of faithful service as Assistant Treasurer at Carson-Newman College, Miss Berta Sunderland has retired from active duty. A faculty reception was given in her honor and fitting tributes expressed.

—B&R—

M. K. Cobble of Mascot began his duties as pastor of Gillespie Avenue Church, Knoxville, October 2.

—B&R—

Forty-four of our sixty-six associations have reported, and we are ahead of last year's report on baptisms exactly 1013. This is encouraging news on evangelism.

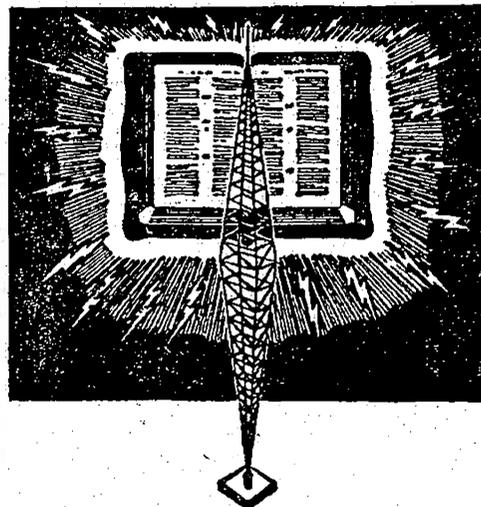
—B&R—

Pastor C. J. Donahoo and Oak Grove Church, Chattanooga, have been assisted in a revival by Carl Giers, pastor of First Church, Chattanooga. There were 9 additions. Carlos Gruber, Barton, Fla., directed the music.

—B&R—

G. Allen West of Nashville was the preacher in a revival at First Church, Monterey, Clyde Cobb, pastor, September 25-October 5. Robert B. Ritchie, pastor of Cumberland Homesteads Church, directed the music. There were 18 additions, 10 by baptism and 8 by letter.

Hear the Baptist Hour



Sunday, October 23

Speaker: Dr. R. G. Lee

Subject: "Is It Nothing to You?"

Stations in Tennessee

At 2:30 p.m. CST

WTJS, Jackson; WMPS, Memphis; WSIX, Nashville

At 3:30 p.m. EST

WJHL, Johnson City; WBIR, Knoxville

WDEF, Chattanooga, 5:30 p.m., EST.

STATE B. S. U. CONVENTION

The State Baptist Student Union Convention will meet October 21-23 in the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis. Registration will be held from 3:00 until 7:00 Friday, and the first session will begin at 7:30. The closing session will be the regular morning worship service of the Bellevue Baptist Church. The theme of the convention will be "Because Christ Loved," and Mr. Bob Beard, state B. S. U. president and a native of Memphis, will preside over all of the sessions.

Some of the people on our program are: Dr. C. W. Pope, Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Mr. Joseph L. McMillin, Miss Helen Gardner, Mrs. J. L. Williams, Congressman Percy Priest, Dr. Ralph Moore, student missionaries Hugh Davis and Bill Jones; Rev. James Harris, pastor, Beech Street Baptist Church, Texarkana, Arkansas; Mr. Jack Robinson, student, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Ray Summers, Director of the School of Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Miss Estelle Slater, associate, Southwide Student Department, students and student secretaries.

Conferences will be held on the following subjects: "Christian Students Facing 'isms'"; "Building and Maintaining a Christian Home"; "Campus Problems Facing Christian Students"; "Opportunities in Religious Vocations"; "Opportunities for Christians in Public Service"; "Opportunities for Christians in Business."

We are anticipating a good delegation of students from most of the campuses in the state, and believe that we will have a very fine meeting. We will appreciate the prayers of our people for this significant youth gathering.—Rogers M. Smith

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Attendances and Additions to the Churches—October 9, 1949

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Ashland City, First	40	29	---	Arlington	500	118	---
Athens, Antioch	124	47	2	Bell Avenue	958	406	4
East	357	132	---	Broadway	1440	480	13
First	619	251	16	Fifth Avenue	1069	337	---
Mission	78	---	---	Gillespie Avenue	225	91	1
Calhoun	153	40	---	John Sevier	268	118	3
Clearwater	94	78	---	Lincoln Park	691	264	4
Coghill	88	67	---	Mt. Olive	268	110	2
Cottonport	90	65	---	Lonsdale	459	190	---
Eastanalle	45	11	---	Sevier Heights	713	224	20
Englewood	142	48	---	Washington Pike	241	79	1
Etowah, East	106	---	---	LaFollette, West	150	59	1
Etowah, First	427	109	---	Lawrenceburg, First	245	143	1
Etowah, North	365	95	3	Lebanon, Barton's Creek	158	87	---
Good Springs	114	81	---	Fairview	137	65	---
Idlewild	64	50	---	First	517	148	5
McMahan Calvary	112	34	---	Lewisburg, First	410	140	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	109	67	---	Lexington, First	229	54	---
New Zion	83	---	---	McEwen	87	59	---
Sanford	63	39	---	Madison, First	459	84	3
Union Grove	74	71	---	Boulevard Mission	84	---	---
West View	78	90	3	Madisonville, Chestua	84	33	---
Bristol, Calvary	434	125	---	Maryville, Broadway	409	188	3
Virginia Avenue	370	122	5	Everett Hills	330	163	1
Bruceston	124	52	---	First	794	285	3
Brush Creek	52	33	---	Maury City	130	71	---
Carthage, First	203	69	2	Maynardville	134	22	1
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	83	62	---	Medina	167	115	---
Chattanooga, Avondale	613	167	---	Memphis, Bellevue	2712	965	20
Birchwood	93	50	---	Boulevard	774	301	20
Brainerd	460	178	4	Central Avenue	593	172	9
Calvary	350	89	2	Elliston Avenue	168	85	1
Cedar Hill	272	71	---	First	1093	266	6
Chamberlain Avenue	269	115	2	Highland Heights	1056	466	7
Concord	269	103	---	Kennedy	143	69	---
Daisy	241	73	---	Lamar Heights	800	257	6
East Lake	504	185	30	Leawood	286	103	1
Chapel	62	25	---	Levi	266	151	2
East Ridge	324	135	2	Barton Heights	123	83	1
First	962	277	9	Parkway	383	184	---
Chapel	94	25	---	Prescott Memorial	636	183	3
Highland Park	2871	819	27	Seventh Street	587	222	4
Lupton City	161	137	4	Rugby Hills Chapel	91	---	---
McCarty	79	36	---	Speedway Terrace	1034	271	8
Morris Hill	297	157	---	Sylvan Heights	223	148	1
Oak Grove	278	127	1	Union Avenue	1112	235	3
Philadelphia	148	---	1	Milan, First	434	127	2
St. Elmo	422	137	8	Milton, Prosperity	191	145	2
Second	258	99	---	Monterey, First	357	185	12
Spring Creek	258	108	2	Morristown, First	673	123	3
Suck Creek	60	27	---	Montvue	179	47	---
Cleveland, Big Spring	309	202	---	Murfreesboro, First	523	---	---
Calvary	171	102	---	Walnut Street Mission	68	---	---
First	604	212	---	Powell's Chapel	98	75	---
Clinton, First	373	78	7	Third	148	50	11
Columbia, Rock Spring	114	91	---	Westvue	527	166	1
Second	132	79	---	Woodbury Road	92	52	---
Cookeville, First	458	133	1	Nashville, Belmont Heights	1086	320	---
Algood	86	---	---	Glendale	60	---	---
Fourth Street	179	77	6	Jordonia	48	---	---
Stevens Street	133	75	1	Madison Street Mission	56	21	---
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	158	84	---	Eastland	537	75	4
Bagleyville	134	70	---	Grace	860	219	1
Elizabethton, First	594	152	---	Grubbs Memorial	169	90	4
Siam	237	158	15	Inglewood	805	226	5
Fountain City, Central	1011	263	---	Lockeland	536	161	---
Hines Valley Chapel	36	---	---	North Edgefield	258	100	---
Fowlkes	126	90	---	North End	142	60	---
Gallatin, First	316	117	---	Saturn Drive	44	16	10
Gleason	104	61	---	Una	171	84	---
Gladeville	137	56	---	Oak Ridge, Highland View	509	176	---
Goodlettsville, First	202	83	---	Robertsville	436	95	5
Grand Junction, First	131	88	---	Old Hickory, First	675	248	---
Center Point	15	---	---	Oliver Springs, First	209	---	---
Greenbrier	220	72	---	Parsons, First	198	64	---
Hampton, Union	218	120	1	Philadelphia	168	17	---
Harriman, Trenton Street	468	120	1	Pigeon Forge	143	88	---
South	301	135	2	Portland, First	284	104	5
Walnut Hill	278	112	---	Rockwood, First	277	135	---
Humboldt, Antioch	192	105	---	Rogersville	364	123	3
First	483	157	1	Missions	326	55	---
Jackson, Calvary	491	185	3	Henard Chapel	123	109	---
First	817	176	4	Rutledge	95	34	---
Madison	86	76	---	Oakland	132	68	2
North	287	148	---	Sevierville, First	412	84	---
West	886	300	---	Shelbyville, First	364	109	2
Jefferson City, First	515	381	---	Big Springs Mission	55	---	---
Jellico, First	262	113	---	Shelbyville Mills	143	75	---
Kingsport, First	690	173	3	Holly Grove Mission	40	---	---
Lynn Garden	429	149	3	Somerville, First	175	113	---
Mission	44	---	---	Tullahoma, First	237	21	---
Knoxville, Alice Bell	112	37	---	Union City, First	613	112	3
				Watertown, Round Lick	142	103	---



BOOK REVIEW

FOURSCORE YEARS AND NINE

By

DR. ARTHUR UPSHAW BOONE

This little book contains sound philosophy, subtle humor, wise counsel, and a heart-felt challenge for higher Christian living, and all of it coming from one who has had rich and priceless experience throughout a long and useful life.

To me, the choicest bit of writing comes at the close of the book, in the Epilogue, called "Blessings of the Evening." Here the author presents an unusual view regarding the relationship of youth and old age. His attitude is both beautiful and inspiring.

To those of us who know and appreciate Dr. Boone, these anecdotes and loving words of Christian admonition will be cherished as long as memory lasts, but to those who have not been privileged to know him personally, I would recommend that you read this book and by so doing you will catch the spirit of this great servant of God who for sixty-two years was in the active ministry of our denomination.

—ROBERT G. LEE

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Additions during September, 1949	531.97

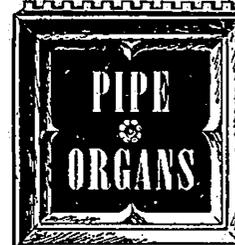
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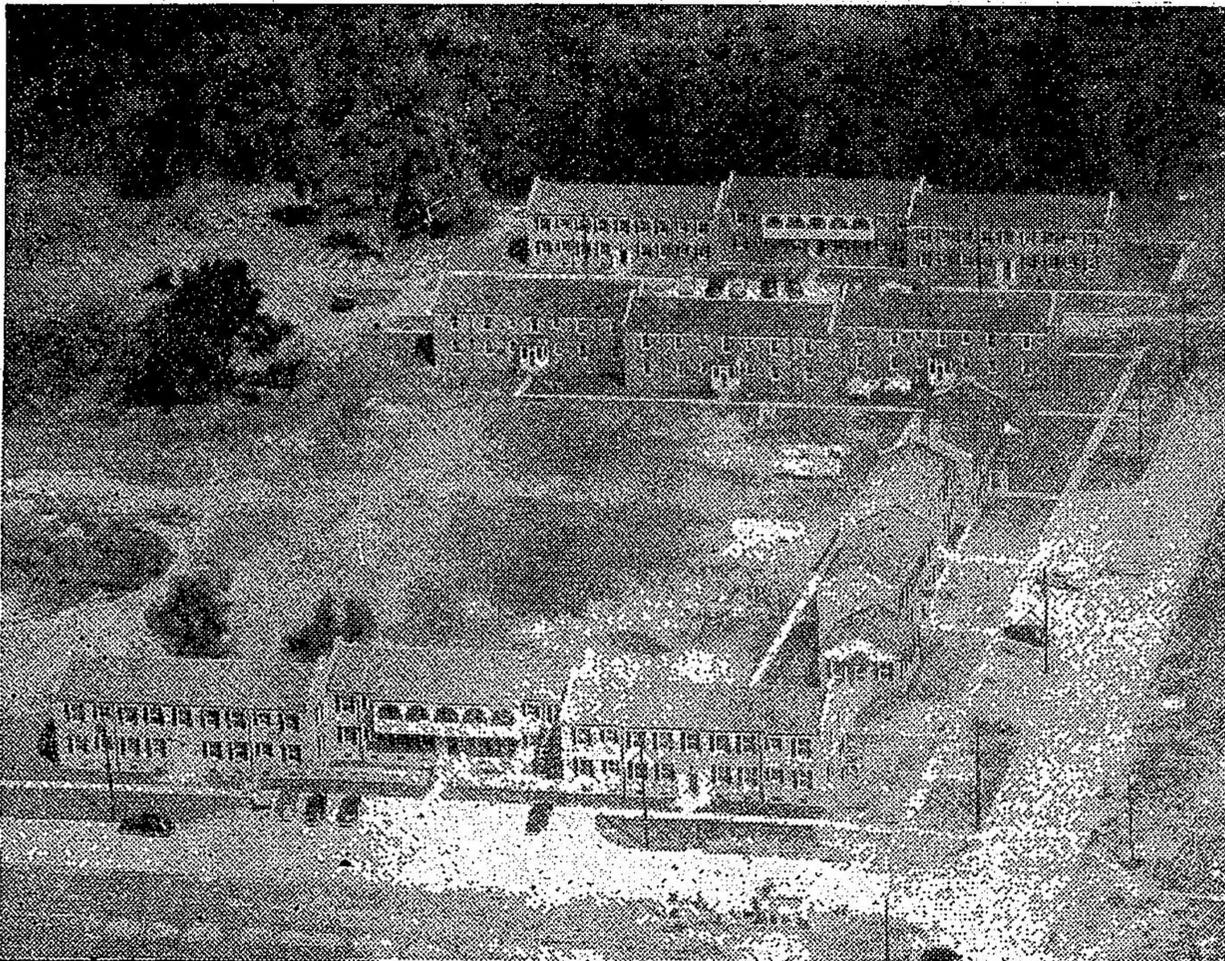
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The speakers at the dedication of the buildings were Mr. Lowry B. Eastland of Baton Rouge, President of the Board of Trustees; Dr. P. H. Anderson, Professor of Missions in the faculty, and President Roland Q. Leavell. The buildings are the first in a proposed building program to accommodate a student body of 800 to 1,000 students. There will be no indebtedness now nor in the future.

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"Janitor Emeritus"; 36 Years Service

SHREVEPORT, La.—(BP)—Robert Johnson, janitor for the First Baptist Church here for 36 years has been retired on half-pay with the title, "Janitor Emeritus," according to Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor.

The church published the following statement in connection with the action: "Robert Johnson, janitor, caretaker, pastor's assistant, and everybody's friend at First Baptist Church from February 1913 to June 1949, is now retired on half salary as 'Janitor Emeritus,' being the first, so far as we know, among Southern Baptists."

Cordell Hull, Cumberland University's most distinguished living alumnus, says: "This school was created at a vital stage of our history to meet crying educational needs. Let me here assert with all emphasis, however, that urgent and important as these needs were at that juncture, the necessity for the educational services of Cumberland University is vastly more important and imperative today than it was a hundred years ago."

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WHEREAS: Brother D. L. Butler has served the First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Tennessee, most faithfully as Treasurer for twenty-seven years; and

WHEREAS: he has, by his own urgent request, been relieved of his duties as Treasurer of the Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Deacons of the First Baptist Church publicly commend him for his faithful and unselfish service; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Deacons request the Church to concur in this commendation by a rising vote of thanks and appreciation.

Done by action of the Board of Deacons this the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine; and by action of the First Baptist Church, this the fifth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

FRANCIS MARION WARDEN, *Pastor*

L. W. O'Rear was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Ridgeview Church, Chattanooga, September 23. This fine church has just closed a very successful year under the leadership of Pastor Irwin Moshier. The auditorium has been remodelled, two nursery rooms added, pastor's study completed, a beautiful baptistry installed, and 90 new members added to the church.

—B&R—

First Church, Old Hickory, broke all records in Sunday school and Training Union last year with a average attendance of 615 in the Sunday school and 233 in Training Union. Paul J. Harting is pastor.

—B&R—

Sunday, October 2, Highland Heights Church, Memphis, observed the Seventh Anniversary of Pastor S. A. Murphy. During this time there have been 2,100 additions, 756 coming for baptism, and the contributions have grown from \$17,000.00 to over \$100,000.00. They are now engaged in a building program.

—B&R—

Antioch Church, Nashville Association, observed homecoming services Sunday, September 19. The church was organized in 1814 and this is the first such service held. They recently completed a new two story addition to the church. Norris G. Hite is pastor.

—B&R—

Pastor B. V. Christian of Wartrace will do the preaching in a revival at Grubbs Memorial Church, Nashville, Ernest Slate, pastor, beginning October 23.

One of the objectives of the current fundraising campaign for Cumberland University is \$150,000 for endowment. The present endowment is a little less than \$400,000, an average of something under \$600 per student. Many privately endowed colleges and universities have from ten to twenty times this per capita amount.

... The concept of a mission call may at times be warped by the notion that missionaries have to travel far away to be effective. But you don't have to cross an ocean to be a missionary. In fact those who cannot or will not be missionaries right where they live, could not be missionaries even if they crossed the seven seas . . . Josef Nordenhaug in *The Baptist Student*.

WEST TENNESSEE NEWS

By EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington, Tennessee

Franks Chapel Baptist Church, near Holladay, was constituted recently following a gracious Revival conducted by C. L. Haggard, Parsons. He was elected pastor of this new organization and the Church was admitted to membership in Beech River Association at its recent session.

A harmonious session of Beech River Association was held at Union Grove Church, near Blue Goose, on September 23 and 24. The following were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Wade Carver, Parsons; Ass't. Moderator, R. L. Rogers, Lexington; Clerk, Miss Ruth Carrington, Parsons; Treasurer, Cooper Moody, Scotts Hill; Ass't. Clerk, Raymond Townsend, Parsons; Ass't. Treasurer, W. A. Moody, Parsons. The 1950 session will be held at Mt. Aarat.

Pastor A. B. White of East Grand Church, Dallas, Texas, will do the preaching in a Revival at the First Church, Martin, H. H. Boston, Pastor, beginning October 17 and extending through October 26.

Chester Swor, outstanding youth leader, was with Pastor W. A. Boston and the First Church, Union City, September 25-30. Dr. Swor does a magnificent work wherever he goes.

A comparative report with preceding years shows marvelous gains in all phases for the West Shiloh Church, Stantonville, Prince Edward Claybrook, Pastor. He will do the preaching for Pastor Joe Canzoneri and the First Church, Lebanon Junction, Ky., October 16-30.

About 200 men were on hand for the Fellowship Dinner at First Church, Jackson, W. Fred Kendall, Pastor, on September 20. Dr. Duke K. McCall was the speaker for the occasion.

At this writing Dr. W. F. Powell of the First Church, Nashville, is conducting a Revival at the First Church, Jackson.

Howard C. Bennett, erstwhile West-Tennessean and now Pastor at Kilgore, Texas, will do the preaching in a Revival at Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, Walter Warmath, Pastor, beginning October 16.

Carroll-Benton Association closed an inspiring two-day session at Prospect Church, C. C. Sledd, Pastor, September 22. The new officers are: Alvin Gilliland, Bruceton, Moderator; Thomas Pope, Huntingdon, Vice President; and C. V. Cooper, Clerk.

President Warren F. Jones of Union University was the speaker at "Layman's Day" services at First Church, Columbus, Mississippi, on October 16.

Dr. R. G. Lee's famous sermon, "PAY DAY-SOME DAY" has been produced in technicolor film and is now available for presentation in churches. L. S. Jordan, P. O. Box 1411, Memphis, is in charge of this and is now booking engagements for November.

Pastor Henry J. Huey, Milan, and Pastor Edwin Deusner, Lexington, will assist the First Church, Lawrenceburg, Bernard Scates, Pastor, in a Revival, October 24-November 2.

S. R. Woodson, Columbus, Mississippi, will return to his native Tennessee to assist Pastor Paul Turner and the First Church, Clinton, in a Revival beginning October 17.

Pastor Gordon L. DePriest is doing a good job of building up the attendance at the Mid-week Services at Tiptonville. They are striving for an attendance of 100 by December 14. The membership is 245.

Singer Jimmy T. Williams, Jackson, has been in three good meetings recently. They were: First Church, Big Lake, Texas; First Church, Crosbyton, Texas; and Forest Hill Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Bro. Williams has some open dates for the fall months and can be reached at 220 Conger St., Jackson, Tenn.

The second annual Banquet Meeting for Baptist Men of West Tennessee will be held in the Foorrest Room of Hotel Gayoso, Memphis, on the night of October 28. Dr. Ellis A. Fuller will be the speaker. This is sponsored by the Shelby Associational Brotherhood and tickets may be secured from T. Robert Acklen, 1120 Columbian Mutual Tower, Memphis. Because of limited facilities the attendance will have to be held down to 600.

Dr. Rankin Urges Global Thinking

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—(BP)—Dr. M. Theron Rankin, secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, recently spent two days in the San Francisco Bay area visiting the 60 Southern Baptist churches and mission points and speaking at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

In a special missionary rally at the seminary, Dr. Rankin reminded the pastors, "Southern Baptists need to think in terms of the global dimensions we undertook in World War II."

Commenting on the missionary spirit and progress of Southern Baptists in California, Dr. Rankin said that his tour of churches and mission points in the San Francisco area gave him the same uplift that he recently experienced in Hawaii, and in other foreign fields where we carry the message of Christ and establish new work.

... Christianity came into the world as the offer of power. It begins in the lives of individuals, and through them will influence society, even all people of all nations . . . Jerome O. Williams in *The Sunday School Builder*.

State Missions Offering: Oct. 23

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AN OPEN LETTER ABOUT CAMPS

October 11, 1949

Dr. Norris Gilliam
149 Sixth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Gilliam:

What a thrill to see 1,328 G. A.'s, R. A.'s, and Y. W. A.'s in our state camps last summer.

A greater thrill came when 58 of these young people accepted Christ as their Savior, 37 volunteered for mission service, 64 for definite Christian service, and 42 re-dedicated their lives. They studied together under the direction of fifteen different missionaries from the home and foreign fields and played together under the leadership of Christian workers. Truly a great summer!

The great disappointment came when 326 young people were turned away because there was no room for them at our camps. Let's not let this happen in 1950!

Nellie Tallant
W. M. U. Young People's Leader

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