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## EDITORIAL

### WHAT IS POAU?

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

What is POAU? This question has been asked often, but not often enough.

POAU is the abbreviated name which we have adopted for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, organized November 20, 1947, for the purpose of assuring the maintenance of the American principle of separation of church and state upon which the Constitution guarantees religious liberty to all the people and all churches of this Republic.

The first major contribution of POAU was the preparation and distribution of "A Manifesto," in which we undertook to set forth the reasons why we felt such an organization was needed. The Manifesto received the widest press coverage of any declaration on the subject of religious liberty in our generation. It stirred the Roman hierarchy to defensive declarations, resulting finally in the historic pronouncement of the hierarchy in November, 1948, entitled "Christian Action."

POAU turned next to the New Mexico public school situation, spearheaded by the Dixon court case which I predict will become more and more historic as this struggle for religious liberty in the United States unfolds.

Our first public meeting was held in Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C., January, 1949, another milestone in the resolved purpose to take the issue to the people.

Our present strategy is to establish State Units of POAU. Georgia was the first State to organize. Alabama was next, and now the movement is well under way throughout the country.

I am here appealing to our Baptist people in every State to cooperate in organizing State Units. We have a long and difficult task. We need the active support of friends everywhere who are willing to stand up and be counted. I sincerely hope that Baptists will take the lead in every State in perfecting these State Units. Please write at once to Dr. Glenn Archer, Executive Secretary, 1835 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for detailed information about how to organize POAU in your State.

### Poau's Second Call To Action

The battle over the public schools still rages. Will America violate its own Constitution by giving public funds to private and sectarian schools, or will it uphold the Constitution? The debate between Cardinal Spellman and Mrs. Roosevelt has cleared the air and joined the issue. The long-range goal of the Roman Catholic hierarchy is now unmistakable—all-out government support of its parochial schools. Father William E. McManus of the National Catholic Welfare Conference indicated both the goal and the strategy when he said that there is "doubt . . . whether for some time the majority of the American people will allow their government to grant full support to parochial schools" and urged Catholic leaders to press for "fringe benefits" as the opening wedge.

The issue is political, not religious. POAU has been the one strong voice upholding freedom of conscience for every church and every person in America. Our goal is freedom for all and special privilege for none.

On this goal all men of good will can unite. There is strength in unity. Our campaign of organization and education must go on until every state has a POAU chapter, and until every community has scores of energetic POAU'ers distributing literature, soliciting members, organizing units and sponsoring educational conferences. The future of our public school system depends upon such concerted action.

POAU is launching a series of mass meetings to be held in different parts of the country; POAU plans to initiate remedial action where violations of religious freedom now exist; POAU seeks to establish classes and schools to study the historical background (which many Americans seem to have forgotten) from which the principle of church-state separation emerged.

POAU must have funds to carry on its mission. This is an investment in American democracy and in fundamental religious liberty.

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P. S. If you are interested in having an educational rally in your community, please advise us at once.

### COMMENTS BY THE EDITOR

A professor of journalism, addressing a meeting of Southern Baptist editors, said that for an editor to reproduce an article on his page instead of writing an editorial of his own was a mark of laziness.

However, at the risk of being so charged, we have reproduced the foregoing communications on our page. We have done this because they well present the issue involved and the situations respecting it.

Let it be made clear that when Baptists and others oppose the giving of federal aid to private and parochial schools, they do not have in mind simply Catholic schools. They are as much opposed to federal aid to their own religious schools as to Catholic institutions.

Nor are they trying to keep Catholics from propagating Catholic doctrine. As much as they are opposed to the errors in this doctrine, they believe in religious liberty as much for Catholics as for themselves.

*The sole aim of those who oppose federal aid to sectarian schools is to keep the wall of separation between church and state intact and thus to perpetuate religious liberty for themselves and all others.*

In this work all Baptists and other freedom-loving Americans can cooperate. For the POAU is not tied up with the Federal Council of Churches or with any ecumenical organization.

The issue before us is urgently important. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."



# A Digest of Religious Thought

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

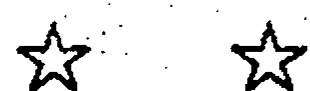
*Neither the editor nor contributing editor necessarily concurs in the opinions expressed on this page unless so stated.*

## Progress Through Discipline *The Word and Way*

It is noteworthy that the religious bodies which are experiencing the most marked growth are generally characterized by strong convictions and, at least, a semblance of self-discipline. Strong emphasis upon the necessity of the New Birth and the obligation to give the tithe, along with the denunciation of common indulgences like smoking and drinking, are common among the groups which are leading in numerical growth today. It might be thought that these emphases would repel, but they appear to have the opposite effect.

On the other hand, those religious groups which have compromised and given most ground are those who, generally speaking, are on the decline. In seeking to analyze the reason for the situation one is impressed that possession of convictions marks the difference. One may not agree with him, but a man with convictions can get a following, while the vacillating man is left alone. This is also true of a religious denomination.

*(True.—R.B.J.)*



## On Edge

*Associate Reformed Presbyterian*

Conversation in a group of friends recently drifted to the temper of the times, and a rather formidable array of evidence was brought forward indicating that a mood of discord pervades almost all areas of life, not excepting the Church. All too many congregations are disturbed by petty differences, and denominations are split into rival factions over divisive issues. And the worst of the situation often is that there is no disposition for calm deliberation over the issues with a desire to find the reasonable course of action, or a willingness to accept in good grace decisions thus reached. Rather, there is a disposition toward sharp feelings and charges of bad faith. Tempers are too often on edge, with the result that a spirit of animosity arises.

George Eliot says, "Certain winds make men's temper bad." There are certain winds of circumstance that have ruffled the temper of the times. The world has been under long strain, and the future still appears very uncertain. Men have grappled with desperation till normal patience has been exhausted. Under the circumstances, it is difficult to face contrary opinions with unruffled calm. But after all has been said in extenuation of the fact, it still remains our duty to exercise restraint. Certainly, within the Church grace should triumph over natural inclination, and "sweet reasonableness" should subdue sharp tempers.

The size of a man is revealed by what he can take calmly. The world has a right to expect—certainly Christ has a right to expect—that Christians shall be of fuller stature in patience and reasonableness than men of the world. The spirit of the forum is out of place in the church. Forbearance and magnanimity within the church just now, when worldly tempers are on edge, would proclaim more eloquently than any sermon the beauty of Christian grace and its power to harmonize our human relations.

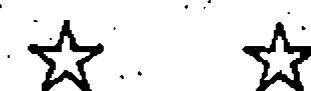
*(Don't stop with reading this, begin to practice it.—R.B.J.)*

## A Substitute For The New Birth? *Western Recorder*

The general public does not fully realize it yet, but a new "Bible" is being written, a new religion is taking form. A new set of "theological" terms have been established. To cure deeply seated tensions one needs only to uncover long-forgotten events in the subconscious mind causing the frustration, and the patient is relieved. We know that there are good men who practice psychiatry, Christian men who believe the Bible. There is a field for their service. They are doing great work as servants of God among the mentally ill.

The danger comes, however, when the practice of psychiatry is offered as a substitute for the miracle of relief which only God can work in the soul. Some time back we talked with a great man in this field. He holds a Ph.D. from one of the strongest universities in America. He remarked that what we call the new birth is in reality only a psychiatric escape from tensions which lie in the subconscious mind, and that any good psychiatrist, with the full co-operation of the patient, could bring about the same result, and perhaps more effectively in most instances. Of course he was dangerously wrong, and faithful Christian psychiatrists would disagree with him. But nevertheless that idea is on the increase in the minds of many who know not the power of God. It is one of the danger points of this day and should be watched.

*(Indeed, it should!—R.B.J.)*



## Are There Too Many Churches?

*The Watchman-Examiner*

Because some communities may be overchurched for the number of people who will attend, there is a tendency on the part of some to talk down the constructive work of establishing new churches where needed. For instance, Dr. Mark A. Dawber, co-executive secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America, told a church meeting in New York recently that Protestantism could get along better with fewer churches and ministers. He said: "We already have too many churches and ministers and not enough strong ones of either. If we are to make any progress, we should develop a more diversified church program designed to meet the varied social, recreational, and spiritual needs of the community." It may be that this speaker thinks of churches that are large as most desirable, but it should be borne in mind that all such were small to begin with. As to what churches are weak, according to Dr. Dawber's judgment, we are not told. No doubt there are some, but they may not necessarily all be small. Some of the weakest churches are to be found among the mightiest, so far as numbers, wealth, and world standing are concerned. But it is tragic to read of an official of the Home Missions Council of North America talking in such a vein when we know that there are hundreds, if not thousands, of communities in America where there are no churches at all, or where churches that were formerly active have closed.

*(Not too many churches. Some of them are entirely too big for efficiency, we are sure. Two churches of a thousand members each are more efficient than one of two thousand.—R.B.J.)*

# THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

## The Administrative Expense

By L. G. FREY

**I**F I WANTED to give a dime to missions I'd have to pin a dollar bill to it to pay the expense on it to the Foreign Field," is the remark of an uninformed person who has no patience with the plan. Baptists who try to inform themselves know better. Everyone who contributes is entitled to know how much it really costs to receive and distribute money on what is known as the Cooperative Plan.

Certified Public Accountants audit the records and books of Tennessee Baptists each year and these reports appear in the Annual Minutes. Every pastor is mailed a copy in an effort to make available this important information. Any Baptist may have a copy of the Minutes as long as they last.

For 1948 the Administrative expense amounted to 1.48%, or a bit less than one and a half cents on the dollar. In 1942, the percentage was 3.15%, or more than twice what it is now. The cost is insignificant.

Administrative expense means the cost of keeping the books, auditing them, and distributing that information to the people. It also includes the cost of maintaining the office—stamps, stationery, telephone, telegraph, equipment, plus the salary of the Executive Secretary and his office help.

For illustration, let's see just what it does cost to get a dollar to the field by way of the Foreign Mission Board. Last year Tennessee deducted 1.48% before the Southwide half was sent to the Southwide Executive Committee's office. Their administrative cost deducted from Cooperative funds was .4%, which was deducted before the Foreign Mission Board got their portion. The Administrative expense of the Foreign Mission Board was 2.54%. Now combine these three items, 1.48%, .4%, 2.54%, and you have 4.42%, or a little less than 4½ cents, the total cost of getting a dollar to the missionary on the field.

But you say that still costs to handle the money. Yes, that is true, but in each instance, books are kept, audited, and the information is regularly made available. We can know where the money went, who got it, and how much he got. Baptists demand to know about where their money goes if they are to keep giving it.

Any attempt at "direct giving" makes it absolutely impossible to know how much was contributed, where it went, and who got it. That is one reason why Baptists look with disfavor upon the "independent" evangelist and his radio program. They prefer to have regular reports, and stop giving if they don't get them.

The Cooperative Program is a simple plan of working together in extending the kingdom. It costs less and secures more money than any other plan Baptists have tried. Yes, it's voluntary, but every church is invited to try it.

## "Refuge Failed Me; No Man Cared For My Soul"

Failure to pray for the lost is a confession of indifference. If we do not pray for the lost, we either do not believe God when He tells us of the doom and destiny of lost souls, or else we believe it but do not care if those we could influence to the right fall victims eternally to that doom and destiny. We actually care in proportion to the faithfulness and intensity of our prayers!

To pray and not aid God in answering our prayer is insincerity. If we pray for unsaved people and their salvation, and then do nothing about it we express a false concern. It is an interest so shallow as to allow us to rise from our knees after such a prayer with a complacency and unconcern that brings pain to the heart of our compassionate Saviour.—B.B.S.

# Concerning "Church Unionism"

By O. L. RIVES

**I**T HAS BEEN NOTED that political ideologies frequently influence ecclesiastical politics. A study of European history reveals much on this point. For instance, monarchy in politics corresponded to hierarchy in the so-called church. Feudalism in the one was accompanied by episcopacy in the other. Democracy within the state grew while congregationalism increased within what are often referred to as churches. The parallels are, to say the least, striking.

What are the growing political ideologies at present? In some parts of the world it is communism, in others it is socialism, while in yet others it is "stateism." Without attempting an analysis of these three "isms," it may be observed that one element common to all three is that of failure or defeat. And if this is the case, it can be seen at a glance why such ideologies have no place among Americans who have been schooled in traditions of individual initiative and democratic processes.

Is the idea of "church unionism" based upon the same line of reasoning as is that of communism, socialism and "stateism"? Are its advocates consciously or unconsciously under the cloud of failure or defeat? One wonders if this could indeed be the case. In the light of history, referred to above, this is about what should be expected.

How can a people of God admit final defeat or ultimate failure? God does not fail; nor do His people fail if they are actively within His plan and purpose. To all who would lure them into plans of "church unionism" let the same word be given as was given by Nehemiah to Sanballat in the long ago, "I am doing a great work, so why should I come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" Baptists, claiming to be the Lord's people, cannot and must not advocate or participate in "church unionism."

## How Much Do You Care?

Your own children—the beneficiaries of your love and kindness and devotion—are among the luckiest children in the world! They have the care and affection which all children crave. Naturally you could never place a monetary value on your love for them—but have you given thought to thousands of other children—just as lovable and bright as your own—who do not know what love and kindness mean?

Many of the state Baptist conventions take offerings for their denominational-controlled orphanages during the Thanksgiving season. Whether you contribute money to help carry on this work of your denomination or whether you seek out an unfortunate child in your own city or community, this is one way in which you can express your thanks to God for His blessings to you. It will bring you more happiness than a Thanksgiving table laden with rich foods.—B.B.S.

## Remembering Our Orphans

"Good Christian people, here lies for you an inestimable loan," said Carlyle, "take all heed thereof, in all carefulness employ it. With high recompense, or else with heavy penalty, will it one day be required back."

During the Thanksgiving season Southern Baptists will express their thanks to God for His many blessings by seeking to be a blessing to someone less fortunate than themselves. Many of the twenty-two state conventions will take special offerings for their Baptist orphanages.

Most parents realize and accept the tremendous responsibility they face in caring for and rearing their own children. But not all Christians are conscious of the responsibility they have in caring for those children who have no parents.—B.B.S.



# GUIDANCE FOR NEW CONVERTS

By JAMES L. SULLIVAN, *Pastor*  
Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

**P**ERHAPS NO MISTAKE among Southern Baptists is more prevalently made or more terribly expensive than the tragic neglect of our new converts.

When a child is born into the home, we anticipate its coming for months in advance and take utmost caution in making detailed preparation that everything will be in readiness for its arrival. And after the child's birth we are cautious sometimes in the extreme lest the child become exposed to some contagious disease, or its feeding is not at the exact time, or its clothing be insufficient.

## NEED

When a new convert becomes ours within the church, we are careless indeed, and forget that he is a "spiritual infant." Irregardless of the physical age of the convert, his Christian life must be measured from the time that he is "born again."

A new convert deserves and needs the same cautious and careful treatment from the church that the home gives a newborn child, so that his early days of Christian living can be safeguarded and happy.

Spiritual nurture is as acutely needed as physical care, and should be cautiously given.

## WELCOME

When a child is born, the home is happy and the welcome to the child is cordial. Evidences of welcome are seen on every hand.

It would be wonderful if the churches could anticipate the "new birth" of its converts with the same spirit of anticipation. People often accept Christ and are baptized into the church, and yet no evidences of real welcome into the new-found fellowship are given by the membership or leadership.

We do not intend to be neglectful, but frequently in our preoccupation we are so busy with other things that new members are not shown the warmth of our love.

It would be well for every church to plan a quarterly social at which time the new church members are special guests, and the church leaders and the pastor can spend time with them in informal fashion extending welcome, expressing Christian love, and offering services. We feel that this could be made meaningful and beneficial.

## ENLISTMENT

How tragic for a new member to be left to flounder without guidance.

No new member should be forgotten when it comes to enlistment. He needs to be taught the Bible and its truths, so we enlist him in Sunday School. He needs to be trained, so we must enrol him in Training Union. Because of his worship needs, he is encouraged to attend all the worship services. His duties do not end with conversion. They really begin there.

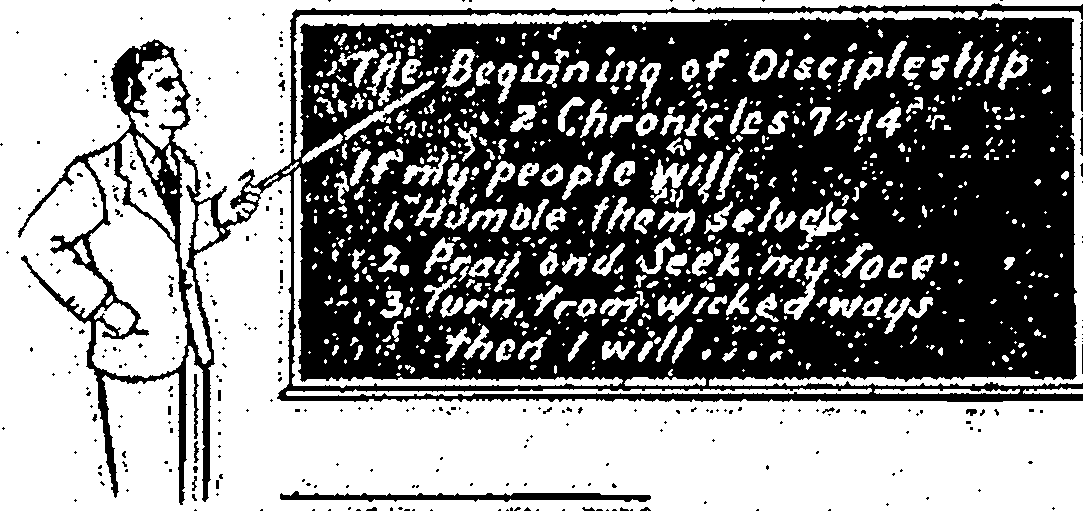
It is well for each church to have an enlistment committee who will visit all new members during the first week of church membership, that they might be personally enlisted in Bible study, Christian activity, and giving.

In our own church we have a committee to prepare and deliver personally a new member's envelope, which contains a baptismal certificate, appropriate tracts, the church covenant, a church directory, offering envelopes, and other materials which each new member should have.

We might well learn the lesson from the blacksmith that when the iron is hot, it is time to strike. After cooling, the member will be harder to interest and influence.

## GUIDANCE

The eyes of the church should be kept on all of its members.



In what other way can their weaknesses and strengths be known? In what other way can they have the spiritual guidance that they need? Especially are we to watch closely and carefully the

new members in order that they might be guided into growth and into fields of service and responsibility.

## GROWTH

For a child's body to fail to grow or for its growth to be abnormal or unbalanced brings grief. For it to be healthy and robust brings joy.

Churches should watch the spiritual health and growth of their new members as cautiously as mothers watch the health of their young children.

If spiritually anemic, the new convert should be given spiritual vitamins of special attention by the mature members.

A child is cute when it is an infant, but an undeveloped body of an older person is a tragedy. We might expect a new convert to be a spiritual infant, but we want those who have been in the church over a period of time to grow to be spiritually strong. We certainly do not expect them to remain infants for a prolonged period of time. If they do, it is largely a church failure.

## REWARDS

The Bible is complimentary of childlikeness. That is a Christian trait. But it condemns childishness, which is a devilish characteristic. Spiritual infants in our churches cause us trouble and bring God grief.

If we guide our members to a spiritual maturity, we have a joy of knowing that an important job has been well done. Churches need giants in the faith. God uses spiritually strong men and there is great demand for them in today's world.

Until our new converts are guided and fed and trained aright, our churches will lack spiritually mature people for positions of leadership. Great programs cannot be carried on by the spiritually immature members.

If we take time out to nurture our new members in a correct manner now, the day will come when their lives of influence and stewardship will tremendously bless our churches, and rejoice our own hearts beyond measure.

*"There is one thing more I wish I could give you. It is the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. With it—if you have nothing else—you could be happy. Without it, though you had all things else, you could not be happy."*

—From the will of Patrick Henry

*"The Christian religion is a matter of both the hand and the heart. It is designed to make both clean and pure; it is dependent upon both for it is a matter of both feeling and doing. But before the hands can become clean the heart must become pure. There must be the inner regeneration of grace before there can be the transformation of conduct. People who think they can be truly moral without becoming Christians need to see this. Further, the proof of a pure heart is found in clean hands. Christian faith is meant to find expression in deeds of goodness."—Clifton J. Allen, The Teacher.*



## "BABIES OF DISTINCTION"

HUGH A. BRIM

IT IS UTTERLY impossible, at times, to comprehend the depth of human depravity. This is especially true where the manufacturers and users of alcoholic beverages are concerned.

The latest "unbelievable" item comes from a Massachusetts newspaper:

"A beer manufacturer is promoting the sale of a beverage with a low alcoholic content for children. With this exception, its package, label, etc., closely resemble real beer in every respect."

The laws of the state are powerless to stop such an unprincipled attack on the gullible "small fry" who think it's smart to imitate their elders, and who will welcome every opportunity to do so.

These who would "debauch the cradle" can be expected at any moment now to begin a series of advertisements featuring "Babies of Distinction" who have recently switched to "Belch's Beer."

## I AM A BAPTIST

When I say, I am a Baptist, I suggest that Baptist means the following acrostics:

### **B** STANDS FOR "BORN AGAIN."

One cannot be born a Baptist. One must be born again. I am not a Baptist because my parents were Baptists. I decided at the age of twelve to become a Baptist.

### **A** STANDS FOR "AUTHORITY."

Our authority is in the New Testament. Each church is autonomous. We acknowledge of no priest, prince, nor parent in matters of the soul. The Holy Spirit is the Authority.

### **P** STANDS FOR "PREACHING."

This is our genius, the preaching of the pure and powerful Gospel of the Son of God. Our pulpit is in the center of our rostrum, because the Word of God rests upon it, and the Gospel is proclaimed from it. We meet for worship, the heart of which is preaching the Gospel of salvation that others may believe and be baptized.

### **T** STANDS FOR "TEACHING."

After one has believed the Gospel and been born again, he can be taught the way of the Lord more perfectly. Our Bible School is the Church Teaching. Every member is expected to come to Bible School for Christian teaching.

### **I** STANDS FOR "IMMERSION."

Believer's baptism is for those who have believed and received the Plan of Salvation and understand the responsibility of church membership. We immerse believers only!

### **S** STANDS FOR THE "SUPPER."

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience in which we partake of the bread which represents His body, and the cup which represents "His blood shed for the remission of sins."

### **T** STANDS FOR "TOGETHER."

We Baptists are voluntary bands of baptized believers co-operating in worship, evangelism, education, and service.

## Preaching Lawyer Becomes Evangelist

TEXTS INSTEAD OF BRIEFS, decisions for Christ instead of judgments of courts, are now the consuming interest of Clifton W. Brannon, Longview, Texas, attorney.

Severing a very profitable business and professional connection on July 6, he entered the field of full-time evangelism. He has been secretary and general counsel for R. G. Le Tourneau, Inc., and affiliated firms.

Relating how energy and need had driven him at an early age to the peak of a lawyer's ambition, practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, Cliff Brannon asserted, "when at the close of my message at Elk City, Okla., last Sunday, two strapping big men, among others, came to accept Christ, I got a bigger thrill than when I first stood before the nine solemn men of the Supreme Court."

Since 1946, Brannon, now first vice-president of the Baptist Brotherhood of Texas, has spoken in over 300 churches. During the last year he made 226 addresses before church groups. This includes many Brotherhood revivals of three to seven days.

"Week by week," he recalls, "Godly people have taken me by the hand and said, 'Don't you feel that God has called you into this kind of work for full-time?'" This confirmed a growing impression as to his duty. Feeling that God was speaking to him through these people, as well as in other unmistakable ways, he cut loose from a substantial pay check to depend wholly on the Lord.

This is not the first time that his religion has been in the way of his professional advancement. Some years ago he resigned as trial attorney of a major oil company because the head of the legal department objected to the Bible on his desk. When the Bible went home, Cliff Brannon went with it, leaving prospects for promotion to a salary double any he has ever received.

Before that, there was a time when his religion did not interfere with his business. Early in his professional life he belonged to the church along with various civic, social, and fraternal organizations, which he expected to be profitable connections.

Through the prayers and persuasion of his mother, who had become alarmed at his worldly drift, Cliff came to an experience of repentance and faith which started him on the road leading to his recent decision. At that time, he says he replaced the cigarette pack in his shirt pocket with the Testament which he continually carries.

Confessing to his church that he had not previously been a Christian, although he had been a Sunday school teacher, he was baptized again. "I am a Baptist from the sole of my feet to the highest hair on my head," he says, adding that he expects to accept revival invitations only among co-operating Baptist churches.

Born in Fitzgerald, Ga., and educated in Georgia colleges, Mr. Brannon is a member of the bar associations of his native state and Texas. A deacon in First church, Longview, he taught a Sunday school class of young men until his speaking invitations began to take him from home nearly every Sunday. Mrs. Brannon is also a Georgian. They have three children and make their home at 626 Electra, Longview.

There are three kinds of people; the rowboat people, the sailboat people, and the steamboat people.

The rowboat people, always need to be pushed and shoved along.

The sailboat people move along when a favorable wind is blowing.

But the steamboat people move along continuously, through calm or storm. They are the masters of themselves and their surroundings.—*American Baptist Digest*



# A SPIRITUAL ROAD TO PEACE

FRANK E. BURKHALTER

**N**O ONE DENIES that the greatest diplomatic need of the world today is a universal, just, and permanent peace.

What have been the inherent deficiencies of such organizations as the World Court of International Justice, the League of Nations, and the United Nations, and such action as the wide-spread adoption of the Briand-Kellogg Peace Pact that pretended to outlaw war?

The Court of International Justice welcomed the opportunity to arbitrate or decide issues submitted to it, but it had no authority to compel the submission of disputes. The League of Nations and the United Nations have proceeded too largely on the false theory that war can be prevented by political and economic pressure. The Briand-Kellogg Peace Pact got nowhere in bringing about peace because many of the signatory nations were insincere in their pretensions and frankly refused to live up to any of their commitments.

## NO MECHANISM PREVENTS WAR

Recent experience has demonstrated, too, that great armaments, no matter how extensive and destructive, cannot prevent war. In the present complex state of society, no human mechanism or organization whatever, taken alone, can prevent war and produce peace, for the simple reason that the problem of directing sinful men along right paths is such a stupendous task that only God, the creator and ruler of the universe, has the necessary wisdom and power for its performance.

Mere men who are shaping the international policies and procedures of the various nations today are making at least two colossal blunders: First, they have presumed they could regulate world affairs by human instruments without the assistance of God. And, second, they have failed to recognize the true character of war and the underlying forces that produce it.

War is always psychological before it becomes political and military. It has its origin in such motives as fear, jealousy, suspicion, hatred, and greed, and before it can be abolished these motives must be removed from the minds and hearts of mankind. Therefore, before international war can be banished from the world and peace established, Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, must operate on men's minds and hearts, and remove from them all traces of malignant fear, jealousy, suspicion, hatred, and greed.

## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP NEEDED

However, before Christ has a chance to exert his skill and power in removing the germs of war from the hearts of men, the preponderant influence now exerted by military leaders and industrialists and bankers who profit from the manufacture of munitions the shaping of American foreign policy must give way to a definitely spiritual leadership. Spiritual rather than military fortifications must be erected along the frontiers that mark international boundaries.

To be more specific, a revival of the Christian religion—one that will prevade the United States first, and then permeate at least the leadership of other nations—must be employed in bringing about a durable, just, and otherwise adequate peace in the world.

Of course, if genuine revivals are to come to the churches somebody must lead that movement, and everybody recognizes that the pastors are God's ordained leaders in spiritual matters. To lead in this significant and sorely needed service our pastors will require additional time for devotional Bible study, that almost lost art of meditation, and concentrated prayer. The laymen, women, and young people of the churches will gladly cooperate in praying and working for a revival if their pastors will but lead the way.

Revival fires, like physical ones, spread rapidly when they once get a good start. If even a handful of churches were thoroughly revived this spiritual awakening would soon extend throughout the ranks of the Southern Baptist Convention, and thence out to the whole of the United States, and the world at large. Once this nation is revived spiritually our diplomats and statesmen will desire and seek God's wisdom and power in solving the problem of establishing peace and good will in the world.

## QUEST FOR SPIRITUAL POWER

But how can busy pastors find the time to lead their churches in a new and earnest quest for spiritual power? This writer, an observant, cooperative layman, offers these suggestions:

1. Let them shift a lot of the routine labors they are now engaged in, locally and denominationally, to the shoulders of capable laymen.

2. Leave to others the making of addresses to luncheon and social clubs, and civic and secular conventions to others who are not pre-occupied with the King's business.

3. Learn the essential distinctions between an evangelistic campaign and a genuine revival.

4. Make the mid-week service of the churches a season of much genuine prayer for a thorough-going spiritual revival. Sermonettes on Wednesday night are a wholly impotent substitute for prayer. This writer recognizes that real praying is decidedly the most difficult of all forms of Christian exercise, but it is by all odds the most richly rewarding. Someone has well said that we can do nothing until we have prayed, but there is nothing we cannot do after we have prayed.

5. Give a demonstration of spiritual power in their own lives by seeking the presence of the Holy Spirit in their own hearts until their prayers have been answered. The Holy Spirit is just as accessible in the Twentieth century as he was in the First century, and the method of seeking him today is the same that it was then. Charles H. Spurgeon's great power as a preacher and kingdom builder was due, to a considerable degree, to the fact that he devoted a solid hour to uninterrupted communion with God every morning before he attempted anything else. If the day's duties appeared unduly heavy the great preacher extended his prayer period to two hours that he might obtain additional strength for the extra tasks.

## PEACE FROM PRAYER . . . ?

Would God really send a world-wide revival and peace today in answer to adequate prayer? He assuredly would. How do I know this? The Bible tells me so. One quotation from that book suffices to prove my point: "Call unto me, and I will hear thee, and answer thee, and show thee great things and difficult which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3). God cannot lie.

There are 77,000,000 professing Christians enrolled in the churches of the United States. What if all these were praying Christians? But if the pastors of our churches could enlist even one-tenth this number—7,700,000—in earnest daily prayer for a revival of true religion and the advent of genuine peace and good will in the world, they could easily call down from heaven the spiritual power that would not only transform our American society but the society of the whole world. More than that, they could be God's instruments in ushering in that golden era when the "people shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; when nations shall not lift up sword against nation, and neither shall they learn war any more."



# Sunday School Lesson

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For November 6, 1949

TEXTS: Isaiah 40:41; 42:5-9; 54; 61; 63:7-9 (Larger)—Isa. 40:27-31;  
41:10-13; 61:1-3 (Printed)—Isa. 41:10 (Golden).

## God Comforts His People

One of the ministries of the prophet is that of comfort. Human hearts all around are lonely, sad and discouraged. God has a message for those who are in this condition, for He is the Greatest Comforter. His spokesmen, the prophet, is to be the medium for such consolation.

### I. A PROMISE WITH A CONDITION (Isa. 40:27-31).

It was the writer's privilege to be the pastor of the late Brother W. D. Hudgins, head of Sunday school and Training Union work in Tennessee for many years, during the last five years of his life. As he recalls, this passage was one of the favorite passages of Brother Hudgins. In the light of his long and useful life, the verses take on added significance.

#### 1. *Waiting upon the Lord involves listening, loving and serving.*

For in common usage today we have in mind one, two or all three of these concepts. We are to wait upon Him by listening to what He has to say to us. This means that we are to begin by reading or re-reading His message to us in His Word, and follow by reflection and meditation. In some sections of the country we still hear the term "waiting upon" to describe courtship between a young man and a young woman; as in, "Mr. Jones is now waiting upon Miss Smith." Our love and devotion to the Lord are to be patterned after this, as well as go beyond it. And waiting upon may suggest serving, as when the waitress at an eating-place graciously brings the food to the customer. We, too, are to do God's bidding in loving and obedient service. Thus we may think of a three-fold condition attached to God's promise.

#### II. *Renewing of strength suggests increase as well as revival.*

The days in which many now find themselves frequently prove to be strenuous ones indeed. Human living has become complex and complicated. The stresses and strains exert great pulling power. One wonders why any person would attempt to meet them without the help of the Lord. The passage says that "even the youths shall faint and be weary" by way of a possible description of our own times. But not only does He give power to the faint but He also increases their strength. Those who have learned to place their trust in Him continuously experience a new and added strength of which they had never before dreamed.

#### III. *Meeting the challenges of daily living are possible through Him.*

There arise situations that call for majestic flights upon our part, and by His power we are able to "mount up with wings as eagles." We can and do rise to the occasion, but we do so in a spirit of humility. There come times when we must run instead of fly, however. The performances of duties furnish a certain amount of thrill but not as much as do others. But even with these we are able to run without weariness.

### II. A PRESENCE WITH A STRENGTHENING (Isa. 41:10-13).

God's presence is a genuine reality to those who know Him through faith in Jesus Christ and who have learned the secret of abiding in His presence by means of continuous yielding of themselves to His will.

1. *He banishes fear.* As children living under the care and protection of our earthly fathers, we knew little about fear. Why can we not become increasingly conscious of our Heavenly Father's care and protection? He is able to do more for us than we can imagine.

2. *He empowers weakness.* Isaiah describes this experience in terms of His holding to us with the hand. The human hand-clasp means much in time of weakness and distress, but the Divine hand-clasp means even more. One is just as real and meaningful as is the other.

3. *He insures victory.* The forces that war against our spirits "shall be ashamed and confounded," assures the Lord through the prophet. There is no defeat for the trusting Christian. To say so is to pass a superficial judgment. Nothing harms the soul re-made in Christ's image.

### III. A PROCLAMATION WITH A LIBERATION (Isa. 61:1-3)

This is the passage read by Jesus in Nazareth one sabbath day (Lu. 4:16ff). He fulfilled it then. We, with His help, are to do so now.

1. *We, too, are to preach good tidings.* Our task is to be that of the herald, sounding out clear and clarion. Our message is the King's. It cannot wait and so we must not tarry. Men need to hear it.

2. *We, too, are to bind up the broken hearts.* This is our high privilege, as we go in His name and for His sake. The world is dying for sympathy and understanding and words of comfort.

3. *We, too, are to free the captives.* Men are bound with sin and ignorance. They are slaves to vice and evil. They are shut up in the prisons of superstition and prejudice. Let us, for His sake, set them free.

# The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

Not long ago we had a Texas visitor in our office. Just before she left, she made the strangest request. She wanted something to take home to her nine-year-old-son—and you'd never guess what it was!

Our visitor made the request as though she were asking for a treasure—or perhaps a very special favor. Imagine my surprise when she finally said, "You see, we looked all last winter—called every dealer we could think of—trying to find a lump of coal. Living where we do, we use oil for fuel, and it happens that my boy has never had an opportunity to see real coal. I wanted some to show to him. Do you suppose you could help me find a small lump to take back home with me?"

A nine-year-old boy who had never seen coal! The idea is still a bit startling to me! I guess I'd never thought of coal as being anything but a dirty, expensive material which comes in mighty handy when the weather gets cold. I'd certainly never given much thought to coal as something special—a novelty to folks who live in certain parts of our country. Of course, I don't need to tell you that I saw to it that several small lumps of our coal traveled back to Texas with our visitor.

Since that experience, I've been thinking lots about it. And, through conversation and reading, I've made several discoveries about the black coal which I had been taking for granted.

#### *Did you know—*

That hundreds of thousands of years are needed to complete the formation of coal?

That the United States has about half of the world's coal supply?

That coal came originally from plants—giant trees, bushes, ferns, and so on—decayed, pressed by water, dirt, and sand into beds of soft, black coal?

That coal is mentioned several times in the Bible. Solomon mentions it in Proverbs 26:21.

That about 500,000,000 tons of coal are produced annually?

That more than six million tons of coal are mined each year in Tennessee?

That for every ton of coal mined, more than half a ton is lost—due to coal "pillars" left in mines to support roofs of mines, to coal preparation and handling, and so on.

That the majority of United States coal mines are less than 300 feet deep; the deepest mine in our country is about 1,500 feet below the surface of the earth.

That smoke and soot are indications of waste in coal; efforts are being made to avoid this waste.

That it takes more than half a million men working together to find and mine the coal which we use in the United States?

That coal supplies us with at least four main products: coke (for smelting iron ore); gas (for cooking and heat); gas liquids (as ammonia for refrigeration); and coal tar with its many by-products such as dyes, nylon, paint, explosives, tires, perfume, plastics, saccharin, medicine, and so on.

In the meantime, perhaps you'd like to do something a bit different with some of your coal. Would you like to make a crystal coal garden with lots of colored "flowers?" Here are two recipes. Choose either.

A shallow bowl	A shallow bowl
2 or 3 small pieces of clean coal (washed)	2 or 3 small pieces of washed coal
5 tablespoons water	2 tablespoons table salt
2 teaspoons salt	2 tablespoons liquid bluing
1 teaspoon bluing	2 tablespoons of water
	1 teaspoon household ammonia

Mix the water, salt, and bluing (and perhaps ammonia) and stir well. Pour this mixture over the coal in the shallow bowl. Chip off a few tiny pieces of paint from your water colors and place these on the pieces of coal. Or dot the coal with colored ink or egg dye or clothes dye. In a day or two your crystal flowers will begin to grow. They will continue to grow until all the liquids in the bowl have crystallized. The coal will be covered with tiny crystal flowers—with many colors, if you used bits of paint. Handle the dish carefully, so the tiny crystal plants will not break off and stop growing.

Doesn't that sound like fun? Try it and let me know how your coal garden looks! I wish I could see it.

Love,

AUNT POLLY

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR



## Sunday School Department

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### Services Offered By The Department of Church Architecture

Baptist Sunday School Board

The secretary and entire staff of the Department are ready at all times to study your church building needs and help you arrive at the most satisfactory solution for your situation. The architect employed by the Department and the draftsmen in the studio maintained by the Department are ready to serve you.

We invite you to come to see us, call us, or write us regarding any phase of your building program. We offer the following:

1. *Conferences.* Conferences in the Department and studio with your committees and architects any-time you may find it possible to visit us.

2. *Visits.* Visits to your church when possible for discussion, conferences, and a complete study of your situation. If the secretary of the Department visits you, there will be no expense to you. If it is necessary for the staff architect to visit your situation, which is possible in some cases, your church will be asked to bear his traveling expenses and other expenses while on the trip.

3. *Sketches Prepared.* After studying your situation, if desired, the Department will prepare a floor plan layout and furnish you prints of the sketches for either your new building or your remodeling and enlargement.

4. *Consultants.* At your request the Department, including the full staff, will be glad to serve as consultants with your architect in planning and detailing the new building or remodeling program.

5. *Study of Sketches or Drawings.* At your request the Department staff will be glad to study any sketches, drawings, elevations, or perspectives which have been submitted by your committee or architect. It is our desire that you have the best possible arrangement and design for your building.

6. *Working Drawings and Specifications.* Working drawings (blue prints) and specifications have been prepared for a limited number of small buildings—capacity three hundred or less. The Department can furnish these for your guidance. No charge is made for the architectural service. You are asked to pay only for reproducing and mailing the requested copies.

7. *General Information.* We offer you general information and suggestions regarding materials, acoustics, furnishings, decorations, lighting, heating, air conditioning, and other items. We can also furnish you information regarding church architects and builders.

### "Ten Commandments For Teachers"

1. Thou shalt have no selfish pleasure before the duty to thy Sunday School.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any personal engagement or any trifling excuse for being away from the class on Sunday. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to questionable amusement nor to any conduct unworthy of the emulation of thy pupils.

3. Thou shalt not take the responsibility of a Sunday school class in vain, for the Lord will not hold him or her guiltless who taketh lightly a God-given task.

4. Remember the Sunday school class to keep it whole.

5. Honor thy calling and thy class that thy days may be long in the success which the Lord thy God shall give thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill thy pupils' interest by thine irregular attendance.

7. Thou shalt be pure in thy faith in the Word of God and in thy interpretation of it in word and deed.

8. Thou shalt not steal the time of thy class and the peace of mind of thy superintendent by being tardy.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness by failing to practice what thou teachest.

10. Thou shalt not covet superficial success, but only that which results from careful and prayerful preparation and effort.

"Others may do a greater work,  
But you have your part to do;  
And no one in all God's heritage  
Can do it so well as you."

—Bulletin, First Baptist Church, Athens, Tennessee

## Take Your Whole Family To Sunday School

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1949

## Baptist Training Union

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

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O. O. MIXSON  
Convention President

### 1950 Goals

During the week of October 17 the first four of our 1949 Regional Planning Meetings were held with all but three of the associations represented. Listed below you will find the goals of each association for the new year.

#### Southwestern Region

Association	Stan. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course
Beech River	2	3	1	200	8
Big Hatchie	8	4	1	500	12
Fayette	5	1	1	200	4
Hardeman	2	5	1	450	8
McNairy	2	4	2	250	16
Madison	6	2	2	1,000	25
Shelby	50	8	5	3,000	65

#### Northwestern Region

Association	Stan. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course
Beulah	3	3	1	400	10
Carroll	1	1	1	100	5
Crockett	1	1	1	100	3
Dyer	3	8	1	250	10
Gibson	3	3	1	900	20
Weakley	5	5	2	150	10
Western District	4	4	1	250	6

#### South Central Region

Association	Stan. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course
Duck River	5	1	2	300	10
Giles	1	3	1	150	10
Indian Creek	2	7	2	300	12
Lawrence	1	5	1	300	10
Maury	15	6	3	400	15
New Duck River	5	2	2	300	10
William Carey	5	5	5	400	15

#### Central Region

Association	Stan. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course
Bledsoe	3	2	1	250	8
Cumberland	3	4	1	250	10
Judson	1	1	1	50	2
Nashville	10	4	3	2,500	59
Robertson	5	1	1	400	14
Stewart	1	1	1	50	2

*Every Baptist a Tither*



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### Crea Ridenour Writes

Apartado Aereo 862  
Barranquilla, Colombia  
South America  
October 13, 1949

Dear Friends of Tennessee W M U:

It gave me great pleasure to be with you last year in the divisional meetings. Now, that I am back in Colombia, I feel greatly strengthened through the knowledge that so many of you are praying for our work here.

The money which was given me in the divisional meetings and the W.M.U. Convention, combined with what various friends gave me and the little I had personally, was exactly the amount needed to buy a good car here in Colombia.

"Tennessee" is a black Chevrolet, and is a hard-working car. She is out every day and night going to a church or a mission (usually overloaded with people), taking us visiting, or helping with some other of the thousand-and-one tasks that are ours. She has to date served as extra legs for us missionary señoritas, as well as a time and energy saver, as a taxi, an ambulance, and a pick-up truck. She even has the reputation of being a missionary in her own right, since the street children yell after her—"carro misionero" (the missionary car).

God is greatly blessing the work here. Recently the medical license of Dr. Roy C. McGlamary was approved by the government, making it possible for the Baptist clinic to be opened, and later on a hospital. In Central Church during the three months I have been back only one preaching service has passed without professions of faith in Christ as Saviour. There are problems, of course, but we have faith in the power of God to solve them.

Thanking you for your interest in the work here, and for your kindness to me while I was in the States, and asking for your continued prayers.

Sincerely yours,  
Crea Ridenour

### Mrs. Tillery Called Home

Mrs. J. L. Tillery of Philadelphia, wife of the pastor, superintendent of Sweetwater Association, and member of the state executive board was called to her reward October 14th. She had been ill for weeks but her interest never ceased in her W M U work. She wrote the report which was given to the association two days before her death. She collected all reports from the W M U organizations and had her husband to mail them to headquarters during her last days. She truly was faithful unto death and we know she has received a crown of life. We extend our sympathy to her bereaved family, to her church and to her association. She will be truly missed. "Who follows in her train?"

### The Divisional Meetings—The First Week

The red Plymouth, the gift of Tennessee W M U was put to good use traveling to the Divisional meetings. Mrs. Holloway, our president, Nellie Tallant, Cornelia Leavell, Regina Sliger with the Executive Secretary at the wheel drove 720 miles the first week. Rogersville was the host of the Northeastern Divisional meeting, Monday, evening October 17th. The church auditorium was packed with young people to hear the missionaries speak. Every association with a B W C was represented in the young people's auditorium where Mrs. B. K. Bright, Kingsport, presided over a most interesting meeting.

It was an unexpected joy to have Dr. Roberta Cox and Miss Josephine Skaggs of Joinkrama Africa to speak to the B W C. A cablegram of greeting was read from Misses Kathleen Manley and Ruth Womack who are now at this station in Africa. Dr. Cox and Miss Skaggs were visiting Kathleen's mother in Morristown.

The next day Mrs. Robert Bales presided over the meeting. Besides these missionaries from Africa we heard Cornelia Leavell of China and Regina Sliger, a home mission representative. Every association in the division was represented and a church filled with eager listeners was an inspiration to all on the program. "NOW IS THE DAY" was the theme for each meeting. Our president, Mrs. Holloway spoke each day on "Now Is the Day to Serve."

The Executive Secretary used "W M U Plans of the Forward March." Miss Tallant told of the young people's camps. In the North Eastern and Eastern Divisional meetings Rev. Carl Daw presented the needs of a chapel at Carson Springs.

### STATE BAPTIST STUDENT CONVENTION

#### Paid Registrations

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis	14
Carson-Newman College	72
Cumberland University	26
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville	3
East Tennessee State College	12
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	18
Knoxville General Hospital	2
Kennedy Hospital, Memphis	1
Maryville College	11
Memphis State College	32
Middle Tennessee State College	7
Nashville General Hospital	1
Peabody College	14
Southern College of Optometry	1
Tennessee Tech	25
Union University	41
University of Chattanooga	14
University of Tennessee	30
University of Tennessee Junior College	17
University of Tennessee School of Nursing	2
University of Tennessee School of Pharmacy	1
Vanderbilt University	19
Ward-Belmont College	2
Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas	4
Blue Mountain College, Mississippi	2
Visitors	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>379</b>

#### Resolutions

We, the Baptist Students of Tennessee, meeting in the annual State Baptist Student Convention at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, October 21-23, 1949, hereby make the following resolutions:

Be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation:

1. To the Bellevue Baptist Church for granting to us the privilege of meeting in their church building and for being so gracious to us during our stay here.

2. To Dr. R. G. Lee and the Bellevue Church staff for their kindness and wholehearted support in making our convention a success.

3. To the other churches in Memphis for their interest and co-operation.

4. To the guest speakers who through their messages have challenged us to greater service for our Lord and inspired us to live maximum Christian lives on our campuses.

5. To the Memphis Student Secretaries and those students who assisted them for their diligent work in making preparations for the convention.

6. To Mr. Rogers Smith and Miss Marjorie Howard for their planning and untiring effort which was necessary for making our convention a complete success.

7. To the local newspapers for their assistance in publicity.

8. To the people of Memphis who have so graciously welcomed us into their homes and shown us the true meaning of Southern hospitality.

We, the Baptist students of Tennessee, feeling our lives to have been blessed by this mountain-top of inspiration, do hereby express for each and every one of us our heart-felt gratitude to every fellow-worker in Christ who has helped to enrich our lives in this convention.

May God bless each and all of us as we go out to our tasks.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Mahoney, chairman

Octo Barnett

Art Carroll

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR



# AMONG THE BRETHREN

## J. M. Price Resigns 21 Year Pastorate

J. M. Price, Director of the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has had wide acclaim for his teaching abilities and ministrations. But few people in the Southern Baptist Convention know that he has been pastor of a small rural church near Fort Worth for the past 21 years.



Dr. Price resigned the pastorate of the Webb Baptist Church, October 1. During his long ministry the small organization grew from a fourth-time church to a full-time one. The membership more than tripled and the budget was increased more than 12 times its original.

At the time of Dr. Price's resignation the church dedicated a beautiful new pastor's home.

He has directed the seminary's school of Religious Education since 1915.

In the recent revival at Siam Church, Elizabethton, there were 32 additions to the church, 25 by baptism and 7 by letter. Willis R. Allen is pastor.

—B&R—

Clarence Byrd did the preaching in a revival at Greenback Memorial Church, Greenback, in which there were 26 additions to the church. Sunday, October 16, with Steve Grigsby in charge enough money was raised to build the walls of their new house of worship. They are now worshipping in the basement. W. L. Beaty is pastor.

## The Baptist Hour

Dr. R. G. Lee, Speaker

November 6—"Man in Conference With God"

November 13—"The Debt Christ Paid For You"

November 20—"Be Ye Thankful"

November 27—"Does Your Influence Count For God?"

### 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

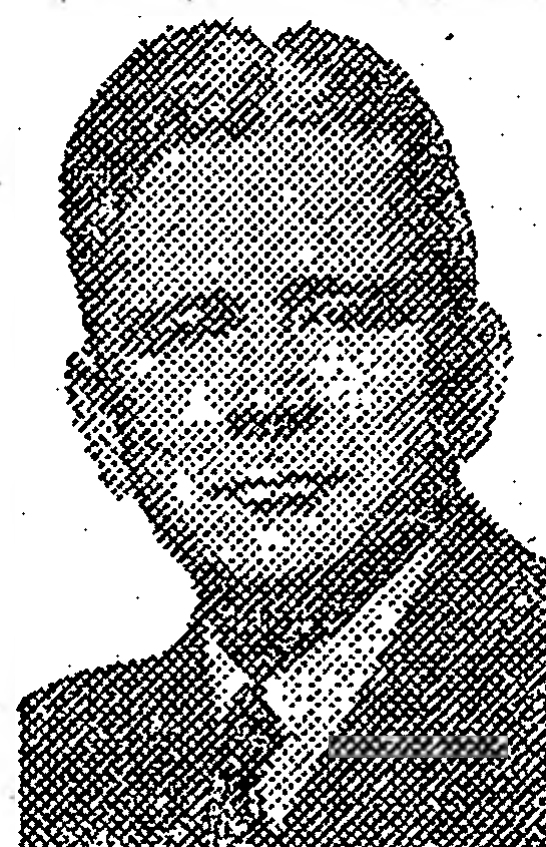
J. Paul Palmer is completing his fourth year as pastor of First Church, Alamo. For the past year the Sunday school averaged 212 and the income was around \$17,000.00 with some \$3,000.00 going to missions. With \$13,000.00 in the building fund they plan to begin construction on their educational building in the spring. James Overton, pastor of First Church, Bentonville, Ark., has already been engaged to do the preaching in a revival beginning March 16, 1950.

—B&R—

Pastor J. C. Booth and Elliston Avenue Church, Memphis, observed the third anniversary of the church October 16. Following the morning services dinner was served on the ground and the afternoon was given to singing praises to God. When the church began there were 35 members, and it now has a membership of 310.

## Florida Governor To Speak At C. U. Banquet

Fuller Warren, Governor of Florida and Baptist layman will be the keynote speaker at the Cumberland University alumni home-coming banquet, Friday night, November 18.



Governor Warren attended the Cumberland Law School in 1929. He will be introduced by Governor Gordon Browning of Tennessee, also a Cumberland alumnus. Congressman Jere Cooper, president of the national alumni association of the university, will be master of ceremonies.

A noted public speaker, Governor

Warren says that his most valuable speaking experience was gained as a youth in the Baptist Training Union of his church at Blountstown, Florida. An advocate of physical fitness, Governor Warren neither drinks nor smokes, and prefers Florida orange juice to any other beverage.

Pastor Raymond Smith and the Tennessee Avenue Church, Knoxville, were assisted in a revival September 25-October 2 by Harold Wainscott of Corbin, Ky., doing the preaching and J. T. Johnston of Knoxville leading the singing.

—B&R—

Hobart B. Ford of Rogersville has assisted Pastor George S. Jarman and the First Church, Barlow, Ky., in a revival. Ten were baptized at the close of the meeting. Bro. Jarman and the church are rejoicing over the completion of their new educational building.

—B&R—

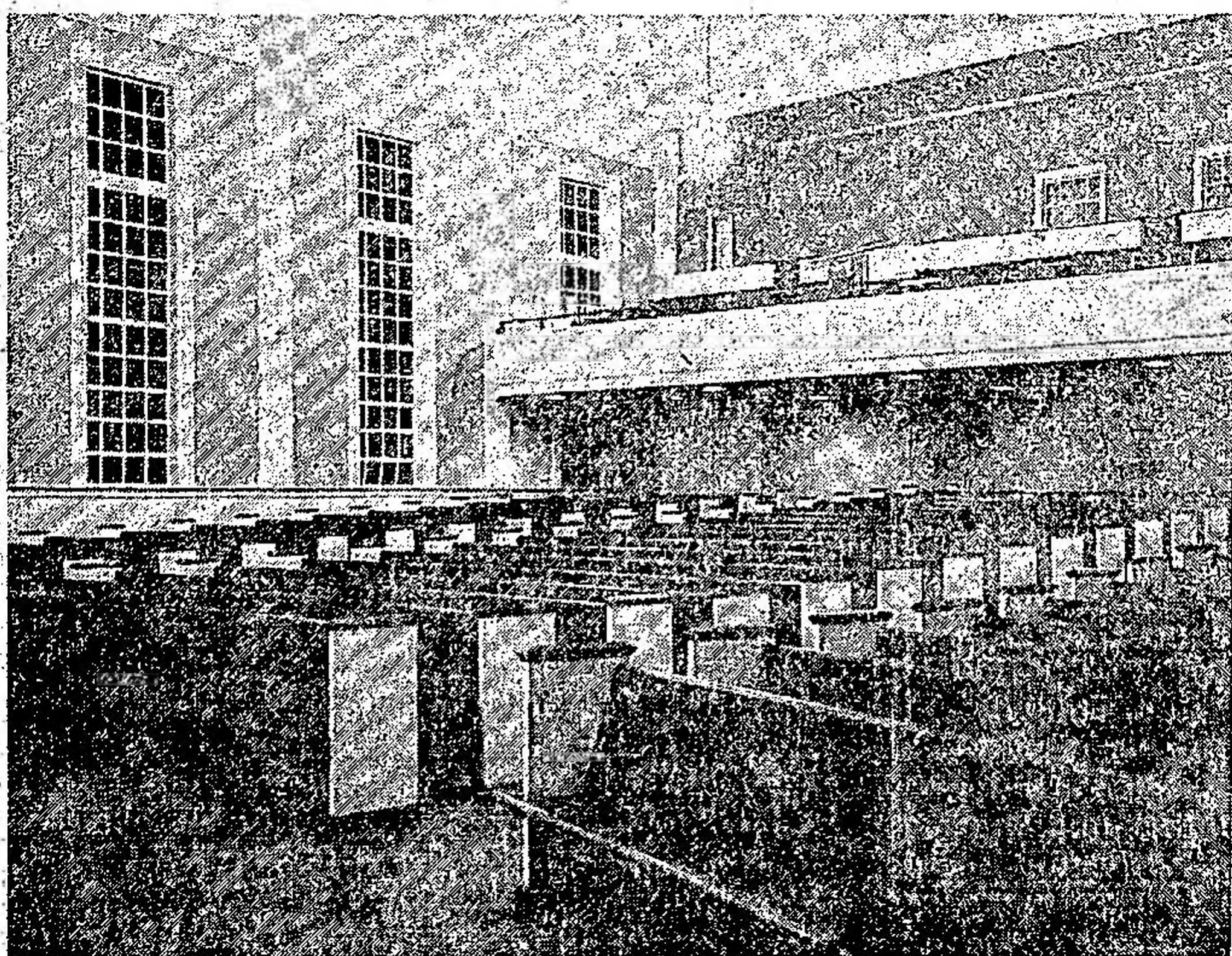
Mrs. Charlie Allen, secretary of First Church Murfreesboro, is confined to her home with a fractured hip.

—B&R—

Henry C. Rogers, former Training Union Secretary for Tennessee, now pastor of South Highland Church, Bessemer, Ala., was assisted in a revival by L. S. Sedberry and John Williams of Nashville. Bro. Sedberry did the preaching and Bro. Williams led the music. There were 26 additions to the church, 14 by baptism and 12 by letter. Since January 1 of this year there have been 149 additions to the church.

## NEW GALLATIN SANCTUARY

Construction has been completed on the new sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Gallatin, and the structure is being used. The new building is 60x104 feet and has a seating capacity of over 900.



With a completed cost of approximately \$117,000, only \$27,500 remains unpaid on the structure. The building is of solid masonry construction with steel superstructure and has an asbestos roof. All metal work is done in copper. Construction was done under the supervision of members of the church at an estimated saving of \$40,000 as compared with contract costs.

Pews for the church were donated by individuals and groups to the church, many of them as memorials. The pews are designed to fit into the colonial styling of the building. Pews from the old church, which was razed, were placed in the balcony.

Console for the new Kilgen organ was made from cherry wood sent from Bledsoe County and donated by Dr. W. J. Fitts. The console has 15 combination pistons with cancellors for each manual and a general cancellor.

Pastor Clyde C. Bryan stated upon occupancy of the new building that "a great building is indeed an invaluable asset to any church, but the building alone cannot make the church. To Christ we dedicate this great structure. May it always be a sanctuary to all who need spiritual help, a house of worship to all who need to pray and praise, and a shelter to all who face life's storms!"

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Ten Cumberland University students have qualified as candidates for "Who's Who Among Students of American Colleges and Universities," according to university officials.

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## WAVERLY INTERMEDIATE G. A.

This is a happy, enthusiastic, but very earnest group of Intermediates of First Church, Waverly, one of our new churches. Mrs. Fred J. Evans, the pastor's wife, is doing an unusually fine piece of work with the young people. Fifteen girls are enrolled and they averaged ten for the quarter. Organization took place

June 20 with only seven members. Five of them have finished the memory work and qualified for arm bands. Five others are working toward that accomplishment. This G. A. contributed \$3.04 last quarter through the Co-operative Program.



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J. Ervin Ledbetter has resigned as pastor of First Church, Crossville, to accept a similar position at First Church, Lenoir City, and will begin his new work November 9.

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J. O. Carter has resigned First Church, Greeneville, to become pastor at Gatlinburg. He will begin his new pastorate November 6.

—B&R—

George J. Burnett, Memphis, conducted a very fine Stewardship Revival in the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss., October 2-9. W. Landon Miller is pastor.

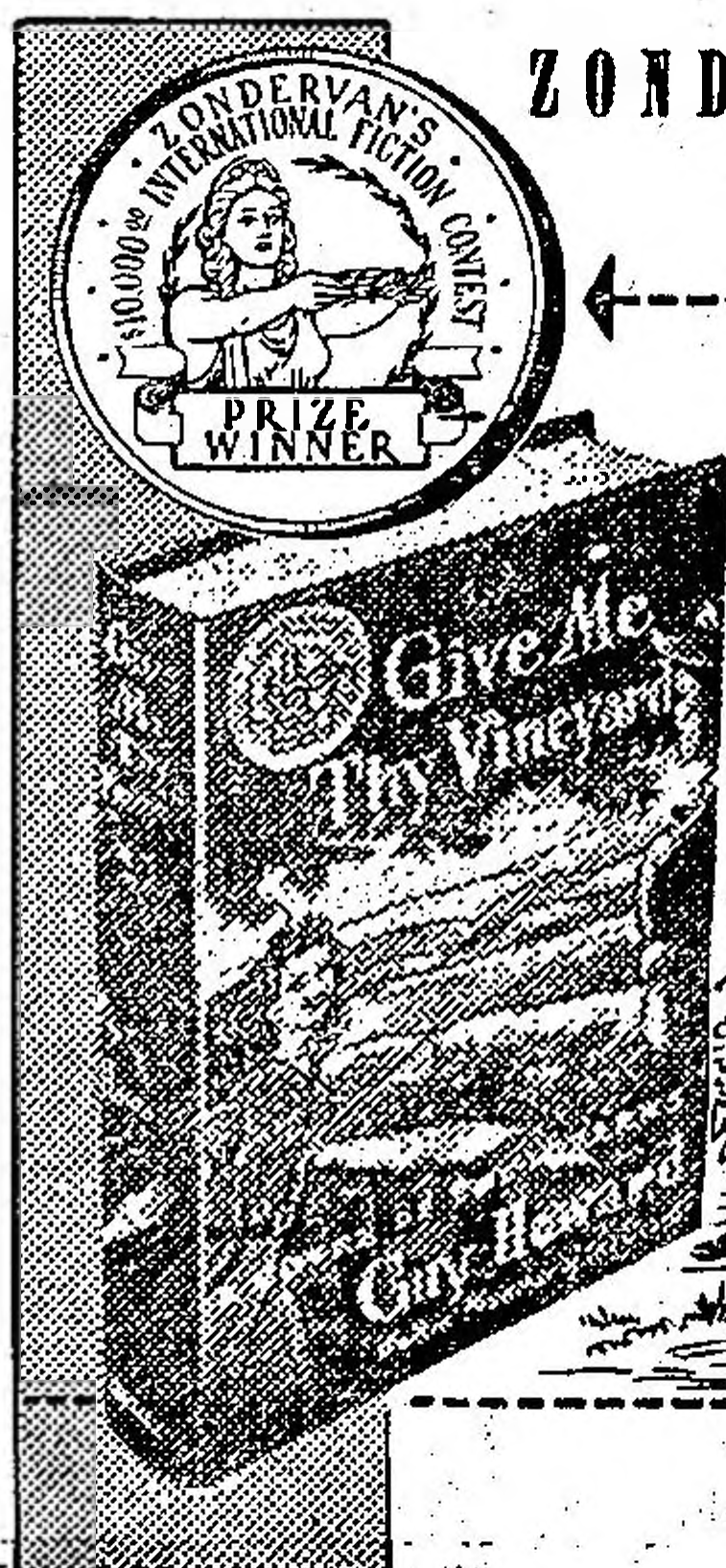
Pastor W. Paul Hall did his own preaching in a revival at First Church, Loudon, and Troy G. Young of Union University directed the music. There were 30 additions to the church, 27 by baptism and 3 by letter.

—B&R—

Bids for the new three floor educational building for First Church, Cleveland, L. B. Cobb, pastor, were opened October 19. The low bid was \$95,000.00. Pastor Cobb recently did the preaching in a revival with Pastor W. E. Pettit and the Ardmore Church, Winston Salem, N. C. This is the second meeting in which Bro. Cobb has assisted this church.

—B&R—

Pastor G. Daniel Miller and the new Saturn Drive Church, Nashville, have just closed a two week revival in which Eldridge Miller, pastor of Mill Creek Church, Nashville, did the preaching. There were 20 by letter and 3 by baptism. The music was under the direction of the pastor.



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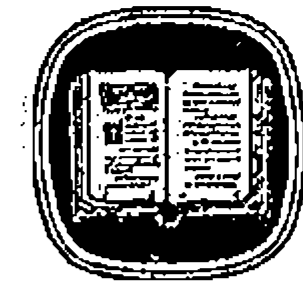
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# ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

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## BOOK REVIEW

THE DREAM GATE by Marcus Bach, an Evangelical Minister and now Professor at the School of Religion, Iowa City. Published by Bobbs-Merrill, Indianapolis, Ind. 318 pages, price \$3.00.

This is an engaging bit of fiction based on life in a Christian commune. The author got his idea for this book when he visited Old Portage Colony in South Dakota, one of ten such colonies in the United States—eight of them in South Dakota and two in Montana.

"The Dream Gate" was the gate which opened out into the world—a world of mystery and a world of such evil propensity that escape from it was the only way to peace and happiness. Within the "dream gate" the 200 inhabitants lived "for the good of all rather than for the pleasure of one." Theirs was a communal life, yet withal a Christian Communism rather than Communism as generally understood in this day.

The principal character is a ten-year old boy, little Mike, who having never questioned the authority and wisdom of his elders, suddenly found himself face to face with a "wordling" by the name of Joshua Volkner. Once a member of the colony, Volkner had passed through the dream gate and had made the world his home. Introducing little Mike to a world he had never known existed, Volkner became Mike's ideal. The remainder of the book is an account of the inner conflicts raging in a child's heart and how those conflicts were finally resolved.

This is easy reading, clean, wholesome and thought-provoking.

—Marie W. Deusner

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Astland City, First	53	23	---
Athens, Antioch	91	33	---
East First	321	157	---
Mission	593	254	---
Calhoun	101	---	---
Clearwater	123	40	---
Coghill	71	53	---
Englewood	76	176	2
Etowah, East	169	48	---
Etowah, First	88	---	---
Etowah, North	513	166	9
Good Springs	365	100	---
McMahan Calvary	102	71	---
New Zion	104	43	---
Rodgers Creek	88	---	---
Sanford	32	---	---
West View	87	38	---
Bemis	68	57	7
Brighton	277	102	---
Bristol, Calvary	207	129	---
Virginia Avenue	389	106	---
New Mission	408	175	---
Brownsville, First	50	---	---
Bruceton, First	390	115	---
Brush Creek	157	59	---
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	83	45	---
Chattanooga, Avondale	88	79	1
Birchwood	664	170	---
Brainard	80	48	---
Concord	477	170	2
Eastdale	284	107	---
Daisy	416	136	---
East Lake	210	83	8
Chapel	491	168	4
First	62	35	---
Chapel	1042	222	4
Highland Park	105	36	1
Lupton City	3343	841	47
Oak Grove	167	145	2
Red Bank	286	106	3
St. Elmo	651	209	2
Signal Mountain	368	110	---
Spring Creek	61	33	---
Suck Creek	224	106	2
Church Hill, Oak Grove	67	27	---
Block City Mission	206	83	---
Cleveland, Big Spring	65	---	---
Calvary	313	219	1
First	191	115	---
Rutledge Memorial	557	173	---
Clinton, First	101	55	---
Columbia, First	420	81	---
Godwin Chapel	463	140	2
Rock Spring	22	---	---
Second	100	66	---
Cookeville, First	124	70	---
Algood	387	103	4
Fourth Street	79	---	---
Stevens Street	163	85	---
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	121	65	---
Eagleville	153	116	---
Elizabethton, First	132	80	---
Oak Street	579	155	2
Slam	139	85	---
Erwin, Ninth Street	199	123	---
Fountain City, Central	280	169	11
Hines Valley Chapel	1040	255	5
Smithwood	61	---	---
Fowlkes	540	178	3
Gallatin, First	125	97	---
Gleason	356	113	---
Grand Junction, First	103	55	---
Center Point	138	84	---
Greenbrier	19	---	---
Harriman, Trenton Street	193	93	---
South	452	113	---
Humboldt, Antioch	247	151	1
First	189	87	2
Jackson, Calvary	520	146	---
First	523	195	8
Madison	853	200	15
North	89	83	---
West	300	148	4
Jefferson City, First	882	295	---
Kingsport, First	523	413	---
Lynn Garden	755	196	2
Mission	373	130	2
	40	---	---

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Knoxville, Alice Bell	109	43	---
Bell Avenue	901	412	4
Broadway	1471	460	5
Fifth Avenue	1070	307	20
John Sevier	261	123	---
Lincoln Park	727	245	---
Lonsdale	429	203	14
McCalla Avenue	722	154	3
Mt. Olive	320	135	---
Rocky Hill	217	125	2
Sevier Heights	629	246	1
Washington Park	251	62	---
LaFollette, West	151	55	4
Lawrenceburg, First	250	165	---
Lebanon, Barton's Creek	123	90	1
Cedar Grove	122	67	---
Fairview	125	78	4
First	504	142	2
Lewisburg, First	434	131	---
Lexington, First	238	51	---
McEwen	74	39	---
McMinnville, Shellsford	167	108	1
Madison, First	431	120	11
Boulevard Mission	87	47	---
Maryville, Broadway	361	205	12
Everett Hills	336	181	---
First	852	304	4
Maynardville	110	27	---
Memphis, Bellevue	3061	1049	6
Central Avenue	655	230	7
First	1177	335	12
Highland Heights	1109	457	7
Kennedy	144	68	1
LaBelle	838	276	5
Leawood	310	104	7
Levi	284	170	---
Barton Heights	130	64	---
Parkway	326	181	2
Prescott Memorial	713	211	7
Seventh Street	635	275	5
Speedway Terrace	1081	258	14
Sylvan Heights	207	130	---
Temple	1585	377	2
Union Avenue	1176	240	8
Milan, First	456	86	4
Milton, Prosperity	167	137	---
Monterey, First	332	163	---
Morristown, First	655	85	2
Montvue	191	47	1
Murfreesboro, First	485	98	6
Walnut Street Mission	69	---	---
Powell's Chapel	105	77	---
Third	121	53	3
Westvue	597	209	15
Tucker Town Mission	12	---	---
Woodbury Road	62	79	1
Nashville, Belmont Heights	1050	352	9
Glendale	68	---	1
Jordonla	48	---	---
Madison Street Mission	52	30	---
Bordeaux	99	---	4
Eastland	521	95	4
Grace	825	233	16
Inglewood	821	247	5
Mill Creek	51	28	3
North Edgefield	292	127	5
North End	136	82	---
Saturn Drive	103	60	3
Third	304	67	---
Newport, First	293	88	---
Oak Ridge, First	563	116	4
Highland View	521	168	3
Robertsville	415	114	1
Old Hickory, First	713	303	2
Paris, First	517	89	---
Parsons, First	210	73	---
Philadelphia	181	20	---
Pigeon Forge	148	92	---
Portland, First	256	103	---
Ramer, Gravel Hill	169	126	---
Rockwood, First	248	133	---
Rogersville	385	136	---
Missions	275	95	---
Bethel	36	---	4
Gills Chapel	125	---	---
Hennard's Chapel	140	85	---
Tunnell's Hill	73	68	---
Rutledge	107	43	---
Oakland	158	149	3
Shelbyville, First	360	107	---
Big Springs Mission	74	---	---
Tullahoma, First	208	86	---
Union City, First	626	118	2
Watertown, Round Lick	156	96	---
Whitwell, First	182	88	---

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## Polk Associational Officers

Polk County Baptist Association met October 13 at Zion Church, Benton, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Org Foster, moderator; G. W. Daniels, assistant moderator; Roy G. Lillard, clerk; Mrs. C. C. Geer, assistant clerk; H. R. Cochran, treasurer; E. R. Webster, assistant treasurer; Mrs. G. F. Lewis, Baptist and Reflector representative; T. W. Davis, Sunday school superintendent; James Evans, B. T. U. Director; Frank R. Bradford, Jr., Brotherhood Director; and Mrs. C. H. Goode, W. M. U. President. W. D. Arms is the retiring moderator.

The next session will be held October 11-12, 1950, with the Boanerges Church (first day) and Smyrna Church (second day).

The following Tennessee girls have been elected to offices in the religious organizations at Blue Mountain College for the 1949-50 session: Sarah Hull, Memphis, and Betty Harper, Trenton, two of the six Training Union presidents; Jean Lipsey, Memphis, sophomore Sunday school class president; Bettye Burr, Springfield, one of the Y. W. A. presidents.

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## Evangelism Will Be Principal 1950 Objective for Brotherhood

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptist men will promote evangelism as their principal 1950 objective, it was decided in the annual meeting of state representatives of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South in session here at the Peabody hotel. Thirty laymen from 16 states were present.

Other objectives noted are development of the Man and Boy Movement and increased support of the Southern Baptist Convention's financial programs, the Baptist foundations, and the Cooperative Program.

In connection with these objectives they have set as goals 300 laymen's revivals, 1500 certificates for completion of man and boy projects, 1000 new local brotherhoods, 100 new associational or district brotherhoods and 54,000 average quarterly distribution of the Brotherhood journal.

All present officers were re-elected. They include John W. McCall, chairman, J. N. Belate, vice-chairman, Dr. C. H. Heacock, treasurer, and E. C. Smith, recording secretary, all of Memphis. Also full-time officers, Lawson H. Cooke, executive-secretary, Hugh F. Latimer, associate executive secretary, and George W. Schroeder, associate secretary-editor.

Focal point for the year's program will be October 8, annual Layman's Day, emphasizing, "The pastor in the pulpit and the laymen in the pews." The day will be celebrated with a special layman's program in all the churches and a national layman's day hook-up of 130 radio stations.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South covers 22 southern and western states and embraces 136,000 Baptist men in 4,050 organizations. New brotherhoods reported for 1949 were around 850.



*The Survey Bulletin*

By Porter Routh

## FACTS OF INTEREST

...Television's share of the total U.S. broadcasting audience jumped from 5.4 per cent in January to 11.4 per cent in August. By 1951, it is predicted there will be 6,000,000 television sets and 41,000,000 radio sets in the U.S.

...A survey of 35 leading publishers made by the National Association of Magazine Publishers indicates that 26 per cent of all publishing revenue went for paper costs in 1949, compared with 21 per cent in the 1935-39 period.

...A survey of 471 colleges and universities shows a 5 to 10 per cent decline in enrolment this year. The loss is caused by the decline in G. I. students, and the small freshmen classes, resulting from the low birth rate in the early 1930's.

...Movie attendance has dropped from a peak of 80,000,000 a week in 1946 to an estimated 55-60,000,000 per week at the present time.

## IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

...The Protestant Episcopal Church reports 2,293,389 members, a gain of 8.3 percent during the past triennium. The church schools report 500,000 teachers and students in 5,107 schools, an increase of 22.9 per cent during the triennium. Total receipts in 1948 were \$69,000,000, or \$43.39 per communicant member.

...The Christophers, Roman Catholic organization, are planning to open 50 "career guidance schools" in major U.S. cities. The schools are announced as non-sectarian.

...The national board of managers of the United Council of Church Women has voted to affiliate with the proposed National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States. The constituting convention for the new interdenominational body is scheduled for Cleveland Nov. 26-Dec. 2, 1950. The Foreign Missions Conference is the only national body which has voted not to affiliate.

...Dr. Clarence L. Daugherty, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., has been named by the Methodists to head a new department of pulpit evangelism.

...The court is no place to settle a doctrinal dispute, the Alabama State Supreme Court has ruled.

...The House of Representatives has passed legislation placing lay employees of religious organizations under an expanded social security. The bill has not passed the Senate.

...There are 107,000 non-Jews in Israel, including 31,000 Christians.

## BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

...Associational reports from more than 500 associations have already been received by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Sunday School Board.

...The Sunday School Department has reported 17,001 awards for September. The Training Union Department reports 30,179 awards, compared with 26,834 in 1948.

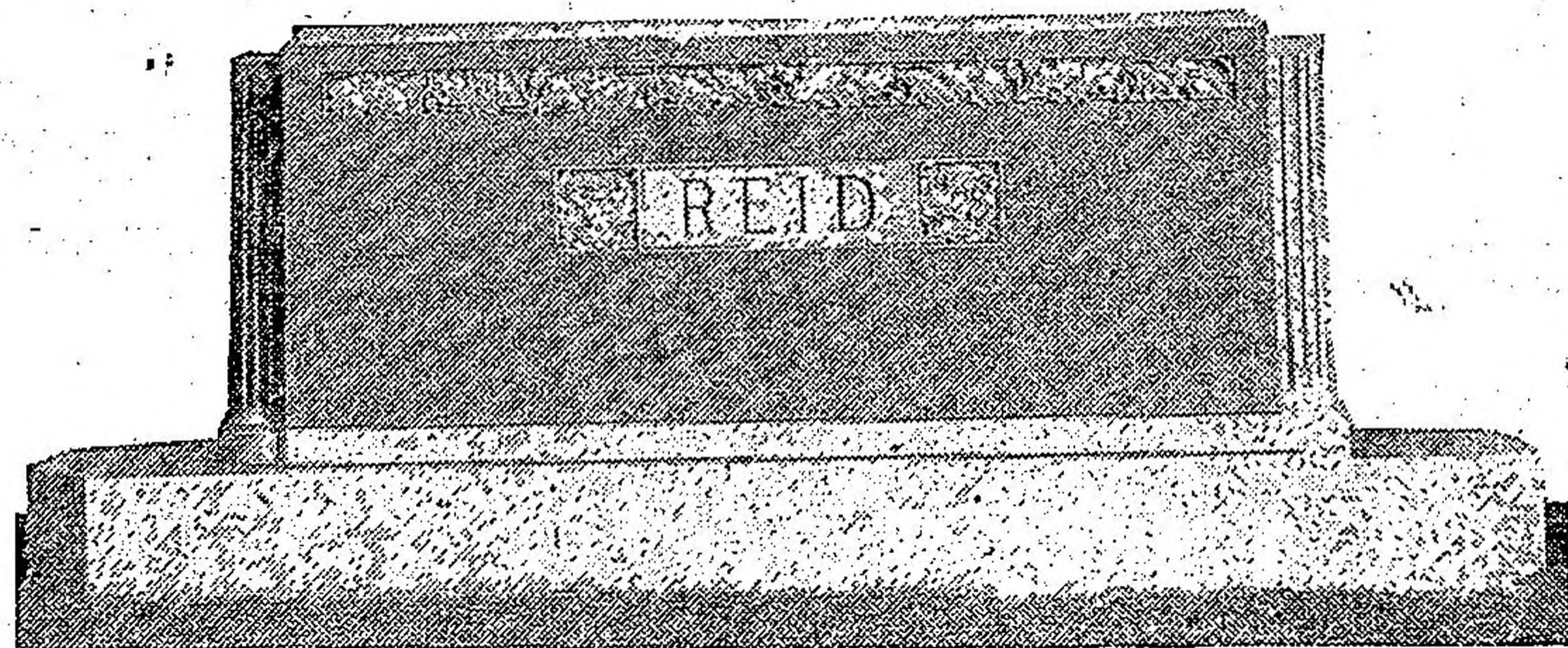
...The next semi-annual meeting of the Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations will be held March 14, 1950.

...The Illinois Northern Baptist state convention has voted that it is not interested "now or later" in organic union with the Disciples of Christ. The Northern Baptist group in Kansas has taken similar action.

...Emperor Haile Salassie of Ethiopia has granted permission to the Foreign Board of the Baptist General Conference of America (Swedish group) to send missionaries.

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# MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

By HOMER A. CATE, Shelbyville, Tennessee

A series of Revival services began at the Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, Sunday, October 16, with Charles Ausmus, pastor, Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville, doing the preaching. Roy Hinchey is the pastor at Park Avenue.

A great anniversary program was held at First Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, B. Frank Collins, pastor, on the occasion of the Pastor's second anniversary, October 2. These two years have seen some wonderful progress. The Church now has a Standard Sunday school, a Standard WMU, an active Brotherhood which sponsored a successful Layman's Revival, and a near-standard Training Union. Goodlettsville's goal for the Mid-State Hospital program was \$3,000.00; the Church pledged \$5,500.00.

Raymond B. Kennedy, Moderator of William Carey Association, and Pastor at Kirkland's Chapel Baptist Church, makes the following announcement: "A religious discussion between Raymond B. Kennedy of Ardmore, Tenn., Baptist, and Guy N. Woods of Memphis, Tenn., Disciple of Christ, will be held at Kirkland Chapel Baptist Church of William Carey Association, Nov. 1, 2 and 3. Proposition to be discussed the first day: "The Establishment of the Church;" second day, "The Design of Baptism;" third day, "The Security of the Believer." Hours for discussion: 10:00-12:00 A.M. and 2:00-4:00 P.M. Moderator will be D. D. Smothers, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville. The public is cordially invited to attend."

Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, J. Harold Stephens, pastor, has instituted a novel plan for supporting the special appeals for money made by the Seminary for the new Chapel, by the Mid-State Baptist Hospital, by the Camp Committee for the Linden camp, and by Cumberland University. The plan is to secure 500 members of the Church who are designated "The 500 Club" to agree to contribute \$1.00 per month over and above their regular tithes or pledges to these interests. Three hundred members have already agreed to do this extra amount for these worthy institutions and causes.

During the week of November 7-11 the Nashville Association will have a School of Missions in each Church. There will be interesting and inspiring Missionaries in each Church each evening.

Norman W. Cox has been the preacher and Genter Stephens has been leading the singing in a series of Revival services at Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Gaye McGlothlin, pastor. The Revival ended Oct. 22.

First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Paul Harting, Jr., pastor, reached its goal for this Associational year of 750 in Sunday School on the very first Sunday. The Church only missed by five their goal of 300 in Training Union.

Clark Hensley, for three years associate to Herbert B. Cross, at Judson Memorial Baptist Church, has accepted the Pastorate of First Baptist Church, Pulaski, and has moved on the field. Judson, in recognition of his fine work and to show their appreciation for the Hensleys, presented at a reception given by the Church, a love gift of \$300.00. Bro. Hensley began a Revival meeting at Pawheureka, Okla., A. J. Kondy, pastor, on October 24.

Construction has begun on the new building at First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, New Duck River Association, Leonard Sanderson, pastor. The contract calls for \$78,000.00.

Judson Association met with the Gum Springs Baptist Church, October 1-3. Pastor Fred T. Evans of Waverly was elected Moderator; R. J. Hardesty, Assistant Moderator; C. M. Pendergass, Clerk; Harley Tidwell, Treasurer. L. G. Frey, preached the Introductory Sermon.

Third Baptist Church, Nashville, Bunyan Smith, pastor, was recently assisted in a Revival meeting by J. T. Barbee.

A very successful Sunday school clinic was enjoyed by the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, D. D. Smothers, pastor, the first of October. The following served as instructors: Miss Gladys Longley, Miss Oleta Meek of the Nashville office and Mr. Fred of Ardmore. Over 80 officers and teachers were enrolled in the school.

Paul J. Harting, pastor, First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, did the preaching in a series of Revival services at the Greenbrier Baptist Church, Vern B. Powers, pastor, which began October 23.

During the summer Pastor Vern B. Powers of Greenbrier Baptist Church assisted the Wylliesburg Baptist Church, Wylliesburg, Va., Edgar Burkholder, pastor, in a meeting which resulted in 23 additions; and the Flewellyn Baptist Church, Robert Earles, pastor, Robertson County Association, which resulted in 4 additions.

McEwen Baptist Church, H. D. Edgar, pastor, has made remarkable progress since the first of the year. A new Training Union and Brotherhood has been organized, and the Church has entered their new building. The Church plans to finish the building by Christmas and dedicate the building free of debt. The building is valued at \$18,000.00.

The new Mission of the Barton's Creek Baptist Church, Wilson County Association, Buford M. Bull, pastor, located at the corner of Castle Heights and Wildwood Avenues, in Lebanon, and costing approximately \$6,000.00 had its opening service Thursday, September 22. Bro. O. W. Laseter, student at Cumberland, who started the Mission, was opening speaker.

G. Allen West, pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, did the preaching in a successful Revival meeting at Monterey Baptist Church, Clyde Cobb, pastor, recently. The Monterey Church is making splendid progress, having over 300 in Sunday School, fine crowds in Church and a growing Training Union.

Since 1934 when the total gifts of the First Baptist Church, Cookeville, Bob N. Ramsey, pastor, amounted to \$2,108.58, total gifts have climbed to a total of \$40,091.17 in 1949, with a budget of \$44,680.00 adopted for the next year.

(Your correspondent has been out of circulation for about three weeks in October due to an operation at Mid-State and a later Revival in Chattanooga).

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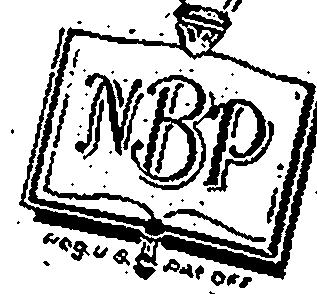
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