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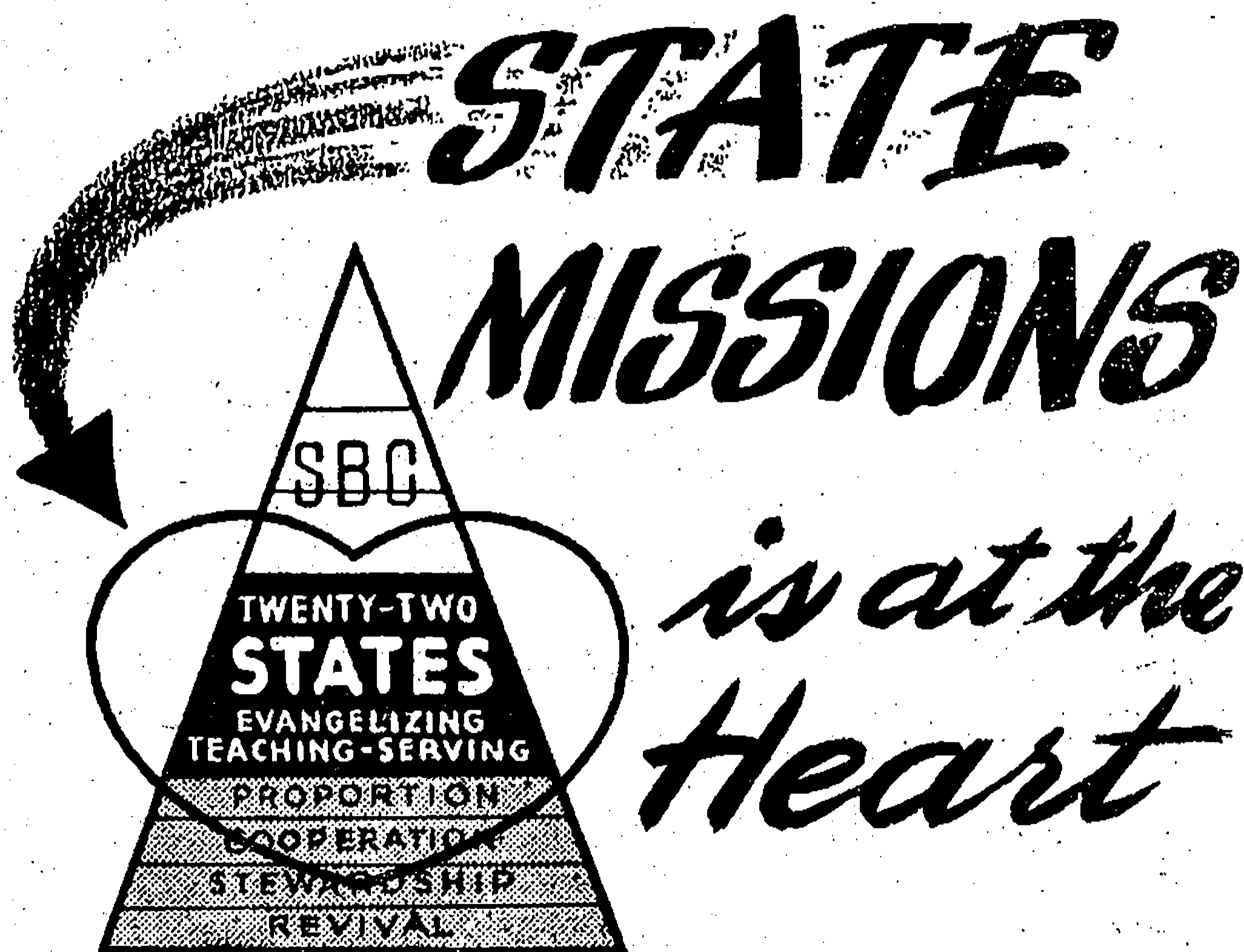
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## EDITORIAL

### THE ANSWER TO CHRIST'S PRAYER FOR UNITY

CHRIST PRAYED for believers "*That they may all be one*" (John 17:21). Some hold that the organic union of denominations is to be the answer and, therefore, that the prayer is still unanswered. This notion can come only from ignoring the context of the prayer or from the superficial study of the prayer in the light of the context.

What organic unionists propose cannot be what Jesus had in mind. His plea was for a oneness of believers corresponding to the unity between the Father and Himself—"that they may be one, even as we are one" (v. 22). Two among other elements in the divine unity are (1) acceptance of the proposition that "*thy word is truth*" (v. 17) and (2) *oneness of belief*. But in the organic union proposed today the Word of God is not given its proper reverence and authority. Human wisdom and sentimentalism are largely placed ahead of it in determining religious beliefs and practices. Many of the great teachings of the Bible are either rejected outright or are watered down, perverted, misinterpreted and misapplied. There is offered a compromising mixture of diverse practices and conflicting beliefs in which doctrinal convictions and loyalty from a biblical viewpoint are seriously discounted. Jesus never prayed for a thing like that, and to make His prayer mean that is to read into it something which does not belong there.

The terms, "*one in us*," and "*one, even as we are one*," described an intimate and permeating oneness which could be accomplished only by the power of God in the souls of believers. Human effort through organic union could not produce an effect measuring up to this high standard. It was the inward spiritual unity of believers in the Lord and not their outward organizational adjustment to each other. It embraced all true believers within and without the denominations, and therefore was not any more contingent upon denominations amalgamated than upon denominations separated. The antecedent of "*they*" in the prayer was believers as spiritually connected with Christ

and not as organizationally connected with each other. Hence, the answer to the prayer cannot be equated with organic union.

The Lord prayed for the unity of believers then present with Him and also for the unity of foreseen future believers (vs. 6-11 and 20). So believers then present were to participate in the blessing for which Jesus prayed in addition to believers who should later come within the scope of the blessing. But to make the prayer mean the organic union of denominations logically excludes believers then present from this blessing. For at the time of the prayer there were not any differing denominations to be united since there was only one denomination in existence. If organic union as proposed today fulfills the prayer, then the answer was to be centuries and centuries after all these early believers had died. But an interpretation which logically excludes these early believers from the blessing of the answer to the prayer in which they were specifically included is absurd on the face of it.

At the tomb of Lazarus Jesus said that the Father "*hearest me always*" (John 11:42). The answer to His prayer on that occasion was soon forthcoming. Since the Father always hears the prayers of Jesus, was not the prayer for unity heard and was not the answer soon forthcoming? One believes that it cannot be shown that the answer was to be ages in coming except in the sense of *the extension of the answer which began ages ago*. The nature of the unity in mind and the fact that believers then present were to be embraced in the answer indicate that the lapses of ages was not required for the answer. If so, then organic union is ruled out from being the answer to the prayer.

As has been seen, Christ prayed in John 17 for the unity of true believers then present and for the unity of future foreseen believers. Regeneration makes believers one in nature. Jesus took people at the point of regeneration, which is the point of faith, and prayed for these regenerated people to be one—a unity additional to that accomplished by regeneration. It seems that He meant oneness of love, spirit, purpose, conviction and so on intensified. He meant the spiritual blending of believers in a way they had not been blended before.

As a result, believers then associated with Christ were soon fused into an intimate spiritual oneness which they had not known before. And also through empowerment by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and then in the household of Cornelius, Jewish and Gentile believers were blended into a spiritual oneness which was not possible until the Holy Spirit came officially to earth. Since then all who have been born again have been brought within the scope of this unity.

Yes, "*thou hearest me always*." The Savior's prayer for unity has been and is being answered. The separation of denominations cannot prevent it and the organic union of denominations can neither originate nor perpetuate it. Paul wrote to the Galatians and through them to all believers: "*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus*" (Gal. 3:28). The apostle did not say that "*ye are all to be one in Christ Jesus*," but "*ye ARE all one in Christ Jesus*." This would seem to be the same unity for which Jesus prayed. If so, here was the answer to the prayer centuries and centuries before the organic unionists came on the scene. Organic unionists are exceedingly late. They propose to answer a prayer which God has already answered.

To be sure, there is the practical expression of unity which is to be cultivated by Christians, not even this calls for organic union. But the deep basic unity for which Jesus prayed is already a fact. Unity in practical expression flows from this. And *real* unity in practical expression accepts the fact that "*thy word is truth*" and, step by step, leads to oneness of belief on that basis.

Jesus prayed "*that they may all be one*." In answer "*ye are all one*." Organic union has no part in it without Christ.

# A Digest of Religious Thought

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## Air Conditioning The Church

*The Presbyterian Outlook*

In all honesty we do wonder if people would go to church much more willingly with air conditioning than without? There is reason to believe that some would but reason to doubt that those few would ever mean much to a church anyway. Most of our churches are fairly well ventilated. Ours happens to be. Our mid-summer congregations even in very hot weather remain large enough to cause comment.

A man who needs to repent of his sins is not going to stand back too long on lack of air conditioning in the church. Those who seek strength for the days, a guiding light on the way, are not going to think too much of requiring the final and perfect word in comfort in the place where such wares are dispensed.

We may have a right to wonder if there ought not to be an end somewhere along the way to our coddling ourselves. We've done enough already to "air condition" what religion we have. Let us not take the final step until we have counted up some luxuries we now possess in contrast to the rapid disintegration of human civilization all around, on every continent, civilization that needs our love, our money, ourselves, and balance our books right for the eight disagreeable Sundays.

*(Could the Apostle Paul, with his passion for the lost in foreign lands, produce a convincing argument for air conditioning of churches, if he were with us today?—R.B.J.)*

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## Church Membership Drives?

*Western Recorder*

The *Religious News Service* reported that, "forty-two denominations have pledged support of a United Evangelistic Advance, beginning next fall, that is expected to mark the most comprehensive church-membership drive ever launched by American Protestants." The release goes on to say: "The crusade will open on World Communion Sunday, October 2, and will continue 15 months, according to Dr. Jesse M. Bader, executive secretary of the department of evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, which is sponsoring the drive."

Evangelism is not a drive for church members. Evangelism is the telling of the old story of God's love expressed by the sending of His only begotten Son to die on the cross for our sins, of His atoning death on Calvary, of salvation through His blood, of His burial and bodily resurrection and ascension to the Father to make intercessions in our behalf, of His blessed coming again. Evangelism is the leading of lost souls to repent of their sins and trust Jesus only—not church membership or the so-called sacraments or anything else.

The saved need to be added to the church, and only the saved. It is their duty to work in fellowship with other believers; but let Baptists never make the blunder of all blunders—putting on a campaign for members. May the Holy Spirit of God empower us for a mighty crusade for souls, going before us and with us to make effective the witness and to convict of sin and work the miracle of the new birth.

*(Have some of us heard that there is the Holy Spirit?—R.B.J.)*

## Mixed Marriages And Divorces

*The Baptist Standard*

Judson T. Landis, sociologist of Michigan State College, has made a three-year survey of marriages between Catholics and Protestants. This survey reveals that 14.1 per cent of mixed Catholic-Protestant marriages end in divorce, or separation, as compared with five per cent of non-mixed marriages. That means that almost three times as many Catholic-Protestant marriages go on the rocks as non-mixed marriages.

A further study of the statistics on Catholic-Protestant marriages, reveals that Protestant women and Catholic men are three times as apt to end in divorce courts as with Catholic women and Protestant men.

The major cause of marital friction between Catholic and Protestants, according to the Landis survey, is the unscriptural and inhuman demand of the Catholic church that Protestants marrying Catholics shall take an oath that all children of such marital unions shall be educated as Catholics.

No person, Catholic or Protestant, has a moral, religious, or any other right to swear away the rights of unborn children; and what's more, no institution except a dictatorial, totalitarian, political power would dare to make such unjust demands upon individuals concerning matters so sacred to parents.

Such meddling and absurd demands made by the Roman Catholic church is tantamount to a concession that the message of Romanism is not capable of making sufficient appeal to mature intelligence to make converts; therefore, she must take advantage of helpless infants.

*(When will we get our eyes open?—R.B.J.)*

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## What Protestants Forget

*Methodist Bishop Burt in the Northwestern Christian Advocate*

"—Centuries have passed since our fathers broke with Rome, and a new generation has arisen that knows little about the Protestant exodus and of the struggles in the wilderness. Some, from a cowardly dislike of religious controversy, some for fear of damaging their personal interests or of disturbing their personal peace and comfort, and some from a desire to appear tolerant, liberal and broadminded in these days, prefer to be silent on the Roman Catholic question. It seems to be an inconvenient subject for those who have political aspirations, for the lawyer, the doctor, the merchant, because of the tyranny which the church of Rome exercises through her tremendous organization. Hence, many public men have deliberately ignored the subject, while some of our church members regard it as a 'bore.' The result is, on the part of the people, a lamentable ignorance both of the evils from which the Reformation delivered us, and of the blessings which the Reformation brought us. Whatever we have of religious liberty in the nation, of purity and happiness in the home, and of personal independence of conscience, we owe to the Protestant Reformation, to separation from the Roman Catholic Church."

*(Keep this in mind.—R.B.J.)*



# MAGNIFY CHRIST IN THE HOME

by Mrs. Harry W. Bruce, Nashville

## Follow His Plan

God is and has always been an orderly and systematic person. Creation took place in an orderly fashion; first things came first. He created man in his own image and gave him dominion over the earth and all that was therein. And, because it was not good for man to be alone, He created a companion, a helpmeet, from one of man's own ribs.

### GOD'S INTENTION FOR HOME

God is omnipotent—all powerful. He intended woman to be the mother of the children and a homemaker. He did not intend for her to be the breadwinner. He is powerful enough to have made it otherwise, if He had so willed. He established the first family and the first institution, a home. Therefore, God must have intended that the home be a first thing.

All through the Old Testament we are given examples of what home life should be like. Girls were taught by their mothers to cook, sew, and do other household duties; preparing them to become wives, mothers, and helpmates for their husbands. Boys were taught by their fathers to till the fields and take care of the sheep and cattle and perform other heavy duties; thereby preparing them to become heads of the households. In the home, by word of mouth from the fathers and mothers, the children were taught the Scriptures, the hymns, the Ten Commandments, and the Golden Rule. This was not left to a teacher to do in thirty minutes, once a week, as is done today.

### TEMPLES . . . UNDEFILED

God gave us our bodies as temples for our souls. He very emphatically tells us not to defile this temple. Sex is not a thing to be ashamed of, neither is it a thing to be flaunted before the eyes of the world. God gave it to us as a sacred trust. Read Matthew 5:28. But how can men fail to lust when so much of women's bodies are uncovered, inviting sin? Who then is to blame for so many sex crimes?

Even babies are exposed to insects and the glaring heat of the sun with scarcely any clothes on—to get a good suntan. These customs were no doubt started by some vile thinking man or woman. Science has proved that the rays of the sun will penetrate six inches of clothing. Let's go back to the cradle and begin there to teach our children modesty. Why did God give us the story of Abraham's drunkenness and his son's walking backwards to cover him up? Not for historical purposes alone, but to teach us modesty.

### FORSAKING GOD'S STANDARD

Each generation gets farther and farther away from the standard set by God and followed by Christ. In Luke 2:51: "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them." For how long? As far as we know until He started His ministry when He was well past twenty-five years of age. What a hue and cry would be raised if we even attempt to discipline a sixteen year old boy or girl today!

All down through the ages, when people become overburdened, they finally rebel. There are too many organizations: in the churches, in the schools, and in the world. There are too many demands on the people of today for their time. And yet, nobody will give up one thing. It has made people restless. Even a small family can rarely have a meal when all members can sit down and eat together. That is the reason for so few family altars today. Each member of the family is so busy with various affairs that they are astounded if all members of the family assemble in one room at the same time.

### ORGANIZATIONS NEED CONDENSING

The Church is going to have to take the lead if the situation is ever corrected. The Church will have to condense its organizations and weed out of its activities everything that is not of spiritual value and give people more time for their home and family. Churches are not intended to be houses of entertainment.



A family of four, each trying to keep up with the activities of their church and school, will never find time to have a single evening together at home. How then are children ever to be taught by word of mouth and example that Christ is head of the home? Can there be a family altar under such conditions?

Juvenile delinquency will never be healed by youth centers, teen-towns, or recreational programs in the churches. Is Christ ever mentioned at a church softball game? Or a basketball game? Is any Scripture ever read at one of these? Do you ever hear a prayer there? But a child can be taught the Golden Rule, and the Ten Commandments in the home while playing a few games with neighborhood companions provided the mother and father are there and take time to supervise them. Being a parent is a twenty-four hour a day job, three hundred and sixty-five days a year. It should be a privilege and taken as a sacred trust from God.

God does not tell you to send your children to Sunday School and Church—He commands you to TAKE them. Read Deut. 31:12. Christ taught it in Mark 16:15.

### TRAINING NEEDED EARLY IN LIFE

The time to start training a child is early in life. Every child should be taught to respect the rights, privilege, and property of others from the cradle. And you cannot teach that which you do not yourself know and practice.



There are a few words we as Americans and as Christians could very easily forget for our own good: glamour, pleasure, popularity, and personality. And there are a few we very sorely need to bring into use and magnification again: such as, modesty, discipline, piety, reverence, respect, scriptures, and CHRIST.

### CHURCH IS TEMPLE OF THE LORD

*"The Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him."*

A child who is allowed to romp and play in church will not grow up with any reverence for God's house. A child who grows up and never hears the Bible read and reverently discussed in his home, and never hears prayer or a blessing asked, will grow up calloused, indifferent, and a cynical doubter.

If we are ever to have a truly Christian nation, Christ must be taught and lived in the homes. And the children must be taught and shown by example that Sunday is the Lord's day and that it is to be spent in rest, meditation, and worship of the Lord. The Lord's day should be spent in the advancement of His Kingdom; by visiting the lost, and ministering to the sick and to those in distress.

Magnify Christ in the home and in homelife, and He will soon be magnified in the nation.

"God must become real! This does not carry the implication that God himself has been unreal. Most definitely it is true, however, that God of many may be unreal. If life is a matter of abuse, overwork, and burden; if all your days are hemmed in, cluttered, misdirected; if life is a matter of boredom, indifference, and purposelessness, your God is not real. God must be real to *each* person!"—Carlyle Marney, *The Teacher*.



# MAGNIFY CHRIST IN YOUR WORK

by Roland L. Beck

## KNOW GOD

### Seek Happiness

First of all, if you would be happy, seek to know God; have a speaking acquaintance with Him and form a lifelong partnership in which you can go to Him for blessings and counsel in regard to all of your undertakings. Then select the church of your choice—the one in which you can be happiest and the most efficient. After you have selected the church of your choice, attend it, support it, and defend it.

We fought for the four freedoms in the Atlantic Charter, but many don't worship now that they can. They are like the little boy that didn't want to do what he wanted to.

## FALSE REASONING

The way some people support the church resembles Rastus' answer to the judge, when he wanted a divorce because his wife was always asking for money. The judge asked, "What did she do with all of the money you gave her?" Rastus answered, "Well, I don't know, Judge, I never have given her any yet."

We don't renounce our citizenship because we are ashamed of some Americans. Yet some excuses for failing to defend our churches are based on just as fallacious reasoning.

## KNOW YOURSELF

The second thing that you should do to find happiness is to know yourself, to know what you are capable of doing, and to discover the vocation from which you can secure the greatest happiness and economical compensation to maintain a happy livelihood.



In knowing yourself, you should know your general ability as compared with others. This information can be secured from a so-called intelligence test. If you are above average, there

probably will be a number of vocations which you could successfully follow and still be happy, but there will be certain routine occupations which definitely will not bring you greatest benefits.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

If you are definitely below average, you still can be happy if you select a vocation in which you can render efficient service. If you are in the average group in general ability, perhaps you should not endeavor to become an engineer, laboratory technician, or a physician.

There may also be routine jobs which you should avoid because you may be able to render greater service to humanity and secure greater enjoyment in a more difficult occupation.

## DISCOVER ABILITY

In addition to general ability, one should discover from an interest test or vocational inventory perhaps the three highest interests. In these three fields, aptitude tests should be taken to determine if the interest inventory, based on the individual, personal opinions of the student, actually indicates permanent interests.

The theory is that an individual really interested in a field will already have attained at least average or above average ability in that field. Personality tests, interviews with vocational guidance counselors, and personal analysis of one's own interest, ability, and personality should help one to decide the most logical vocations to consider.

## IS YOUR FIELD CROWDED?

Another consideration is, "What opportunities are there in the fields of your interest?" For example, there are more engineers in college today than there are engineering jobs available, and the chances are that the field will continue to be more crowded in the next five to ten years.

If you prefer to work in a field which is crowded, or which may be crowded when you complete your preparation, at least, you should take this into consideration when you enter training.

After you definitely have selected your vocation, put your best into it and make adequate preparation for efficient service. Preparation and achievement are definitely related; and there is nothing that can bring you greater pleasure from your work than to know that you have done a good job.

## KNOW OTHER PEOPLE

In the third place, if you would be happy, understand yourself, have a knowledge and understanding of other people, and know how to get along with them and to work with them successfully. In getting along with other people, you should realize that you are no longer a child, and you should not expect other people to make all of the adjustments. In other words, you should grow up or mature emotionally.

Temper tantrums may be excusable in a small child, but they are not present in a well developed personality.

Some people are devoutly religious, entirely sincere, well-informed in their field, but still are unhappy because they have not learned to get along with others. In such cases, we sometimes say, "Well, he means well, anyway." People who can't get along with others not only make other people unhappy, but they, themselves, are miserable.

## DIFFERENCE IN VOCATION

Most fields require more or less interrelationship for successful achievement. There are some vocations which do not require a person to be able to get along with others. For example, a laboratory technician needs to be capable and efficient, but he does not have to meet the public to the same extent that a receptionist, teacher, doctor, or merchant must do in order to be successful—success brings contentment.

In the final analysis, if you have a wholesome speaking acquaintance with God; if you are happy in your work; and if you find pleasure in dealing with others, happiness is yours.

## WITHOUT CHRIST

**C**HRIST is the Way—Men without Him are like Cain, wandering vagabonds.

He is the Truth—Men without Him are dead in trespasses and sin.

He is the Light—Men without Him walk in darkness and know not whither they go.

He is the Vine—Men who are not in Him are withered branches prepared for the fire.

He is the Rock—Men not built on Him are carried away by the flood of judgment.

He is the Bread and Water of Life—Men without Him will hunger and thirst throughout all eternity.

He is the Alpha and Omega—Men without Him have neither beginning of good nor end of misery.—Copied.

# MAGNIFY CHRIST IN MUSIC

by Genter L. Stephens, Nashville

## Sing With Understanding

men." Majestic was the musical accompaniment to the Virgin birth of God's only begotten Son. No other person has ever been ushered into this world by such angelic harmonies as was He.

The Jewish nation had looked forward to the coming of the "Messiah" for centuries and to the time when they could sing a "new song unto the Lord" for a Savior, Redeemer, a King of Kings, a Lord of Lords, and a Prince of Peace. The Psalms were the hymns of praise to Jehovah God in the Temple worship. Many of them were composed and sung by David, the "sweet singer" and a man after God's own heart.

### MUSIC ORDAINED OF GOD

God gave great emphasis to music in the Tabernacle and Temple worship. Detailed instruction was given by Him concerning the leaders and chief musicians and those who were under rigid musical training. He even designed the proper dress and garb of the priests and singers.

We cannot overlook the importance of music which God ordained both in the Old and New Testament. With such a pattern and example before us, we may well follow it in the twentieth century church music and more pointedly in our Baptist Church worship.

We all agree that music and singing is a means of expressing inner feelings and emotions. To be more specific, sacred or religious music is a means of expressing the deep spiritual emotions such as gratitude for God's grace, love and mercy; adoration for our atonement; the joy of our salvation; earnest concern for the lost, and prayer for God's continued blessing and guidance in His service.

### WHO HATH EARS TO HEAR

We need to give careful thought to the songs we use to express these worthy emotions. Too many so-called sacred songs have little, if any, real merit that is genuinely worthy of magnifying Christ in a worship service. One has only to listen to the radio to become amazed and disgusted with some of the jazzy, and uncouth songs that are presented under the disguise of "favorite sacred songs." How can Christ be truly honored by such common commercialized compositions? Yet this type of music is used in a number of Baptist Churches in Tennessee and other states. He who hath ears to hear, let him hear hymns of great character and beauty that will express proper praise and reverent feeling toward the Christ of Calvary, the Risen Redeemer of the world, and the Prince of Peace. Could we imagine the angels of Heaven singing around the throne of the Heavenly Father some of these cheap, shallow, and undignified songs that are sung in our churches today? Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

### SPIRITUAL TRUTH TAUGHT

The educational value of sacred songs has far reaching possibilities and provides lasting impressions. "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" is usually the first song most of us learn as tiny tots in Sunday School. It still Sings in our adult hearts and is the first important spiritual truth that children need to know: that God is love and the Bible is the one Book that reveals it. All the other basic doctrines of Christianity are to be found in the great hymns that have helped to make Christianity great. Christ commanded us to go and make disciples, teaching them to observe all the doctrines He taught us. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col. 3:16.

Heavenly music was heard for the first time on earth, by the shepherds, when the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will among

"What is it then? . . . I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with understanding also." 1 Cor. 14:15. Frequently I have stopped group singing between the stanzas of some hymn and asked what doctrines are suggested in the stanza just sung. Many Christians are unable to answer because they have not been grounded in the faith either by teaching and preaching or because they are new converts.

### SING UNTO THE LORD

God's Word tells us that singing is a religious duty. Ps. 81:1: "Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob." Ps. 95:1: "O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation." Is. 30:29: "Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart as when one goeth with a pipe into the mountain of the Lord, to the mighty One of Israel."



Paul and Silas must have believed it their duty to sing as they witnessed for Christ. In jail at Philippi, at midnight, we hear Paul and Silas singing and praising God. He heard them and sent a mighty earthquake to shake loose their chains and prison doors which gave them an opportunity to witness, and win the keeper of that jail. We may be certain that no jig tunes nor light weighted rhymes were lifted to God by these great pioneer missionaries. No doubt Paul and Silas sang some of the psalms on this occasion but we can suggest a few great hymns that might have been appropriately sung, had they been written then: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Amazing Grace," "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing My Great Redeemer's Praise," "I Need Thee Every Hour," "Have Thine Own Way Lord," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." To be sure, Paul and Silas sang with the spirit and with understanding.

### SING WITH UNDERSTANDING

The choir of a New Testament Church needs to sing with the Spirit, in the Spirit and most of all with understanding. Many modern church choirs have become as sounding brass or clanging cymbals because they lack compassionate love in their hearts for lost people. This is another way of saying they have not the Spirit of Christ in their hearts nor in their singing. They prefer to sing loud anthems rather than the great heart-warming hymns and soul-stirring gospel songs that have melted the hard hearts of sinful men, thereby permitting the Holy Spirit to come in and convict them of their sins. The main purpose of a New Testament Church choir, in any worship service, is to sing effectively the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords. There is no more effective way for a choir to magnify Christ than by fulfilling this purpose. The preacher and his choir have this duty in common.

Pastors and ministers of music must plan the worship services of our Baptist Churches with extreme care to avoid too much formality and too little formality. When Baptists lose their warm-hearted fervor, they will cease to sing with the zealous spirit and with the heartfelt understanding that have kept the flames of progressive evangelism burning throughout our history. Again I say, "Sing with the Spirit and with understanding."



# MAGNIFY CHRIST IN VISITATION

by J. Burch Cooper, Pastor, Lonsdale, Knoxville

## Follow His Example

The surest way to magnify Christ through pastoral visitation is to do things the way Christ wants them done. The way He wants them done is the way He did them Himself.

When Jesus began His public ministry he did not go to the temple in Jerusalem and call great crowds about Himself. On the contrary, He was found at the home of some friend with publicans and sinners drawing near to hear Him. He was found going through Samaria. He was found sitting on a well curb telling a wretched woman of the "Water of Life."

Jesus was seen calling to the man of little stature who was forced to climb a tree to see Him, "Make haste, come down, for today I must abide in thy house." Jesus was seen when a little later He uttered the greatest promise that ever falls on mortal ears, "Today is salvation come to thy house."

### MUST LEARN JESUS' EXAMPLE

This scene could be duplicated thousands of times if pastors could learn the secret of following Jesus. The Holy Spirit will lead us into similar joys with great experiences. If we are willing to furnish the man-power, the Holy Spirit will furnish the God-power: for, Jesus said, "Greater things than these shall He do because I go unto my Father."

### OBEY HIS COMMANDS

We can magnify Christ in pastoral visitation by obeying His commands. Twice He said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Any child who obeys his father magnifies his father; and, conversely, any child who disobeys his father brings reproach upon his father.

Therefore, if we are to magnify Christ, we must do the things He said and do them in the way He wants them done.

### SOUL WINNING THROUGH VISITATION

We can magnify Christ best through personal visitation and in personal soul winning. This method is scriptural. It has the approval of the Holy Spirit. We read in Acts 20:18-28 that it was the method used by Paul. (Every pastor ought to read this passage at least once each week). When Paul set foot on Asia Minor he did it all at the call of the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:2). "The Holy Spirit, said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

Now Paul looks back on his work and says that he left no stone unturned for the Lord, both publicly and from house to house. From the very first day in Asia Minor, Paul served the Lord with lowliness of mind, with many tears, and many trials; but he shrank not from declaring unto them anything that was profitable, teaching publicly and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

You have heard it said that "so-and-so is a great pulpiteer." My belief is that if anyone is a great personal soul winner, he will also be a great pulpiteer. My reason for saying this is that, no matter how much one knows about the Bible and how well he can present it, if no unsaved people are there to hear it no one will be saved. Another reason for this belief is that, no matter how well a man may know the truth, if he does not know the needs of the people seated before him, he cannot effectively apply the truth. The Holy Spirit will offer leadership but the ministry of the Holy Spirit was not intended to make up for laziness.

The Holy Spirit led Paul from house to house. The method has not been changed. We may sin away "our days of grace" as a soul winner and the Holy Spirit will change the messenger;

but neither the method nor the message will be changed. The message is the Blood of Christ. The method is publicly and from house to house.

### HOW FIND TIME?


When shall we find time for personal visitation? We may not find all the time that we would like to have for personal visitation, but we can find more time if we look for it prayerfully. Paul found time. He held continents in one hand but he held individuals in the other. A study of the lives of men who have moved continents for God will reveal that they also moved individuals.

Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners . . . They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick." Nowhere in the Scriptures is it said that sinners are to go to church. I do not wonder why so few come; I wonder why any come. Their nature is just the opposite.

Church people need to learn that sinners are not commanded to come to church, but that the church is commanded to go after them. We can never win the fight against sin by defending our position; we must assert our position by offensive invasion of the stronghold of sin and satan. Before Jesus sent out the Seventy, He went Himself and showed them the way to win and to heal and how to proclaim His message.

Before pastors can send their church members out to win souls they will have to teach them; and, best of all, by example. There are more effective results awaiting the general who leads his troops into battle rather than sending them into battle.

### PASTOR AS UNDERSHEPHERD



In Acts 20:28 we read: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops (overseer, pastor, shepherd) to feed the church of the Lord which He purchased with His own blood." A pastor is not a hireling nor a hired hand. If a church can pay him all he is worth, he isn't worth that much. The pastor is God's man placed over the flock by the Holy Spirit to tend the flock. He is to protect the flock from the wolves (Acts 20:29,30). He cannot do that unless he is among the flock. Jesus said that a good shepherd could call his sheep by name and lead them out and go before them. He also said that a good shepherd would lay down his life for his sheep, but that the hireling would flee when he saw the wolf coming and let the wolf snatch the sheep and scatter the flock.

The place of the pastor as the undershepherd ordained of God is to feed the flock. Many there are who have tried in the battle but have lost. They have become discouraged but did not want to bother the pastor with their troubles. They decided to quit; they fell out of the ranks and became one of the unenlisted Baptists.

Many times if the pastor could just stop for a brief visit, give a word of encouragement, read a verse of Scripture or pray for them, the dark clouds would scatter. The circumstances would be overcome. The victory could be won. A life of usefulness would be saved for kingdom service.

"A true church is composed of saved people. They range in age from the little child to the oldest adult. They come from all classes of society. At the foot of the cross this group of people we call a church is a classless society. The greatest need of every member is to grow in the image of Christ and to follow him in faithful service."—J. E. Lambdin, *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

# Sunday School Lesson

By O. L. RIVES

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For November 20, 1949

TEXTS: Isaiah 55 (Larger)—Isaiah 55:1-11 (Printed)—Isaiah 55:6 (Golden).

## The Great Invitation

A good way to study the entire Bible is in terms of its great invitations. One will be amazed, at first, at the number of times God invites men to come to Him. One will also be impressed at the urgency of these invitations.

In this, one of many, great invitations, we may group our thinking around a "pod of p's"; without making of them too artificial an outline. It is hoped.

### I. PRESUPPOSES POVERTY (Vss. 1-2a).

1. *Thirst of spirit is discovered.* The soul of man cries out after that which can be satisfied only as a result of coming into contact with the Lord God. Such a lack is both intensive and extensive.

2. *Waste of effort is evidenced.* Apart from God's gracious help, men in their intense search for that which would satisfy are always tragically disappointed and woefully frustrated.

### II. PROMISES PLENTY (Vss. 2b-3).

1. *The soul feeds.* It listens to God's call, or invitation, and responds by feeding at His bountiful table. Its hunger is great but the feast set before it is yet greater. God satisfies.

2. *The soul lives.* It lives here and now and it will live forever. It thrives and it grows. Some day it will mature. Its diet is like the manna given to Israel on their way to Canaan. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna" (Rev. 2:17).

### III. PRODUCES PEOPLE (Vss. 4-5).

1. *Commanded by the Lord.* Men must give their loyalty to some one or to some thing. When they give it to God they are not only thus at one with Him but they are also at one with their best selves.

2. *Exalted by the Lord.* It means much to be exalted and glorified by Him. It carries with it a great responsibility. He does it not for our sakes or for our glory but rather for His own. This means that we are to do our best to realize His purposes within us.

### IV. PROCLAIMS PARDON (Vss. 6-7).

1. *If we seek Him.* He is to be sought when His Spirit leads us to seek Him. If we are earnest and sincere, and are being led by His Spirit, He can be found. By implication, we are warned not to delay or postpone such seeking, for there may come a time when He will be hard to find or be far removed from us.

2. *If we forsake evil.* We are to forsake evil ways and turn to Him for mercy. We are to renounce sinful thoughts and look to Him for pardon. His pardon will prove abundant and sufficient to meet our needs. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20).

### V. PORTRAYS POWER (Vss. 8-11).

1. *In being superior.* The thoughts of God are far above ours. At times He seems to permit our thinking His thoughts after Him. This is indeed a rare privilege for us, and should be exercised in humility. His ways are far above ours also. Man's highest concepts of right and wrong have come through processes of revelation. Both God's thoughts and ways are as far above those of man as the heavens are higher than the earth. Facing this truth, how can man be proud or be filled with vainglory?

2. *In guaranteeing success.* His word cannot fail. It will not fall to the ground without bringing forth fruit. "It shall not return unto me void," says the Lord. What a word of assurance for God's prophet! Let him be confident, but never boastful, that his deliverance of God's message will have God's blessings upon the results. But like germinating seed, it takes time always.

### VI. PROVIDES PEACE. (Vss. 12-13).

1. *Peace on the inside.* This is where peace must have its beginning, within the human heart and life and as a result of the adjustment of the individual with the plan and purpose of God. As a consequence, he can experience what Paul mentions (Phil. 4:7).

2. *Peace on the outside.* Isaiah becomes poet as well as prophet in these two verses, when he speaks of the singing of the hills and the clapping of the hands of the trees. They came into the mind of the writer with new significance on the morning of the first Armistice Day in 1918.

# The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

Our last new word picture in last week's Young South was of one of our friends at the Baptist Orphanage, Franklin, Tennessee. Our first word picture for today is also of a friend at the Orphanage.

Some of you who have visited the Orphanage at Franklin may already know twelve-year-old Betty Peach. Betty is in the seventh grade at school. She is a Christian and attends Sunday School and Training Union regularly. I was particularly interested in this sentence in Betty's letter: "I am in the band and play a clarinet." I wonder if this is a school band, or if they have an orphanage band. Betty wants pen pals. If you, too, play a musical instrument, either in a band or simply for your own pleasure, that would be a nice thing to write your first letter about. Perhaps you and Betty will have many band experiences to share.

Mary Jo Price is a fifteen-year-old friend at Minor Hill, Tennessee. She like to skate, draw, and write. She is a freshman at Minor Hill High School. And she is a member of Minor Hill Baptist Church. In her letter she says: "I would like to have pen pals around my age. I promise to answer every letter." I hope Mary Jo will have lots of letters to answer right away. If you are about fifteen, why don't you write a letter telling about yourself and the things you like to do? After you get acquainted, you will have many interesting things to discuss in your letters.

If you are a little younger than Betty Jo, perhaps you'd be interested in writing to Jane Weeks who lives at Dyersburg, Tennessee. Jane is eleven years old and in the sixth grade at school. Her hobbies are 4-H Club work, coloring, and making scrapbooks. Jane is a Christian and goes to Parish Chapel Church. I hope she will get many pen pals from today's column.

One of our Nashville papers had a good scrapbook suggestion in it recently. I wonder if Jane saw it. It was a "Headlines" book—the type of headlines depending upon the interest of the person to whom the scrapbook belongs. For instance, if that person enjoys sports, his clippings would be headlines from sport pages. Or if church news were of special interest, all the headlines could be along that line. Current events headlines would make a nice continued story that would make the scrapbook valuable for years to come. Sometimes there are large headlines, with smaller, more explanatory subheads under them. These two headlines together make a very complete short story, as rule. They tell enough to help you know what the newspaper story is about. Maybe you'd like to join Jane Weeks' scrapbook hobby. Choose your subject, then keep your book up-to-date. It will be fun.

Earline Whitman, Route 3, Jackson, Tennessee, is a new ten-year-old friend. She goes to Pinson School and to East Laurel Baptist Church. That's about all we could learn from her first letter. Perhaps there will be another letter soon, telling some of the other things we'd like to know about Earline. I hope so.

Barbara Warnoe, 900 Sheridan Avenue, East Chattanooga, Tennessee, began her letter this way: "Dear Aunt Polly, I have read your column in the Baptist and Reflector for the first time, and I am very much interested." It's nice to know that Barbara has "found" our Young South column in her paper. I hope she will find many more things there—new friends, new information, new hobbies, new joy in doing some of the things suggested in the column. Barbara is thirteen years old, in the seventh grade at Hardy Junior High School. She goes to Avondale Baptist Church. Barbara wants some pen pals. I hope she gets them. Why don't you write to her?

Lynda E. Dees, 109 Webber Avenue, Jackson, Tennessee, is another ten-year-old friend. She writes a very interesting letter. Here is part of it:

"I go to Alexander School and West Jackson Baptist Church . . . I have red curly hair and blue eyes. I am slender (my mamma says I'm skinny because I don't eat my eggs at breakfast). Margaret Ann Wyatt is a good friend of mine. She goes to North Jackson Baptist Church. I have a twin brother named Bobby. I have a doll house which my daddy built for me, and I collect paper dolls and doll furniture. I'd like to have a pen pal who likes paper dolls." Doesn't Lynda sound like an extra-nice pen pal? I hope she will get lots of letters.

I hope I will get lots more letters this week, too. How about one from you?

Love,

AUNT POLLY

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR



## Sunday School Department

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## The Snodderly's Have Good Sunday School Record



MR. EFFERT SNODDERLY AND HIS SON,  
NORMAN

Mr. Snodderly and his family have made a notable record in Sunday School attendance at the First Baptist Church, Lenoir City. Mr. Ralph Waller, superintendent of the school, writes as follows: "As superintendent of the Sunday school I have known Mr. Snodderly and his family for the past five years, and can say that he is one of the most consecrated and faithful members of the church, together with his family."

"He has been a Christian for the past eleven years; has not missed Sunday school in the past five years; taught in the Junior Department for the past five years; has been an active deacon for four years; is Adult Training Union Director and director of the Mission Training Union which has just started."

"With Mr. Snodderly in the above picture is his oldest son, Norman, who is five years old. He has not missed a Sunday in Sunday school for the past four years. He also attends Training Union regularly."

"The Snodderly's have a sixteen months old boy, Michael, who has not missed Sunday school in ten months. He has

been trained to stay for preaching service.

"Mrs. Snodderly has an equally good record in attendance in Sunday school and church except for periods of illness."

"If all church members were like these we wouldn't need visitation programs, wouldn't have empty pews and Christ's program would be extended throughout the world."

### TWENTY PER CENT GAIN IN DUCK RIVER ASSOCIATION

Missionary C. D. Tabor says: "Records in our Sunday schools reveal a gain of more than 20% over last year."

## A Year of Junior Programs

By MISS ROBBIE TRENT

Miss Trent, Elementary Editor at the Sunday School Board, is the author of several books including *Your Child and God*, *A Star Shone*, *A Book About Me*, and *The Faith We Share*.

*A Year of Junior Programs*, price \$2.00, contains suggestions for fifty-three programs which will be interesting and helpful for boys and girls.

In addition to several seasonal programs, there are programs on prayer, special programs, programs dealing with problems that trouble Junior boys and girls, and a splendid group of twelve programs on the life of Christ.

*A Year of Junior Programs* is a practical, usable book. It will be a welcome addition to the library of every worker with Junior boys and girls.

*Take Your Family  
To Sunday School*

## Baptist Training Union

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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_

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## Story Hour Work

In answer to many requests, a certificate has been prepared by the Tennessee Training Union Department to be given to all Story Hour boys and girls who have perfect attendance in any Training Union training school. It is given, not for the study of a book, but for perfect attendance. We suggest that the Story Hour boys and girls be led during the week by the Story Hour leader using material as found in the Story Hour Magazine or other material suited to this age group. These certificates may be obtained by sending the names of the boys and girls, who receive the credit, to Charles L. Norton, 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

The following outline of Story Hour work has been prepared by our Approved Story Hour workers:

### 1. A Story Hour Worker should have the following qualifications:

Christian experience	Imagination
Love for children	Physical fitness
Patience	Faithfulness
Sympathetic understanding	Enthusiasm

### 2. The Story Hour workers should know every child in the Story Hour.

### 3. Types of Organizations

One Story Hour	One Story Hour Department
Two or more Story Hour Departments	

### 4. Equipment and materials for organizing and promoting a Story Hour:

Room facilities	Record Supplies
Periodical Literature	Browsing Table Equipment
Song Books	Miscellaneous materials

### 5. When the child first comes, he participates in activities centering around the materials in the center of interests.

### 6. The Program consists of:

Singing	Story Telling
Praying	Relaxation
Creative Expressions	

### 7. To insure better programs, workers should meet together monthly to discuss the work.

(See leaflet, The Happy Story Hour)

### 8. Workers may learn more about Story Hour work through the study of the Story Hour Leadership Manual by Arnote.

### 9. Additional materials for Story Hour workers may be found in the Story Hour section of the Training Union Magazine.



## Woman's Missionary Union

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

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Office Secretary

### Supplies To Be Ordered From State Headquarters 149 Sixth Ave., North, Nashville

"We Have a Treasure," Stewardship booklet, 10c  
W M U Year Books, 15c each  
Guide Books, 10c dozen, \$2.00 a hundred  
Guide Books, 25c dozen, \$2.00 a hundred  
Standards for each organization, 10c each  
Record charts, 10c each  
R A and G A Manuals, 10c each  
S.B.B. and Y.W.A. Manuals, 15c each

### Lorene Tilford Writes From China

Dear friends:

My last letter was written just before the opening of the summer school at the University on June 26. We had more than 300 students for seven weeks. During that time I taught nine hours of English and helped with the V.B.S., B T U and Bible classes. Summer school closed on August 13. Ever since I have been doing my best to get over amoebic dysentery from which I have been suffering since I returned last fall from the states. I hope when I return to the campus tomorrow that I can live above disturbing factors and that my physical strength will not be dissipated by this lack of self control and quiet calmness. I have fully resolved to live only one day at a time and try to make that day the best of my life.

When the Gordon sails, there will be 25 missionaries from our Board located in Shanghai. Only Dr. and Mrs. Hipps and Wesley Lawton are leaving on the Gordon. Our missionaries are located at the Seminary, the Eliza Yates Girls' School, the University Boys' Middle School, the Publication Society, the Office, the Cantonese Girl's School, the North Gate Church and Schools and the University. All of the High Schools have opened with good enrolment although because of the HCL they do not have as many as they did last year. There are 65 students in the Seminary which opened last week. Many more students have asked for scholarships than last year. I am especially grateful for the scholarship fund that has been created out of the over and above relief funds that will help 96 young people who have dedicated their lives to serve their own people as doctors, dentists, teachers, mining engineers, and business men and women who build Christian homes.

The University registered students last week. We expect to have 1,200 studying with us this year. Our English load has been reduced so that I will have time to teach one course in religion. Miss Coleman will teach Christian doctrine and I am to teach a Life of Christ. The administration of the school has been modified, and although we regret to see much of the old discarded, there is some good in the new. At least our people, especially the students are learning the meaning of responsibility, and I hope that they will be less ready to criticize because they will have learned about many of the problems first hand. They are learning to make and balance budgets. They will know why new books and equipment cannot be bought, and have a greater knowledge of the teachers position in the school.

I also hope that many of them after seeing the need for more education will dedicate themselves to the life of a teacher instead of trying to build a fortune for themselves in the business world.

Young people's conferences were sponsored by the B T U department this summer in four of the areas of the city. These were well attended. Every church had a V B S. The University Church sponsored three with a total enrolment of more than 500. For the first time in our history, no one received pay for helping. Two schools ran three weeks and one four weeks. Our church work will continue with minor changes. The Chinese Christians will assume responsibility for more of the leadership. The missionary will be seen and heard less.

We have enough food, money, clothing and the comforts of life to make our living enjoyable; we wonder how God can give us so much. We hope that mail will soon be possible but we are grateful for the contact that we are having through Hongkong. God was leading when He let Miss Smith and Dr. Cauthen get out to open the office there. If at any time you want to send me a message write to Miss Lucy Smith, Box 1686 Kowloon, Hongkong.

I am returning to the campus tomorrow and we will begin classes on the 21st. I am moving my furniture back that was evacuated before the Shanghai fighting. I expect to dig in for the winter term. Much, much love to all of you and know that we are thankful for you and are depending on you to hold the ropes for us.

Love,

Lorene Tilford

## Department of Student Work

ROGERS M. SMITH, Secretary

MARJORIE HOWARD, Office Secretary

### Mr. Udell Smith Resigns

Mr. Udell Smith, our Baptist student secretary at the University of Tennessee for the last two years, resigned from this position October 25. He has been elected State Student Secretary of Louisiana and will make his headquarters in Alexandria where the State Baptist Offices are located. He has made a real contribution to our work in Knoxville and is held in high esteem by students, pastors, and churches. We regret very much to lose him from our corps of workers, but we pray God's richest blessings upon him as he goes to take this wider field of service. We know that he, his wife and two children will be greatly missed by their many friends in Knoxville for they have certainly made a place for themselves in the hearts of the people there.

### B. S. U. At Austin Peay College

Our newest B. S. U. is located on the campus of Austin Peay State College in Clarksville, Tennessee. We have been looking forward to the day when we would have an organization on this campus, and we rejoice that it has now come about. This is a very fine school with several hundred Baptist students enrolled and we know that the B. S. U. will make a great contribution to the students and to the campus.

The following officers have been elected for the coming year:

President.....Jack Richardson  
First Vice-President.....Jean Worsham  
Second Vice-President.....James Nolen  
Third Vice-President.....Reba Anderson  
Secretary.....Irene Tenpenny  
Treasurer.....Janet Hughes  
Music Director.....Martha Hallowell  
Publicity Director.....Glyn Broome  
Faculty Adviser.....Mrs. Earl Bradley, Jr.  
Pastor Adviser.....Dr. Richard N. Owen

### New Council At Southwestern

President.....Dorothea Bond  
First Vice-President.....May Mount  
Third Vice-Presidents.....Peggy Pence, Sue Carrell  
Secretary.....Rosemary Nelms  
Treasurer.....Mary Inman  
Publicity Chairman.....Nancy Carrell  
Music Chairmen.....Jack Funkhouser, Norma Maddox  
Magazine Representative.....Effie Lee Stepelton  
Student Secretary.....Mr. Norris Gilliam, Jr.

### Plan Now

### A Student Night At Christmas

### In Your Church

DECEMBER 25



# AMONG THE BRETHREN

## PLANS FOR BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—(BP)—Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, met here with the local committee on arrangements to make preliminary arrangements and perfect the sub-committee organization for the 1950 Baptist World Congress to be held in Cleveland in July. Dr. Ohrn reported that invitations to the principal speakers were being sent out from the Washington headquarters and that the program is rapidly taking shape. He said detailed announcement will be released in the near future.

The meetings of the Congress will open on Saturday, July 22, with an afternoon session in the Public Hall and a great mass gathering in the Stadium, the baseball park of the Cleveland American League team.

President Truman has been invited to deliver an address.

Registrations are now coming into the Cleveland office of the Committee on Arrangements. Applications for hotel and home housing will be made through this committee, and in the order of the receipt of the registration accompanied by a fee of \$5.00. Address Dr. D. R. Sharpe, 900 Schofield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Chestnut Hill Mission, supported by First Church, Crossville, became an organized Baptist Church, Sunday, October 31, with 21 charter members. Glen Melton, missionary for First Church, Crossville, has been pastoring the mission.

—B&R—

The members of Alice Bell Church, Knoxville, observed the first anniversary of the church, October 9, by breaking ground for their new building. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Broadway Church, brought the message and Lawrence Trivette prayed the dedicatory prayer.

This church was started as a mission under the leadership of Broadway Church, February 16, 1947, and the church was organized October 10, 1948, with 71 charter members.

In the past year there were 18 baptisms and 20 other additions by letter and statement. A total of \$6,791.00 has been given to all causes, and Baptist and Reflector has been placed in the church budget. G. T. Turpin is pastor, and he lives on the field.

—B&R—

Grace Church, Nashville, Leonard Stigler, pastor, has led Nashville Association in baptisms again this year. The number of baptisms reported for the church is 121.

—B&R—

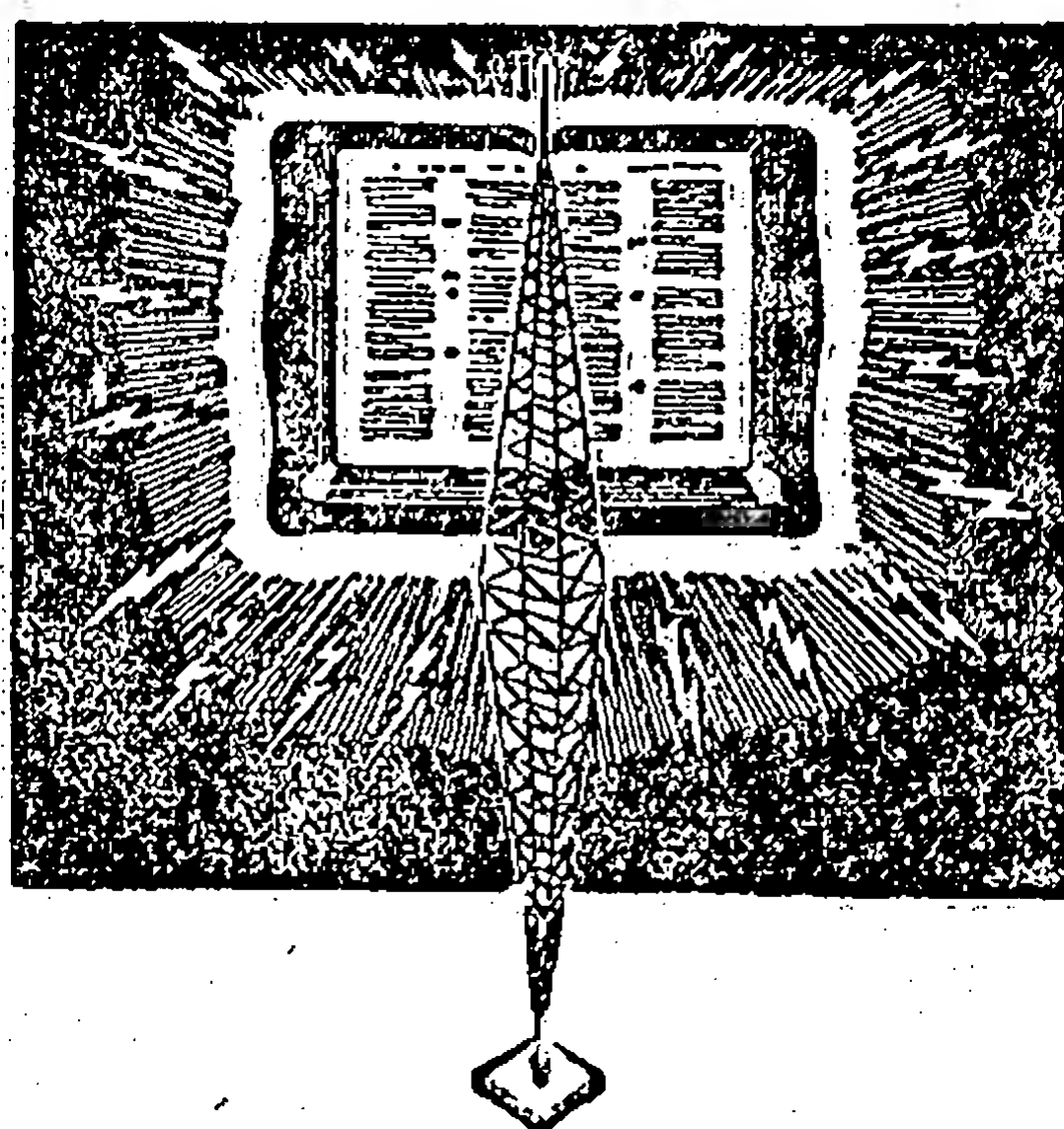
Una Church, Nashville Association, Frank B. Kellogg, pastor, has just closed a revival in which James L. Sullivan, pastor of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, did the preaching. There were 9 additions to the church.

—B&R—

With L. S. Sedberry of Nashville doing the preaching and Jimmie Dearing leading the singing, Pastor B. Frank Collins and First Church, Goodlettsville, experienced a great revival in which there were 40 additions to the church and 10 others who made a profession of faith but did not join the church.

James A. Ivey, pastor of First Church, Americus, Ga., has resigned effective November 1 to become pastor of First Church, Okmulgee, Okla. Before going to Americus, Bro. Ivey was pastor of Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga.

## Hear the Baptist Hour



Sunday, November 20

Speaker: Dr. R. G. Lee

Subject: "Be Ye Thankful"

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

## Joe Sims Elected Sunday School Superintendent Emeritus

Joe Sims has been elected superintendent emeritus of the Sunday school at First Church, Lawrenceburg, after serving as superintendent for 40 years. The Sunday school presented Mr. Sims with a Shriner pin with a small cluster of diamonds in honor of his long service. Ramon McCroy is the newly elected superintendent, and Mr. Sims was also elected teacher of the older men's class.

For many years Mr. Sims served as principal of the high school at Lawrenceburg and was County Judge for 8 years.

—B&R—

Pastor Preston L. Ramsey and First Church, Somerset, Ky., have just closed a twelve day revival in which Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Immanuel Church, Paducah, Ky., did the preaching and W. L. Huguen, music director of the Somerset Church, led the music. There were 125 additions to the church, and two young men surrendered to preach the gospel.

—B&R—

Hugh Widick and the First Church, Englewood, were assisted in a revival October 16-27 by Guard Green of South Pittsburg doing the preaching and Dwight Newman of Athens leading the music. There were 6 additions to the church.

—B&R—

Carson-Newman College has 889 regular students and 192 special students this year.

## STUDENTS SEND COW TO ROME ORPHANAGE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The generous response to a recent appeal for good used clothing deserves grateful appreciation, reports William Hall Preston, associate in the Baptist Student Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Two boxes each have gone out to the Baptist Orphanage in Rome, Italy; the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland; and to the Baptist Relief Center in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mr. Preston also said that it is interesting to note that the Student Concert Mission group has been able to send the first of three cows to the Rome Orphanage, besides having \$400 toward a large washing machine for their Christmas present. The piano fund for the Girls' Training School in Rome, (Miss Virginia Wingo, director) is over \$200. A group of ladies have given a much needed typewriter to the Zurich Seminary and books are now being collected for their library. Arrangements have been made to bring more than a dozen displaced Baptists to America. Shipments of food and clothing have been sent to other needy Europeans.

John Oman, prominent deacon of Immanuel Church, Nashville, and president of the Oman Construction Company died Sunday night, November 6, at Vanderbilt Hospital. Funeral services were conducted by Gaye L. McGlothlen on November 8 and burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

—B&R—

Charles H. Bolton, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, was the evangelist at First Church, Farmville, Va., October 9-16.

—B&R—

Lowell D. Milburn and the Orlinda Church, Robertson Association, have just closed a revival in which F. F. Brown of Knoxville did the preaching. There were 14 additions to the church.

—B&R—

On Tuesday, October 25, First Church, Selmer, ordained Chas. N. Paris, Jr. to the full work of the gospel ministry. Bro. Paris is a student at Union University and has been called as pastor of the newly organized Friendship Church near Finger. Following the ordination service the church presented Bro. and Mrs. Paris with a pounding.

—B&R—

Pastor and Mrs. Ben Holman of Mill Springs Church near Jefferson City were surprised October 31 when the members of the church met at the parsonage with a covered dish supper and a pounding for their pastor.

During October Joe Wall, a student at Carson-Newman College, was with the church as they observed Music Month.

—B&R—

Enrollment at Carson-Newman College has increased 90 per cent in the last eleven years.





# Resolutions

## Tallent

WHEREAS, Rev. Virgil Tallent, who has been pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Lenoir City, for three and one-half years, has resigned to become pastor of the Vonore Baptist Church, and

WHEREAS, this change in pastorate necessitated his resignation as moderator of the Providence Association of Baptists, we record our loss of a faithful leader.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we express our deep appreciation to Brother Tallent for his consecrated, unselfish, and faithful services to his church and the churches of the association. We commend him for his sincere, faithful, and untiring interest in us, and we pray that he may have the blessings of God following him in his work in the Sweetwater Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to:

- (1) Brother Virgil Tallent
- (2) Vonore Baptist Church
- (3) Executive Board, Sweetwater Association
- (4) Baptist & Reflector

This resolution passed by vote of the Executive Board, Providence Association, October 3, 1949.

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Union University has 104 ministerial students, 14 missionary students, and more than 200 students preparing for the teaching field.

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... By Porter Routh

## FACTS OF INTEREST

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... The American Medical Association estimates the number of problem drinkers in the United States at 3,000,000 with about 750,000 chronically alcoholic. The AMA reports that 1,718 of the 6,270 hospitals registered by the organizations admitted alcoholics for treatment during the year.

... The cost of living increased one-half of 1 per cent in the month closing September 15, the Bureau of Labor reports.

... Football attendance for college football games in the U. S. is up 4 per cent over 1948.

... A survey group from the Interior Department reports that the natives of the Aleutian Islands and other parts of Alaska "are on the decline through disease and impoverishment, much of it brought on by the unbridled and excessive use of liquor. The most deplorable conditions among the natives exist in those communities and villages where liquor is available."

... Dr. Egas Moniz of Portugal and Dr. Walter R. Hess of Switzerland are the joint winners for the 1949 Nobel prize for medicine. Both men won their awards for new discoveries and techniques regarding the brain.

... On October 1, 312,428 veterans were enrolled in college courses.

## IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

... The Czech Roman Catholic hierarchy has told its 7,000 priests that they may accept salaries from the Communist-dominated government and take oaths of allegiance to the State.

... Clare Booth Luce, wife of the editor of Life and Time, has been received by Pope Pius XII.

... The Lutheran Churches in the United States and Canada report an increase of 114,588 members in 1948 to make a total membership of 5,950,735. In the parish education program, there were 2,344,092 enrolled.

... The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. plans to send out 75 more missionaries this year, one third of them to Japan. They now

report a staff of 1,100 in their foreign mission program.

... Roman Catholics report that more than 1,000,000 have already booked rooms for the "Holy Year" pilgrimage to Rome.

... Miss Rachel K. McDowell, religious editor of the New York Times for many years who died August 30, left \$3,000 in her will to the Newspaper Guild of New York for printing literature "protesting against blasphemy and profanity" for distribution among newspaper employees.

... Dr. John A. Tate of Richmond, Va., has been elected president of the international convention of the Disciples of Christ. The 1950 convention will be held in Oklahoma City, October 15-20, and the 1951 Convention will be held jointly with the Northern Baptists in Chicago.

## BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

... The Sunday School Board has voted to match dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 any money raised in harmony with the business and financial plan of the SBC to assist getting the Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico started. The SBC voted the project in Oklahoma City.

... Maryland Baptists elected Rev. E. E. Garland, Crisfield, president, and voted a \$140,000 Cooperative Program goal in their annual meeting.

... Missouri Baptists elected Rev. J. E. Rains, Euclid Church, St. Louis, president and will hold the 1950 sessions in Hannibal.

... New Mexico Baptists elected S. M. Morgan, Artesia, president, and adopted a \$160,000 Cooperative Program goal for 1950. The 1950 meeting will be October 17-19 at Albuquerque. Plans are being made to erect a new Baptist headquarters.

... The East Texas Baptist College has awarded an honorary doctor's degree to Governor Allan Shivers of Texas.

... J. Marse Grant has been elected editor of Charity and Children.

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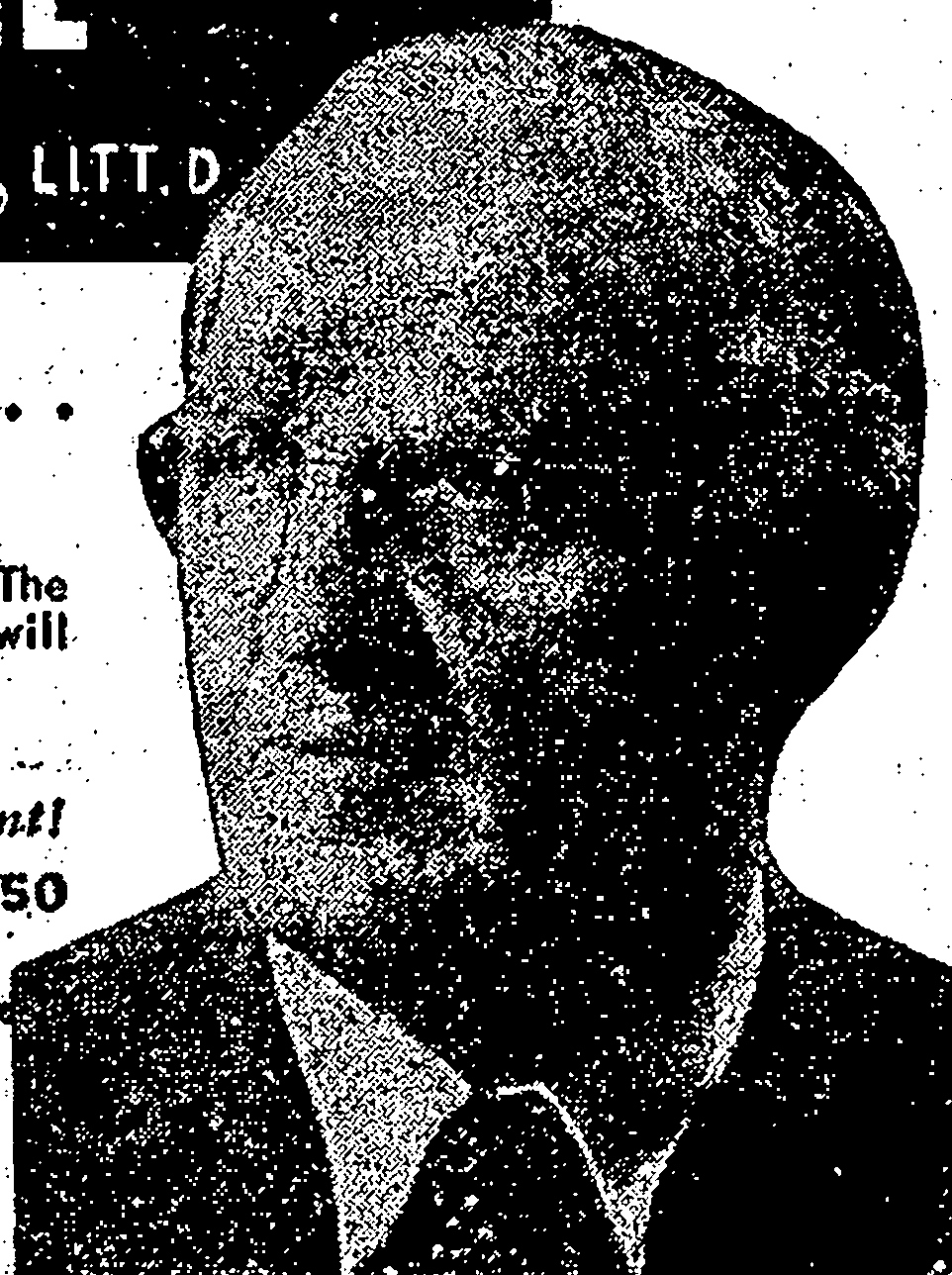
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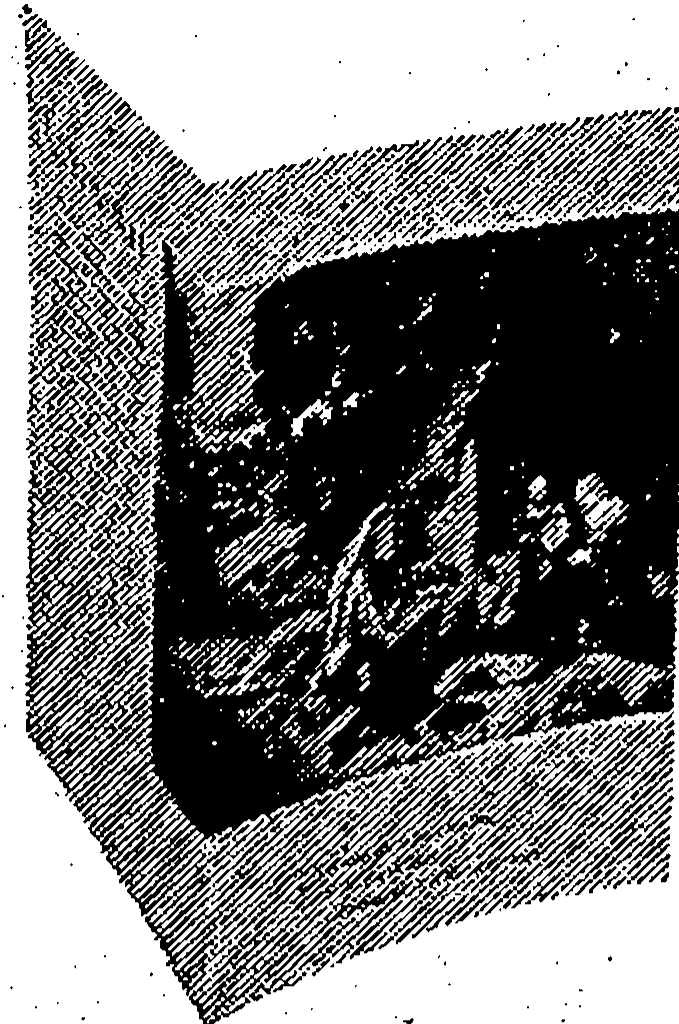
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## ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES NOVEMBER 6, 1949

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Allons Chapel	116	---	---	LaFollette, West	129	58	---
Ashland City, First	45	18	---	Lawrenceburg, First	229	157	13
Athens, East	317	144	---	Lebanon, Barton's Creek	137	89	---
First	531	252	1	Cedar Grove	123	71	1
West End Mission	85	---	---	Fairview	117	53	---
Calhoun	108	70	---	First	568	181	48
Clearwater	84	63	---	Lenoir City, First	377	117	---
Cotton Port	104	62	---	Nelson Street Mission	50	---	---
Eastanalle	37	---	---	Tabernacle	187	12	---
Englewood	118	442	---	Lewisburg, First	390	136	19
Etowah, First	420	---	2	Lexington, First	223	53	---
Etowah, North	319	85	---	McEwen	58	40	---
McMahan Calvary	100	75	---	Madison, First	410	117	---
Rodgers Creek	23	---	---	Boulevard Mission	87	47	1
West View	54	47	---	Madisonville, Chestnut	87	35	---
Bolivar, First	322	167	---	Maryville, Broadway	347	164	2
Brighton	200	143	---	Everett Hills	331	278	---
Bristol, Virginia Avenue	340	135	10	First	779	300	---
Mission	35	---	---	Maynardville	119	16	---
Brownsville, First	356	105	---	Medina	172	113	---
Bruceton, First	179	52	1	Memphis, Bellevue	3249	1571	13
Brush Creek	64	38	---	Boulevard	718	284	7
Camden, First	171	70	6	Central Avenue	646	213	5
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	79	77	---	Elliston Avenue	175	88	4
Chattanooga, Avondale	624	158	1	Highland Heights	1017	450	6
Brainerd	457	172	4	Hollywood	382	129	---
Concord	249	108	---	Kennedy	148	65	3
Highland Park	2691	850	28	LaBelle	804	243	3
Red Bank	635	246	7	Leawood	290	96	8
Suck Creek	69	30	---	Mission	16	---	---
Church Hill, Oak Grove	159	124	---	Levi	260	167	4
Cleveland, Big Spring	272	192	---	Barton Heights	110	67	---
Calvary	157	107	---	Mallory Heights	209	79	1
First	527	202	5	Prescott Memorial	666	176	4
Four Point	21	22	---	Speedway Terrace	1032	252	16
Rutledge Memorial	80	59	---	Sylvan Heights	175	99	4
Clinton, First	374	70	---	Temple	1501	379	3
Columbia, First	408	132	1	Union Avenue	1079	286	16
Godwin Chapel	16	---	---	Milan, First	394	74	---
Rock Springs	75	60	---	Monterey, First	318	148	---
Second	115	68	---	Morristown, First	614	112	---
Cookeville, First	422	122	3	Montvue	162	51	---
Algood Mission	85	---	2	Murfreesboro, First	493	118	---
Fourth Street Mission	150	80	2	Walnut Street Mission	66	---	---
Steven Street	144	59	---	Powell's Chapel	81	71	---
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	143	92	---	Taylor's Chapel	63	30	---
Eagleville	130	72	---	Westvue	661	147	4
Elizabethton, First	535	138	2	Third	133	48	2
Siam	213	155	---	Woodbury Road	82	58	---
Fountain City, Central	989	256	---	Nashville, Calvary	156	75	---
Hines Valley Chapel	42	---	---	Eastland	580	107	10
Gallatin, First	388	121	1	Edgefield	404	140	3
Gladeville	158	76	1	Grace	863	262	1
Gleason, First	87	60	---	Grubbs Memorial	120	84	1
Goodlettsville, First	218	120	13	North End	146	49	---
Grand Junction, First	113	83	---	Park Avenue	678	195	---
Center Point	15	---	---	Radnor	319	125	---
Hampton, Union	192	160	---	Saturn Drive	49	32	5
Harriman, South	256	152	1	Third	267	70	---
Trenton Street	405	111	---	Newport, First	303	68	---
Walnut Street	323	124	---	Oak Ridge, First	503	120	---
Humboldt, Antioch	169	70	---	Highland View	523	171	---
First	485	147	---	Robertsville	385	102	---
Jackson, First	844	174	1	Old Hickory, First	620	381	2
Madison	86	68	---	Paris, First	496	81	2
North	270	123	---	Parsons, First	237	64	---
West	828	304	---	Portland, First	237	81	---
Jefferson City, First	618	266	---	Philadelphia	178	17	---
Jellico, First	254	108	---	Ramer, Gravel Hill	201	148	1
Johnson City, Unaka Avenue	251	134	2	Rockwood, First	275	151	1
Kingsport, First	751	163	1	Rogersville	369	117	2
Lynn Garden	398	135	3	Missions	227	85	---
Mission	39	---	---	Bethel	60	---	2
Knoxville, Alice Bell	90	39	1	Hennard's Chapel	119	95	---
Arlington	428	88	---	Providence	51	---	---
Bell Avenue	794	376	---	Rutledge, Oakland	100	80	2
Broadway	1473	455	16	Sevierville, First	399	87	---
Fifth Avenue	1054	300	2	Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	155	94	2
Gillespie Avenue	250	121	---	Holly Grove Mission	30	---	---
John Sevier	225	118	---	Sweetwater, First	329	111	---
Lincoln Park	690	252	2	Tullahoma, First	195	82	---
Lonsdale	400	180	---	Watertown, Round Lick	135	83	---
McCalla Avenue	674	147	3				
Rocky Hill	180	99	---				
Washington Pike	222	79	28				

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# MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

By HOMER A. CATE, Shelbyville, Tennessee

First Baptist Church, Columbia, James F. Brewer, pastor, expects to complete their new and lovely auditorium and completely redecorate their educational building within ten days (Nov. 9th). The physical facilities of the Columbia Church are now such as will accommodate a greatly enlarged number of people and make progress in all lines of activity possible.

First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Roy C. Magill, pastor, is now in progress of construction of their new auditorium.

A Simultaneous Revival Crusade was conducted by seventeen of the twenty-one Churches in the New Duck River Baptist Association, October 30-November 6. Leonard Sanderson, pastor, First Church, Lewisburg, was Crusade Chairman with the Associational Missionary, C. D. Tabor, working closely with him.

First Baptist Church at Mt. Pleasant, L. G. Gatlin, pastor, has made fine progress during recent weeks. The Church has installed stokers in both the church and pastorium, added a fine organ costing \$2600.00, and have redecorated both the church and pastorium.

A special series of Revival services began at the Magness Memorial Baptist Church, E. L. Smothers, pastor, Sunday, October 30th.

Three large Sunday school rooms are being added to Hurricane Grove Baptist Church, New Duck Association. This will help greatly in taking care of more progressive Sunday school work in this rural church of approximately 100 members.

First Baptist Church, Winchester, Roy Babb, pastor, has voted to remodel the large residence they have been using for Sunday school classes that it may better accommodate the Sunday school.

North Springfield Baptist Church, Howard D. Thompson, pastor, has just experienced a gracious Revival meeting led by L. S. Ewton. The pastor exultingly exclaims: "God has just given us one of the greatest Revivals our church ever experienced."

A Revival meeting has been in progress at the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Robertson County Association, with Raymond Smith, pastor, Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, with Paul and Florence Kreft of Chicago as musicians for the meeting.

Beginning November 20 to continue through December 4, a special series of Revival services will begin at the Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, J. Harold Stephens, pastor, with services at 1:30 in the afternoon and at 7:30 at night.

## "THANKS . . . INGLEWOOD"

Cumberland University's Board of Trustees voted unanimously in a meeting last week to extend a vote of thanks to the members of Inglewood Baptist Church for their graciousness in relieving their pastor, J. Harold Stephens, of some of his duties to enable him to devote his time to the Cumberland University Second Century Campaign.

"We feel that the Inglewood Church, by your unselfish action in making it possible for your pastor to do this great work, has made an investment that will pay rich dividends for Baptist causes not only in Tennessee but around the world down through the years. Already we are seeing visible effects of the work of Brother Stephens," read the letter directed to the church and signed by Hon. Harry Phillips, secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Cumberland University is in a campaign to raise \$630,000 for capital improvements and increase in endowment. Bro. Stephens, a graduate of Cumberland, is chairman of the second phase of the Second Century program.

## Glorieta Assembly is Dedicated

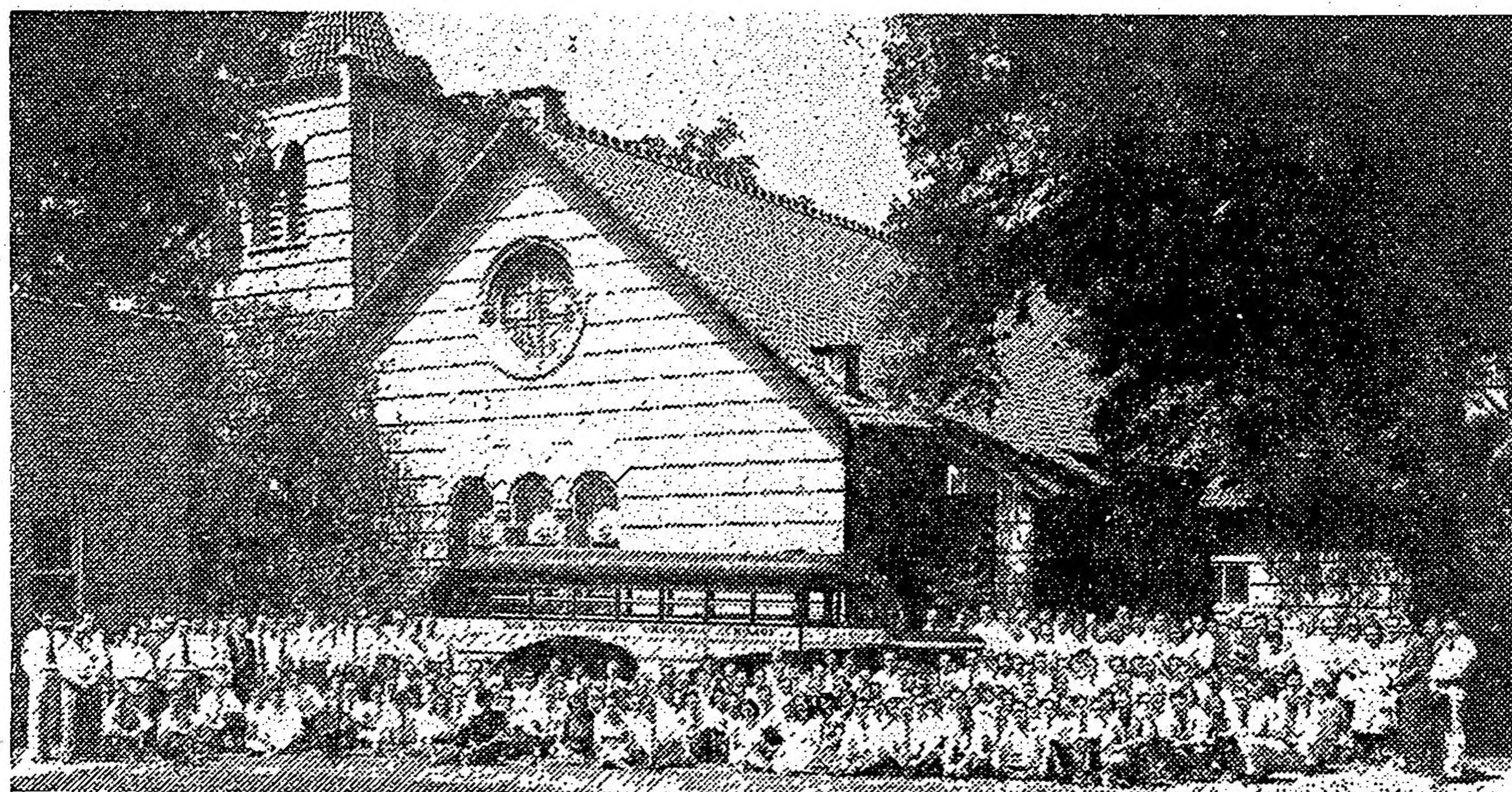
GLORIETA, N. Mex.—(BP)—With the snow-capped De Christo mountains nodding their welcome, 250 Baptists formed a circle by the rippling stream in a canyon-like repose here, the morning of October 26, and dedicated to God a second Southern Baptist assembly. The service was a part of the New Mexico Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention voted at Oklahoma City to establish the assembly at Glorieta and instructed the Sunday School Board to study all that is involved in the development of the site and to bring a report to Chicago in 1950. A committee from the Board made up of Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, Dr. J. O. Williams, Mr. Harold Ingraham, and Mr. W. A. Harrell, along with New Mexico Baptists, investigated the site and reported that the property was desirable for development as an assembly.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee, also present at the dedicatory service, said he would recommend that the Executive Committee accept title to the 1200-acre property in line with the Convention action.

"Our problem now is to get the money to develop the property so it can become another Ridgecrest and serve as a blessing to thousands of young people and to hundreds of churches," Dr. McCall said. "Our responsibility is to carry out the will of Southern Baptists: With practical considerations, all working together, we can make a reality of our dreams. This property is dedicated to the advancement of Christ's work until he comes again."

In his dedicatory message, Dr. Williams stressed the accessibility by train, plane, and bus to this spot in the heart of the rapidly growing West; the adequacy of the 1200 acres; the adaptability of the grounds for buildings of every need; and the flowing wells and sublime scenery. He received an ovation, however, when he stated that while Glorieta is accessible, adequate, and adaptable, the matter that will always be emphasized is the fact that it is a religious assembly and not a hunter's paradise nor a recreational haven. "Praise the Lord for Glorieta," he said. "We are ready to do all we can until Jesus comes. We are dedicated to this task."



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# WEST TENNESSEE NEWS

By EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington, Tennessee

Singer Jimmy T. Williams, Jackson, was with First Church, Mercedes, Texas, the week of October 16.

There were 34 additions to the First Church, Jackson, during the Revival recently conducted by Pastor W. F. Powell, First Church, Nashville. Horace G. Ball, Minister of Music for First Church, Jackson, was in charge of the song services. Fifteen new members were added on the Sunday following the special services.

Prof. Thomas O. Hall of Union University supplied for Pastor Prince E. Claybrook at West Shiloh on October 23. Brown Hughes, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Hughes, supplied on October 30. He is a student at Union University.

First Church, Union City, W. A. Boston, pastor, is beginning a mission and erecting a building in the Edwards addition of the city.

Levi Church, Memphis, R. O. Pittman, pastor, has engaged Pastor Vernon Sisco, Caruthersville, Missouri, as their helper for the March Simultaneous Revival in Shelby County.

Dr. W. C. Boone supplied for the First Church, Jackson, on November 6, while Pastor W. Fred Kendall was engaged in a Revival at Dyersburg.

Raleigh Church, Memphis, honored Pastor and Mrs. Ira Cole on November 6, it being their second anniversary with the Church. Bro. Cole is able to fill the pulpit once each Sunday, and is ably assisted in the pastoral duties by his son, Jimmy.

The West Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference held its second meeting of the year at Jackson on November 7. The subject was "The Sermon." Appearing on the program were Robert Orr, R. C. Briggs, Waif Hamilton and Roy Ferguson.

Miss Musa L. Hall, clerk of the First Church, Martin, sends us a splendid report of their recent Revival: "The Lord has given the First Baptist Church of Martin such a fine revival we want to tell the people through your 'West Tennessee News' what great things the Lord hath done for us. It was gracious in its demonstration of the fine spirit of the Christian people of Martin. It was gracious in the faithful attendance of the church's members, and the gathering of souls into the kingdom. The Holy Spirit rewarded the strong messages of Dr. A. B. White, pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas; the fine praise services in music led by the pastor (H. H. Boston); and the faithful personal work of pastor and people. The visible results were 51 additions,—29 by baptism, 21 by letter and 1 by statement."

After about three years of faithful service, Pastor W. A. Farmer has resigned the pastorate of Woodland Church, Woodland Mills, and has accepted the care of the church at Bradford. The change was effective November 1.

Pastor R. G. Lee did the preaching in a Revival recently for Second Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor. According to Pastor Swilley, "not only were people won to Christ and the church but many of our own members experienced a genuine spiritual renewal."

Prof. Ray Summers, head of the Department of Theology of Southwestern Seminary, preached at Bellevue Church, Memphis, on October 23. The occasion was the annual Baptist Student Union convention.

Union Avenue Church, Memphis, has secured the services of Dr. R. C. Campbell, Shelby, N. C., as their preacher for the Shelby Associational Simultaneous Revivals, March 12-26, 1950.

There were 13 additions to the First Church, Lawrenceburg, Bernard Scates, pastor, during the Revival October 23-November 3. Pastor Henry Huey, Milan, did the preaching, and Pastor Edwin Deusner, Lexington, led the singing.

Boulevard Church, Memphis, C. M. Pickler, pastor, registered the largest attendance in its history at Sunday school and Training Union on October 12. Sunday School: 1030. Training Union: 361.

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