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Responsibility Like Charity Begins at Home

This week our Tennessee Baptist Convention is in session in Knoxville. All phases of our far-flung work must be carefully considered. Yet our first concern is our immediate responsibility, our own state and its imperative need of Christ.

Each local church must seek to evangelize its immediate locality. In this issue we have the story of First church, Cookeville, which is one of the outstanding illustrations of this to be found in our state.

Vigorous town and city churches need to establish mission preaching stations, and encourage the orderly development of these in time into New Testament churches, self-sustaining, and able at length to produce preaching stations and missions of their own.

But all the needed work cannot be done by single churches even with vigorous local mission programs. There are areas and needs that will go unmet unless this kind of work is supplemented by a strengthened State Mission Program which brings powerful reinforcement to the local missionary effort, and also to those needy points where no such local effort is provided.

Our 1950 Tennessee Baptist Convention will be closing by the time you read this. Looking ahead, however, as we write we feel confident that the earnest messengers assembled will have looked carefully at our own needs here in Tennessee and will have taken steps to deal practically with those needs.

Each state meeting in its annual convention must of necessity face up to the fact that Baptists of that state are charged with prior responsibility for their particular state's needs.

Rightly therefore do we remember that Tennessee is our peculiar responsibility, though the Southland and all beyond are our responsibility also, yet we are more responsible for Tennessee than anyone else. Responsibility like charity may be said to begin at home.

There is deep need, urgent need, to win Tennessee to Christ. We must possess our possessions now through all possible soul-winning effort in our local churches and in the area about the churches, and then in addition, through missionaries provided by our cooperative giving, going out into those areas beyond, where there is destitution and great need. There are numerous localities which have no such churches as Cookeville First nearby to provide for them a vigorous mission endeavor.

We must face the fact that not only in our cities but now especially in our rural areas there is great mission need. Latest statistics disclose that crime has increased in rural areas while decreasing in urban areas. This may be partly explained by the invasion of the countryside by the roadhouses and by the fact that adjacent to our big cities but outside their corporate limits live many, many thousands who are not counted as being urban though they work in the city and are in everything but the realm of taxes and statistics an integral part of city life.

A blatant vicious paganism is entrenched in our midst. At no time since the beginning of America has there been more need than now for the vigorous uncompromising proclamation of the gospel. We must possess our state for Christ.

This is the theme of Obadiah, the shortest book in the Old Testament. It forecasts the overthrow of Edom, the powerful, haughty enemy of God's people. Entrenched Edom vaunted, "Who shall bring me down to the ground?" Obadiah foresees the overthrow of Edom and the subsequent enlargement of Judah's borders and the establishment of the kingship of Jehovah. The land which had been given them by the Lord was in the hand of the enemy, but he was to be overcome, and Judah was to possess her possessions.

We love our land but a vicious paganism has taken up its nest in our midst and vaunts its power. This enthroned paganism trusts in temporal might and in cunning to achieve its goals. It holds souls in bondage. But Christ can set them free. To Christ in all his loving, redeeming power we must witness throughout our home state of Tennessee.

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Target Truman

We thank God that the attempt to assassinate President Truman was thwarted through the quick, loyal action of White House guards, though at the price of life to them.

This shocking gunplay at the entry of Blair House opens for a second to our view the violence of the forces bent on overthrow of constituted authority. We admire Mr. Truman's composure and continuance of his duties of the day though aware that he himself was the purposed target of the killers.

Perhaps few of us realize the problems, perils and burdens which go along with the job of being the President of the United States. It takes something like this to shake us awake to what the man in such a place confronts. Since 1900 there have been nine men in the White House as President and four of the nine have had attempts made upon their lives by assassins—McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Truman.

No man in the world is the target for so much criticism as the Chief Executive of the U. S. A. Each citizen has the right to criticize the officials of government. We would not have it otherwise for such is necessary. But no one has the right to abuse this privilege of democratic life by firing venomous sneers and malicious criticisms at those who bear the burdens of office.

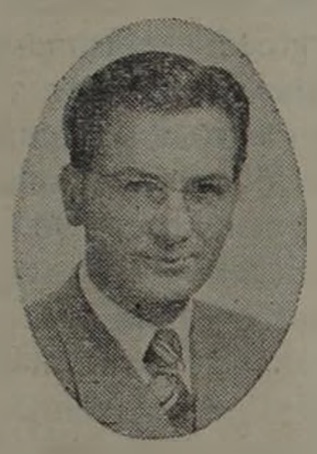
Mr. Truman was not hit by bullets of would-be assassins but he has been hit unfairly again and again by unworthy words shot at him by irresponsible critics. Christian citizenship lays upon us the privilege and obligation to pray for all who have been entrusted with office.

Growing . . .

Through Mission Sunday Schools

by B. N. Ramsay

The cause of Baptists in the city of Cookeville, Tennessee, has experienced phenomenal growth during the past nine years under the leadership of the First Baptist Church, through the establishment of mission Sunday Schools. This has been accomplished by the recognition of the following elementary principles of growth: launching to expand, dividing to multiply, and sharing to possess.



B. N. Ramsay

Launching to Expand

The local mission program was launched under the guidance of the Rev. J. Harold Stephens, now pastor of the Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville. On January 26, 1941, services were started in a small building in northwest Cookeville. This mission was known as the Northwest Chapel. This was a significant day—a red letter day—in the life of Cookeville Baptists. It was the beginning of a program that was to enable the weakest church of the larger denominations to become by far the strongest in a period of nine years.

Brother John Brown became associated with the work the same year and has worked as the mission pastor ever since. The present pastor came to the First Baptist Church in January, 1943.

Dividing to Multiply

This principle of dividing to multiply not only works in the local church but also in the establishment of mission Sunday Schools. The more classes we have the more we have in Sunday School. Time and again we have divided a class and found that in a very short while we have enlisted almost twice as many of the same age group in Bible study. This same principle works with mathematical precision in the larger area in the establishing of mission Sunday Schools. Our own experience vindicates this claim.

In the spring of 1941, the Stevens Street Mission was organized in southwest Cookeville. On November 2, 1947, the Stevens Street Baptist Church was organized with eighty-one charter members. The present Sunday School enrollment is 189. The church is carrying on a full-time program under the leadership of the Rev. A. M. Senter, pastor.

The little frame building in which the Northwest Chapel Mission was organized in 1941 was sold in 1944, a lot was purchased at Fourth Street and Laurel, and the basement of the present building was constructed. The basement was used both for Sunday School and a place of worship until 1949, the year that the present beautiful sand stone building was completed. In May of this year the Westview Baptist Church was organized with 103 charter members. The Sunday School enrollment stands at 230.

In 1947, the Algood Mission was organized under a tent. A dwelling was rented and used until the spring of 1949, at which time the educational unit was made available. The Sunday School enrollment has now reached 110.

In the early part of 1943, the members of the First Baptist Church turned their attention to the negro people. Up until that time there was no work being done for them in the name of Baptists. A building was purchased and a mission was organized. At this writing a new church building is being constructed for our colored people by our church under the supervision of Brother John Brown.

The results of the mission program can best be illustrated in this one observation. On a high attendance day last spring, the First Baptist Church plus its missions had four times as many in Sunday School as a church of another denomination in this city, which was larger than the First Baptist Church in 1940. The pastor of that church remarked to me some time ago, "Our church has suffered because it has failed to do the very thing that has made the Baptist Church strong. You have grown through your mission Sunday Schools."

Sharing to Possess

Contrary to the idea that mission Sunday Schools restrict the growth of the mother church, our experience has been that missions located in strategic areas and properly supported and guided are the greatest boosters that a church can have.

In 1940, there was only one Baptist church in the city. Now there are three full-time churches, two missions, and a strong Baptist Student Union. While organizing and promoting mission Sunday Schools during the past nine years, the First Baptist Church has more than doubled its membership; increased its Sunday School enrollment by one-third, its giving from $5,000 to $40,000 a year, its staff from one to five; begun a building program involving an estimated cost of $400,000; and completed the first unit of the new structure at an expenditure of $100,000.

In ministering to those in other sections of our city, we strengthened ourselves.

—Bro. Ramsay is pastor of First Church, Cookeville.

Reaching More Than Ever

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR mailed out Nov. 1 copies to 47,040 subscribers. This is the greatest number ever sent out.

Subscriptions have been coming in steadily which have made this new high figure possible. Additional churches have been adopting the Church Budget plan providing for the paper to be sent to the church members' homes. Where 50% or more of the church homes are sent the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR it only costs 10c a month paid for by the church on a monthly basis.

We pledge our most prayerful and earnest efforts to provide within our limitations the best possible paper for all these subscribers, and the thousands more whom we hope soon to welcome as new readers of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

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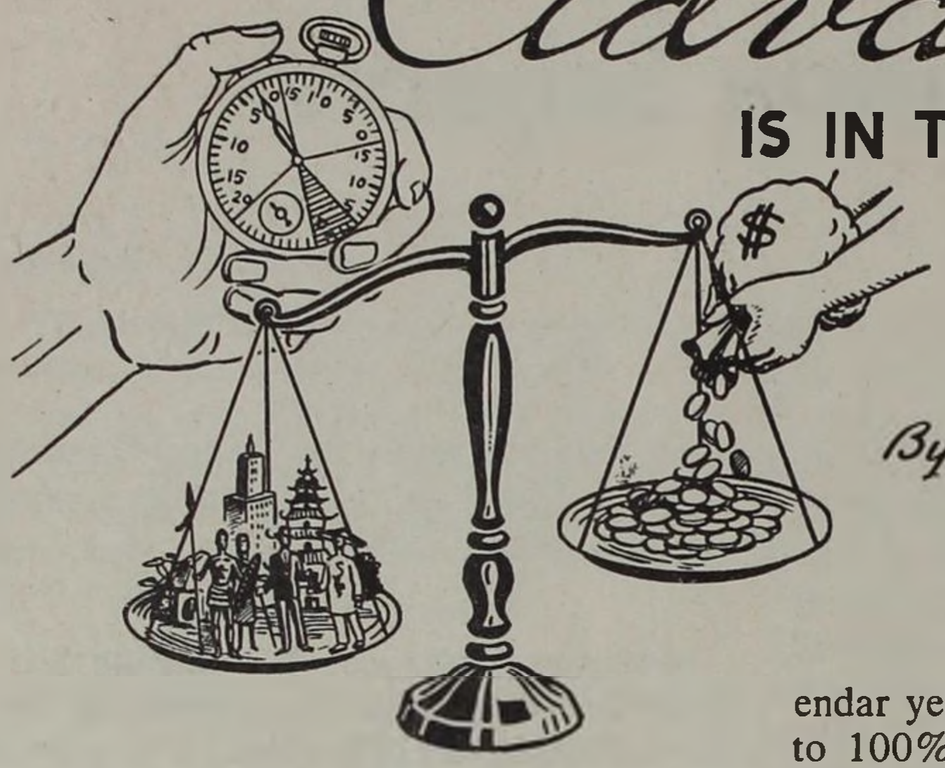

By Merrill D. Moore

We must make foreign mission advance possible. We have talked advance and anticipated advance. We have prayed for advance, and we have planned advance.

Now the time for advance is upon us. The next few weeks will determine *how much* advance will be made.

The Southern Baptist Convention planned for advance as the climax and stimulant for all its work for the year 1950. It did the unprecedented thing of saying: "Every dollar received by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1950 above the approximate amount received last year will go for foreign mission advance."

This means that when $6,672,000 (6½ million plus the SBC budget fund) has been received, then 100% of SBC receipts will go to foreign missions. During this period one can give directly to Foreign Missions without designating a dollar, for all the SBC portion will be for that single cause.

Indications are that at the present rate, this transition point will be reached shortly after December 1st. This means that at the same rate of giving, between $300,000 and $400,000 will go to the Foreign Mission Board (in addition to their 50% of the first $4½ million). And this amount will be available to send new missionaries, build new hospitals and churches, and enter new fields.

But can we afford, under these circumstances, to give "at the same rate"? Probably never before have we had such a stimulus to really sacrificial giving through the Cooperative Program. Giving that is worthy of Southern Baptists would hasten the time when all other agencies get their full share for this calendar year. It would speed the transition to 100% for foreign missions. It could easily mean a full million dollars for foreign mission advance. Sacrificial giving could and should mean a million—or two million dollars for foreign mission advance. But giving "at the same rate" will not.

The time is short. We have only from now until the close of the year. Only money received in Nashville in the office of the Executive Committee by December 31st can be so allocated.

The time *is* short. The opportunity for action is now. The stop-watch indicates that we are in the "last quarter" with only a few minutes to play.

We must advance in world missions. The next few weeks will determine how much advance we make. It is in the balances now.

And what your hands bring now will determine the decision.

"The strategy for advance is simply doing a bigger and better job with what we now have. The church doing a better job of teaching the Bible in its Sunday school, doing a better job of training for church membership in its Training Union, doing a better job of enlisting and training in its W. M. U. and Brotherhood—this is the strategy that will make the Advance Program a success."—Howard P. Colson, *The Teacher.*

"A nation's indispensables are the teachers of the Christian religion. Through their service our nation can be made upright and strong. Herein is a challenge to a new consecration to the high calling of teaching."—Clifton J. Allen. *The Teacher.*

All— FOR CHRIST

by Eugene Howard

We live in a time when emphasis is placed on an all-out program for the collection, usage, and development of materialism. It seems that we forget that materialism filled with greed, selfishness, jealousy and strife is the basic cause of every war. From the dawn of creation God has taught us that all we do should be done to His glory. Let us heed God's teaching in promoting an all-out program for Christianity, by making our lives a commentary and an exposition of His truth.

There must be complete surrender without any reservation of your heart, life, possessions, your all, in order to reach the highest peak of happiness and success, and to realize the fulness of His glory.

God ministers to human needs through the redeemed human agency. He reveals through the human mind to instruct and direct the frailties and uncertainties of human life. He speaks through human lips the words of life to offer salvation to those who will receive it. He ministers with human hands to serve people to bring happiness and preservation of life. He ministers with human feet to take us to places of service to exercise integrity of character and the principles of Christianity. God puts love and compassion in the human heart, which motivates to higher living, loving service and faithful witnessing.

Everything in a book, punctuations, phrases, sentences, paragraphs, etc., must make a contribution to the theme to make it a perfect book, the same is true in the Christian life. In order to make Christianity blossom as the rose in the summer in human life, we must make a complete surrender, an all-out sacrifice, in all-out consecrated Christian living, in all-out faithful service and in an all-out preaching of the Gospel of the crucified Christ! All for Christ by making Him our all in all.

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Is Drunkenness

A DISEASE?

To find an excuse for drunkenness, it is being described as a disease. We have always inclined to the belief that drunkenness is a moral problem, stemming from sin in the human heart. Certainly, that is true, for there is a guilty conscience in every drunkard, and no boy or girl takes his or her first drink without a sense of guilt. No drunkard can enter the kingdom of God. The Christian church cannot thrive where the saloon prospers. The greatest enemy in the world to Christianity is legalized alcoholism.

But if drunkenness is a disease, why should it not be treated as such? Diseases are infectious. For instance, the diseases of measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, and other causes of epidemics are definitely placed under restrictive legal rules for their elimination. One of our great social responsibilities is to prevent the spread of disease. Any government, whether local, state, or national, which takes no steps to prevent an epidemic is guilty of a sin against the community and of a betrayal of its trust. When a governing body tolerates the presence of a disease, taking no steps to prevent the innocent from infection, it is guilty of the death of those who may catch the disease and die.

Our American communities are capable of great indignation against such neglect. Ought there not to be similar indignation against officials who neglect the disease of drunkenness? Certainly, it is not an infectious disease in the sense of the spread of germs. But the breeding centers of this disease are taverns, beer joints, saloons, or whatever they call them. The breeding of this disease is in the cocktail habit, beer drinking, and liquor drinking. If drunkenness increases, it is because of public failure to be responsible for the health of the victims of drink. If we were as logical and sensible in handling drunkenness as we are in dealing with tuberculosis or smallpox, we would close these houses of moral and physical infection to prevent the spread of the disease of drunkenness. Further, as the Temperance League of America points out, if drunkenness, or alcoholism, is a disease, "then we would like to compare it with other sicknesses in seven respects:

(1) It is the only disease which we advertise to the tune of almost $130,000,000 annually.

(2) It is the only disease which we propagate to the tune of 3,000,000,000 gallons of liquor consumed annually, or more than 20 gallons per man, woman, and child in the United States.

(3) It is the only disease which we legalize to the tune of 447,000 retail liquor permits in drugstores, groceries, hotels, and wherever our women and children must go for the necessities of life.

(4) It is the only disease which we commercialize, the annual drink bill being close to $9,000,000,000.

(5) It is the only disease which is voluntarily self-imposed. Not one of the 4,000,000 excessive drinkers, most of them alcoholics, in America, ever became an alcoholic without willfully taking a drink and continuing to drink. This is not true of any other sickness.

(6) It is the most deadly of all diseases for it destroys, as Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, "Both body and soul in hell." No other sickness, however malignant, can kill a man's soul. But the disease of alcoholism will and does, as evidenced by the estimated cost of crime in the State of Massachusetts alone, resulting from liquor, of $61,000,000 in one year, to say nothing of the intangible by-products.

(7) Finally, we are glad to say that this is a disease which is curable for all who wish to escape its malignancy. Thank God, there is a remedy for this disease available to all. There is no incurable case in the sight of God.

—The Watchman-Examiner

B. W. A. Sends New Worker to Europe

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—In order to speed up the immigration of the Baptist Displaced Persons who are classified as "volksdeutsche," the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee has sent a new worker to Europe to work exclusively with this phase of the program, it is announced by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the committee.

The new worker is a layman, Mr. Herman Streuber, who has been active among Canadian Baptists in behalf of the volksdeutsche program in that country.

"To date, more than 13,000 volksdeutsche have immigrated to Canada, and more than 1,300 of them have been Baptists. This splendid work in behalf of displaced Baptists has been accomplished largely because of the untiring efforts of Brother Streuber," Dr. Caudill said in announcing the appointment. "Mr. Streuber was recommended to us by the German Baptists of the United States. He bears the full confidence of the German Baptists both of Canada and the United States."

Mr. Streuber will work in full cooperation with Rev. Fred Schatz, Alliance Displaced Persons representative in Munich, Germany, Dr. Randolph Howard, Alliance Displaced Persons Coordinator in Washington, and Mr. Charles Gage, the re-settlement director for Southern Baptists with office in New Orleans.

The new United Displaced Persons law permits the entry of 54,000 volksdeutsche. These are displaced persons of German Ethnic Origin who were displaced during World War II. They may come to the United States on the same terms as other displaced persons, that is, they must have sponsors who will give them jobs and provide housing, etc. Transportation for volksdeutsche coming to the United States is paid by our government. Transportation for volksdeutsche going to Canada must be paid by the sponsor. The Baptist World Alliance is planning to ask that the immigrants repay their sponsors for this expense.

Case histories and pictures of the volksdeutsche displaced persons and the "regular" displaced persons are arriving almost daily at the B. W. A. office. Sponsors are needed for those people. They are trained as carpenters, bricklayers, farmers, shoemakers, etc. If you can give one of them a job in one of these positions, or some other, write today to the Baptist Displaced Persons Office, 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, La. Printed literature and application forms will be sent without obligation.

Youth Plan 'Christ's Work Day'

STAFFORD SPRINGS, Conn.—(RNS)—Fifteen young people of the local Congregational church volunteered to observe a "Christ's Work Day" and donate the pay for one day's employment toward the support of their denominational program.

The youth agreed to spend a Saturday doing car washing, baby sitting, scrubbing, clerking, house cleaning, farm work, raking, digging, or similar work, and turn in their earnings for dedication at the Sunday morning church service.

The Church's Big Business

by Vance Havner

Now and then, various church bodies announce that during the coming year they expect to major in evangelism. Someone has said that such a statement is like a railroad company announcing that it will major in transportation. The business of a railroad is transportation, and the business of a church is evangelism. It is God's chief business for His church any time.

The early church began with a group of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, filled with the Spirit, witnessing and winning others. They were out to know Christ and to make Him known. Just to be Christians and to persuade others to be Christians. Following Jesus, they became Fishers of Men. They had a story to tell to the nations and they told it everywhere. They were not out to dispense good advice, but to declare good news. They gossiped the Gospel to high and low, in season, and out, from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

But the simple tends to become complex, and so there grew up a vast organization that became an end to itself. It became so occupied with keeping its machinery moving that it could be likened to an oil mill that exported no oil, because it took all the oil to grease its own machinery. Spiritual movements start with men, then run through successive stages of movement, machinery, and finally end as monuments. After a while, proselyting members take the place of winning souls and God writes Ichabod over the concern and starts afresh somewhere else.

Our Lord said "he that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad." Christ is the great gatherer, and the only way we can assist Him in His gathering is by winning the lost. Mind you, He said, "he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad." It is very evident that any Christian who is not engaged in gathering with his Lord, is working against Him. It is not going to church, singing in the choir, or raising money, that identifies us with the great Gatherer, but soul winning.

There is no better evidence of genuine faith in an individual Christian than a passionate desire to make Christ known to others. There is no better proof of the true church, but we live in a day of good tidings and hold our peace. The redeemed of the Lord do not say so. We are like Arctic Rivers frozen at the mouth. The church is dissipating her devotion on a thousand concerns, dribbling her energies on secondary issues. We have so many irons in the fire that none of them are hot.

We need not only consecration, but concentration to our main business of evangelism. We have heard of a Lighthouse Keeper who was supplied with a certain amount of oil with which to keep his light shining, but with the best of intentions, he loaned some of it to a fisherman for his boat, and some more he gave to a villager for his lamp. Thus he dribbled his oil here and there. One night a fierce storm arose and ships went down and lives were lost because the oil gave out in the lighthouse and the beacon failed to shine. The church has wasted her oil these days on causes, some of which may be worthy enough in themselves but she has forgotten that "dark the night of sin hath settled, loud the angry billows roar, eager eyes are watching, longing, for the lights along the shore." We are failing lost men and women because we have neglected our main business of sending the Gospel light.

The crisis of this hour will never be met by clever little talks on current events and cookie munching in church basements. How selfish we are to stuff ourselves with Gospel truth while multitudes have never heard. When the disciples served the loaves and fishes to the thousands they did not keep feeding the front row, they reached the last man on the back row. Shame on us, that we gorge ourselves while millions starve for the lack of the Gospel. Our Lord's marching orders were to "go into all the world" making disciples. How slow we have been from the start. Even the Jerusalem saints at the very outset began to settle at the center so that God had to send persecution to scatter them to the circumference. We cannot sit huddled over our own coals in smug mutual congratulation societies behind tons of bricks. If we do not invade the circumference, the circumference will invade us.

We are saved to tell others, and may God awaken us from our ease in Zion, our playing around with a multitude of little things until we quit majoring in the minor and minoring in the major. Any church whose business is not God's business will soon be out of business.

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An Appeal for Historical Material

As previously announced, upon the recommendation of the Historical Committee and by action of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, I am engaged in gathering material for a History of Tennessee Baptists. Therefore, I renew a request which has been made before in BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. That request that any of our people who may have or know of any material of historical interest which might be suitable for the history or know of any sources of such material please write me at Pembroke Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Your kindness in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Please write me promptly. Thank you in advance.

O. W. Taylor

NOTE: The only Baptist history authorized by the Tennessee Baptist Convention is the one which Dr. O. W. Taylor has been engaged to write. We will appreciate any cooperation that the Baptists of Tennessee will give him in gathering materials.

C. W. Pope

Next Sunday's Lesson

by O. L. RIVES, *Professor of Religious Education, Carson-Newman College*

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TEXTS: Isaiah 1:11-17; Luke 4:16; John 4:19-26; I Corinthians 11:17-34; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 10:23-25 (Larger)—Is. 1:11-17; Jn. 4:19-24; Col. 3:16 (Printed)—Jn. 4:24 (Golden).

Christian Worship

It is well that the general theme for this quarter be kept in mind, namely, "Growing in Christian Living." Corporate worship contributes to this end. Let us think of the Scriptural passages under a "pod of peas."

PREREQUISITE: "Cease to Do Evil; Learn to Do Well" (Is. 1:11-17)

This is an absolute requirement that God makes of those who would worship Him. The context of the above text teaches that He is altogether displeased if this prerequisite is not met. Form and ceremony, as such, have no value whatsoever apart from clean hands and pure hearts. Worship becomes impious mockery unless the worshippers have the right attitudes towards their fellow men. Prayer is as sounding brass and giving is a form of bribery if these are absent. Let us not seek to enter His presence until we are right with those about us.

PREDECESSOR: "As His Custom Was" (Lu. 4:16)

What a wealth of light is shed upon the life of our Lord by this one verse, and especially by the part selected above. It was customary for Him to go to the synagogue on the sabbath day for instruction in matters of religion and for worship. This suggests that His parents had led Him into the formation of this desirable habit. Fortunate indeed is the child who has fixed the habit of going to God's house for religious instruction and worship! Other factors being equal, he will ultimately come to know God in the forgiveness of sins and to enjoy a lifetime of fellowship with Him and with other Christians. Jesus is our example and worthy predecessor in this important matter. When the time comes for us to meet with other Christians for worship, let us join them if at all possible.

PREPARATION: "In Spirit and in Truth" (Jn. 4:19-26)

The better translation says, "God is Spirit," with the article omitted. This reminds us of His spiritual nature. Jesus said concerning Himself, "I am the truth." This suggests His intellectual nature. By combining these two statements, we see that God is spiritual and intellectual. Twice in the above passage Jesus says that we worship God "in spirit and in truth." This indicates that we must prepare our hearts to approach Him in worship with earnestness and sincerity and intelligence. When we have truly worshipped we are conscious of the response of His Spirit.

PROCLAMATION: "Ye Do Shew the Lord's Death" (I Cor. 11:17-34)

The observance of the Lord's Supper by the church is in essence merely another worshipping service. If this point could always be kept in mind we would be spared much error in thought and practice. Its observance is not a means of grace nor a sign of Christian good will or fellowship. It is a memorial, pure and simple. We remember Jesus, His death and what it means to us. We keep the Supper until He returns. We proclaim, in its observance, the heart of the Gospel, "how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (I Cor. (15:3b). The Lord's Supper was given to the church to be observed by the church, intended therefore as a corporate activity and not as an individual activity. If Christians could agree on what constitutes a church, much could be made clear concerning the proper observance of the Lord's Supper.

PARTICIPATION: "Singing with Grace" (Col. 3:16)

All worshippers should participate in corporate worship. The Christian religion is personal and never proxy. Congregational singing is one of the desirable expressions of such participation. Being the recipients of His marvelous grace, all should sing with grace in their hearts. This provides for a much-needed emotional outlet in worship.

PROVOCATION: "Not Forsaking the Assembling" (Heb. 10:23-25)

Group worship has been compared to the glow that comes when live coals of fire are brought together in the fire-place. We help each other and God helps all when we assemble ourselves for worship. Besides this, Jesus, taught that He is present where two or more are gathered together in His name (Mt. 18:19,20).

The Young South

The last time we looked together at word pictures in our file, we had to leave our place-marker in the H's. So that's where we will begin today, as we meet new friends and have little visits with old friends.

The first card behind our marker belongs to SUZANNE HEATH, Gleason, Tennessee. Suzanne is nine years old and wants some pen pals about the same age. We are sorry that she did not tell much about herself in her first letter. Perhaps there will be another letter real soon, from which we may make a better word picture of Suzanne. In the meantime, if you are her age, why don't you write and ask her some questions about herself. That will be a good way to get acquainted with a new pen pal.

ALICE HICKS, Reliance, Tennessee, also wants a pen pal. Alice will be twelve years old on December 30. She goes to Servilla School. Her Young South word picture is not very complete now, but we hope she will write again and tell more about herself—what she likes to do, the subjects she likes best in school, and so on. She promises to answer every letter which she receives from Young South friends. I hope she will get a mailbox full of letters!

JESSIE HICKS is Alice's younger sister. Jessie is ten years old. Of course, her address is also Reliance, Tennessee. She likes school and says she enjoys meeting new friends through our Young South column. She, too, wants pen pals—especially girls nine or ten years old.

ROBERT JOE JOHNSON, Fowlkes, Tennessee, writes a very nice letter. It is neat and interesting. Robert Joe is eleven years old, in the fifth grade at Fowlkes School. He has been a Christian one year and is a member of Fowlkes Baptist Church. He likes sports like baseball, football, and softball. He also has fun riding his bicycle and riding horses. His indoor hobby is drawing. Robert Joe sounds like a mighty nice pen pal for Young South friends with some of the same interests. Boys especially, eleven to thirteen years of age, will especially enjoy knowing Robert Joe.

FRANCES ANN MANLY, 1130 Highland Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee, has some pretty note paper. It is blue with rosebuds on the front. There is also a tiny rosebud on the inside pages. Maybe you'll get to see some of it if you are twelve or thirteen years old and will write to Frances Ann. For this new friend of ours is looking for pen pals. She is twelve years old, in the eighth grade at Arnold School. Her favorite subjects are science and English. Her favorite sports are swimming and playing basketball. She is a Christian and a member of the First Baptist Church in Cleveland. She sings in the Intermediate choir and attends G.A. meetings.

Frances Ann hasn't been sitting back waiting for pen pals to look her up. Already she has found one new friend through our Young South column. A few weeks ago, she saw the word picture of Sharon Rader and she wrote a letter to Sharon. When she wrote her pretty rosebud note to Aunt Polly, she had not had time to get a letter back from Sharon, but I hope she has heard by now and that these two fine girls will become good friends. Frances Ann promises to answer every pen-pal letter which she gets.

Does seeing these word pictures and learning of other people's fun with new friends make you wish for a pen-pal too? Have you been watching for a word picture of someone who shares your interests, someone near your age whom you would like to know better? As soon as you see such a picture you will, of course, write a get-acquainted letter right away!

Perhaps someone, somewhere, is watching for *your* word picture, so that they can choose you for a pen pal. If you will write a newsy letter telling about yourself, we can share it as we have shared other friends' word pictures. That will help you to find just the right pen pal.

There are some more new word pictures on hand. The next time we look together at our file, I hope there will be an up-to-date picture of you there. Send your letter to me at 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee. I'll be looking for it.

Love,

AUNT POLLY

Ellis Adams Fuller

A Candle Burning For God At Both Ends

by Gaines S. Dobbins

News of the sudden death of President Fuller, on Saturday, October 28, at San Diego, California, brought shock and grief not only to the Seminary family, but to a multitude of friends throughout the Convention and far beyond.

From Wednesday afternoon until Thursday afternoon, the body lay in state in the Alumni Memorial Chapel, where funeral services were conducted by Doctor Fuller's pastor, Dr. Rollin Burhans of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

Appropriate Scriptures were impressively recited by Dr. Robert G. Lee, President of the Southern Baptist Convention. The prayer was led by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, former president of the Baptist World Alliance. Brief addresses interpreting the life and work of Doctor Fuller were made by Dr. W. O. Carver, representing the Seminary, and by Dr. J. Clyde Turner, on behalf of Trustees and the denomination.

Doctor Fuller's education came the hard way. His early experiences as a young preacher were those of difficulty and hardship. His rise to prominence and great usefulness stemmed from hard work, recognized merit, and complete devotion to Christ and his cause. His record in the Seminary was such as to bring him the invitation to serve as Fellow in the New Testament Department under Dr. A. T. Robertson. After brief pastorates at Greenwood and Greenville, South Carolina, he was called to head the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board. His leadership gave great impetus to evangelism throughout the South.

In 1928, Doctor Fuller became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, where he served for fourteen fruitful years. His record in the leadership of this great church is almost unsurpassed. During this period, Doctor Fuller served as president of the Home Mission Board at the time of this agency's great crisis. He was honored as president of the Georgia Baptist Convention and of the State Sunday School Convention, and was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention. He was useful and influential in the affairs of the Baptist World Alliance, serving on its administrative and executive committees.

Doctor Fuller's call to the presidency of the Southern Seminary was accepted after a long struggle in which the pull of the pastorate was finally overcome by his sense of obligation and opportunity in the service of this great school which for nearly a century has had as its chief purpose the preparation of men for the gospel ministry. In this position he was led to see that he could extend his ministry as preacher, pastor, evangelist, through his influence on the lives of a generation of young preachers as well as directly in the services of the churches.

Doctor Turner, paraphrasing the epitaph of the great architect Christopher Wrenn, said, "If you would see Doctor Fuller's monument, look about you." When Doctor Fuller came to the Seminary it was in all but desperate need of enlarged building and equipment. There were but three rooms big enough to take care of the main classes. There was no chapel, the students meeting for worship in an improvised assembly room. The library was inadequate. More than half the students were compelled to live off the campus because of lack of housing. The small faculty was overloaded to the breaking point. The original building debt, contracted in the 'twenties had not been fully paid.

After eight years of Doctor Fuller's administration, the Seminary's resources have been greatly increased. An addition to Norton Hall provides classroom facilities, an attractive student center, broadcasting studio, bookstore and postoffice. A combined faculty center and guest house is our pride and joy. A recently acquired apartment house takes care of several families of the faculty and staff. A missionary apartment furnishes accommodations for furloughed missionaries taking refresher courses. A great apartment building, housing ninety-seven student families, to bear Doctor Fuller's name, is under construction and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Dearest to the heart of Doctor Fuller of all these building achievements is the Alumni Memorial Chapel, the construction and furnishing of which he supervised with loving care. Adjacent to the Seminary campus is the Music School, representing Doctor Fuller's realized dream of a school for the training of musicians and directors of music whom the churches could call in full confidence of their intellectual and spiritual qualifications as well as their competent musicianship. The faculty, still too small, has been doubled in these eight years, and the debt not only paid but the Seminary placed on the soundest financial basis of its history. To be sure, all of these achievements cannot be credited to Doctor Fuller alone, but in them all he was the guiding spirit.

The true measure of life is not in terms of duration but of quality. According to averages, Doctor Fuller should have had at least ten more years of fruitful service. Yet he crowded into his fifty-nine years a lifetime of far greater usefulness and achievement than is true of most men who live to a ripe old age. As Doctor Carver pointed out, Doctor Fuller's administration represents an era in the life of the Seminary, his special talents and abilities making a contribution which perhaps no other man among us could have made. His successor will thus be enabled to lead the Seminary to still greater heights through service to the lengthening line of oncoming students in the years that stretch ahead.

The words of Edna St. Vincent Millay, author and poetess who died recently, intended probably to apply to herself, Doctor Fuller might truly have spoken of himself:

"My candle's burning at both ends,
It will not last the night;
But, oh, my foes and oh, my friends,
It gives a lovely light!"

Ten Mile church, Hiwassee association has called J. I. Harbin of Lenoir City as pastor. Homer Bostic and Chester Plaster were ordained as deacons October 22. Pastor Murray Jackson of Pleasant Hill preached in revival services in Ten Mile church with Smith Amos leading the singing, resulting in 17 additions.

First church, Grand Junction, home church of Bernard McCommons, rejoiced to hear him preach Sunday night, October 22. This young man has recently felt the call to the gospel ministry and is now at work with Mt. Olive church near Somerville.

Leslie R. Baumgartner, for the past 3 years pastor of Spring Creek church, Chattanooga, was elected Superintendent of Missions by Hamilton County association. He assumed his new responsibility November 1.

Boulevard and North Chattanooga Tabernacle were received as new churches making a total of 96 in Hamilton county association. Plans are being effected to purchase a home for the Superintendent of Missions and also a Baptist Center. Earl Stallings, pastor of Ridgedale church, was re-elected moderator, Dr. Ralph Norton of Red Bank, vice-moderator, Miss Alma Ruth Pruett, clerk and Sam D. Harris, treasurer.

Greenwood church, near Harrison, had 8 for baptism in a recent meeting with Pastor Clarence L. Starling of Philadelphia church preaching.

Pastor W. C. Taggart of First church, Elizabethton, and Mrs. Taggart assisted in revival services at Reedy Creek church, Marion, S. C., the last of October with 28 additions by baptism and several by letter. Pastor N. J. Kimbrell writes, "I believe we had one of the best meetings our church has ever experienced.'

Richland church, Nashville, recently was led in a most successful 8-day revival with preaching by Charles L. Norton, Secretary of the Training Union Department, and William W. Randolph of First church conducting the singing. There were 11 professions of faith and 10 additions to the church. Pastor Floyd W. Huckaba and his church were very much pleased.

First church, Athens had a revival October 9-18, which resulted in 24 additions, 18 by baptism. J. Burch Cooper, pastor of the Lonsdale church, Knoxville, did the preaching and Genter L. Stephens, minister of music of the Belmont Heights church, Nashville, had charge of the music.

John L. Tillery concluded his pastorate at Philadelphia church by baptizing 35 candidates received in revival services with preaching by Pastor Tom Scarbrough of Riverview Church, Knoxville. There were 75 decisions in this meeting, 12 additions by letter and 2 by statement, Mrs. John Edwards, church clerk reports.

Pastor Ira Cole of Raleigh church preached in revival services October 15-22 at Capitol Heights church, Montgomery, Ala. There were 58 additions.

West Tennessee NEWS

by Edwin E. Deusner

With Pastor M. T. Absher, Arab, Ala., doing the preaching, and Pastor Earl Warford, Corinth, Miss., leading the singing, the Somerville church experienced a gracious revival recently. There were 10 additions to the church. On the middle Sunday a new attendance record was set in Sunday school, and this number was the largest ever reported in any Fayette County Sunday school. Pastor Jonas Stewart and his people are moving forward in a fine program.

Pastor Mark Harris, Speedway Terrace church, Memphis, assisted Pastor Fred M. Wood in a revival at Dresden October 23-November 1. J. T. Miles, of the Dresden church, conducted the song services. There were 14 additions by baptism and 3 by letter.

Grand Junction church, Roy Ferguson, pastor, had a homecoming on October 29. Miss Ruth Ford, missionary to China, spoke during the afternoon to a large congregation. At the Sunday school hour an all-time high attendance of 220 was reached. About 60 former members of the church were among those present.

Bruceton church, Alvin Gilliand, pastor, enjoyed a good meeting October 1-8 with Pastor Fred M. Wood, Dresden, doing the preaching. There were 6 additions. Pastor Wood was with Pastor Stephen Cobb and the Central church, Martin, from October 9 through the 18. James Cotton of Medina led the singing.

Atwood church, Carroll-Benton association, has gone from half-time to full-time effective November 5. Don Reynolds is the pastor.

Halls church, R. J. Cooper, pastor, doesn't believe in dilly-dallying when there are improvements to be made. At a recent business meeting on Wednesday night the church voted to purchase an electric organ.. The money was raised before the meeting was adjourned. The purchase was made before Sunday and the organ was installed in time for the Sunday morning worship service. Fast work!

Alamo church has called Pastor Floyd Cates, of the Poplar Heights church, Jackson, and he has accepted. Poplar Heights not only loses a pastor but Madison association loses its moderator.

Several pastoral changes have been effected in Madison association. Ralph McDonald has accepted Poplar Corner; Earl Elliott has gone to Bible Grove; Richard Hale is the new undershepherd at Beech Bluff and James A. Farrar has taken on Enville as an afternoon appointment.

First church, Jackson, recently installed Ralph Donnell, Dewitt Geyer, Tom Hillsman, Dr. Garland Jones, Dr. R. D. Poindexter, and Robert C. Siler as deacons. The church has the rotating plan.

Trinity church, Memphis, which has been pastorless since the death of W. O. Love on September 19, has called Otto Sutton, of the Valance Street church in New Orleans. The change will become effective December 1. C. E. Myrick has been serving as pastor-interim.

Pastor James Coggin is doing the preaching in his own church, Central Avenue, Memphis, at this writing. Shelby M. Fly is the song leader. The revival will continue about 10 days.

C. E. Azbill, retired Baptist pastor, supplied at the First church, Lexington, on November 12. It was this church that ordained him 38 years ago.

Norris Gilliam supplied for Pastor A. D. Foreman, Jr. at Temple church, Memphis, on November 5 while Pastor Foreman was assisting Pastor H. H. Boston and First church, Martin, in a revival.

Pastor Thomas W. Pope led his church at Huntingdon in a revival the week of November 5. James C. Roberson and Wayne Conyers were in charge of the music.

While enjoying a vacation given him by Bradford church, Pastor W. A. Farmer preached at West Florrisant Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., and at First church, Turrell, Ark. Bradford church is happy that Bro. W. A. Butler and wife have moved there following his retirement and have united with the church.

Five new churches were added to the membership of Shelby county association at its recent annual meeting These churches are: Beverly Hills, Airview, Barton Heights, Winchester and Rugby Hills This brings the total to 65.

Kennedy church, Memphis, Charles A. Wingo, pastor, recently ordained Tom McNeil, Richard Allen and Robert Craig as Deacons. City Missionary Ralph R. Moore brought the message for the occassion.

Pastor Prince E. Claybrook, West Shiloh Church, Stantonville, now has a radio program each Saturday from 7:30 until 8 a.m. over WCMA, Corinth, Miss.

Pastor William E. Dragoo, Louisiana Street church, Memphis, reports a wonderful revival conducted there recently by Pastor Aubrey C. Halsell, of Poplar Avenue church, Memphis. There 18 additions to the church, 4 others made professions of faith, and there were numerous re-dedications. The Sunday school attendance reached 303, which is the largest number in the 81 years of the church's history. Training Union reached 137. Pastor Dragoo is happy also over the fact that three young men have surrendered to the ministry during the past year. Franklin S. Webb is a student at Union University; DeWayne Dickey is attending Memphis State; and Howard Dunbar is at East Texas Baptist College.

Boulevard church, Memphis, C. M. Pickler, pastor, dedicated its new Baby Bungalow on November 5.

Bro. Laurin Suiter, of Clarksville, supplied for Pastor O. E. Turner and the First church, Paris, on October 29.

Hinkle church, Beech River association, had a fifth Sunday meeting on October 27, 28, and 29. Speakers were Estes Ashley, A. L. Partain, Willie McBride, R. E. Pettigrew, L. G. Frey, Denis Johnson, L. A. Lawler, C. L. Haggard, Elvis McCord, L. D. Shelton, and W. L. King. C. R. Story, Parsons, is the Hinkle pastor.

There were 26 additions to the First church, Humboldt. during the recent revival. Pastor Hayward Highfill had W. C. Boone, of Louisville, Ky., as guest preacher, and Prof. Edward McNeely, of Southwestern seminary, as song leader.

The West Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference held its second meeting of the year on November 6 in the new chapel of the Social-Religious Building of Union University. President Jonas Stewart was in charge of the meeting, with the devotional being given by A. L. Partian, Parsons. W. Fred Kendall explained the set-up for the Simultaneous Revivals in March. James C. Furman, executive secretary of the UDF of Tennessee, also spoke briefly. The attendance was unusually good.

Extensive repairs are being made on the building at Henderson, A. L. Bishop, pastor.

Pastor W. C. Drummond, Jr. of Munford, has accepted the care of Oak Grove church, near Covington. He has served the church at Wesson, Miss. for the past three years.

Pastor H. H. Boston, Martin, has been in a good meeting at Lansdowne church, East St. Louis, Ill. recently.

Chester Swor will be with Pastor W. Fred Kendall and First church, Jackson, the week of November 26 for a Spiritual Emphasis Week.

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Training Union

CHARLES L. NORTON, Secretary

During the week of October 22 through November 3 our 1950 Regional Planning Meetings were held. We have been overjoyed with the splendid attendance at each of the eight meetings. It was indeed encouraging to observe the fine spirit and enthusiasm as each association presented goals for the year 1950-51. We list below the goals:

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Association	*Stan. Unions*	*Stan. Tr. Unions*	*New Tr. Unions*	*Awards*	*Churches Reached with Study Course*
Beech River	2	1	2	200	8
Big Hatchie	10	2	3	500	20
Fayette	12	4	3	225	5
Hardeman	2	1	4	450	10
McNairy	4	2	4	300	16
Madison-Chester	10	2	2	2,000	30
Shelby	65	5	6	4,000	70

NORTHWESTERN REGION

Association	*Stan. Unions*	*Stan. Tr. Unions*	*New Tr. Unions*	*Awards*	*Churches Reached with Study Course*
Beulah	3	1	3	400	10
Carroll-Benton	2	1	2	368	8
Crockett	1	1	1	100	3
Dyer	3	1	8	500	12
Gibson	4	2	6	1,000	25
Weakley	6	3	5	300	16
Western District	4	1	5	250	8

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Association	*Stan. Unions*	*Stan. Tr. Unions*	*New Tr. Unions*	*Awards*	*Churches Reached with Study Course*
Duck River	6	2	1	350	15
Giles	1	1	2	150	10
Indian Creek	1	1	2	150	10
Lawrence	1	1	2	300	10
Maury	15	5	5	500	15
New Duck River	10	3	2	400	12
William Carey	15	3	2	500	24

CENTRAL REGION

Association	*Stan. Unions*	*Stan. Tr. Unions*	*New Tr. Unions*	*Awards*	*Churches Reached with Study Course*
Bledsoe	1	1	1	150	8
Cumberland	7	2	6	350	17
Judson	1	1	1	50	2
Nashville	35	3	2	3,500	62
Robertson	5	1	1	400	14
Stewart	1	1	1	50	2

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Association	*Stan. Unions*	*Stan. Tr. Unions*	*New Tr. Unions*	*Awards*	*Churches Reached with Study Course*
Concord	5	1	2	500	15
New Salem	1	1	2	150	4
Riverside	2	1	2	150	4
Salem	3	1	6	300	14
Stone	3	2	3	200	6
Union	5	2	2	300	15
Wilson	2	1	1	500	15

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

Association	*Stan. Unions*	*Stan. Tr. Unions*	*New Tr. Unions*	*Awards*	*Churches Reached with Study Course*
Bradley	20	5	5	2,000	35
Hamilton	100	5	3	5,000	80
Hiwassee	1	1	3	60	4
McMinn	30	5	5	1,500	25
Polk	4	1	4	300	16
Sequatchie	2	1	5	300	10
Sweetwater	5	2	7	500	15
Tenn. Valley	5	2	3	250	10

NORTHEASTERN REGION

Association	*Stan. Unions*	*Stan. Tr. Unions*	*New Tr. Unions*	*Awards*	*Churches Reached with Study Course*
East Tennessee	10	1	15	300	15
Grainger	20	4	6	700	30
Holston	30	3	3	1,850	45
Holston Valley	4	1	8	400	18
Jefferson	12	2	3	800	18
Mulberry Gap	1	1	1	100	5
Nolachucky	3	1	3	800	25
Watauga	50	12	8	2,000	50

EASTERN REGION

Association	*Stan. Unions*	*Stan. Tr. Unions*	*New Tr. Unions*	*Awards*	*Churches Reached with Study Course*
Big Emory	30	5	4	1,000	25
Campbell	15	2	10	800	15
Chilhowee	50	10	4	2,500	50
Clinton	4	2	4	1,500	30
Cumberland Gap	1	1	4	200	10
Knox	50	5	10	7,000	100
Midland	5	1	5	500	10
New River	1	1	4	150	5
Northern	1	1	1	100	5
Providence	5	2	5	500	10
Sevier	5	2	5	800	25
West Union	1	1	4	150	5

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Church Night of Stewardship

Has your church observed Church Night of Stewardship? Inquiries have come concerning this annual young people's presentation. If you failed to set a date early in the year and work toward a program of Stewardship, then make immediate preparation.

Church Night of Stewardship is an opportunity for the young people to share with the entire church all that has been learned in the month-by-month stewardship programs. Ask the pastor to let them have a Sunday evening or Wednesday night, invite all the parents, encourage each of the young people's organizations to present some program feature from its monthly study.

Suggested Program for Church Night of Stewardship

Hymns—Select suitable hymns on tithing and giving, or hymns of worship like "The Church's One Foundation," "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned."

Devotional Message—one of the twelve stewardship talks found in "We Have A Treasure," selected and presented by a Y. W. A. member.

Sunbeam Presentation—one of the stories as the June story, quoting the memory verse and using the flannelgraph; or the September story with the marionettes.

Junior G.A.s or R.A.s may select characters from their membership to act out one of their stories, the January one could be done effectively.

Junior R.A.s or G.A.s may sing the tithing choruses to the tune of "Bringing in the Sheaves" which are found in their folder of stewardship stories

Intermediate G.A.s will present a feature from their program studies found in "World Comrades."

Intermediate R.A.s will present a selected feature from their programs outlined in "Ambassador Life."

Song by Congregation—"Give of Your Best to the Master."

Brief message from the pastor, or playlet. "Timothy's Tithe" for R.A.s is available free from State W. M. U. Headquarters. Other priced plays may be selected from the list in the 1950 or 1951 "Year Book."

1951 Stewardship Plans for W. M. U. Young People's Organizations

Free leaflets are available from State W. M. U. Headquarters describing 1951 Stewardship Plans for the young people's organizations. Sunbeams will enjoy the booklet, "Around the World Stewardship Stories." One copy of the booklet and a folder of pictures will be sent free to each Sunbeam Band.

Junior G.A.s and R.A.s will use "Junior Stewardship Stories from the Old Testament." These booklets are ready now for mailing. Every counselor of a junior organization should write a card immediately requesting this free stewardship devotional material.

For Intermediate G.As and R.A.s, and Y.W.A.s stewardship devotional messages will be presented each month in "World Comrades," "Ambassador Life," and "The Window of Y. W. A."

Missionary Periodicals

Recent report of magazine sales indicates that Tennessee is far from reaching its goal on 1950 subscriptions. BOOST THOSE MAGAZINES! A whole year's subscription to "The Window of Y. W. A.," "World Comrades," or "Ambassador Life" would make a wonderful Christmas or birthday gift. Order from 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama. Only $1.00 per year!

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My Appreciation of the Brotherhood in My Church

J. Harold Stephens, Pastor

Inglewood Baptist Church

Nashville, Tennessee

I have never been Pastor of a Church that had no Brotherhood. When I came to my present pastorate, one of the first things that we did was to organize a Brotherhood. Many Pastors, apparently, have not learned the value of having the men in the Church organization for service. We do not try to evaluate our Brotherhood in terms of the attendance at each monthly meeting, but rather in terms of what is accomplished week by week. If there is any special task to be performed in the Church it is such a blessing to be able to turn to the Brotherhood for help. The effectiveness of such an organization depends largely upon the Pastor keeping projects before them. Men like to do things.

Our laymen have responded to such appeals as the following:

1. The sponsoring of a Within the Fold Visitation Program, during which time all of the people of the Church were visited for the purpose of promoting warmer fellowship in the Church.

2. Leading the Every Member Canvass.

3. Leading in underwriting the Church loan for its Building Program.

4. Holding a tent revival in a Mission section.

5. Holding a Layman's Revival in our own Church.

6. Conducting Prayer Meetings in preparation for revivals.

7. Presenting Stewardship programs to the Church in preparation for Tithers' Enlistment Visitation Program.

8. Co-operating wholeheartedly with our Tithers' Enlistment Campaign.

9. Observing Annual Layman's Day in the Church, on which occasions the men teach the Sunday School classes, fill the choir, and this last year led in a visitation in the afternoon for the Training Union.

10. Layman's Day was observed by an early breakfast and Prayer Meeting on October 8, 1950.

We are very fortunate in our Church to have the State Brotherhood Secretary, E. N. Delzell, to be an active member of our Brotherhood. Bro. Delzell is an active Deacon in our Church, sings in the choir, and is always ready to help us in our every undertaking. He is especially active in the Stewardship program among the men. This year we expect to double the number of tithers in our Church. We commend Bro. Delzell to the brethren of the state as one who practices in his own Church what he preaches on the field.

We urge our Pastor brethern who have no Brotherhood organization to get their men together and organize them, not for the sake of another organization, but for the sake of enlisting the man power of the Church for the promotion of the whole program of the Church through every organization. The President of our Brotherhood would not hesitate to make the W. M. U. announcement, Training Union announcement, or the Sunday School announcement.

In our Brotherhood we meet monthly with the first meeting night in the quarter for *Planning*, the second meeting night for *Reporting*, and the third meeting for *Fellowship and Inspiration* with a fellowship dinner and guest speaker. God will use men for His glory when they are consecrated to Him.

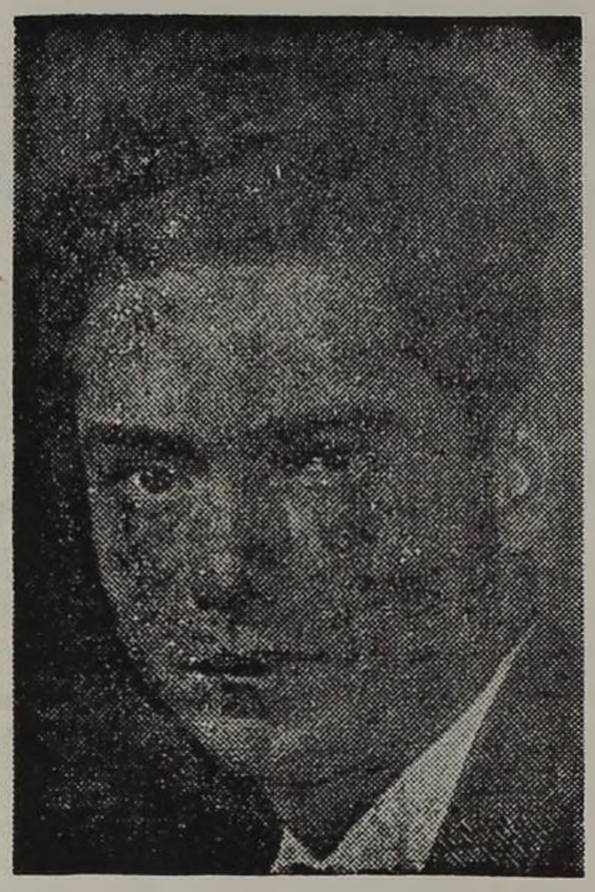
Christian Business Leader's Desire For All—"Be Ready"

Mr. C. D. Moss, Erwin, Tennessee, general manager of the Clinchfield Railroad, died September 28, 1950. Just one week before his death he wrote a letter to his beloved employees in which he said in part:

"It has been a real joy to have worked with each of you through the years—many of you the entire 40-odd years. It is not easy to leave you. However, it is for the best. The fellowship has been wonderful and I have loved the work. This disease which struck me so suddenly and while I thought I was in the best of health, is just another evidence that we never know what is ahead of us and that we should always be "ready" for whatever may come. That is the most important thing for all of us, to be ready, and one of my chief desires throughout the years has been to see the Clinchfield Family a 100% Christian family. Read Colossians 3:17, 23-24."

Mr. Moss had been superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church, Erwin, also of the Intermediate department, a deacon for many years (and was at the time of his death), a trustee of the church, and a great promoter of Boy Scout work throughout the whole Sequoyah district.

Work has begun on the new educational building of First church, Huntsville, Ala., of which J. T. Ford is pastor. Planned to accommodate twelve departments and 750 persons, the completion date has been set for June, 1951. Along with this project, the sanctuary is also being enlarged, with the hope that it will be finished in time for the Simultaneous Crusade in March. W. Morris Ford of Longview, Texas, will be the preacher for that occasion.



LOUIS D. SHELTON

North Jackson church, Jackson, ordained Louis D. Shelton for the gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, October 1.

He has accepted half time work with First church, Scotts Hill.

Bro. Shelton is a junior at Union university.

While Pastor Wallace Carrier was away in a revival in Mississippi the pulpit of First church, Rockwood, was supplied by O. W. Taylor of Nashville.

Prof. Henry A. Rutter, Jr. has been selected as professor in chemistry at Carson-Newman college to take the place of Dr. Henry David Baldridge who was called to the service.

Baptist Hour Speaker

Charles Wellborn, Baptist Hour speaker for January, February and March 1951, is well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as an inspiring evangelist and radio speaker. He has led successful city-wide and college campus crusades in many localities across the country.

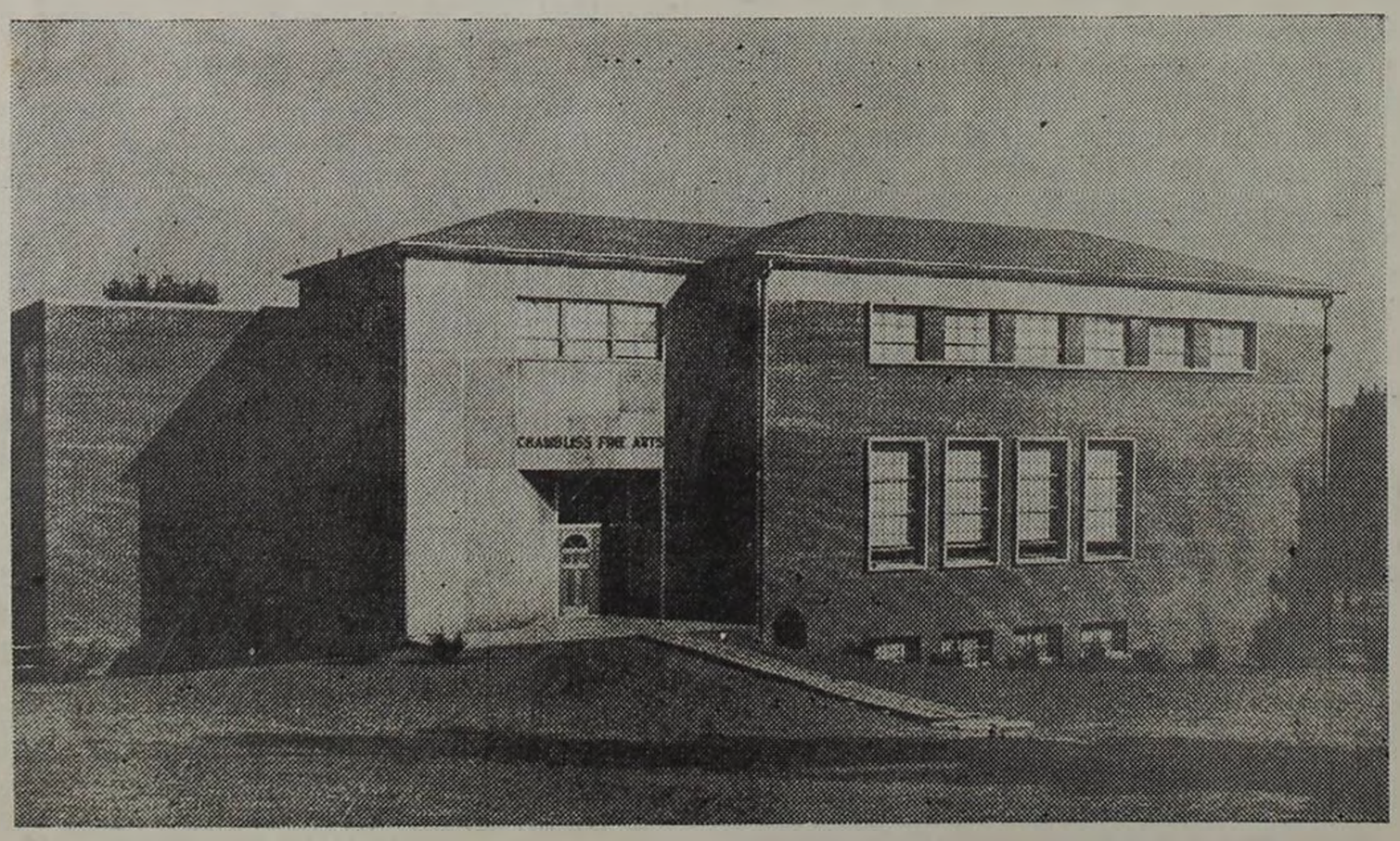
A native of Gladewater, Texas, Mr. Wellborn received his early education there, later attended Kilgore Junior college, and received an A.B. degree from Baylor University. Following his graduation, he remained at Baylor a year as an instructor in Political Science. Later he took special studies at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and last year was graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He is now working on his doctorate at Southwestern, and is teaching in the Department of Religion at Baylor.

The new Baptist Hour speaker has been on that program several times before, is an experienced radio speaker. He was on the Baptist Hour during the first quarter of 1950, has participated in the network broadcast "America's Town Meeting of the Air," and was once a news commentator for radio station KWBU in Corpus Christi.

Mr. Wellborn served with the Army's Tenth Mountain Division during World War II, and while overseas was twice decorated for heroic achievement in action. During his undergraduate work at Baylor he was twice acclaimed National Inter-Collegiate Debating Champion, and in 1943 won the National Discussion Contest on Inter-American Affairs, sponsored by the Department of State.

Upper Hilton church was organized October 15 with 30 charter members and others added since. This church is located two miles from Alexandria and Pastor M. M. Youngblood of the Alexandria church brought the sermon on "A New Testament Church." Pastor Cannie Leonard of Salem church was moderator of the council. J. J. Thomas is serving as pastor. This new church began by putting *Baptist and Reflector* in its program for all the church families and by making an offering for the Cooperative Program.



CHAMBLISS FINE ARTS BUILDING . . . A gift of the Ocoee Baptist association and the Chambliss family, it is of the same design, architecturally, as the Maples Library which was dedicated last year. The Chambliss Fine Arts Building was dedicated at the annual homecoming October 7. The building was presented to President D. Harley Fite by J. A. Chambliss III, grandson of the late Justice A. W. Chambliss, who made a large donation to this building in honor of his father, Dr. J. A. Chambliss, a former professor at Carson-Newman college and for whom the building is named.

Urges Church Move With People

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(RNS)—The Church must move with the people or America's shifting populations will result in a "secular rather than Christian country," Dr. James K. Leitch of Pittsburgh declared at the 93rd annual meeting here of the First Synod of the West, United Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Leitch, who is associate secretary of the United Presbyterian board of American missions, said that 52 per cent of the population had moved within the last ten years and settled in "more unchurched communities than ever before."

He urged a continuing study of changing population patterns to enable the Church to be "where it is most needed."

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

NOVEMBER 5, 1950

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Ashland City, First	42	—	—
Athens, East	411	185	—
First	573	245	1
West End Mission	87	61	—
Calhoun	108	—	—
Coghill	54	46	—
Cotton Port	110	72	—
Eastanalle	120	22	—
Englewood	143	—	—
Etowah, East	58	42	—
Etowah, First	400	99	—
Etowah, North	292	128	3
Good Springs	110	57	—
Idlewild	92	59	—
Lake View	99	68	—
New Zion	89	72	—
Niota, East	160	77	12
Niota, First	119	50	—
Riceville	171	71	1
Union Grove No. 2	95	40	—
Auburntown, Prosperity	157	137	—
Bemis, Herron Chapel	368	88	—
Brighton	206	139	—
Bristol, Calvary	418	153	6
Brownsville, First	380	104	5
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	82	88	—
Chattanooga, Avondale	603	186	1
Brainerd	491	215	2
Concord	311	124	16
East Ridge	403	132	—
First	1063	272	13
Highland Park	3505	1219	30
Lupton City	142	109	1
Oak Grove	277	138	11
Red Bank	727	222	4
Suck Creek	49	45	—
Cleveland, Big Spring	270	217	—
Calvary	153	92	—
North	181	144	—
Rutledge Memorial	79	46	—
Four Point Chapel	32	—	—
Clinton, First	439	150	—
Columbia, First	445	173	—
Godwin Chapel	28	—	1
Second	164	120	—
Cookeville, First	475	137	3
Steven Street	122	60	—
Westview	156	91	—
Covington, First	265	78	—
Decatur	93	54	3
Dresden, First	210	90	2
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	178	132	—
First	611	137	—
Elizabethton, First	558	187	1
Immanuel	1733	70	—
Oak Street	126	88	—
Siam	202	143	—
Erwin, Ninth Street	239	138	—
Mission	39	—	—
Fountain City, Central	962	229	2
Hines Valley Mission	51	—	—
Smithwood	508	223	—
Gallatin, First	427	89	—
Grand Junction, First	98	65	—
Harriman, South	306	132	—
Trenton Street	493	120	4
Walnut Street	248	101	—
Humboldt, Antioch	228	63	—
First	544	166	—
Jackson, First	836	101	1
North	285	135	—
West	850	248	—
Jamestown, First	276	67	3
Kingsport, First	789	235	—
Lynn Garden	450	141	—
Knoxville, Alice Bell	108	48	—
Arlington	471	141	—
Bell Avenue	890	373	4
Broadway	1328	203	2
Churchwell Avenue	241	95	1
Fifth Avenue	952	285	—
First	934	152	2
Gillespie Avenue	239	99	—
Lincoln Park	661	245	3
Sevier Heights	581	263	6
South	507	105	—
Lake City, First	180	49	—
Lawrenceburg, First	285	175	—
Lebanon, Barton's Creek	95	45	—
Fairview	151	84	—
First	506	180	—
Rocky Grove	50	—	—
Lewisburg, First	501	149	—
Lexington, First	252	70	—
Madisonville, Chestua	75	40	—
Malesus	106	52	—
Maryville, Broadway	407	181	2
Everett Hills	313	168	1
First	831	258	6
Maynardville	82	22	—
Medina	160	102	—
Lathams Chapel	90	77	—
Memphis, Bellevue	2728	1104	13
Boulevard	842	306	7
Central Avenue	803	261	3
Elliston Avenue	181	66	—
Highland Heights	1081	503	6
Kennedy	190	103	2
LaBelle	756	254	2
Leawood	320	141	2
Levi	227	149	—
McLean	371	146	1
Chapel	70	44	7
Parkway	447	197	15
Southland	185	77	1
Speedyway Terrace	908	188	1
Sylvan Heights	230	106	3
Temple	1459	345	—
Milan, First	397	103	—
Monterey, First	267	83	—
Morristown, First	601	158	2
Northside Mission	27	—	—
Murfreesboro, Barfield	64	65	3
First	526	120	2
Walnut Street Mission	59	—	—
Mt. Herman	144	103	—
Powell's Chapel	116	71	—
Taylor's Chapel	90	30	—
Third	157	81	—
Westvue	514	158	1
Woodbury Road	80	67	—
Nashville, Calvary	178	88	2
Eastland	643	179	4
Grace	865	319	5
Grubbs Memorial	195	126	—
Inglewood	909	226	1
Mission	47	—	—
Due West Chapel	44	—	—
Lockeland	601	163	—
Madison, First	425	129	2
Madison Heights	140	89	—
New Hope	153	102	1
North End	211	83	1
Park Avenue	678	186	2
Radnor	364	155	10
Shelby Avenue	382	104	—
Third	266	64	—
Westwood	122	56	1
Oak Ridge, First	703	121	18
Highland View	387	130	2
Old Hickory, First	630	244	1
Paris, West	176	88	17
Philadelphia	250	51	—
Rockwood, First	335	160	—
Rutledge, Oakland	126	106	—
Shelbyville, El Bethel	203	112	2
Shelbyville Mills	193	74	2
Somerville, First	141	113	—
Statesville, Smith Fork	85	64	—
Savannah, First	136	49	5
Tullahoma, First	260	69	3
Highland	86	61	3
Union City, First	712	—	—
Watertown, Round Lick	217	128	—
Winchester, First	220	90	1

Sees Vatican Affected by Anti-Communist Law

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(RNS)—Dr. Joseph M. Dawson of Washington, D. C., told a city-wide Reformation Day audience here that strict enforcement of the new anti-Communist law could react against Roman Catholic emissaries.

Dr. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, pointed out that the law orders government officials to refuse entry to advocates of totalitarianism.

"Already our government has rejected Communists from behind the Iron Curtain and Falangists from Franco's Spain," he said. "What is the United States to do with those who come here from the Vatican, known to be the most pronounced totalitarian state in the world?"

Dr. Dawson said the sending of a proposed full ambassador to the Vatican would prove to be another source of embarrassment to the United States. In a political alliance with the Pope against Communism, he said, the government would find itself "fighting for policies it cannot defend—state-supported church schools and church land monopolies."

"Let us fight our battle with Communism on clean-cut issues of freedoms for all men, uncomplicated by a tie-up with the distressed policies of the Vatican," he urged.

He also claimed that "free churches would die in this land" if a pressure group ever breached the Constitutional wall between Church and State. He deplored the efforts of Catholics—and some Protestants—to secure federal support for religious institutions.

Nearly 3,000 Protestants of a score of denominations attended the Reformation Day observance, largest in the city's history.

First church, Strawberry Plains had 12 professions of faith in revival services conducted by Robert P. Hamby of Meridian St. church, Knoxville assisting Pastor O. M. Drinnen.

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Has Your Attitude On Liquor Changed?

by Hugh A. Brimm

In a recent issue of SPIRITS, the trade journal for liquor executives, the Washington editor points with considerable pride to the changing attitude toward the wrecks of alcohol —the alcoholics. (Incidentally he does not refer to the fact that there are now 4,000,000 of them and that they are an economic liability to the country of one billion dollars a year!)

He reports that in the nation's capital (it is also the drink capital with the highest per capita consumption in the country) the problem of alcoholism for the first time has been admitted to be a Community Chest responsibility. This year in Washington, D. C. contributions to the Community Chest will be used to support the work of treating alcoholics.

My attitude hasn't changed, has yours? The man who runs down a pedestrian in his car has to pay for the damage. Why should not the liquor men who make the stuff be required to foot the bill to take care of the wrecks that are made by their poison? Their profits, which run into the multi-millions of dollars might well be taxed to take care of the men and women whose lives they have destroyed.

Urges Christians Demand Religious Cards

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Greeting card publishers are willing to turn out more religious Christmas cards if Christians show a demand for them, according to Dr. Jesse M. Bader.

Dr. Bader said here that an increasing demand for Christian motifs in Yuletide greetings had induced publishers in five years to double the percentage of cards having such motifs.

He said that Christmas cards with religious designs comprised 13 per cent of the total in 1948, 19 per cent in 1949, and are expected to constitute 22 per cent this year.

J. O. Coltharp of Paris has accepted the pastorate of Grace church, McKenzie, which was organized September 10. Bro. Coltharp will divide his time between this new church and Cypress Creek church near Martin. Grace church plans to erect a house of worship in the near future.

Woman Walks Across Country

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—(RNS)—Thelma Holder, a stout-hearted, 51-year-old woman from New York City, paused here in the midst of a journey she is making from coast to coast—on foot.

Her one purpose, she says, is to teach as many people as possible the ideals of the Christian faith.

Miss Holder has been walking—and teaching—for more than two years. Not a hitchhiker, she never asks for rides but accepts some when motorists offer them.

Her present trek is her fifth attempt to cross the United States. Other trips failed because of illness or weather conditions. Once she got as far as Wyoming, but 14-inch snowdrifts forced her back.

"This is not a stunt," she said, "nor am I an evangelist. My work is not emotional.

"People are trying to find something to live by, but they often turn to the wrong thing in their distress. I'm trying to show them the wisdom of taking the path of Christ."

Together Workers

The togetherness of Christ's work is comforting. A small boy proudly exclaimed, "We killed a bear, but Daddy shot him."

When I walked down a dark street at night I'm not concerned about the fellow following if I know whose side he is on. As a lad in my early teens, I hitchhiked to Louisiana. Near the close of a day I became stranded on one of those Huey Long highways flanked on each side by swamps. Darkness was crowding in and it was 30 miles to the city. Along came a T-Model truck with two darkies and just as I feared they picked me up.

Without much conversation we moved along. I began to think of how barren things were. I thought of hold-ups on lonely roads—and to think I had eleven dollars in my possession! What would the headlines say about my deserted body? All at once the silence was broken by the driver singing "There's A Land That Is Fairer Than Day." I relaxed. I knew whose side he was on. Let us work and work hard—but let's do it all together.

Andrew M. Hall

Lake Wales, Florida

CAMP PROGRAM RECEIPTS

Received to June 30, 1950	$112,049.61
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Additions during August, 1950	843.70
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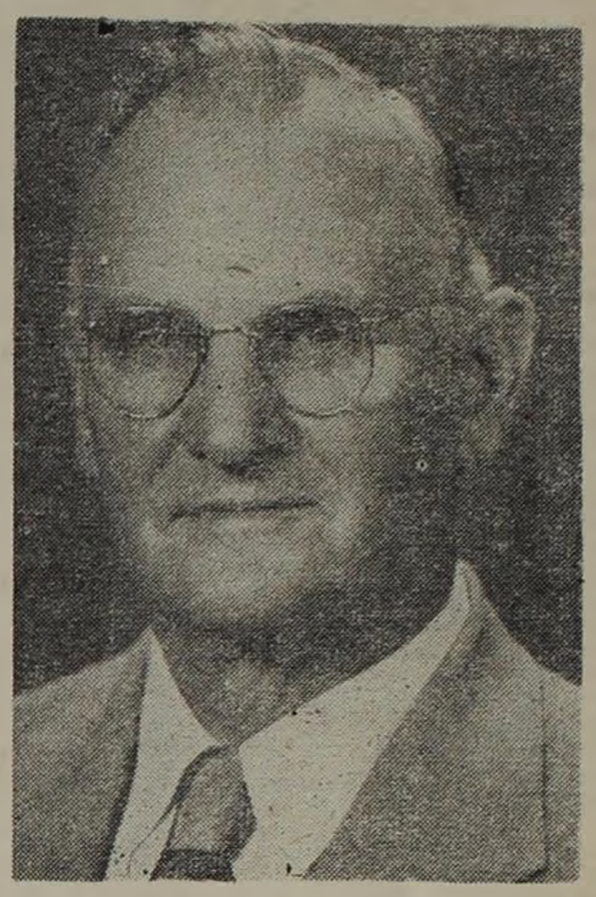

T. A. DUNCAN

Twenty-eight years ago God, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to send to us, the Ruthville Baptist church, a man whom He had called into the ministry of preaching His holy word, an honor and calling, than which there is none greater. This minister was our beloved pastor of today, Rev. T. A. Duncan of Martin, Tenn.

During all these years Bro. Duncan has served us faithfully, inspiring us with the Word of God as he so earnestly tried to obey the Divine call from on high. Through his leadership and the abiding of the Holy Spirit our church has enjoyed a long period of sweet fellowship.

With Bro. Duncan's recent resignation of the work at this place, we, the Ruthville Baptist church, desire to express our heartfelt appreciation to him and his family and our thanks to God for having sent them our way.

With more than a quarter-century among us, we feel that he has become more than a pastor to us as a church, and to the people of adjoining communities. He and his family have endeared themselves in the hearts of their host of friends in this section.

To us, Bro. Duncan's life will ever be a living example of faithfulness, loyalty, honesty, and true humble devotion to his sacred calling and to God.

Therefore, be it Resolved:

That we, the Ruthville Baptist church, humbly submit and pray God's richest blessings on our beloved pastor and his family and that whatever field of work he may enter he will be just such a blessing to the people there as he has been to us.

Be it further Resolved:

That a copy of this be spread on our church minutes and that a copy be sent for publication to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR and to our four local papers of Dresden, Martin, Fulton and Union City.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. S. C. Atkinson, clerk

Calvin Thomas, treasurer

T. U. Rawls, Sunday school supt.

William L. Phillips

S. C. Atkinson

The Survey Bulletin

by Porter Routh

Facts of Interest

A recent survey indicates that children under 18 spent an average of 27 hours a week in front of TV sets where television sets are in the home. Television set owners attend movies about half as much as non-television set owners.

The Kefauver Senate investigating committee has revealed that many liquor franchises are in the hands of ex-convicts.

A recent survey indicates that 200 Negroes are now enrolled in 21 Southern colleges which were formerly all-white. No untoward incidents have been reported.

Al Jolson left 90 per cent of his $4,000,000 estate to 20 religious, charitable, benevolent and educational institutions. All denominations were represented. John J. Raskob left the bulk of his $5,000,000 estate to the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities.

The American Association of Universities has heard a warning that the institutions of higher learning are about to be hit by a "financial hurricane."

In the World of Religion

More than 24,000 Atlanta people crowded the first session of the revival directed by Billy Graham starting October 29.

Variety reports that music publishers are looking for popular religious songs. Two Catholic songs, "Our Lady of Fatima" and "I'm Praying to St. Cristopher" have been juke box hits.

About 317,000 Bibles and 260,000 New Testaments were distributed in Germany during the past year.

The Air Force reports it will need 100 additional chaplains between January 1 and June 1.

Baptist Highlights

The *Religious Herald* of Virginia will propose to the state Association that the trustees of the paper be elected by the Association in the future. All other Southern Baptist papers have a somewhat similar arrangement.

Missouri Baptists re-elect Dr. J. E. Rains, St. Louis, as moderator. T. W. Croston, Sedalia, will be assistant moderator, and Earl Harding secretary.

Dr. C. E. Matthews has accepted an invitation from Baptists in Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay to direct an evangelistic crusade there in February. All states west of the Mississippi River are reporting record baptisms. Tentative totals place the number for Missouri at 21,081, for Oklahoma, 20,042, and for Illinois, 6,024.

Miss Nell Elder's fine work as director of Training Union in Sevier county association was commended in a resolution by that body through a committee composed of George G. Watson, J. C. Chapman and L. W. Clark. Miss Elder has recently taken up the work as church secretary with First church, Athens.

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McCall Says Japanese Response Sincere

Dr. Duke K. McCall arrived in San Francisco November 4 after three and a half months visit to our present and prospective mission fields in Africa, Europe and Asia in company with Dr. W. A. Criswell. Dr. McCall states that the response of Japanese to evangelistic preaching is genuine and equals that of those responding in the average Stateside revival. "It is not a crowd movement. The manner of standing indicates that and the way they come forward—the latter much more difficult for an Oriental than American. They are careful to distinguish between accepting Christ and being interested. We must remember the vacuum left by evaporation of faith in Shintoism. The people are looking for religion. They readily accept American statements about Christianity due to the fact that American conduct as conquerors is so different from what they expected or would have done. They see daily the fruit of Christianity in American life."

B.W.A. Booklet Available Free

A limited number of copies of the booklet, "The Romance of Relief," which was presented at the recent meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Cleveland, are available free of charge through the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office in New Orleans. The narrative for the booklet was written by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, and tells of the cooperative efforts of Baptists around the world in behalf of the needy.

It will be sent free of charge to any individual or church as long as the supply lasts. Write, Southern Baptist D. P. Office, 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, La. State how many copies you desire. W.M.U. groups and others could well use the information in this booklet as the basis for reports on world relief.

Registrations at Southwestern seminary show a total of 1435. This is an increase of 71 over last fall's enrollment of 1364.

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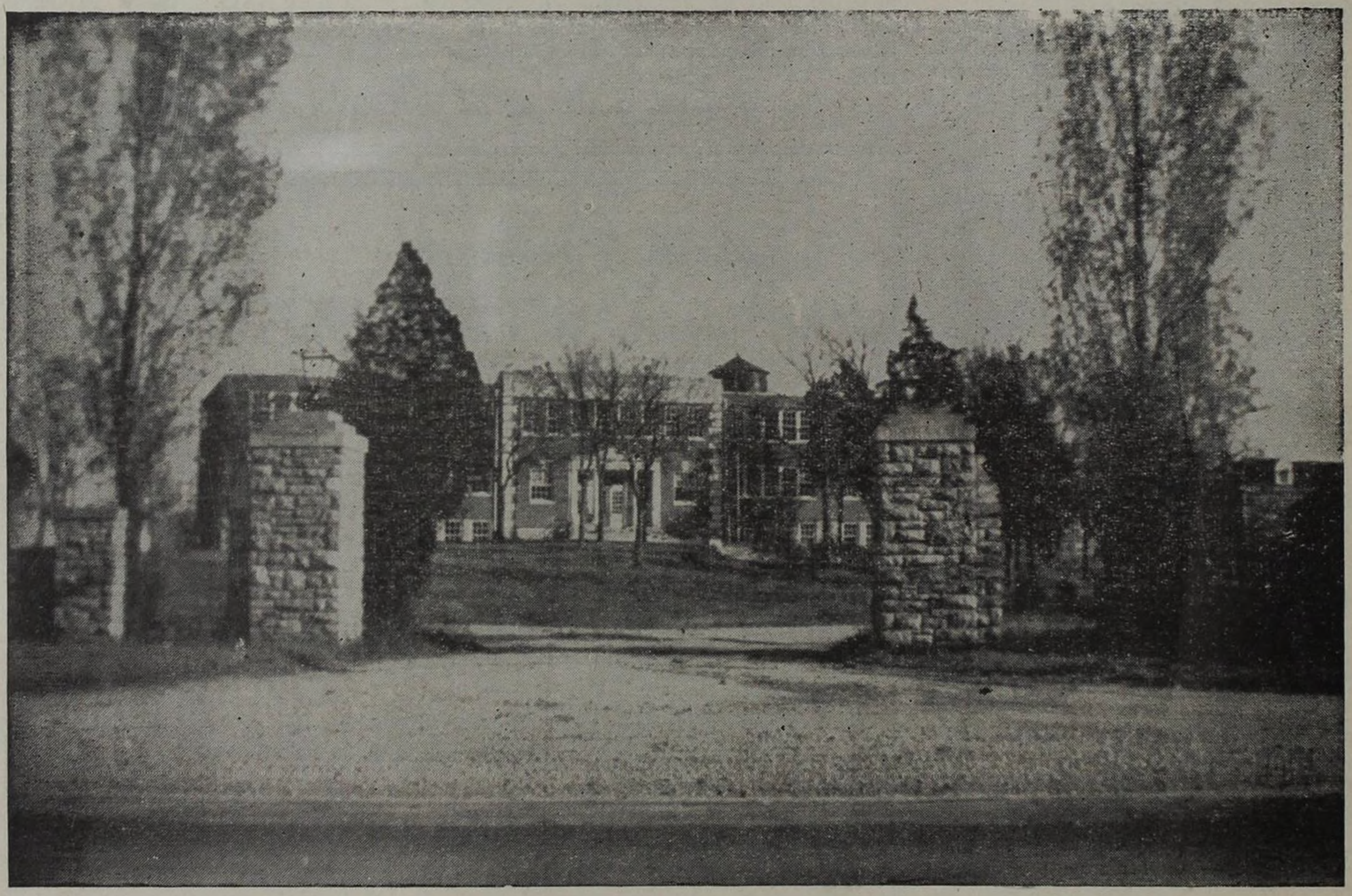

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