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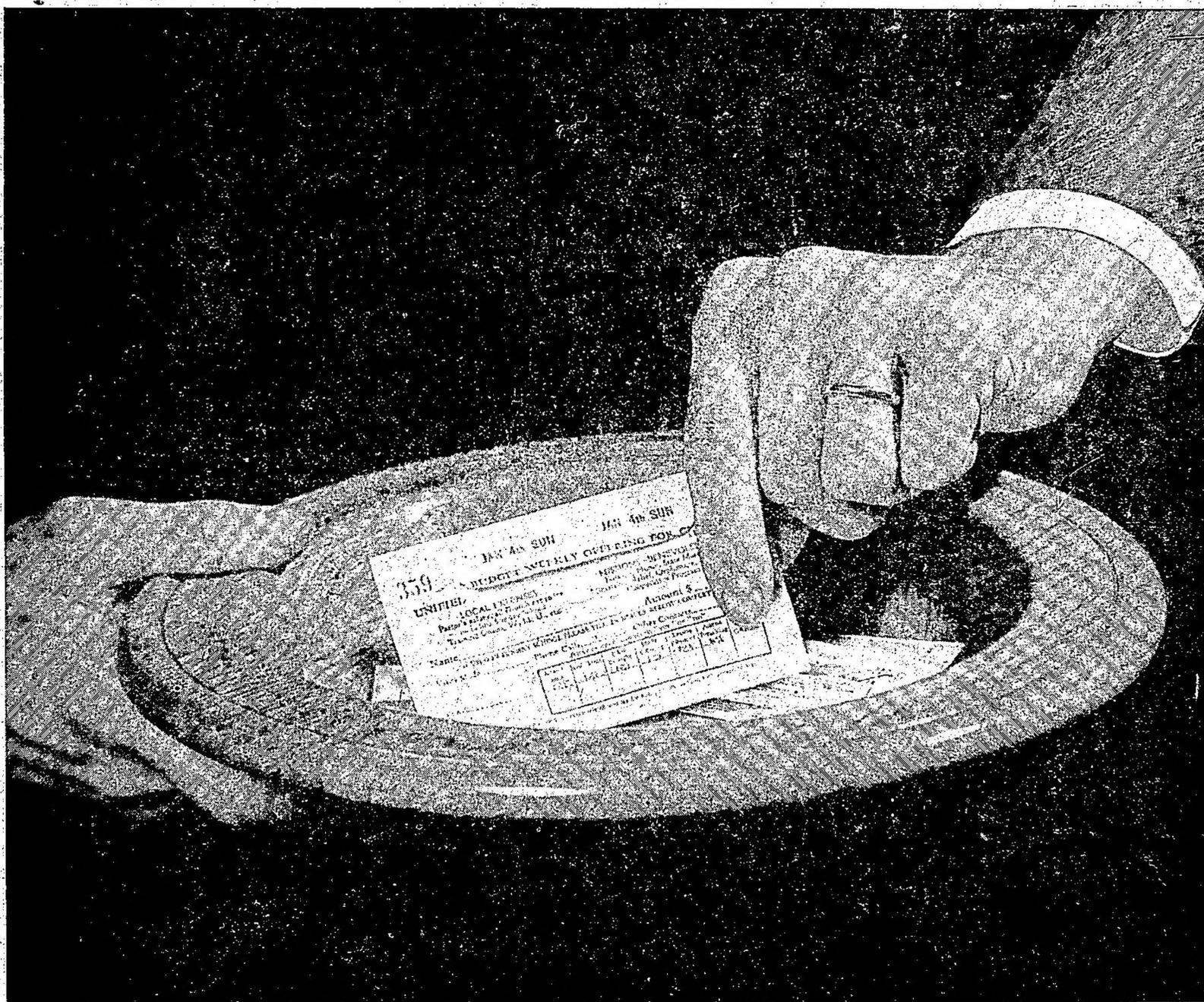
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*With Thy Substance, and with the Firstfruits of all
Thine Increase* Proverbs 3:9

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REFLECTIONS



A happy frame of mind is needful for the picture of health.

The welfare state is well for the bureaucrats because the people pay the fare.

Worry is the interest paid on trouble before it is due.—*Highway of Happiness*

Some minds are like concrete: all mixed up and permanently set.—*Corn Products*

Gratitude is the memory and homage of the heart.—*Baptist Bulletin Service*

The worst thing about history is that every time it repeats itself the price goes up.—*Master Barber*

Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.—*Baptist Bulletin Service*

No man is ever too old to learn but many people keep putting it off.—*Wall St. Journal*

Spiritual health can best be maintained by the daily exercise that calls for bending the knees.—*Newman Bulletin*

The true Christian is not a person who thanks God that he is better than other men, but one who desires in all humility to be better than he is.—*Baptist Bulletin Service*

Inflation of the currency is merely a device for getting people into the belief that those who stand in positions of authority are magicians who can somehow produce guns as well as butter from the same top hat without cost to anyone.—*John L. McDougall in Canadian Business*

It should be our purpose in life to see that each of us makes such a contribution as will enable us to say that we individually and collectively, are part of the answer to the world problems, and not part of the problem itself.—*Andrew Cordier "Education at Mid-Century: International Understanding."*

The Only Fear We Should Have . . .

The only fear we should have is the fear of God. America needs to be called to that now by every servant and child of God.

Dr. Charles Matthews told the thousand gathered in the recent Tennessee Baptist Evangelistic Conference, "We are not to fear communism, but to fear God!" One might summarize the whole conference as a preparation to effectively witness to a fear-laden world.

If Dr. Matthews' counsel is heeded we will get our bearings and we will bring a witness now that may save America; for America is afraid now, even behind the mask of seeming bravado some wear. It is time to be sober. Only an imbecile would claim there is no danger when but recently we have seen 400,000,000 former allies in China join the ranks of those who are enemies. And blunders may cost us millions more elsewhere. We may be writing off allies now in Europe if talk continues about how (if Russia strikes westward) we will bomb the cities of Western Europe where we are supposed still to have some friends. They do not feel drawn to us while an American general talks of destroying them if Russia invades the west.

For the past weeks America has been almost like a man in a cold sweat. The great debate continues to show the confusion in Congress which is only indicative of the mental state of the nation. The lurid pages in national magazines of instructions to citizens so as to survive an atom-bomb raid give a terrifying prospect of what may come home to us. Yes, America is uneasy, nervous, apprehensive.

But America is afraid in the wrong direction and now is the time to call people to repent of their sins against God. America has forgotten Whom to fear, and America is in mortal danger. America needs now to heed the words of Him who spake as never man spake when he warned: "And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, who after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him." (Lk. 12:4-5)

Fear has a constructive purpose to serve the Divine will and human redemption, but through sin men turn fear into that which by its misdirection demoralizes and destroys them.

There is no better indication of man's true spiritual state than to see what he most fears. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we get rid of the wrong kind of fear. Through

Him fear is redirected from our temporal condition to our eternal relationship. It is changed from liability to asset. It is altered from "the fear of man" which is a snare into "the fear of God" which is "the beginning of wisdom."

How much we need the Bible now to learn the value of the *right kind* of fear—"The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life . . . The fear of the Lord longeth to life . . . it tendeth to life . . . The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them . . . His salvation is nigh them that fear him . . . He will bless them that fear the Lord."

"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever."

What is that fear of the Lord which is so antiseptic, so healing and healthful? "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil." It is the fear born of love for God which has but one concern—to please God. It is the fear lest we should fail holy, redeeming love made known to us in Jesus Christ. Controlled by that kind of fear we repent of sin, we forsake evil.

He is most the patriot now who fearlessly calls men to repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. To know the presence, the purpose, the power of God is to turn fear from an enemy into an ally. "Ye received not the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye received the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." (Romans 8:15)

"God hath not given us a spirit of fearfulness but of power and love and discipline." (II Timothy 1:7)

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Quotes and Unquotes...

Of the Evangelistic Conference

by W. C. Kirk

What a conference! God let the fire fall. Never have I witnessed a conference so closely and seriously attended. At one point in the sessions I slipped out and explored the corridors where "bull sessions" are usually held while the speakers are delivering their messages. Out of a total registration of 879 (highest attendance reached almost 1500) I found less than a dozen men outside. Here are some quotations from the various speakers:

Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., Memphis

"The preacher's prayer life is as important as his preaching. Unless a preacher has a definite prayer life it might be questioned whether he is really a Christian."

Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C.

"Something must happen *to* us before anything can happen *through* us. The revival must begin in us.

"The ripest time since creation for a mighty evangelistic offensive is now.

"The very stars that fought against Sisera will join in the offensive to defeat Stalin's Godless crusade.

"A grave danger facing us today is that most church people go to church for what they can get out of the service instead of what they can put into that experience.

"Three fatal isms bidding for American life today are: Communism, Catholicism, Secularism.

"There never was a time like this for great preaching. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the only solvent for the world's ills.

"Peace by force is temporary and unsatisfying—humanity must be changed inside.

"I know not what the future holds but I know Who holds the future."

James Windham, Maryville

"If Southern Baptists dare to expect victory in this Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade they must depend upon the Holy Spirit *now* and not be ashamed of that trust.

"We always lose when we go after victory without God.

"Jesus Christ would not give us a commission without an assurance.

"We must match God's promises with a virile faith in this hour."

Dr. Charles E. Matthews, Dallas, Texas

"Tonight's attendance is the best I have ever seen in Tennessee.

"Out of Southern Baptists' nearly 27,000 churches, less than 3,000 reported no baptisms last year.

"No program is Christ-centered unless it is church-centered.

"Every great revival recorded in the Bible

had its beginning in the face of impending danger.

"Every Christian is obligated to be a soul-winner. Soul-winning is as obligatory as stewardship.

"The greatest revival on earth is just ahead."

J. Earl Stallings, Chattanooga

"Every preacher should enter his pulpit confidently expecting something dynamic to happen."

Dr. Charles W. Pope, Nashville

"Until this hour we have never had a greater evangelistic conference. The age of the church is the age of the Holy Spirit.

"There are more rural pastors present than ever before."

Hobart Ford, Rogersville

"The pastor's greatest success is in the realm of soul-winning. No matter how eloquent the preaching, how persistent the visiting, it is not completely successful unless it results in soul-winning.

"Unless pastors and churches make adequate revival preparation in advance, it is fairer not to waste an evangelist's time.

"We have entirely too much preaching without the authority of God.

"Southern Baptists have the equipment for world conquest but need the Power of God for victory."

C. M. Pickler, Memphis

"God never sends a revival to any church that does not want it; God never fails to send a revival to any church that does want it.

"It makes a lot of difference what kind of hearts we preach to.

"It is easier to study than to pray. Our churches and preachers don't know much about prayer.

"Prayer is contagious; when the pastor prays enough, somebody will catch on. Conversely, how poor we preachers would be if we had nobody praying for us!"

L. G. Frey, Nashville

"Out of a grand total of sixty-four district associations, sixty are already reported to be fully organized for this great crusade. The other four are working at the job and will report.

"The country boys are really here in numbers. What kind of conference could Tennessee Baptists have without them?"

Dr. Ramsey E. Pollard, Knoxville

"When religious bodies major upon evangelism, all other problems practically disappear.

"Soul-winners should be as skilled in the greatest art of all as are those of other realms of work.

"True New Testament preaching always culminates in soul-winning.

"The religious racketeer is the meanest racketeer on earth, profaning sacred things for personal gain.

"Baptists had better get back into the Holy Spirit business.

"Let preachers accent the positive, preach logical sermons, keep propositions clear, use God's Word and love the people.

"The tragedy of Christianity today is passionless preaching. You can't have a revival in a dry-eyed church.

"Preachers ought to preach for a verdict and know how to draw the net well."

Don J. Pinson, Nashville

"One of the greatest weaknesses of present day evangelism is at the point of conservation of results.

"26½% of Southern Baptists' seven million membership are non-resident.

"Responsibility of conservation lies heavily upon the pastor."

Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis

"The world is riding upon a charger that it cannot control.

"This world is facing the greatest peril of all times. Science has led the world to the brink of doom and scientists are a crowd of frightened men.

"It will take modernism as long to convert an old adulterous drunkard as a canary to fly the Atlantic with the Statue of Liberty tied to its tail.

"Teaching and preaching that do not make sin *stink* is poor teaching and weak preaching.

"The only gospel we Southern Baptists preach is as ancient as the Cross and unchanging as eternity.

"According to Gibbons, five things caused the downfall of the Roman empire: 1. Increase of divorce and breakdown of home life. 2. Governmental subsidies, free bread lines and political rottenness. 3. Degeneration of sports to brutality. 4. Increase of armaments. 5. Failure of religious faith. America is copying this blue print to the letter. How long O Lord, how long?"

"We in America had better give attention not only to our outer bulwarks but also to our inner crumbling walls.

"As for the liquor business, only a fool will make it; only a fool will sell it, and only a fool will drink it.

"Nations without Jesus Christ are like drifting sepulchers manned by frozen crews.

"There is no cup so bitter that Jesus Christ cannot sweeten it; there is no darkness so black that Jesus Christ cannot brighten it."

From Many

"This was the greatest evangelistic conference I have ever attended. I am eager to get back to my pulpit to tell my people."

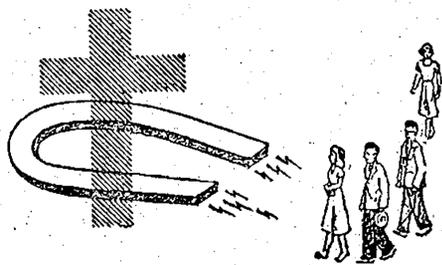
Advance

Through

Evangelism

by **ANDREW POTTER**

What strange power is this?



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of Oklahoma**

Like Paul, we stand before an open door—and there are many adversaries. Like Paul, we must recognize the adversaries, the evil forces they employ, the effect they can have—and, like Paul, we must look beyond them to our opportunities and possibilities for employment of the weapons which we hold in our hands. *The answer to the warring of evil forces about us is to mount an offensive in a whirlwind revival of evangelism.* When in doubt attack—the best defense is offense. This is the best strategy of Christian warfare. We have many adversaries but the doors are open—let us enter!

Consider these doors of opportunity for a great adventure in evangelism—the Southern Baptist simultaneous revival crusade.

It Is Psychologically Right

The mood of modern man is such that he is receptive to any positive declaration of faith. Caught up in the current of confusion, leading to frustration and despair, he is wildly grasping for any certainty which promises security for himself and his loved ones. In many places he suffers the lack of sufficient food, clothing, and shelter. He has witnessed the complete destruction of cities centuries old, the downfall of Empires he had considered impregnable. He has seen the denial and negation of the culture and civilization which he believed was established on enduring principles. Strange and alien maladies have attacked his body of beliefs. Even in this country which was founded upon Christian principles, and nurtured by Christian faith into the giant among nations, we find these strange doctrines deeply rooted and exuding their poison into the healthy stream of our very life-blood.

This condition has brought confusion, frustration and despair. The modern man asks in what can I believe? On what can I depend? We have the answer in the purposes of this unprecedented simultaneous revival campaign. The Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed from all the pulpits of the South will be a trumpet call of no uncertain sound. We have the certainties of life. In the name of Christ, we offer salvation from sin, peace in our time, and hope in the long tomorrow. We have the right technique in the simultaneous campaign to capture the imagination of modern man. The psychology of the present age demands group effort in evangelism.

It Is Sociologically Right

Sociological conditions which we face today reflect all the age-old tensions between races, classes and crafts, projected on a world screen and carrying terrifying implications. The racial minorities among us, and the varied occupational units which make up our social and economic structure are strongly related to groups and forces outside our national boundaries. To illustrate, a race riot in South Africa may well

precipitate general unrest here and force legislation on the statute books in Washington. A lynching in the United States may have violent repercussions in India. Our attitude toward conditions in Palestine may upset the state government in New York.

In the same manner occupational groups are affected by world-wide relationships—ranging in interests from the factories to the farms. Some may ask, but what has this to do with evangelism and with our simultaneous revival campaign? The answer is that it constitutes a challenge to the sincerity and strength of our faith. It further provides a ready-made opportunity to witness to the entire world here at home by reaching the racial and occupational groups around us.

The strategy of concern for the lost man must include recognition of his relationships, his strong group interests, and the likely response he will give to strong group effort on our part. We know that we can never win the group or bloc en masse. Christianity does not work that way, but by adapting the strategy and tactics employed by organizations, and, understood by the individual members, we can attract their attention and win them one by one. The simultaneous revival campaign is sociologically right. The fields are white unto harvest for such a great group undertaking.

It Is Ideologically Right

The strength of the fighting forces around the world today is not to be found in the physical weapons employed, but the ideological concepts of the men behind the guns—and often, the men behind the men behind the guns. We are forced to accept the hard fact that clashing ideologies are hurling men into the vortex of war. We now know what the New Testament writer meant when he spoke of our warfare against the principalities and powers—"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

During a recent interview, in response to a question as to the strategy of Communism in its campaign for world conquest, Vishinsky of Russia, replied: "We will conquer the world not by atom bombs or military power, but by something America cannot produce . . . by ideas and the indoctrination of those ideas into the minds of men."

There you have it! There is one of our group antagonists attacking in the ideological field. Such a weapon must be challenged by a like weapon of superior quality and power. We Southern Baptists possess that superior weapon—the ideological concepts of Jesus Christ. It is powerful enough to cross any boundary line—racial, occupational or political. It makes its appeal directly to the hearts of men, and challenges the forces of evil within the imaginations of the heart. The simplicity of the Gospel of Christ as proclaimed in this great simultane-

ous crusade is the real power-factor in ideological warfare. The weakness of the crusade we espouse is not in the weapon employed—the doctrines of our faith—but in the failure to mobilize fully the strength and concern of all Christian forces. The simultaneous revival campaign seeks to offset this weakness, so evident in our effort in the past by bringing into full play the interests and energies of the entire church membership of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The war we wage against Communism is not primarily against its political or economic theories, but in retaliation to its vicious effort to uproot and destroy the Christian religion. Communism cannot take root and flourish in an atmosphere charged with spirituality and reflected in strong church units. Communism has released its forces to bring about a godless world. Let us reply with the spiritual energies promised the disciples of Christ who would take up their cross and follow Him.

It Is Historically Right

God has always employed religious forces and energies to open new epochs in history. Above the dead forms of legalistic Judaism, He lifted the cross. Above the glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome, He planted the banner of a new Kingdom—a spiritual Kingdom, not of this world, but of righteousness, of peace and of brotherly love. These new and revolutionary forces brought hope and a sense of personal dignity to mankind so long enslaved and degraded by the worship of evil and sensuous gods. The Renaissance was inspired by the release of Christian forces and completely redesigned the whole pattern of thought on the continent of Europe. The monuments and cathedrals of the Old World testify to the spiritual content of the Renaissance—a content which completely enveloped the masses and inspired the genius of the age to leave permanent witness to its power in works of art, literature, music, and architecture.

The Reformation brought a new awakening which overflowed and created a new world—a movement which was started by an incessant flame in the heart of one man, but, when fanned, spread like wild fire until it circled the globe.

The Industrial Revolution was accompanied by a mass religious awakening led by great evangelists such as the Wesleys and Whitfield. In all these awakenings of mankind, God has used religion to stabilize the gains made on behalf of the common man, and to insure his rights to share in the benefits of the day.

We now stand at the dawning of a new age in history—the age of atomic power. It promises literally worlds to conquer—the worlds of disease, starvation, and want. It promises also the total destruction of the human race unless the controls are placed

in the hands of God. A gain, the answer is an inspired, organized evangelistic crusade—for Baptists, the simultaneous revival campaign. Only by a mass movement can we make an impact upon the confused and frightened people of today's world. The time is historically right for this crusade for Christ.

It Is Mechanically Right

The simultaneous revival campaign was designed for these times. It is not a historical accident nor the whim of a person. While Baptists have always held the tradition of evangelism, both perennial and peri-

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odic, it remained for the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board to envision the tremendous possibilities of such a united effort. To this department must go the credit for giving form and organization to the idea, and for inspiring Southern Baptists to take up the challenge of a truly great evangelistic movement; one, comparable only to such in history as those of Luther in Germany, Calvin and Knox in Scotland, and the Wesleys and Whitfield in England and America.

The effort west of the Mississippi River has given us the opportunity to *evaluate the merits of this program* and to *correct functional weaknesses* in its operation. It has already validated the claims of the department that it would revitalize our churches and give new strength to our denominational life.

The achievements of the simultaneous revival campaign may be summarized as follows:

- (1) A greater number of churches were enlisted in revival effort during the year.
- (2) Many pastors experienced the thrill of conducting a successful revival in their own churches. Many of them thought they could not do it.
- (3) The impact of the simultaneous revival campaign resulted in the largest attendance at the week-day services ever re-

corded in the history of our churches.

(4) The revival actually began long before the date set, growing naturally out of the increasing interest of those making the preparations, and resulted in more people being won to Christ Sunday by Sunday preceding the date set for the revival to begin.

(5) It gave the men a definite program of work in evangelism and resulted in large numbers of men being won to Christ.

(6) It was characterized by a large number of adult responses.

(7) It resulted in the largest number of baptisms in the history of our denomination.

(8) It made a tremendous impact on the states as a whole, and awakened other Christian bodies to the potentialities of such a united Christian effort.

Functional weaknesses observed are as follows:

- (1) The failure on the part of some of our churches and pastors to cooperate.
- (2) Some cooperated half-heartedly or from a sense of duty only, and, thus, weakened the general program.
- (3) Some limited the time to eight days, thus, weakening the unified mass effort.
- (4) Some associations failed to follow the plan outlined for the fellowship meetings; thus, lost the spirit and enthusiasm created by such meetings.
- (5) Some churches lost the value of the over-all advertising program by observing earlier or later starting dates than the one advertised.

The general conclusion reached is that the simultaneous revival campaign is mechanically right and organizationally correct—a suitable technique for winning men in today's world.

This is the day for denominational advance through every agency and institution at home and abroad—a day for great movements—a day of destiny for Southern Baptists.

We hold a commission issued by the Lord of life. It was given us from His own lips as He stood on Olivet's brow, "He lifted up His hands and blessed them" saying "Go ye and make disciples—win souls—and Lo, I am with you, even to the end of the ages."

Thus, He states the way of His new order among men and His plan for achieving it: All authority is in His hands. His mission is our mission. His message our message. His way of life our way of life—but more, His power and authority are ours, and His presence the dynamic of our lives. The foundation under our feet is sure. The assurance of certain conquests is in our hearts. The star of destiny is above us. The eternal presence of Jesus will lead us on.

You Can—

Do Something About It!

by Rosalee M. Appleby

When the startling statistics of our modern America are read, the average church member shrugs his shoulder in a so-what attitude, dismissing it by thinking to himself: "What can I do about it?" Pilate tried that policy but washing his hands in innocence did not remove his responsibility.

Something can be done about the fact that three-fourths of the world is lost. Crime records can be altered and dead churches can come to life.

God can do something about it through you.

The hour is too late for merely conventions and committees. The crisis is too great to depend on the arm of flesh now. The need is too urgent to put confidence in human plans. Recently I heard one of our great Christian leaders tell of a conference in the home of the Generalissimo of China. Madame Chiang Kai-Chek said: "God has allowed this because we put our trust in America rather than in God. From now on my confidence will be placed in Him." She learned that it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." Someone suggested that now it be prayer meetings instead of committee meetings, the closet of intercession instead of conventions. The hour of destiny is upon us. There is no direction to turn except upward.

Master, What Shall We Do?

This was the question before the tremendous voice of the Baptist and later when Peter explained the manifest power of God at Pentecost.

What did Jacob do when his family had disgraced the true Jehovah amid the heathen? "Put away the strange gods that are among you and be clean. Let us arise and go to Bethel, and I will make there an altar unto God."

What did Samuel do when Israel was in danger? "If you do return unto the Lord with all your heart and serve him only, he will deliver you."

What did Esther do when her people were threatened with great danger? "Gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days night or day: I will also and my maidens will fast likewise, and so will I go in unto the king which is not according to the law and if I perish, I perish."

What did Nineveh do when they heard the judgment of God against them? "The people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest of them even to the least of them . . . And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way, and God re-

pented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not."

A study of the revivals under Hezekiah, Josiah, Nehemiah and Jehoshaphat reveal the same story of repentance, removal of heathen altars, casting out idols, a Bible study campaign and new vows of dedication to God.

God's way is clearly marked out:

If my people . . . shall humble themselves: ("not attempt to humble others but self-humbling") allowing the light of the blessed Spirit to give a candid picture of self, confession and restitution.

And pray: earnest, agonizing, prevailing prayer going up day and night in secret, at the family altar, in groups, cottage prayer meetings or in church.

And seek my face: Turning away from self, from human plans, refusal to put confidence in the flesh or worldly wisdom and a looking unto Jesus with utter confidence in his all-sufficiency, seeking a fresh contact with God, a new anointing of his blessed spirit.

And turn away from their wicked ways: This puts feet to the prayers uttered, the attitude taken. It is working out what God has worked into the soul and fiber of our being the only proof that the indwelling One has been given control.

The Spirit that empowered and led Paul, Truett and others is accessible to every Christian. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and for ever." The Voice that was heard by Peter, James and John may still be heard through the presence of the Spirit. The power that undergirded great lives through all the centuries has not ceased to be. The glory that set the world upside down in the First century is extended to followers of 1950.

God has thrown wide the floodgates today and we see the tides that wait to come in when his conditions are met. He is the initiator. As Finney went from place to place to hold revivals, he would ask in a town: "Is anyone hearing God in this community?" He was following the trail where the Spirit was moving, while there was a "sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." When he moves it is dangerous not to follow. The wooing of his Spirit is felt all over the world today.

Once Matthew Yates, after long weary years in China, sent back to the states this message: "There is so much to do and so few to do it. God needs men." There is an urgent challenge now for men with seeing eyes who know the meaning of this hour, who are willing to make up the hedge and stand in the gap at this day of "dark mooring." What is done, must be done quickly. —*Baptist Standard*

Suggestions on Pastors Program Wanted

As we turn our thoughts toward the coming sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco the hearts of the brethren will be centered more and more on the sessions of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. It is our desire that the program this year will measure up to the high standard maintained during past years.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, co-chairman with the writer, of the Pastors' Conference, has requested that we assume all responsibility for the program this year. Therefore, we are requesting the brethren everywhere to send their suggestions as to a program theme and as to personalities who might be included on this program.

Your early response will be appreciated, as we want to complete the program at the earliest possible date. Please address all suggestions to the writer in care of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Pray for us as we assume this responsibility.

Announcements will be made at the proper time as to the overall program and place of meeting in San Francisco.

—H. H. Hobbs, Co-Chairman

Rural Pastor's Study

In 9 cases out of 10 the study of the rural pastor is in his home, not in the church. Most rural churches do not have a full-time janitor to keep the church heated, nor do they have a secretary to answer the phone when the pastor is out.

In 55.7 per cent of the cases it is located on the first floor of the parsonage, in 31.9 per cent it is upstairs, and in 12.4 per cent it is in the church.

In a recent survey of 1171 parsonages, only 52 per cent of the pastors said they had an adequate study.

As a rule the pastors preferred an exterior entrance direct to their study or through a front hall.

Only 54 per cent said their study was suitable for personal interviews. Only 45 per cent had a telephone in their study. Two-thirds of the studies have a large-top table. Over half of them have a desk lamp. In three-fourths of the studies there is a mimeograph machine. Half of the parsonages have a storage closet in the study. If there is no place for the minister to store his things, the room always appears out of order. When he leaves the house he is apt to ask his wife not to disturb things, "because he knows exactly where everything is."

The report of the survey of 1171 parsonages contains 112 pages and is being distributed by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, at cost (40 cents).

One rural minister reported that in one month he had 46 different people stop in at his study to see him. His well-equipped study had its influence on at least 46 people that month.

TAKING TO THE BENCH

"For forty-two years he worked as a preacher of the Gospel. During 35 of those he was engaged full-time, 28 in general denominational work. His labors through these years carried him over more than one million miles, into the entire South, and out to the West. He visited some 2,000 Baptist churches, preached more than 3,500 sermons and gave some 2,500 addresses.

"In Tennessee he saw their paper, BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, increase fourfold from a net paid circulation of less than 2,000. As Executive Secretary he saw the total state debt of more than one million dollars whittled down by adjustments and payments to only a bit above \$100,000, and the number of churches supporting the Co-operative Program increase from about 750 to twice that number. He saw the State Mission work increase in a wonderful way from two departmental heads with three field workers and only one associational missionary. When he went to Kentucky as editor of *Western Recorder*, he had begun to see his dream of a worker in each association of the state becoming a reality.

"He saw the Rural Church Program of the Home Mission Board well established, with its basic principles accepted in whole or in part by each state of the South with a rural problem. And just when he was beginning to get the Arkansas Baptist Foundation launched, the discovery of physical defects which make field work dangerous, brought him up with a shock."

Thus might one write the brief story which I would tell in order to reveal the sense of loss which comes with the knowledge that the days of heavy work are done for me, and I must now take the bench and go on the field when the less taxing plays are called. I am not "going to take a new job," as one editor assumed from the news release sent out from the Baptist Bible Institute in Florida. I am merely going to a field prepared by the Lord for one who must lay down the heavy tasks of the past, and whose pension will not provide a living in these days of unwarranted inflation.

Due to the long and arduous years of general work, most of them given in gladness and abandon in Tennessee, physical strength has become depleted. While there is enough reserve energy to help rebuild the worn tissues, I am acting upon the advice of my physicians and have asked for retirement, and have accepted some special duties in the Bible Institute.

In going there, I find a new and peculiar pleasure because I shall not only be freed from administrative duties and heavy promotional work, but will have the privilege of recuperating in the Land of Sunshine while teaching the Word and helping set up the Rural Church Administration Department which, as yet, none of our schools has seen fit to inaugurate. I shall have the privilege of helping to prepare by, classroom teaching, conference and field clinics, special workers for fields too long neglected.

I shall have some time for work as supply preacher, interim pastor, and to help in conferences. I can hold some revival meetings and will be delighted to help in putting on the Home Board's Eight-day Program for Rural Churches, my special hobby. When possible I will gladly teach my book, "More Than Money," in stewardship schools.

God has been good to me; the brotherhood has been patient and generous; the harvest planted during the many years is being reaped on many hands today, and I "see of the travail of my soul and rejoice." It is not easy to bring one's self to the place where he will admit that his best "playing days" are over, and to ask the Coach for a place on the bench. But once it is done, the pain is not as severe as the spirit anticipated. I shall ever be found ready and waiting to render any service for the King that my years of study and experience make me capable of giving. *John D. Freeman, Box 552, Lakeland, Florida.*

What They Heard

Here is a singular incident showing how easy it is to mistranslate an overheard remark.

Said Mrs. A, one of the overhearers: "They must have been to the zoo, because I heard her mention 'a trained deer'."

Said Mrs. B: "No, no. They were talking about going away, and she said to him, 'Find out about the train, dear'."

Said Mrs. C: "I think you are both wrong. It seemed to me they were discussing music, for she said, 'A trained ear,' very distinctly."

A few minutes later, the lady herself appeared and they told her of their disagreement.

"Well," she laughed, "that's certainly funny. You are poor guessers, all of you. The fact is, I'd been out to the country overnight and I was asking my husband if it rained here last evening."—*Young People.*

Fire Bells Call People to Prayer

CHARLESTON, S. C.—(RNS)—Fire bells will ring here daily for one minute and for an undetermined period to remind the public to pray for peace.

Mayor William McG. Morrison ordered the bell ringing at the request of the United Council of Church Women, sponsor of the program. The Charleston Ministerial Union is holding a one-minute prayer program over radio stations to coincide with the bell ringing.

The Old Dog's Philosophy

A big dog saw a little dog chasing its tail, and asked, "Why are you chasing your tail so?" Said the puppy, "I have mastered philosophy: I have solved the problems of the universe which no dog before me had rightly solved; I have learned that the best thing for a dog is happiness, and that happiness is my tail. Therefore I am chasing it, and when I catch it, I shall have it!"

Said the old dog: "My son, I, too, have paid attention to the problems of the universe in my weak way, and have formed some opinions. I, too, have judged that happiness is a fine thing for a dog, and that happiness is in my tail. But I have noticed that when I chase it, it keeps running away from me; but when I go about my business, it comes after me."—*The Sunday School Times.*

The Servant in His Master's Presence

In the East, servants always stand in the presence of their master, watching his hand. The Queen of Sheba said to Solomon, "Happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee and hear thy wisdom." So it is said of the angels that "they do—always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Even when most engaged in the service of the saints, they feel under His all-seeing, holy, living eye. So ought faithful ministers to feel. They should feel constantly in His presence, under His soul-piercing, gently guiding, holy, living eye. "I will guide thee with mine eye." "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous." Ah! how often we feel we are before man. Then all power withers, and we become weak as other men; but oh! how sweet to feel in the presence of God, as if there were no eye on us but God's. In prayer, how sweet to feel before Him; to kneel at His footstool, and to put our hand upon the mercy-seat—no curtain, no veil, no cloud between the soul and God! in preaching, how sweet to say, like Elijah, when he stood before Ahab, "I stand before the Lord God of Israel." To stand at His feet, in His family, in His pavilion, oh believers, it is then we get above the billows! The applause of men, the rage and contempt of men, then pass by us like the idle wind which we regard not.—ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE.

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The Survey Bulletin

by Porter Routh

Baptist Highlights

The Committee on Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Nashville, February 19-20. Ralph Herring, Winston-Salem, N. C., is chairman.

Dr. Hight C Moore celebrated his 80th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 28, at Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Hal F. Buckner, for 10 years missionary to China and connected with the management of the Buckner Orphans Home, Dallas, since 1919, died on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

North Carolina Baptists will open a home for the aged in Winston-Salem on March 1, with James M. Haynes as superintendent.

M. J. Bruce, Norcross, Ga., has retired from the ministry after serving five churches for a total of 201 years. He served at Williams' Creek 49 years and for the past 30 years has also served at Raytown, his two longest pastorates.

The 1950 report of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board will show 27,788 churches reporting through the Southern Baptist Convention, compared with 27,285 in 1949. Only 4,161 of these reported no baptisms, compared with 4,720 in 1949.

And the Baptist Sunday School Board published nearly 55 million pieces of material in 1950.

In the World of Religion

The W.C.T.U. has warned church groups that the Temperance and Tolerance Association of America, Lincoln, Neb., is a "wet organization."

The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches will meet near Geneva April 4-11.

The Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) has approved a recommendation that \$100,000 be raised in May to step up the Church's "defense service" to enlarge contacts with servicemen.

Methodists plan to stress the work of the local church in the 1952-56 period.

More than \$4,000,000 worth of advertising was provided in the 1950 Religion in America Life program, sponsored by the National Laymen's Committee.

The general board of the National Council of Churches has had its first meeting in New York. A committee was appointed to meet in Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 17-19

One-Man Campaign Against Beer Ad

OWENSBORO, Ky.—(BP)—A one-man campaign in this city has led to the canceling of one series of beer advertisements in the local newspaper and is threatening another. The man is Rev. H. B. Kuhnle, pastor of the Third Baptist Church. His technique is the same as the brewers: newspaper advertisements.

One full page ad purchased by Mr. Kuhnle, showed the picture of a sick old man who said that he was where he was because he had acquired the beer habit. His appeal was to the beer drinkers to quit drinking beer. He presented a four-point plan. (1) Let the people know the truth about beer drinking. Fight fire with fire by publication of full page ads showing what beer drinking leads to. (2) Launch a movement in our schools to sign up every boy and girl pledging themselves never to buy, drink, sell or serve beer or any other intoxicating beverage. (3) Keep before the public the facts as revealed by police court and welfare statistics. (4) Prevent the creation of new beer outlets in Owensboro.

Kuhnle says he represents no organization or individual except himself. Any contributions will be applied on more advertisements.

to recommend steps for action for member churches in the war emergency. The board also reported the first issue of the National Council Outlook, monthly publication of the National Council, edited by Donald C. Bolles.

Roman Catholics have filed a brief in the New Mexico Supreme Court seeking to reverse the decision in the Dixon school case in which Catholic nuns and brothers were banned from teaching in public schools.

And the Army is seeking 165 additional chaplains to meet expanding needs.

Facts of Interest

The American Red Cross reports that the Defense Establishments will need more than 1,000,000 pints of blood by July 1.

American advertisers spent \$5.5 billion in 1950, the *New York Times* reports.

Personal income reached an annual rate of \$231.9 billion in November, \$17.5 billion over the rate for May. Food costs hit their highest level in record.

Secretary of Defense George Marshall has sought to stop the stampede of enlistments by college students by announcing that college students could continue their studies for this year and still be able to volunteer in any of the three services. College officials were reporting an almost complete breakdown in morale on the part of men students.

Enrolment in public schools in the U. S. is reported at 25,666,337, with 960,395 teachers employed. It is reported that 61,275 additional teachers are needed for elementary schools with 12,749 additional teachers needed for secondary schools.

Sees Chinese Communism Changing—or Dying

ST. PAUL, Minn.—(RNS)—A Chinese Christian pastor who gave three addresses to the Minnesota State Pastors' Conference here expressed the view that Communism in China will have to change or else it will die out.

"Everything that goes to China, changes," observed Dr. Peter Y. F. Shih, Boston, Mass., pastor of the Chinese Christian church of New England. He has been executive secretary of the Chungking YMCA and dean of the West China Theological seminary in Chengtu. Last year he spent four months visiting China.

"Communism is totally against our Chinese culture," Dr. Shih told the pastors. "We Chinese are all individualists. We believe in personal freedom. China is a family-centered nation. We do not believe that the 'state' is above everything."

Dr. Shih believes that Communism will be unable to "destroy the inner light" of the Chinese people and that "the final victory belongs to God in time and eternity."

Pointing out that the present regime demands that the Chinese church be self-supporting, he said this means that no Christian institutions are allowed to depend on American aid and leadership.

"Under the Communist rule," he said, "we cannot preach as much as before, we cannot teach as much as before, but we live much more than before. After all, the Christian religion is a living religion."

He said the Chinese Christian Church puts great emphasis on personal evangelism and the family altar.

One of Dr. Shih's addresses was on "The Chinese in the United States." He reported that of 100,000 Chinese in this country, only about 5,000 are Christians.

There are 47 Chinese Christian churches in the U.S., he said, and they lack Chinese leadership.

"The Chinese in the United States are all anti-Communists. They believe in American democracy," he said.

Church Property Shows Seven Million Gain

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—Virginia Baptists owe only \$2,131,848 on new church buildings. Their property valuation, however, is \$40,768,120 or \$7,142,786 ahead of last year. The report was released here by Porter Routh, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

There are now 1,242 churches in Virginia, Routh said. These baptized 14,504 in 1950, a gain of 2,132 over 1949. Only 233 churches failed to report baptisms. Total church membership at the end of the year was 342,045.

The state reported total gifts of \$9,803,940 with \$2,039,788 going to missions and benevolences.



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TEXTS: Mark 6:7 to 7:23 (Larger)—Mk. 6:34-44 (Printed)—Mk. 6:34 (Golden).

Jesus Meets Human Needs

If we center attention upon the key-word of the Golden Text, the word "compassion," we gain new appreciation of Jesus' attitude towards those about Him. It means to feel, or suffer, with another. If we remember that sheep without a shepherd are the most helpless and hopeless of animals, we gain a new insight of human needs both of that day as well as our own.

Sending Out Helpers (Mk. 6:7-13)

No one person is able to do all that needs to be done in a needy world, and so the Lord sent out the Twelve Apostles in six pairs into the surrounding country. He first gave them specific instructions as to their conduct while engaged in this mission. Then He gave them authority and power to perform their tasks. They were perfectly equipped for their work of teaching, preaching and healing. His helpers seemed to have accomplished their assignment in good order and with marvelous success. It was an instance of good generalship upon the part of Jesus. His ministries were thus multiplied and the Twelve became better fitted for future services. We do well when we train and then send out those whom the Lord has called into His service. The fields are white unto harvest at present.

Sorrowing Over Losses (Mk. 6:14-29)

The successes of the above-mentioned and threefold ministry of teaching and preaching and healing of the Twelve was clouded by the cruel death of John the Baptist, following the imprisonment by Herod Antipas. John died as he had lived, with an iron courage and a firm faith. He had never known a soft life, and so he met a bloody death. Herodias had her way, or so she thought, and was presented with the stern preacher's head on a sort of platter. It is a gory sight from which we turn with shuddering horror. Jesus was saddened by the loss of a faithful witness. John's disciples had lost a leader. The sorrow and gloom settled around those who loved John.

Ministering to Hungers (Mk. 6:30-44)

It is during the first of the four withdrawals, or retirements, from Galilee that the feeding of the Five Thousand takes place. The weather is uncomfortably warm and humid, Jesus and the Twelve need rest and recreation, and the Apostles must have some intensive instruction. But the withdrawal is interrupted by the teeming crowds with their insistent needs. All four gospel writers tell of this miraculous feeding. It is sometimes overlooked that this feeding was at least twofold. Jesus first fed their minds and hearts and later fed their hungry bodies. Heart-hungers are just as poignant as are the hungers of the body. Jesus satisfied then, and satisfies now, both alike.

Departing from Temptations (Mk. 6:45, 46)

The popular acclaim, following the great miracle, was ready to break out of bounds. The multitudes thought they had their powerful leader at last, one who could feed more than five thousand people with five loaves and two fishes. They were about to compel Him to become their political, but not spiritual, leader. The Devil was again tempting Him through the great multitude. In our language, it would be, "Vox populi, vox dei" (the voice of the people is the voice of God). Jesus departed and prayed. What an example for us today!

The Young South

Valentines are friendly helpers, aren't they? Each one is a special messenger carrying words of love to friends near by and far away.

Perhaps you are making your valentines this year. I hope so, for in that way you may send a bit of yourself inside each envelope!

Valentines are the best helpers I know for making new friends. Have you been saving the word picture of a special Young South friend whom you'd like to have as a pen pal? Let a valentine help you get acquainted.

You may buy one which says exactly what you'd like to say to this new friend. Or you may prefer to write your own message. A sheet of white stationery may become a fancy valentine in a few minutes. Decorate it with your crayons or with flower stickers. You may even fold the sheet and cut a heart-shape design.

Perhaps you have not yet selected a pen pal. There are some new word pictures in our Young South file. Would you like to look at some of these today and maybe choose a pen pal from them?

BONEDA CANNON, Levy Street, Powell, Tennessee, sounds like a very nice pen pal for ten-year-old girls. Boneda is ten and in the fifth grade at Powell elementary school. She is a member of Powell Baptist church. Her interests are many—reading, writing, singing, and playing ball. Spelling and arithmetic are her favorite subjects at school. Wouldn't you like to know her better? She's inviting you to be her pen pal. How about it?

Junior boys, if you want a pen pal who should have lots of exciting experiences to write about, be sure to write to JERRY GIPSON, Route 1, Box 48, Cordova, Tennessee. Jerry is eleven years old. He lives on a farm with his parents and three brothers. He is a Christian and his ten-year-old

Banishing of Fears (Mk. 6:47-56)

Walking on the waters of Galilee in the early morning hours, the Lord at first frightened (unintentionally) and then quieted the fears of the Twelve from whom He had been separated during his night of prayer against the Tempter. After rescuing the presumptuous Peter from possible drowning, the little boat landed at Gennesaret. The inhabitants flocked to Him with their sick. All who came into contact with Him were healed. All kinds of fears were banished.

Searching for Truths (Mk. 7:1-23)

In this case, traditions had been responsible for substituting errors for truths. The Great Teacher, who was Himself the truth (see Jn. 14:6) would displace all error with the solid truth in the lives of His learners. This is one of the chief functions of those who as teachers, would follow in His train. It is often a tedious and tiresome procedure, but it is at the same time a rewarding one.

brother, Bob, are active members of the Royal Ambassador group in the Sanga Mission Baptist church. At home the boys have fun together, riding their pony, reading, playing basketball and baseball. Jerry's letter ends with, "I hope *someone* will write to me." I have a feeling that several "someones" will write after seeing this good word picture.

KATHERINE LANNOM will appeal to older Young South friends. Katherine is fourteen, a freshman at Watertown high school. She is a member of Fall Creek Baptist church in Norene, Tennessee. Her favorite pastimes are singing and playing the piano. She also enjoys reading. Katherine very much wants some pen pals. Will you let one of your valentines introduce you to Katherine this week? After that, writing will be easy, for you will have so many interesting things to tell each other. Katherine's address is just Norene, Tennessee.

ELIZABETH MILLER will be twelve years old on March 31. She lives at the Tennessee Baptist Orphan's Home, Franklin, Tennessee, and would like for you to write to her at that address. She likes to write letters and to play quiet games. She is taking music lessons and plans to become a member of a Junior choir. All of those are interesting bits of Elizabeth's picture. They make us want to know more about this new friend. If you become her pen pal, you *will* know her better. She'd love to get a valentine from you!

The nicest valentine you could send me would be an up-to-date word picture of yourself. I hope you'll get around to doing that this week. Somebody is waiting to meet you! And I'd like to show the *latest* word picture of you—not one which is several months old. There's a big difference, you know.

Love,

AUNT POLLY



Convention Bound

All roads in Tennessee lead to the First Baptist Church, Nashville.

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The Tennessee Baptist Sunday School Convention meets in Nashville, February 14-16, 1951 at the First Baptist Church.

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See January 25th issue of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for general program and information.

Make thorough preparation for the Evangelistic Crusade.

That Census

Did you take the census Sunday, February 4? Fine if you did. If you did not take it on February 4, it is not too late to take it yet.

Don't let any person living in your church community say, "nobody loves my soul." Locate every prospect. Work to win them to Christ.

For Revival Meetings

Special tabulation of the Census for the revival meeting is essential.

One of the most effective ways to use the information in a revival meeting is through the Sunday school, as referred to above. If the lost people and unaffiliated Baptists are enlisted in Sunday school, taught the Word of God, and led by Christian teachers, they will most likely find the Lord and a place in his church.

In addition to the tabulation for use in the Sunday school and in preparation for a special season of revival meetings, a typewritten list or individual cards of all the unenlisted Baptists living in the territory may be prepared, with names, addresses, and place of membership indicated.

Also, a typewritten list or individual cards may be prepared of all the unsaved found in the census and enrolled in the Sunday school.

The names on these two lists will furnish the pastor, evangelist, and other workers an abundance of information needed for personal visitation and personal soul-winning.

For more detailed information on how to take and use a census read chapter 2 in the book *A Church Using Its Sunday School*, by J. N. Barnette, or chapter 3 of *Building a Standard Sunday School* by Arthur Flake.

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The table below indicates how the proper number of classes may be determined:

Classes	Enr. in S. S.	Prospects	Total Possibilities	Present Classes	New Classes Needed
C. R.	5	12	17	1 (Workers)	2
Nursery	3	0	3	1	1
Beginner	4	6	10	1	1
Primary	5	10	15	1	2
Jr. Boys	4	6	10	1	1
Jr. Girls	5	5	10	1	1
Int. Boys	4	6	10	1	1
Int. Girls	6	3	9	1	1
Young Men	6	3	9	1	0
Young Women	7	2	9	1	0
Married Young Men	0	11	11	0	1
Married Young Women	0	12	12	0	1
Adult Men 25-34	2	31	33	0	1
Adult Women 25-34	3	27	30	0	1
Adult Men 35-up	8	51	59	1	2
Adult Women 35-up	10	46	56	1	2
Total	72	231	303	12	18

Ministers Act to Stop Hasty Elopements

ST. MARYS, Md.—(RNS)—Protestant ministers of St. Marys County have taken action to stop hasty elopements, particularly by service personnel from near-by installations in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The St. Marys County Ministerial Association voted to adopt a 72-hour waiting period between the time a couple approaches a minister and the time he will marry them.

This waiting period is in addition to the 48-hour period required by Maryland law between time of application and the granting of the marriage license.

The additional 72-hour period enforced by the ministers will enable the officiating clergyman to hold a conference with the couple and determine "their suitability for Christian marriage," according to the Rev. Warren A. Firth, president of the ministerial association.

Ministers can waive the waiting period, he added, if the couple are members of their parish or are personally known to them.

The ministers complained that many couples were demanding immediate marriage after obtaining their licenses. One county pastor said the young people were "just taking marriage as they would go to a grocery store and buy a box of cereal."

Couples in the county cannot avoid the waiting period by going to a justice of peace. Maryland law says that marriages can be performed only by clergymen.

Hugh Widick, pastor of First church, Englewood, the past six years has resigned to accept a similar position with First church, Oneida. He began his new pastorate February 4.

EASTLAND APARTMENTS, NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY



Eastland Apartments, new structure on the Gentilly campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was dedicated and opened to students on December 21, 1950. The building contains thirty-eight apartments and a parlor for group meetings. This is the fifth apartment building now occupied on the new campus. A library building is under construction.

The building is named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lowry B. Eastland. Mr. Eastland was president of the Seminary's board of trustees until his death on August 22, 1950.

"We hope to erect six more buildings and move the administration of the Seminary to the new campus by September, 1953, or before," said President Roland Q. Leavell.

Pastor John E. Huss has completed his first year as pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C. During that period the church grew in membership from 1611 to 2127. Of the new members 218 were for baptism. The Sunday school averaged 1078, the Training Union 309, the Hour of Power 578.



Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. SAM HOLLOWAY, President
MISS LAURA FRANCES SNOW
Young People's Secretary

MISS MARY NORTHINGTON, Executive Sec'y Treas.
MRS. DOUGLAS GINN
Office Secretary

A Week in Birmingham

One week in January is always spent in Birmingham by the W.M.U. Executive Committee, officers, state presidents and secretaries, planning for the work of the year. It is a happy, busy time for we are all friends, doing the same type of work in our states. We work! The secretaries met on Monday at the First Church. We started at nine A.M. and worked until nine-thirty P.M. Tuesday morning we again met at nine. That afternoon the entire Executive Committee met. That night the committee I was on planning the World-wide Season of Prayer for next December did not adjourn until midnight. We were so happy that already \$1,700,000 had been given to the Lottie Moon Offering so it was a joy to have over-and-above gifts for some very needy calls. It looks now that we may have two million!

Your president, Mrs. Holloway, is chairman of the budget committee, a member of home mission season of prayer committee, also a member of the building committee. She is on the board of managers. We have never had a president with so many responsibilities. The Southern Union recognizes her abilities. Between times we finished planning our state convention program.

The plans were made for our convention meeting in San Francisco in June. Much time was given in making programs for the W.M.U. Week at Ridgecrest.

Miss Bruce, Miss Stokeley, Mrs. Creasman, Mrs. W. J. Cox, all officers, all Tennesseans, presented their work in a telling way. We are proud of our contribution to the Southern Union.

The climax to our meeting was our visit to the new building we purchased at this meeting. A picture of it will be in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR SOON.

How providential it is that we could buy this building as materials are so difficult to obtain. Tennessee is going to do her part in paying for it. Your gifts are to be sent to Dr. C. W. Pope, 149 Sixth Ave., North, Nashville, marked W.M.U. Building Fund. Each organization has an apportionment but now that we have bought a building we will want to greatly increase our gifts. We will secure possession in October. Let us pay for it!

All will be happy to know that the Union voted to go on the October to October year for its promotional year, not its financial. This means our Year Book, Standards etc., will be on October-October basis. This may not be done until October '52.

The Watchword, hymn, theme for '52 were selected. It was a busy week.

Christian Friends

"Last week I went to baptize three of our Japanese friends who are in the old men's

home in Manteca. During the terrible flood every belonging from these and other Japanese friends was washed out.

"Today we are sending some used clothes which our American Christian friends have brought. I thank God for our American Christian friends who help in every possible way."

So writes Rev. George Fujita, our missionary at the Sawtelle Japanese mission in West Los Angeles. He and Helen, his charm-



Training Union

CHARLES L. NORTON, Secretary

Why Train Adults?

by Wendell W. Price

All know that we ought to "Train up a child in the way he should go." Few seem to know that most adults are children in God's sight. When adults are "born again" they are babies in God's kingdom the same as when an eight year old is "born again." So adults *must grow* in Christian living the same as Juniors.

If we are ever to have a new and different world it will be because we have adults who have been made new and different by Christ. Jesus said we are to make disciples, baptize them, and *teach them* to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. These teachings are of no value in winning a lost world unless we learn to practice them. So must we train.

As long as souls are born into God's kingdom as babies, they will need training. These souls cannot develop on milk, but must be led to grow spiritual teeth, to chew some meat, and to be strong in the Lord.

Some offer this excuse for ADULT TRAINING: "The Bible does not teach it." The Bible says nothing of a Sunday school, of preaching twice per Sunday, of weekly prayer meetings, of monthly business meetings, or of Training Unions. But from the Bible comes the great principles which underlie all of these items. So the Sunday school is the church teaching; the Training Union is the church training; the Prayer Meeting is the church at prayer. The church has the right to carry out these great Bible principles.

Training is merely putting teaching into practice. We teach men for service to Uncle Sam. Why not train ourselves in the service of Christ?

I. Adults Can and Should be Leaders

(1) They compose the largest group in the nation. There are over 75 million adults.

(2) Adults set the example. A man in a garage told me the other day that he was a member of a church and he wanted his

ing Japanese wife, are tireless workers in this field where there are hundreds of Japanese.

They arranged for one of the Japanese students to participate in the state Baptist Student Union Convention. It was the first time that a Japanese had been recognized in this way. The receipts from the Annie Armstrong offering provide most of the salary for this fine couple.

Miss Helen Ige, serving among the Japanese in Richmond, California, is also supported very largely from these funds gathered by Woman's Missionary Union. The Annie Armstrong offering goal for 1951 provides \$15,000 for the Chinese and Japanese work.

wife and children to attend, but was not interested in going himself. His seven year old boy will not listen to what Daddy says much longer but will instead be looking for what Daddy does.

(3) Adults are looked up to as leaders by youth. Young lives about us are to be molded. Decisions are being made every day, such as; Which college shall I attend? What about God? What life work shall I choose? Who will be my life partner? Youth wants and needs the experience and reasoning of sympathetic and seasoned adults. When we fill the minds of youth with great Christian truths, we will produce men to match our mountains of problems.

II. Adults Have the Experience and Common Sense with Which to Direct the Enthusiasms of Youth

One cannot lead another until he is further along than the first man. Some of our adults are babies in Christ and are making no effort to grow up. They could not lead Juniors, for some Juniors are more advanced spiritually than the adults. Now it may be no sin to find yourself in this plight, but it is a tremendous sin to stay that way.

III. Adults can Learn and Need to Keep on Learning

A few years ago I made the following notes: the mother of Josh Lee, 82, is in a Training Union; Miss Ella Malone, 80, is in a Training Union; a woman of St. Petersburg, about 100, is Bible Reader's Leader in an Adult Union.

But one says: "I wish I had had that when I was young." Those days cannot be recalled. If you are not willing to do all you can NOW your wishes for yesterday are entirely false.

IV. Adults Need to Learn To be Soul-Winners

But everybody wants to learn some unknown easy way. The best way to win more souls is to train more soul-winners.

"The Master is come and he is calling for you" to train yourself to be able to shoulder a responsibility for Christ.

CN Radio Workshop Elects Officers

The Radio Workshop of Carson-Newman College has elected the following officers: president, Ray Graves; vice-president, Joan Thompson; secretary, Janrose Lawson; treasurer, Pete Neblett; reporter, David Denton.

The object of the organization will be to serve the public, to promote the college, and to benefit the students by developing and maintaining student interest in radio work, by publicizing the college program, and by designing the workshop to serve as a means of practical education for its members.

The college has purchased about \$1200 worth of broadcasting equipment, and the club expects to be on the air soon. Broadcasting will be over WKGN of Knoxville, and WCRK of Morristown.

Pray in Congressional Offices

WOOSTER, O.—(RNS)—A delegation representing the Wayne County and Wooster Councils of Churches returned here from Washington, D. C., where they urged Ohio congressmen to resist "war hysteria" and to seek God's guidance before making crucial decisions.

The group said they had knelt in prayer at the office of Rep. George H. Bender (R) of Cleveland, and quoted the congressman as saying "it was the first time a group of people had prayed in this office, and it

President W. F. Jones of Union University, writes that he is pleased to announce that Dr. H. H. Boston of Martin, began his association with Union University Jan. 15. "Dr. Boston will serve as vice-president in charge of capital enlargement. His work will not be of an administrative nature, but he will spend his time in the field working with churches and individuals for the purpose of stimulating interest and securing gifts and bequests for building and endowment. We welcome Dr. Boston as a member of our staff, and present him to you feeling sure of our mutual confidence in his ability to work among our people for the future security of Union University."

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—All seminary, college and other groups who require special dining halls at San Francisco should make reservations at once. Some of the hotels are holding space for Southern Baptist use that will be cancelled within a few weeks unless reserved. For dining room reservation write directly to the hotels Sir Francis Drake, Whitcomb, Palace, Drake-Wiltshire, and the Chancellor are especially equipped for this type of meetings.

The passing of Mrs. Lela Mercer Davis, 78, occasioned deep sorrow to Mercer church where she was a faithful member. A memorial tribute from the W. M. S. of her church, prepared by Mrs. R. C. Dickinson, has been received by BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

The Carson-Newman college annual, "The Appalachian," has been admitted to the National Scholastic Press association.

Hit by a drunken driver while they were en route to a religious meeting in Ripley, Rev. W. C. Agnew, pastor of the church at Henning, and Mr. Powers Smith, layman of that church and moderator of Big Hatchie association, were seriously injured Jan. 6. Pastor Agnew, who sustained more serious injuries, will remain hospitalized in Baptist Hospital, Memphis, for several weeks. Mr. Smith was able to leave the hospital in Ripley after a week. His car was completely demolished. H. B. Donnell, Big Hatchie associational missionary, is working out a schedule of pulpit supplies for the Henning church while Pastor Agnew is incapacitated.

In a response to a call for 150 volunteers to take a religious census in preparation for the evangelistic crusade, 205 members of the Springfield church answered the call. In addition to the census, volunteer workers' groups are meeting each Wednesday evening at the close of the prayer service to pray for the unsaved and take names for visitation. Sunday, January 21, there were 5 additions to church, 4 upon profession of faith and 1 by letter as a result of the visitation program. J. Howard Young is pastor.

California Baptists To Buy Office Building

FRESNO, Calif.—(BP)—Southern Baptists in California recently approved a \$135,000 state mission budget, according to Floyd Looney, editor, *California Southern Baptist*. The board also elected H. H. Stagg as director of evangelism and A. C. Turner as director of promotion. Plans were approved for a mission program calling for 12 general missionaries and for the purchase of a new headquarters building.

A Gift to Missions . . . With Confederate Money

A proposition which could result in Confederate money benefitting missions has been made by Mr. G. F. Ivey, president of Southern Desk Company of Hickory, N. C.

Mr. Ivey, a collector of Confederate money, has offered to pay \$30.00 to any designated charity for a \$1000 bill in good condition issued when the Confederate government was located at Montgomery, Alabama.

If any good reader of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR has such a bill and will send it to the paper or to Tennessee Baptist Foundation, the bill will be forwarded to Mr. Ivey. The \$30.00 can be invested with regular Foundation funds and the earnings designated to any cause the donor wishes. With an earning rate similar to last year, the Foundation investment would pay \$1.20 per year on the \$30.00.

Who would have thought that Confederate money could ever be used to endow some mission cause to perpetuity?

Missions Gets More Than Half

OWENSBORO, Ky.—(BP)—The First Baptist Church here gave more than half of its undesignated offerings to missions last year. Out of the total \$101,271.10 raised through the envelopes, \$52,241.14 went to missions. The Cooperative Program received \$42,341.14 of this amount. Total money received for the year, including all designations, was \$123,142.20. The church has a membership of 1,972 and the pastor is Robert E. Humphreys.

"Words of Power" Cards for Servicemen

We pass on to our readers the offer of "Words of Power" cards to be sent to men in service which is made by The Christian Fellowship of Prayer, an undenominational, non-profit educational association whose address is P.O. Box 706, St. Petersburg 1, Fla.

During World War II this association provided three million of these "Words of Power" cards as a "war effort" on their part to give spiritual help to those with the armed forces. A new series of cards is being provided for the present crisis and will be supplied freely to parents, friends, churches or other organizations that they may be included in their letters or packages to men who are in camps at home or on duty overseas. Service chaplains will be supplied direct with any quantity requested.

No request for money will be made of anyone sending for these cards. This is not a commercial undertaking but a work of love done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have just read the messages on the first four of this new series of "Words of Power" cards and are impressed that they will help answer a very real need.

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1950

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	202	42	1	Kingsport, First	808	239	6
Athens, Antioch	115	30	—	Glenwood	318	123	3
East	347	149	—	Lynn Garden	427	105	—
First	565	238	—	Knoxville, Alice Bell	129	44	1
West End Mission	80	58	—	Bell Avenue	830	378	5
Coghill	64	46	—	Broadway	1342	495	20
Cotton Port	86	88	—	Fifth Avenue	984	309	2
Eastanalle	55	20	—	First	908	135	7
Englewood	126	29	—	Gillespie Avenue	253	83	—
Etowah, East	68	25	—	Inskip	486	192	—
Etowah, First	375	91	2	Lincoln Park	676	220	4
Etowah, North	305	83	—	McCalla Avenue	741	200	—
Good Springs	102	77	—	Sevier Heights	572	240	—
Idlewild	64	47	—	Washington Pike	302	110	1
McMahan Calvary	53	32	—	LaFollette, First	311	76	—
Mt. Harmony No. 1	108	46	—	Mission	76	38	—
New Hope	73	64	—	Lebanon, Fairview	108	72	1
New Zion	64	67	—	First	415	129	—
Niota, East	161	50	—	Rocky Grove	26	—	—
Niota, First	121	51	2	Lewisburg, First	506	175	—
Riceville	135	74	—	Lexington, First	211	44	—
Union Grove No. 2	85	51	—	Maryville, Broadway	459	193	3
Bemis, Herron Chapel	228	60	—	Everett Hills	327	163	2
Brighton	187	108	—	First	773	253	—
Bristol, Calvary	388	148	5	Maynardville	98	11	—
Camden, First	184	85	5	Medina, Lathams Chapel	64	38	—
Chattanooga, Avondale	633	193	7	Memphis, Boulevard	511	235	2
Brainerd	522	210	2	Central Avenue	646	248	13
Brainerd Hills	94	41	—	Elliston Avenue	100	67	—
Chamberlain Avenue	286	97	1	Highland Heights	732	437	21
Clifton Hill	286	95	6	Kennedy	140	73	2
Concord	298	125	—	LaBelle	456	193	2
Eastdale	369	114	4	Barton Heights	99	63	1
East Lake	583	214	5	Parkway	321	165	1
East Ridge	387	124	12	Prescott Memorial	481	164	5
Edgewood	194	61	12	Speedway Terrace	595	158	5
First	1160	575	6	Temple	975	299	5
Kingwood	200	75	19	Union Avenue	812	246	2
McCarty	72	35	—	Milan, First	313	83	—
Morris Hill	267	147	3	Millington	192	88	1
Oakwood	169	62	—	Milton	59	26	—
Parkers Gap	95	58	4	Monterey, First	257	91	—
Red Bank	725	209	—	Morristown, First	574	129	2
Ridgedale	675	253	2	Buffalo Trail	109	42	—
Ridgeview	230	116	1	Northside Mission	14	—	—
St. Elmo	360	131	—	Murfreesboro, Barfield	81	58	—
Second	198	84	—	First	515	146	3
Signal Mountain	76	40	—	Walnut Street Mission	39	—	—
Soddy, Oak Street	169	71	2	Powells Chapel	109	49	—
Spring Creek	235	—	—	Third	188	66	—
Suck Creek	48	49	1	Woodbury Road	94	50	—
White Oak	342	70	2	Nashville, Eastland	476	92	2
Clarksville, First	423	139	2	Grace	747	281	1
Cleveland, Big Spring	270	165	—	Inglewood	719	196	3
Calvary	159	113	—	Due West	63	29	—
Clinton, First	435	116	—	State School	36	—	—
Norris	65	20	—	New Hope	153	80	1
Columbia, First	385	123	—	North End	178	76	—
Godwin Chapel	29	—	—	Radnor	275	126	—
Second	172	99	—	Shelby Avenue	409	113	—
Cookeville, Steven Street	98	55	—	Westwood	97	45	6
West View	156	79	2	Oak Ridge, Glenwood	323	114	—
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	168	100	—	Old Hickory, First	571	206	—
First	584	146	—	Philadelphia	219	46	—
Eagleville	100	39	2	Rockford, Central Point	108	51	4
Elizabethton, First	574	151	2	Rockwood, First	355	158	—
Immanuel	200	76	—	Rutledge	109	36	—
Siam	234	160	—	Oakland	115	75	—
Fountain City, Central	913	200	—	Savannah, First	103	33	—
Hines Valley Mission	56	—	—	Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	203	64	11
Smithwood	511	199	2	El Bethel	106	48	—
Gallatin, First	320	92	—	Spencer	61	29	—
Harriman, South	320	115	2	Statesville, Smith	53	49	—
Trenton Street	480	134	3	Tullahoma, First	255	58	—
Hohenwald	112	71	1	Highland	109	64	1
Humboldt, Antioch	174	48	—	Union City, First	726	106	—
First	440	121	1	Watertown, Round Lick	138	78	1
Jackson, Calvary	394	158	—				
First	661	124	—				
North	248	110	3				
West	667	224	—				
Jamestown, First	263	69	2				

Sunday School Board To Produce Films

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Visual Aid Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board has entered the field of production, according to Mr. Earl Waldrup, director of the Service. All types of filmstrips, film-slides and motion pictures will be produced in co-operation with other Baptist agencies.

Mr. Ralph Rogers, Waco, Texas, who has had considerable experience as motion picture technician has joined the department as cameraman. Mr. Bryce Finch, who has been with the Board several years, will produce still photographs.

Production will include facilities for the handling and writing of scripts, manuals and study guides. It will also include a complete photography, laboratory and recording services. The films will be distributed under the trade-name of Broadman Films.

"Additional personnel," Waldrup said, "will be added to assist in promotion."

Impressions of Calvary Baptist Church

New Year's Eve in Manhattan was a real experience for me. I found myself standing before an auditorium filled to capacity with people from every section of New York City. Many of them had been there all day, for the Watch Night service was the fourth of the day. They stayed, singing hymns, fellowshiping, worshipping, until they saw the New Year in with prayer.

Calvary Baptist church is a stronghold of the New Testament faith in the center of the "Capitol of the World." I found there a genuine spirit of Christian love, a friendly hospitality, and a sincere desire to do God's will. No Southern Baptist could feel out of place at Calvary. There is evangelistic emphasis, doctrinal preaching and training in Christian life and service. Faced with the challenge of the great city, the church is endeavoring, through its regular ministry, and its 27-year-old radio ministry, to maintain a consistent Christian witness in one of the neediest fields in the world. The Lord is blessing the work on every hand.

From August 4 to December 24, Northside church, Jefferson City, has had 78 additions, 29 by baptism and 49 by letter. The Sunday school averaged 170 and the Training Union has increased its attendance. J. B. Cross, formerly pastor of John Sevier church, Knox county, is the pastor.

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Middle Tennessee NEWS

by Homer A. Cate, Shelbyville

Magness Memorial church, McMinnville, E. L. Smothers, pastor, gave to all mission causes in 1950, the sum of \$5,040.83. This is the largest amount given to missions in the history of the church.

Dr. Donald F. Ackland, editorial associate of the Sunday School board, supplied the pulpit of the First church, Cookeville, January 21.

Dr. Vernon C. White, noted temperance speaker, who does so much fine work in our high schools and colleges and is speaking under the auspices of the United Dry Forces of Tennessee, spoke at the First church, Fayetteville, D. D. Smothers, pastor, January 21.

Work at the Decherd church, Edward Lee, pastor, is moving along splendidly. Increases are being made in all lines of work. Growth in churches like this is indeed encouraging.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cockrum, members of the First church, Cowan, who have been serving as contracts missionaries in Nigeria, West Africa, for three years have returned home and have been busy for the past four months in speaking engagements in various places. They have enrolled at Carson-Newman college to pursue further studies during the remainder of their furlough.

Mr. George Scheroder, associate secretary of the Southwide Brotherhood, was the speaker recently at the Duck River association Brotherhood rally held at the First church, Tullahoma, and directed by Chester Jones, pastor of Manchester. This was a well-planned, well-conducted, and well-attended meeting.

New Duck River association Brotherhood rally held at the First church, Shelbyville, Homer A. Cate, pastor, January 21 with Hardin H. Conn, prominent Nashville Baptist layman and teacher of the Friendly Men's Bible class, First church, Nashville, as principal speaker. His subject, "The Call to Colors." This meeting was exceptionally well attended.

Highland church, Roy C. Magill, pastor, Tullahoma, is making fine progress. The roof is on their new chapel and all labor except 42 hours has been donated.

Lyn Claybrook, for years a pastor in Tennessee, and since leaving Tennessee, the successful pastor of the Oneida church, Oneida, Ky., not only recently dedicated a new building but on February 4, dedicated the Kate Hunt McMurtry Memorial Tower Chines.

Fred T. Evans, Waverly, who has been serving as pastor of the Waverly church and the Trace Creek church at Denver, resigned the Trace Creek church to give full time to the Waverly church. Both of these churches have made substantial gains and have each voted to engage in the simultaneous revival campaign.

Buford M. Bull, who has been pastor of the Barton's Creek church, Wilson County association, has been called to be pastor of the North Springfield church and took up his work there February 1.

L. G. Gatlin, pastor of Mt. Pleasant church, preached a series of Sunday morning sermons during January on the subject, "Prophecies of Christ and their Fulfillment" and on Sunday evenings on the subject, "Jesus Christ, the Great 'I Am.'"

First church, Lewisburg, is continuing their building program and are busy now constructing their Educational building. The church already has a lovely sanctuary.

Fine progress has been made by the Ardmore church, J. Lowell Knupp, pastor, in reducing their church debt, which stood at the first of January at only \$3,650.00.

In the absence of pastor Bernard Scates, Claude H. Lewis supplied the pulpit Sunday, January 14, at First church, Lawrenceburg. Pastor and Mrs. Scates were away on vacation.

Immanuel church, Nashville, Gaye McGlothlen, pastor, finished the payment for their new church site by the end of 1950.



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West Tennessee NEWS

by Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington

Funeral services for John E. Eoff, Sr., were conducted at LaMar Heights Baptist church, Memphis, on January 18 with Pastor John W. Bass and Pastor W. O. Beatty, Eudora church, in charge. Burial was at Tyro, Miss. In former years Bro. Eoff was pastor of Rowan Baptist church (now Louisiana Street church), and also served churches in Arkansas and Mississippi. He was 72 years of age.

Pastor Joe Harting is getting started in a fine way at Brownsville. There have been several additions to the membership and nice gains in Sunday school and Training Union attendance.

Dr. A. Warren Prince, for 41 years a faculty member at Union University, died at his temporary residence in St. Louis on January 25. The body was returned to Jackson where funeral services were conducted at the First church, with President Warren F. Jones and Pastor W. Fred Kendall in charge. Dr. Prince retired from the faculty in 1948. We expect to run an additional word about his life as soon as possible.

First church, Covington, D. P. McFarland, pastor, observed "Baptist and Reflector Sunday" on January 28. Editor Richard N. Owen was the guest speaker. This is our editor's home church.

The churches of Crockett County association had a special meeting at First church, Alamo, on February 2 to make additional preparations for the simultaneous crusade, March 25-April 8. Pastor W. Fred Kendall, First church, Jackson, was the speaker.

Pastor R. J. Cooper, Halls, baptized a young Methodist preacher on January 14, and received a Baptist preacher by letter on January 21.

Pastor and Mrs. James A. Canaday observed their second anniversary with Calvary church, Jackson, with an "open house" on February 1. They, along with their young son Tim, are greatly beloved by the folks at Calvary.

Mrs. Ethel G. Hubler, editor and publisher of the *National Voice*, America's oldest temperance weekly, spoke at West Jackson church, R. E. Guy, pastor, on the night of January 26.

Paul Freeman and wife, missionaries to Argentina, were guests of the W.M.S. at First church, Jackson, on January 22. Bro. Freeman is a brother of Mrs. D. W. Luckey, a member of First church.

The building of First church, Alamo, Floyd Cates, pastor, has been redecorated on the outside. Pastor Cates says it now has "the new look."

The sympathy of the entire state will go out to Harry Hollis, assistant to the pastor at First church, Jackson, because of the passing of his dear mother, Mrs. George Hollis, State Stewardship Chairman for the W.M.U.

Pastor L. H. Hatcher, First church, McKenzie, is getting started in a fine way there. Training Union attendance has jumped to over 100. Attendance at the mid-week service is averaging about 100. Extensive plans are being made for their revival, March 25-April 8.

The Bellevue Baptist reports the death of Mrs. Della Hood on January 19. She was 105 years of age and had been a member of Bellevue for 17 years.

The church at Atwood, Don Reynolds, pastor, ordained six new Deacons recently. They are Keaton West, Henry Robinson, Elmer Morris, Elbert Hunt, Hunter Hopper and Ben Ross. Pastor Dillard West, Dyer, gave the charge; Pastor Kenneth Day led in prayer; and Pastor Fred Wood, Dresden, preached the sermon.

With Prof. J. M. Price of Southwestern Seminary doing the preaching and your reporter leading the singing, the Grand Junction church, Roy Ferguson, pastor, will have a revival the week of April 9.

Poplar Springs church near Milan, Kenneth Day, pastor, ordained three deacons Sunday afternoon, January 7. They are Blake Belew, L. C. Crocker and Chas. Stewart. The church has added four new Sunday school rooms.

Some interesting meetings at First church, Grand Junction, during the month of January were a Sunday School Study course with Pastor Roy Ferguson teaching "Bible and Prayer" by Dr. Lee. The night of January 17 six student nurses from Baptist hospital, Memphis, presented a program with Miss Eva Mai Eldridge as leader of the group. George Capps, layman who is connected with T.V.A. and stationed at Grand Junction for two weeks, supplied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, January 21.

Mrs. James M. Campbell, president, reports that the Baptist Memorial Hospital Auxiliary of Memphis, in its first 1951 meeting, voted to give \$500 to furnish a complete room in the new addition anticipated for that hospital. The auxiliary is made up of representatives from the W. M. S. of the churches in Shelby county.

On the third Sunday night of Pastor Joe Harting's ministry at Brownsville church, Brownsville, the Training Union broke all previous records. With an enrollment of 138 there were 133 present. Miss Emma Fuson of Clifton church, Louisville, Ky., has been called as secretary and education director. She will begin her new work March 1.

On January 7, Pastor C. M. Pickler began his ninth year at Boulevard church, Memphis. His assistant, S. W. Welch, put it this way: "I'm sure I express the gratitude in the hearts of all Boulevard members when I say 'thank you, Lord, for sending this Thy servant our way.' We sing 'Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow' because we know you are always 'Living for Jesus.' We pray that as you preach 'There's Power in the Blood,' and 'Christ Receiveth Sinful Men,' and tell of His 'Amazing Grace' and 'The Old Rugged Cross' that you will be 'Never Alone' and will continue to walk in 'Heavenly Sunlight,' and that you will always have the 'Blessed Assurance' that 'God will take Care of You'."

Pastor J. D. Grey, First church, New Orleans, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Brotherhood of Bellevue church, Memphis, R. G. Lee, pastor, on January 26.

After five fruitful years as Missionary for Western District association, Bro. J. W. Williams has announced his resignation. He and his wife are the subjects of a splendid write-up in the bulletin of First church, Paris, O. E. Turner, pastor.

Maplewood church, Paris, ordained A. D. Vaden to the ministry on January 28.

Pastor Otto Sutton, who recently came to Memphis' Trinity church, is getting started in a fine way. On January 30, he was guest speaker at the Brotherhood banquet at Union Avenue church, J. G. Hughes, pastor.

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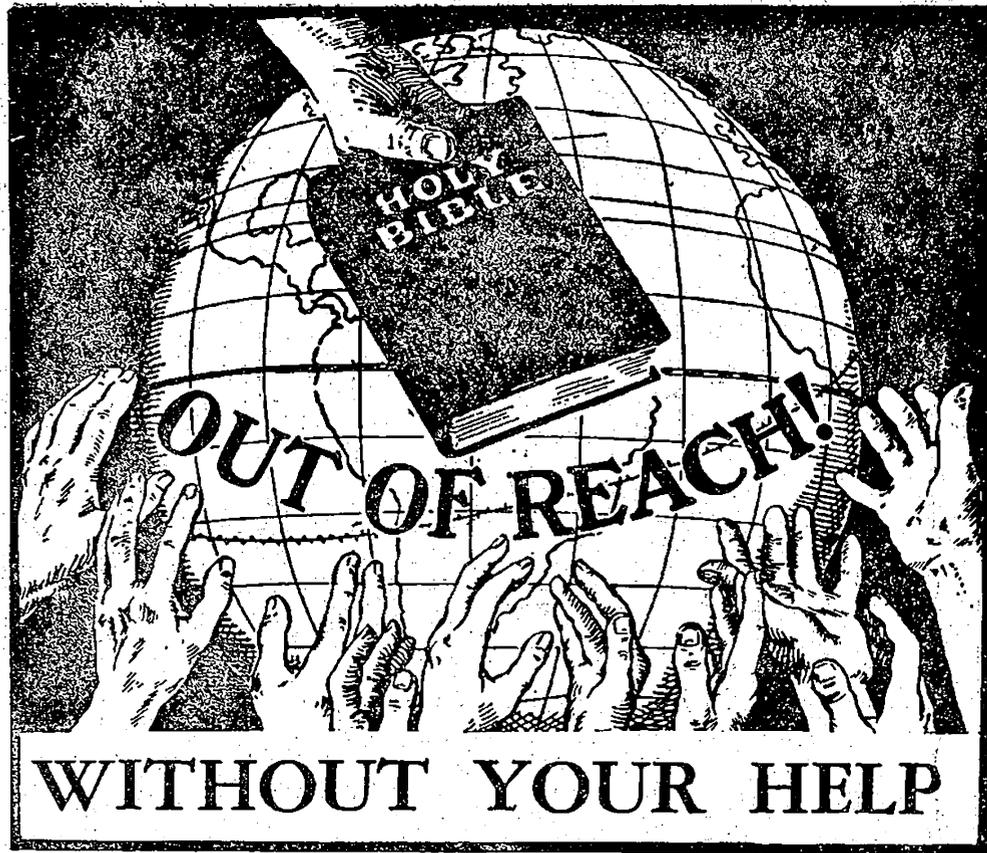
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I believe that opportunity is more important than security.

I believe that the "welfare state" will lead us into socialism, and maybe communism.

I believe that the nation's first line of defense is a sound, solvent economy at home.

I believe that federal government spending, if continued at the present rate, will bring political chaos through bankruptcy.

I believe that you cannot accept government money without government dictation.

I believe that accepting government aid is like taking drugs—pleasant at first, habit-forming later, damning at last.

I believe that the expression, "It's going to be spent, so I might as well get mine," is unpatriotic.

I believe that the only way to stop government extravagance is for each one of us to give up his own pet project for government aid.

I believe that it is my personal duty to oppose any man who tries to prostitute patriotism with government gifts.

I believe that I owe it to myself to determine the effect of each new government proposal upon my personal freedom.

HUBERT M. HARRISON in
Faith and Freedom

First Baptist church, Collierville, begins the new year free of debt, following the special service Sunday morning, January 14, when the last note on the church's indebtedness was burned during the regular worship hour. On the previous Sunday pledges were made by members to cover the remaining amount due on the \$20,000 educational annex, built last year, and during the week the note was paid by Robert Pulliam, church treasurer.

Punctuation People

Of all the punctuation folk, I like the comma best.

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