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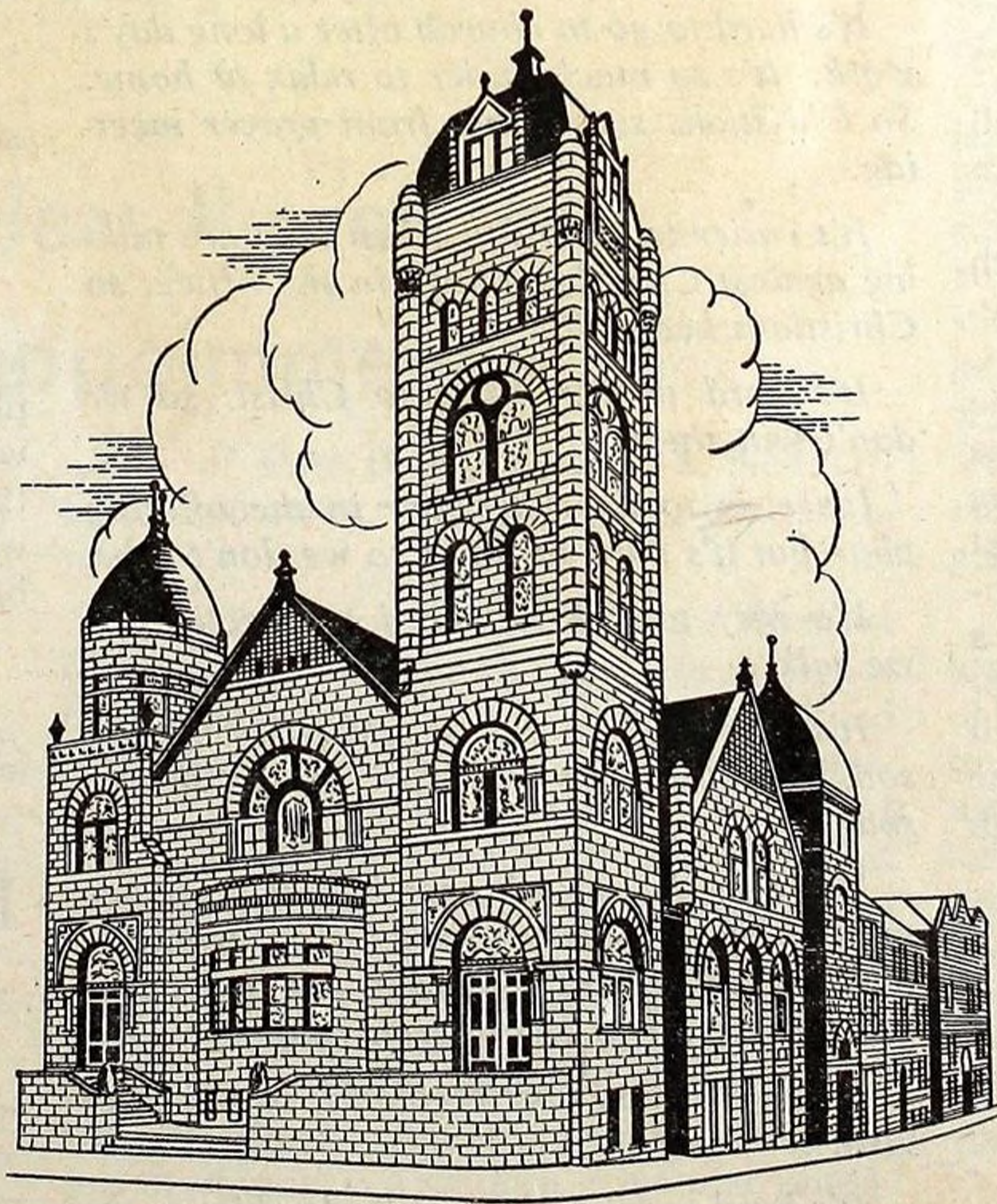
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Who Is Your Father?

"Who is your father?" This question is not one of idle curiosity. It bears upon a most important concern in human life—the question of heritage. In a recent article in the *Saturday Evening Post*, Mr. Rufus Jarman among other things states that the first question that occurs to an old resident of Nashville when he meets a new resident is, "Who was your father?" In his article on our Capital City the author cites this question as evidence of a way of thinking that is overly concerned with the past. Perhaps it would be nearer the truth if we realized that rightful interest in heritage gives us opportunity to understand the present in the light of the past. "Who is your father?" is no matter of idle curiosity. Its asking does not mean indifference to the coming generation in inquiry about the passing generation.

Winston Churchill, who is back in power again, once declared, "If we open a quarrel between the past and the present we shall lose the future." The interrelationship of the generations must be acknowledged. Life is a stream with its flow. What is put in at the source appears downstream. The analogy, however, does not hold altogether as we consider the human stream for other factors have their bearing on human life—the factor of environment and above all else the factor of Divine grace making possible a new beginning with a new stream of life, the spiritual life in Christ.

For this reason we especially want to call attention to a book just come to hand from the Broadman Press entitled, "*Don't Disappoint God*" by R. L. Middleton, in which he tells of a father's counsel to his boy leaving the old home for other surroundings, "Don't forget lad whose son you are." The author develops his inspiring theme of the challenge to great living from remembering our divine heritage. "One of the deepest needs of our day is for us to become conscious of our heritage and to live in such a way that the world will be aware of our appreciation of it." Mr. Middleton's book will help us look above our human to our divine heritage, for we are sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

What Do Ye More Than Others?

That is the Lord's disturbing question He puts to us who are content to take as our pattern of living and doing the ordinary morality and way of life of those round about us. We, who are satisfied if we can rate ourselves as no worse than our fellows; we, who feel justified if we can point to

some other church member and say, "I'm as good as he is."

If Christians are content to be Christian at *as little cost as possible* and hope to remain respectable, then nothing much is going to happen to our lost world—it cannot see anything of the cross in our ease and self-satisfaction.

Perhaps it was something like this in mind which prompted Paul S. James, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga., recently to charge "*Christians are doing the easy things.*" In *The Christian Index* pastor James said:

Christians are doing the easy things.
It's easy to go to church Sunday morning. After all, what else is there to do? Everything's closed up!

Of course some find it hard to be in church from 9:30 a.m. until noon so they come to Sunday school and then go home; or they come to worship and are not in Sunday school.

It's hard to go to church Sunday night because there is so much else going on. So a lot of Christians are not in church Sunday night.

It's easy to read a few verses from the Bible, but it's hard to dig in and study; so many don't study the Bible.

It's easy to say your prayers, but it's hard to pray. So Christians don't pray.

It's hard to go to church after a long day's work. It's so much easier to relax at home. So Christians stay home from prayer meeting.

It's easier to keep still when they are talking against Christian things in the office; so Christians keep still.

It's hard to win souls to Christ; so we don't win them.

It's easy to drop a dollar in the offering plate but it's hard to tithe; so we don't tithe.

It's easy to talk but hard to practice; so we talk.

It's easy to sit in a class and enjoy the lesson, but hard to be a teacher; so we "sit and soak."

Not that the church near by has a greater missionary, Bible-teaching, soul-winning, personal-enlistment program; it's just near by. So we go to the church near by.

It's not easy to visit regularly; so we don't visit.

It's hard to fill a place of leadership; so we let someone else do it.

Christians are doing the easy things—that's the trouble. And all the time a voice is saying to us, "Take up the cross and follow me!"

When we choose comfort instead of the cross we forfeit the crown.

By the love revealed on that cross which He refused not, the Son of God routs us from our complacency, "What do ye more than others?"

Reflections

People may not believe all they hear but unfortunately they can repeat it. Origin Unknown.

Remember, in dealing with Russia, it's like this: "I saw a snake on the road but it turned out to be a stick—but the stick I picked up to hit it with, turned out to be a snake."—Harry Hershfield.

When the American people voted for repeal in '33 in response to the persuasive liquor propaganda, they never dreamed that in 18 years there would be twice as many saloons as churches and 2½ times as many bars as schools in the United States. —Missions.

We can lick organized crime. We can correct the evils plaguing our country if the good citizens will open their eyes to our danger. We can lick it if we recognize the alliance of criminals and their "respectable" front men for what they are—hoodlums and despoilers rather than glamorous figures or heroes—and go after them with determination.—Sen. Estes Kefauver, *Crime in America*.

Going to the Convention?

"Any messenger who cannot get a room at one of the hotels or tourist courts please write me here at the church and we will see that you are entertained in one of the homes. The plan is that each messenger will pay \$2.00 for the night's lodging. No breakfast will be served."

Carl J. Giers, Pastor
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Now is the Time to Act in Protest

by J. G. Hughes

Thus Dr. Edward B. Willingham, chairman, and Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive director, of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs urge individual citizens and groups through joint resolutions to communicate immediately with our U. S. Senators and register vigorous opposition to the establishment of an Ambassador or other official representative from the United States to the Vatican, pointing out that any such proposal must be confirmed by the Senate to become effective. They also suggest making similar statements to the President and to the U. S. Congressman from our districts.

In their joint statement Dr. Willingham and Dr. Dawson said:

"It is most unfortunate that the President has by this nomination injected the religious issue into American politics. At a time when we need a united people to combat Communism, a division is precipitated which will result in bitterness and internal dissension across the nation. Religious groups representing millions of citizens have made numerous strong expressions against any official relations between our government and that of the Roman Catholic church-state.

"It is an amazing fact that while so-called Protestant countries are proving to be

least responsive to Communistic propaganda, and Communism is making great inroads in lands where Roman Catholicism has held sway, we are called upon to join forces with the Vatican as a security measure. The more acute issues existing between the Roman Catholic Church and Soviet Russia are issues peculiar to the Vatican and are abhorrent to us, such as: state support of church schools and institutions, church land monopolies, and official church commingling with civil government. We cannot compromise our heritage by becoming entangled with this powerful hierarchy which parades under the banner of religion on the one hand and exercises the prerogatives of a state upon the other.

"Furthermore, we must recall that in November, 1948, in Washington, D. C., the Roman Catholic bishops issued a statement entitled "The Christian in Action." This pronouncement declared that our traditional concept of church-state separation is a mere "shibboleth of doctrinaire secularists" and notice was served that they intend to "peacefully, patiently, and perseveringly work" to effect a revision in our understanding of the First Amendment to the Constitution. Now is the time to act in protest against pressures which are being brought upon the very heart of our government."

Baptist Leaders React To Vatican Appointment

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Baptist leaders were quick to react to President Truman's recent appointment in Washington of an ambassador to the Vatican in Rome.

General Mark Clark's appointment to the post brought from Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in Washington, the statement that "It is a deplorable resort to expediency which utterly disregards our historical constitutional American system of separation of church and state."

"It will be disruptive of national unity and dissipate good will between Protestants and Catholics. It is a blundering policy for combating communism as Protestant Countries throughout the world are making the most effective stand against communism.

"The best way to lose the battle against a totalitarian state is for free countries to form a coalition with the Pope under a totalitarian church," he concluded.

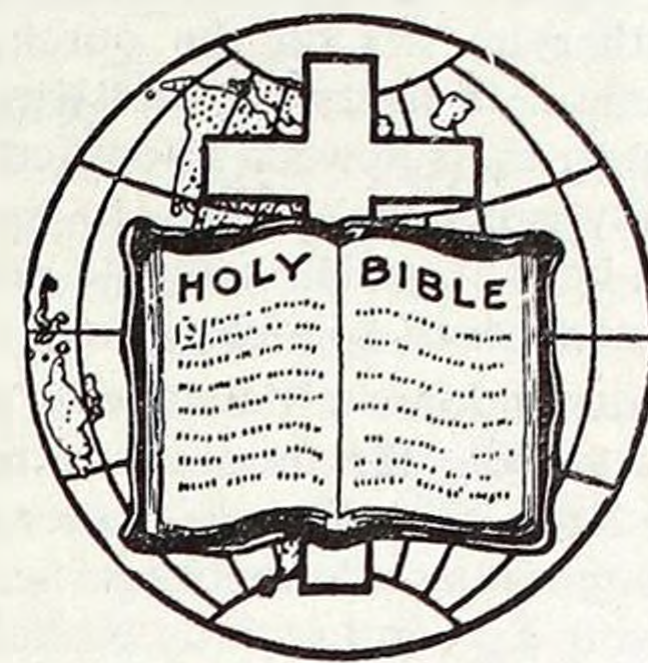
After returning from a White House conference attended by about seventy-five national leaders in industry, business, education and religion, Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and

pastor of First Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana, issued the following statement:

"The President's nomination of General Clark as ambassador to the Vatican is not only unconstitutional and illegal but ill-timed and divisive. In the White House conference, I noted almost unanimous resentment to the nomination made by the President just as the Senate was adjourning. The Vatican is a small "de facto" state of only 108 acres with no military force and with whom we have no exchange of commerce or citizenry. Most of the thirty-seven nations with legations at the Vatican hold the union of church and state in a manner repugnant to our democratic concept.

"If the Holy See possesses significant information useful in the fight against communism (which is problematical), it is to their best interest to share that with anti-Communist governments without official diplomatic relations. The President has disrupted our national unity at a time when we can least afford disunity. However, he has aroused and united freedom-loving America and alerted us to battle against the growing efforts of an organized minority to breach the wall separating church and state."

Bible Study in January Centers on the Church



For the past five years the January Week of Bible Study as promoted by our Sunday Schools has met with increasing favor and has elicited increasing response on the part of our people. Pastors have found it one of their richest opportunities to lead large numbers of their people in a week of devoted Bible study on various topics. The study last January centering around Dr. Robert G. Lee's book *THE BIBLE AND PRAYER* seems to have surpassed all the previous ones in attraction for the people.

The suggested course for next January deals with Bible teachings concerning the church. As a guide for that week of study, Dr. J. Clyde Turner has prepared an excellent book entitled *THE NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH*. Certainly a renewed study of Bible teachings concerning the church is most needed just now, and I anticipate for this week of study the largest interest and attendance of any thus far. Dr. Turner is a great Bible student and teacher and, also, a great preacher who knows how to present his teachings in such a way as to make them attractive for the average church member. His book, therefore, will afford an excellent guide for this course of study.

I should like to appeal to my fellow pastors in Tennessee to help make this week of Bible study next January the greatest single week of Bible study Tennessee Baptists have ever known. Many of us may have been neglectful about informing our people concerning what God's Word has to say about the church. This is all too often true as regards our young people. This week of Bible study next January will help us to overcome any faults along this line of which we may have been guilty.

Such a week of study offers unusual opportunities since we are not supposed to promote any other classes at that time. It thus allows us to urge all our people, young, old, and all in between to sit together in devoted Bible study. By all means, let the pastor be the teacher; but let us not make it a week of preaching. Let us urge our people to come and bring their Bibles and sit together in earnest study of God's Word; let us give them the opportunity of asking questions and personally participating in the study. It can be a tremendously effective week. Let us make it so.

Neglected Kindness to Shut-ins

BY S. L. MORGAN

Roy is blind and a shut-in of many years standing. All day long and year by year in good weather he sits on the porch at his sister's home, and hears the footsteps of the passers-by on the sidewalk a few feet away. Occasionally someone pauses to speak to him. For he's a genial, amiable soul and has a pleasant word for everyone.

Or he sits indoors all day with nothing to do but twiddle his thumbs, or listen to the radio. Both get tedious as the long hours and years pass by. Sometimes he listens to the passing cars and secretly wishes someone would take him for a ride.

He and his sister were my parishioners long years ago. Sunday I dropped in to speak to them. All at once his sister announced joyfully, "Professor Blank has come to take Roy for a drive!" Roy's face lighted. His sister beamed, "Professor Blank is nicer to him than anyone else. He often takes him for drives. He's about the only one that does." Professor Blank is the head of the college music department. Frequently he comes and takes Roy to his musical programs at the college.

And he's about the only one in town, said his sister, that ever does such nice things for Roy! Roy spoke of it with the delight of a child. For it is the keenest delight he knows in the darkness behind his iron curtain.

About the only one that ever takes Roy for a drive! Yet in town are hundreds of others with cars. Why don't others show Roy a little attention? The question is a ringing indictment of the busy multitude nearby who go about their daily business and pleasure with never a thought of Roy and his iron curtain and the eternal darkness behind it.

Other Neglected Shut-ins

In our land are other iron curtains besides blindness. Behind them millions of neglected souls pine for a little attention.

I will not now speak of the iron curtain set up by the rapine and desolation of war and the millions of tragic shut-ins behind it in other lands. One of these was painted unforgettably in October *Reader's Digest*. It was the story of Kang, the little Korean boy of five rescued from a living death by the GI's and put in an orphanage—"The Little Boy Who Wouldn't Smile." One horrible memory forever haunted him and robbed him of his right to smile: the flies and maggots that crawled over his mother's lips and nose for days and days before he was found with his dead. At last in the orphanage they coaxed a smile from him by a promise of a ride in the jeep, which to him seemed the greatest wonder in the world.

Crumbs of Kindness

A car ride for Roy, a jeep ride for Kang, and darkness fled, a smile came, and life was made new! As easy as that. Starved souls require so little. What a reproach when

we deny them such little crumbs of kindness!

And what a variety of starved souls around us pine for the crumbs and are denied! The long-returning convalescent: visitors the first few days, and then often weeks and weeks left alone to corroding neglect and loneliness. Kind-hearted neighbors hope others will give the needed attention. Often they don't. One heart-hungry shut-in said to the pastor, "It's three weeks, and no one has called from the church but you." Often the same is true of the bereaved: a flood of visitors a few days, then grief left alone to eat one's heart out, while none seems to care!

Lost to the Church

Why doesn't the church, and the church groups and the service clubs, organize to guarantee that such shut-ins shall have attention? Dr. Russell Dicks, noted author and Duke hospital chaplain, warning like a prophet in this matter, declares that just such lack of attention to the lingering convalescent, the bereaved, the aged, the shut-in from any cause, slowly builds up in the neglected a coldness and resentment toward the church, and causes it to lose thousands of members.

Neglect of the Aged

To provide a ministry of constructive kindness to the aged has almost suddenly grown into one of the major problems of the church and of society. For within a few decades the increasing life span and the demand for youth in business and industry have catapulted into the community at large millions of old people unemployed and unhappy, and with a cankering sense of rejection from the mass of their fellows and of being cast-offs. It forces on our attention a problem gigantic and bewildering.

For in our country in 1950 there were 18,272,000 people over 60 years of age; 7,262,000 over 70; and nearly 4,000,000 over 75 years of age. And nearly two-thirds of these millions are without jobs or income, and are dependents—dependent on children, on relatives, on the community and the state. They are the cast-offs of business and industry and the professions. Careful case studies of these aged and unemployed show in general that they suffer from a painful sense of rejection and loss of face, of being regarded as useless and done for. Disintegration sets in, both physical and mental—often moral. Their sense of loneliness and rejection is a slow torture that saps away their morale and their health. It is a cruel lot for which they are little to blame.

At least the church must understand better than it does the undeserved suffering of these millions of the aged, and definitely provide for them a more adequate ministry of comfort and encouragement than at present. Numerous case studies show that in many of them neglect by the church results in a chilling and hardening process. Able no longer to do much for the church in

service or money, the feeling sets in that even their church no longer cares for them. The church's treatment of these aged ones may indeed be as true a test of its Christian spirit as is its treatment of the sinner and the prodigal. Sometimes financial help will be needed; but always the help of caring and comforting, and providing creative employment and recreation.

Every church community has its aged and infirm, some with no means of getting to the church services, or of having a little outing. Alas for the church that forgets such shut-ins, and denies them the little crumbs of kindness that would make the lonely heart leap for joy. With the aged shut-ins running into the millions, it is idle to look to the pastors to provide an adequate ministry of comfort and inspiration. The only hope is in the lay men and women in each church with the shepherd heart. And they are available, only waiting to be called and trained.

In an early pastorate I sometimes took a promising young deacon with me to see the sick, the aged, the shut-ins. He saw a pastor's heart in action. He says it gave him an ideal, and left its mark on his whole life. He is an old man now, but the sick and shut-ins of all the community adore him for his gracious ministry to them. They agree that no one else in the city is equal to him for his helpful ministry to the sick, the infirm, the aged.

This points to a very great present need, and offers a clue to the solution of one of the gravest problems of the church today.

Books Received

"*Great Sermons by Master Preachers*," compiled and edited by Theo. W. Engstrom; Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. 180 pp. \$2.00. These are gems from such renowned men as: Chrysostom, Savonarola, Luther, Calvin, John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, Charles G. Finney, F. W. Robertson, Alexander MacLaren, Talmage, Spurgeon, Moody, Billy Sunday, with a brief biography of each.

"*Atheism's Faith and Fruits*," James D. Bales; W. A. Wilde Co., Boston; 176 pp. \$2.25. Approaching the subject from the angle, "What must one believe to be an atheist?" the author shows how self-contradictory atheism is and how irrational its attacks on Christianity and what are its results.

First church, Goodlettsville, B. Frank Collins, pastor, on October 28 ordained as deacons Billy Roberts, Ed Anderson and A. V. Fudge. Sharing in the ceremony were pastor Merle Pedigo, Riverside church, associational missionary Harold Gregory and deacon H. W. Crook of Grace church, Nashville. From various churches there were 37 deacons present for this occasion. Harold Gregory and Marcum Mason assisted pastor Collins recently in a week of special services in which there were 8 additions to the church.

Alaska a Rich Prize for Christ

by J. B. LAWRENCE

Alaska is a great country, and it will grow in importance as the people in the States become aware of its richness and develop its resources.

It has untold wealth in gold, coal, oil, and timber. Its forests of spruce and hemlock are vast in extent. Its farm lands—millions of acres—are fertile. Its climate ranges from medium-temperate in the southern and coastal sections to frigid in the arctic circle. It is a rich land to be possessed by an enterprising race of sturdy men.

And it is being possessed. Thousands of people are going into this land of promise. They are homesteading its rich acres and planting themselves firmly in its soil. There is room for a vast population and ere long that population will people this territory and develop it into a great, rich state.

We Baptists need to recognize the importance of Alaska and capture its rich resources for Christ. The field is wide open and needy, but also rich in possibilities. In the territory between Anchorage and Fairbanks there are millions of acres of the finest timber. These acres are rich and well adapted to dairy and farming. Roads are being planned and in the near future a prosperous population will be housed in this great section.

All around Anchorage and south to Juneau much of the land has already been homesteaded and will be developed. Out from Anchorage to Palmer is the richest Valley in the world. I dare not tell you what I saw in the fields on the way to Palmer—you might think I was looking through magnifying glasses. It is a rich valley.

Juneau is a great mining center. The largest gold mine in the world is at Juneau. There are also fishing interests of large proportions. One of the greatest cold storage plants for fish in Alaska is at Juneau. I saw salmon stacked like cordwood, piled to the ceiling. The guide told us that there were seven million pounds of fish in this cold storage plant at the time of our visit.

Ketchikan is the salmon-canning capital of the world. Millions of dollars are made every year in the fish industry here. It is also surrounded by magnificent forests of spruce. We were told that a twenty-million-dollar pulp mill is soon to be built there.

All of these things, taken together, make Alaska a rich as well as a needy field for the gospel. Money spent now in establishing missions will, in the near future, become rich assets in the kingdom.

The work we have is prospering. The missions are growing rapidly. Ketchikan, started from scratch three years ago, now has one hundred and twenty-six members. They are completing their church building. It is the best church house in the city—one of the two brick buildings.

At Anchorage the First Church is a going institution of over six hundred members. This church last year gave, for all purposes, over fifty-two thousand dollars, and the pastor estimates that it will give in 1952 over sixty thousand. It has established four missions which are developing rapidly into functioning churches. One of these is a mission for the Negroes which was organized into a church two months before we were there in September. It had grown to one hundred and eighty members.

What we need in this important field can be summed up in three words—"men and money." Give the Home Mission Board the money and we will get the men. Do this and we will develop this rich territory for Christ.

Norman College in Georgia Announces New President

NORMAN PARK, Ga.—(BP)—Guy N. Atkinson, director of the Extension Department of Christian Education at Mercer University in Macon, will begin his duties as new president of Norman College in Norman Park on January 1.

Atkinson was recently elected by the board of trustees to succeed Dr. Allen S. Cutts who resigned several months ago.

A graduate of Mercer University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Atkinson was active in pastorates in Georgia for more than twenty years before going to Mercer three years ago to launch the extension program.

Norman College is a junior college operating in co-operation with the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Robertson county association meeting with Red River church, Adams, October 22-23, elected the following officers: J. O. Lumpkin, pastor of Hopewell church, moderator; S. L. Swann, layman at Mt. Carmel church, vice-moderator; Hal Barnard, layman, Springfield church, clerk; J. B. Holland, pastor of Barren Plains church, treasurer; Bruce Davis, layman, Greenbrier church, Brotherhood president; Vern Powers, pastor of Greenbrier church, Training Union director; and Mrs. J. O. Lumpkin, W. M. U. president. They chose Oak Grove church as the meeting place for next year on October 20-21, and C. A. Smith, Adams, to preach the annual sermon. School of Missions set for second week in March. A new constitution was adopted and the associational missionary will receive \$300.00 a year expense account.

Association Year Closes With Nashville Meeting

Nashville Association's Fifty-first annual gathering October 25-26 with First church, Old Hickory, and Grace church, Nashville, re-elected its officers: J. Harold Stephens, Inglewood, Moderator; Roy W. Hinchey, Park Ave., Vice-Moderator, Miss Cecile Smith, Clerk, Miss Dottie Dean, Asst. Clerk and Financial Secy., and J. Fern Taylor, Treasurer. The annual sermon by B. Frank Collins, Goodlettsville, the missionary sermon by James E. Binkley, Seventh, the doctrinal sermon by Roy W. Hinchey, Park Avenue, the sermon on evangelism by Harold J. Purdy, Belmont Heights, were all of high quality.

Highlighting the meeting was the strong address on "Perils to Religious Freedom" given by J. W. Dawson, Washington, D. C. Resolutions condemning any envoy to the Vatican were passed by the body supplementing the action taken by the Nashville Baptist Pastors Conference on October 22.

"Our democracy was born of the Christian religion," reminded Congressman J. Percy Priest in pleading for better citizenship through the individual's deepened faith in God and in man when surrendered to the plan of God. The address met with hearty response and the association requested its publication in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

The able leadership of City Missionary Harold D. Gregory and his associates was graphically tabulated in the statistics concerning the 27 new churches in Nashville association since 1938 with these new churches alone now having 5,112 members and having given since their organization a total of \$1,226,139.41.

For the coming year a tentative budget of \$26,700.00 was adopted. Riverside and Immanuel churches were selected as meeting places for October 23-24, 1952, with Don J. Pinson, Eastland, to preach the annual sermon, Oscar T. Nelson Madison First church, as alternate; James M. Gregg, Lockeland, for the missionary sermon with C. Willard Stephens, N. Edgefield, as alternate; Harold J. Purdy, Belmont Heights, to bring the doctrinal sermon with Carl H. Barrett as alternate. Also elected were: Mrs. H. C. Ridings, Supt. of WMU; Tommy Jarrell, Supt. S. S.; Troy Woodbury, Director Training Union; Jack Cayce, Pres. of Brotherhood.

North Carolina Student Worker

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—A member of the Baptist Student Union staff of the North Carolina Baptist Convention since August is Miss Reve Stewart. Miss Stewart has as her primary work the supervision and promotion of student activities in about sixty business and nursing schools in the state, announces James W. Ray, state student secretary.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Exodus 5 to 15 (Larger)—Exod. 12:30-31; 14:15-22, 31 (Printed)—
Exod. 15:2 (Golden).

The People Delivered

As an introduction, the Devotional Reading (Exodus 15:11-18) may be used. This is a part of another of the songs of Moses. This particular song was written after the deliverance of Israel at the Red Sea. Moses rises to great heights of poetical and religious insight and fervor in this song. The sovereignty and power of God is the theme of the verses chosen for the Devotional Reading. In our day, this is a theme that needs emphasis. Our strength and deliverance will come because of His might.

Terrified but Spared (Ex. 12:30-31)

The last of the Ten Plagues was the death of the first-born in the households not covered by the sprinkling of the blood. All over the land of Egypt there swept an ever-increasing wail of anguish at the visitation of the Death Angel. It was a night of horror and terror. At last the Lord God Almighty, the Eternal One, was baring His mighty arm of vengeance and punishment upon those who had oppressed and abused His people. The Israelites must have been terrified at what they had witnessed in such wholesale destruction of human life, and at the same time made humbly grateful for their own sparing. The Passover had become an awful reality in the experience of the people. The great travail, lasting so long and ending in such anguish, was over and a nation had been born. This Passover is to remind us of Paul's writing in I Cor. 5:7-8. We too, have been terrified at the slaying of the Lamb on Calvary but at the same time we have been spared by faith in Him whose blood was spilled there.

Doubtful but Delivered (Ex. 14:15-18)

The people of Israel came in their journey to the shore of the Red Sea. Pharaoh, with his Egyptian soldiers, determined to overtake and slay them as they thus made their journey. From a purely human point of view, it would have been easy for this to be done. Upon the approach of the pursuing hosts of Egypt, the hearts of the Israelites melted and they complained at their seeming doom, wishing that they had never departed from Egypt in the first place. The people were looking backward and bemoaning their apparent doom and hopeless fate. Even Moses, their leader, seems to have been at a loss as he faced the situation; for he counselled that they should stand still and see what might happen. But the Lord commanded that they should go forward. There

are times, and this was one of them, when the only safe direction is the forward direction; when the only way to be delivered is to step out on the promises of God and go forward. To doubt, and continue to doubt, may mean defeat and even disaster. To trust and to advance upon the basis of that trust, when at the command of God, always means deliverance and victory.

Endangered but Protected (Ex. 14:19-22)

The strange and miraculous cloud mentioned here became light and guidance to the Lord's people but darkness and confusion to their enemies. The Israelites were in a dangerous position, humanly judging, but God was their Protector; and He made the difference between probable annihilation and absolute safety. If we can say with perfect assurance, "Immanuel" and mean by it that truly God is with us; we need have no fears concerning the harm that our enemies may inflict upon us. Israel passed through the Red Sea to safety on the other side. The Egyptians marched after them into the waters of the sea and were all drowned. One writer comments on what transpired in the following sentence. "The retribution had been long in coming, but it was thorough when it did come; and the arrears which had been accumulating for generations were all exacted from that which had accepted the gains of its predecessors, and thereby become also the heirs of their responsibility."

Fearful but Believing (Ex. 14:31)

Israel witnessed one of the greatest acts of retributive justice ever recorded. The Egyptian hosts were destroyed by the return of the waters of the Red Sea, let loose by the power of the Lord when Moses had stretched out his hand in symbolical fashion. The Egyptians were utterly confused and destroyed by the swirling waters, while the Israelites were protected and delivered. It was a memorable occasion and made a lasting impression upon the Lord's people. They both feared and believed. They were filled with awe, mingled with faith and hope for the future.

It will be recalled that this lesson comes on Armistice Day, a day of deliverance from war for a previous generation, a day of prayer for the peace of the world, a day of remembrance for those who fell in battle. The Golden Text should become for us both a statement of fact as well as of hope.

Oklahoma Church Votes Budget with Half to Cooperative Program

ADA, Okla.—(BP)—When the members of First Baptist Church in Ada adopted a \$144,000 budget for 1952 recently, they concurrently voted also to increase their support of world-wide missions through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention from 20 to 50 per cent of the total budget.

The jump to a 50-50 division of their giving places the Ada congregation among the few Southern Baptist churches giving as much to the Cooperative Program as they use at home.

Paul Stephens, pastor, believes that the unanimous adoption of the increased budget (the current year's budget is \$100,000) and the 50-50 giving plan is a twofold challenge to his 2,224 resident members, 554 of whom are tithers. He hopes that the example of his people will be an "encouragement to other churches" to do likewise.

The church is giving 20 per cent (\$20,000) for world missions this year. The 1952 budget will provide for \$72,000 channeled through the Cooperative Program for world-wide causes.

Out of the \$72,000 budget set up for local expenditures next year the congregation is liquidating a building debt and supporting four full-time mission stations in addition to all operating expenses.

SBC Theology Schools Raise Fall Term Enrolment to 3,799

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Enrolment in the six theological seminaries supported by Southern Baptists has reached 3,799 for the fall term, over 400 more than the number registered at the beginning of the 1950 school year.

Reporting the largest student body in its history and the greatest number of students ever to enrol in a Southern Baptist seminary is Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. The final count showed 1,679 students, an increase of nearly 250 over last year.

Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, has enrolled 930 students and New Orleans Seminary reports 638 in its classes.

The relatively new theological school in the west, Golden Gate Seminary in Berkeley, California, reports 194 enrolled this term, about twenty more than last year.

Newest among Southern Baptists institutions is Southeastern Seminary which opened its first classes this fall in Wake Forest, North Carolina, with eighty-five students.

Ninety-five students are enrolled in the (Negro) in Nashville, Tennessee. The American Seminary is partially supported by Southern Baptists in co-operation with the National Baptist Convention (Negro).

Also included in the nearly 3,800 students training in the Baptist schools are 178 enrolled in the Woman's Missionary Union Training School also located at Louisville.

The Young South

Let's see if we can get a glimpse of all the new word pictures in our file. Our place-marker is in the L's, and the first new word picture belongs to ELAYNE LEWTER, Route 1, Ardmore, Tennessee. Elayne is fifteen years old, a ninth grade student at Elkton High School. Her birthday is June 2. She is a Christian and belongs to Union Hill Baptist Church. Elayne has a twin brother, Wayne, and one sister, June. She wants pen pals about her age.

Now we must skip from the L's to the S's in our file, for that is where the next new word picture is found. There are several right together.

The first belongs to PATRICIA SHANNON, 536 N. First Street, Milan, Tennessee. Patricia is fourteen years old. Her birthday was September 15. She goes to First Baptist Church in Milan. Her hobbies—growing flowers and cooking—will probably help her to find many new friends! This would be a grand opportunity for some of you to get some new recipes, or to share flower garden information and experiences. Patricia's letter ends like this: "I sure would like to have a lot of pen pals."

BETTYE SUMMERS, Route 1, Orlinda, Tennessee, also wants some pen pals. Bettye is fourteen years old. She has dark brown hair and blue eyes and is five feet, three inches tall. She is a Freshman at East Robertson High School. Reading and "all kinds of sports" are her special interests. She is a member of Orlinda Baptist church. She, too, ends her letter with a special request, "I would like so very much to have a lot of pen pals." Then she adds this promise: "I will write to every one that I hear from." How about it? Do you like sports? Do you enjoy reading? Are you, too, a Freshman in High School this year? Any of these offer you a lot of ideas for your get-acquainted letter.

The next word picture was taken from a neatly printed letter of an eight-year-old friend, LAQUETTA ANN STUTTS, R.F.D. 4, Waynesboro, Tennessee. Rather, she is *almost* eight—her birthday is December 1. She is in the third grade at school. She is a Christian and goes to the First Baptist church of Waynesboro, where Brother B. B. Powers is pastor. Laquetta Ann's hobby is reading. She would like some pen pals about her age, possibly some boys and girls who share her love for good stories. Perhaps you will tell her about the best story you have read recently. That will be a lovely way to get acquainted.

I wonder if our next new friend is a cousin to Laquetta Ann. Her name is LONNIE SUE STUTTS and she, too, lives on Route 4, Waynesboro, Tennessee. Lonnie Sue is thirteen year old and in the eighth grade at school. Her birthday is May 24. Would you like to make your own word picture of Lonnie Sue? Here is a part of her letter:

"I am the only child in my family. My

father is dead and Mother and I make our home with my grandparents. I am a member of the First Baptist Church of Waynesboro, Tennessee. Brother B. B. Powers is our pastor and we think he is just grand. I like to play the piano. I have been taking music about four years. My hobby is collecting miniature dolls. I would like very much to have some pen pals. I just love to get letters. I will answer every letter."

Twelve-year-olds will be glad to meet our next new friend—JOYCE THORNTON, who lives on Route 1, McCrory Creek Road, Nashville, Tennessee. Joyce is in the seventh grade at Una Elementary School. She has a sister eight years old and a brother almost a year old. Of them she says, "We have lots of fun together." Joyce has been a member of Una Baptist church since she was eight. She belongs to the Junior G.A. and likes to go to the meetings. She, too, wants some pen pals. Perhaps some Junior G.A. members would like to share ideas and experiences with her. Joyce will be glad to hear from you.

CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS, 3555 Dodson Avenue, Chattanooga 6, Tennessee, is another twelve-year-old who is anxious for some pen pals. Claudette's sister, Barbara, sent in her word picture not long ago. Remember?

Claudette is in the eighth grade at Hardy Junior High School. Her favorite classes are Gym, Home Economics, and Art. She is a member of Avondale Baptist Church and treasurer of her Sunday school class.

She says, "I love to cook, although all the things I cook don't turn out so good."

Claudette and her family went to the Smoky Mountains this summer. "We saw two live bears," she reports, "and we also saw some real Indians. We went all the way to the top of the Smokies."

Want to hear more about those bears and Indians? Claudette will gladly tell you, if you will write her a letter. She wants some pen pals.

One more new word picture—this one in the front of our file. NORMA RAY DAVENPORT is not really a new friend. We hear from her often, and she is grand about keeping her word picture up to date. This time she wrote just a note asking for more pen pals. Norma Ray has some pretty new stationery with kitty-cat pictures of kittens. If you are six to nine years of age, you'll enjoy writing to Norma Ray.

Now—just one question for *you*. Do you REALLY want some new friends? No matter what your age, there is at least one word picture in today's column which should appeal to you. Each picture introduces you to a friend—a friend who is asking, inviting you to become a special pal. How about it? Will you write your letter today?

Love,

AUNT POLLY



JAMES A. CLARK, for seven and a half years pastor of Oak Street Church, Elizabethton, has accepted the pastorate of Stony Creek Church, also in Watauga Association.

During his ministry in Elizabethton, Oak Street's membership increased from 124 to 293, average Sunday school attendance has doubled as have general offerings, and the church's gifts to missions are now more than four times the amount given in 1944.

Additions to church property during the period include block-long adjoining lots adjacent to the original church site.

In his move to the Stony Creek church, ten miles east of Elizabethton in Carter County, Mr. Clark will continue as chairman of the executive committee of the Watauga Association and also as assistant moderator. At the time of his resignation from the Oak Street pastorate he was president of the Elizabethton Ministerial Association.

With Mrs. Clark he began his new duties Oct. 21. A daughter, Mary Louise, is a student at Carson-Newman College.—Mack Morriss

In an impressive service, First church, Huntsville, ordained two new deacons on October 21. The candidates were Carl Byrd and William Davis. Ancil Douglas is pastor.

J. W. Nelson of Dover preached in revival services at the Corinth church, Stewart county association October 14-21 when there were some eight or ten professions of faith, thirteen additions to the church of whom seven were by baptism and six by letter. The church was greatly revived. Guy Woodward of Dresden was called as pastor and has accepted. He was also called by the Tip Top church where Brother Nelson recently conducted revival services. The work in both these churches has greatly improved since these meetings.

East Tennessee NEWS

by Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville

The writer is grateful for the large number of pastors co-operating in this effort to keep East Tennessee news going to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR from time to time. We urge all the churches of East Tennessee to send items of interest for publication in this column. Put us on your mailing list and send the bulletin each week.

E. Gibson Davis, pastor of First church, Kingsport, did his own preaching in a series of revival services during the week of October 14-21. The results of the meeting were encouraging.

Harold Wainscott, pastor of Central church, Corbin, Ky., assisted Pastor W. H. Lodwick and First church, Alcoa, in a revival which began October 21.

D. B. Bowers has resigned as pastor of Unaka Avenue church, Johnson City, and has announced his retirement. He will make his home in Chattanooga where he served as pastor of Avondale church for a number of years. He has wrought nobly for the Lord as pastor of several churches in Tennessee, and as a denominational leader.

On September 27, Calvary church, Bristol, T. Earl Ogg, pastor, observed the first anniversary of Ramsey Pollard, Jr., as music director and Miss Dorothy Williams, education director.

Ward Weaver of Ooltewah, a student at Carson-Newman college, has been elected music director of First church, Newport, Lowell D. Milburn, pastor.

Woodlawn church, Birmingham, Ala., Frank W. Wood, pastor, received 308 additions, 119 of these were by baptism, during the past year. Brother Wood was formerly pastor of Fifth Avenue church, Knoxville.

Red Bank church, Chattanooga, Ralph Norton, pastor, ordained George Sanders, Hassell Qualls and Carl Chapman as deacons, Sunday evening, October 7.

R. G. LeTourneau was the speaker at a Brotherhood rally at Woodland Park church, Chattanooga, Sunday afternoon, October 14.

Dr. Dick H. Hall, pastor of First church, Decatur, Ga., assisted pastor James M. Windham, and First church, Maryville, in a series of evangelistic services which began October 29.

Smithwood church, Knoxville, engaged in a profitable season of revival during the week of October 7-14. The preaching was done by Dr. Fred Brown, pastor emeritus of First church, Knoxville. On Sunday evening, October 21, a group of students from Harrison-Chilhowee academy had charge of the service in this church.

J. C. Blalock has resigned Pinecrest church, Kingsport, to accept a call to Woodlawn church, Bristol. Ed Burnette has moved from Watauga association to Pinecrest church as successor to Brother Blalock.

Broadway church, Maryville, of which the writer is pastor, was richly blessed in a revival with Charles Ausmus, pastor of Lincoln Park church, Knoxville, doing the preaching. There were 20 additions to the church. Brother Ausmus is a great preacher of the Gospel.

The writer is always glad to receive bulletins from men who have lived and served in Tennessee, but who have gone elsewhere to carry on for the Lord. Recently we had bulletins from Homer Lindsey, pastor of First church, Jacksonville, Fla., Carl Howell, now pastor of Murray Hill church, Jacksonville, Fla., Horace L. Smith, formerly of First church, Clinton, and Red Bank church, Chattanooga, and now at First church, Canton, N. C., and Albert S. Hale, former pastor of First church, Jefferson City, and now at First church, High Point, N. C. All these friends are doing great things for the Lord, and we congratulate all these Tennessee brethren now in exile.

Birchwood church, Hamilton association, has called Willis Griffen as pastor and he is already on the field.

Paul Huling, until recently pastor of Calvary church, Cleveland, has accepted a call to Calvary church, Chattanooga, and he is on the field. He is a good preacher.

Cameron Hill church, Chattanooga, has called Harry McGhee as pastor. He succeeds Sam E. Moore.

Eastdale church, Chattanooga, R. R. Denny, pastor, has voted to establish a mission in East Highlands, a new housing area in East Chattanooga.

Tyner church, Hamilton county, has called Allen Redd as pastor.

Dr. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the B. S. U. Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, was guest preacher at Broadway church, Knoxville, while Pastor Ramsey Pollard was engaged in a revival with First church, Shelby, N. C.

A. R. Pedigo, for more than 35 years pastor of Immanuel church, Knoxville, was elected moderator of Knox County association at its recent annual. This is a worthy honor well bestowed.

Calvary church, Alcoa, has just completed a very successful revival, in which the preaching was done by the pastor, Bertis Fair.

Encouraging reports from all sections of the state in connection with the campaign for Harrison-Chilhowee bring joy to the hearts of all the friends of this worthy institution. This campaign deserves the support of all those who are interested in our program of genuine Christian education.

Sevier Heights church, Knoxville, occupied the first floor of their new church building the first of October. This building is a thing of beauty and will provide plenty of space for the ever-enlarging program of this splendid church. Raymond DeArmond is pastor.

Sunday, October 14, marked the first anniversary of Fred Tarpley as pastor of Island Home church, Knoxville. During the year there were 147 additions to the church, 83 by baptism. A mission church has been organized with a membership of 51, and a Sunday school enrollment of 115. Glenn Chance is pastor of the mission. A building for the mission has been erected, valued at \$12,000.00. More than \$7,000.00 has been spent for improvements on building and grounds of the local church. Congratulations to pastor and people.

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Central, Fountain City, 37th Anniversary

Central church of Fountain City had record breaking attendance in observance of its 37th anniversary, October 29. Pastor Charles S. Bond has led this great church in impressive growth during the past six years. Their beautiful new edifice completed only a little more than a year ago is already taxed to accommodate the increased attendance in Sunday school which ran to 1,237 on this occasion. The sanctuary of this church is one of the most commodious and worshipful ones in Tennessee. The church building and grounds are valued at \$448,000. Church collections during the past six years have increased from \$42,236.04 in 1946 to \$95,190.17 in 1951. The church has a resident membership of 1343. Thirty per cent of all gifts not designated go to the Co-operative Program. Central of Fountain City has the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in its budget and Editor Owen had the privilege of bringing the anniversary message at the morning worship hour. This church has issued a 12-page anniversary program setting forth very attractively the personnel of the church staff and all organizations, also the names of the new members received during the year together with information about the building and the budget.

Bell Avenue church, Knoxville, E. L. Williams, pastor, has completed an enlargement program which include the rebuilding of the entrance to the sanctuary. Provision was made for about 175 more people in the auditorium. The addition is very attractive.

Saturday, October 13, was homecoming day at Carson-Newman college. In connection with the program, the new Baker Memorial building was dedicated. Much of the money used in the construction of the building was given by Knox County Baptists. It was named in memory of Mr. Cecil H. Baker, former moderator of Knox County association, and for a number of years president of the Board of Trustees of the college. The building contains the cafeteria which will accommodate more than 450, the student center, and the home economics department. The cafeteria has been named in honor of Mr. E. L. Willson, for a number of years a trustee of the college. Dr. I. N. Carr, dean of the college, gave the address in honor of Mr. Willson. Dr. Fred Brown, former pastor of Mr. Baker, presented the building for dedication, and Dr. Harley Fite, president of the college, gave the address in connection with the acceptance of it. The writer, as president of Carson-Newman Alumni association, had the honor of presiding over this important meeting.



Miss Jean Sharp, until recently education secretary of Lincoln Park church, Knoxville, has become education director of Island Home church, Knoxville. Miss Sharp is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and attended Southwestern seminary.

E. Warren Rust has returned to his pulpit at McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, after a season of illness, a part of which was spent at East Tennessee Baptist hospital. He was the preacher of the annual sermon at the recent meeting of the Knox County association.

Mrs. Ralph Davis, until recently a secretary at Fifth Avenue church, Knoxville, has become secretary of Oakwood church, Knoxville. L. C. Roberts is pastor. Recently Brother Roberts conducted a revival at Hawesville, Ky.

Sam Tatum, pastor of Main Street church, Williamsburg, Ky., was the evangelist in a revival at Norris mission, October 1-12. Marian Hays of Central church, Oak Ridge, was in charge of the music. The results were five additions by letter, seven by baptism, and two re-dedications. Herman J. Ellis is pastor.

First church, Clinton, conducted a Church Leadership clinic during the week of October 8-12. James Ivey, education director of First church, Knoxville, led the clinic. E. Warren Rust, pastor of McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, assisted Pastor Paul W. Turner in a revival in this good church, October 28-November 7.

A student revival, in which the preaching was done by a different ministerial student each night for a week, was conducted at First church, Jefferson City, during the last week in September. Gracious results have been reported.

On Sunday afternoon, September 30, Rivercrest chapel, which has been operated as a mission for some time by First church, Chattanooga, was organized into Rivercrest church and Lewis Smartt has been called as pastor.

Mascot church, Mascot, Major Arrowood, pastor, was assisted in a revival which closed October 19, by J. C. Blalock of Woodlawn church, Bristol. There were 13 received for baptism, and three by letter. Some 40 or 50 were reclaimed.

Parker H. Hooker has resigned as pastor of Zion church in Polk County to go to Liberty church in Cherokee county, N. C. He began his work with the Liberty church, November 4.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First church, Jackson, Miss., was speaker at the All-Church Harvest banquet at First church, Chattanooga, Thursday night, October 11. James G. Harris, pastor of Beech Street church, Texarkana, Ark., assisted Pastor Carl Giers in a revival in this great church, October 21-28.

Sunday, September 30, was observed as Victory Sunday by First church, Loudon, W. Paul Hall, pastor. On this day there were 418 in Sunday school, 146 in Training Union, with an offering which amounted to \$3200.00.

Dr. Charles Trentham will address Southwestern Seminary Alumni at their annual breakfast in connection with the state convention in Chattanooga Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 A.M. at the Patton Hotel. Tickets are \$1.25. A. D. Foreman is president, Miss Marcella Adams, secretary of the alumni chapter.

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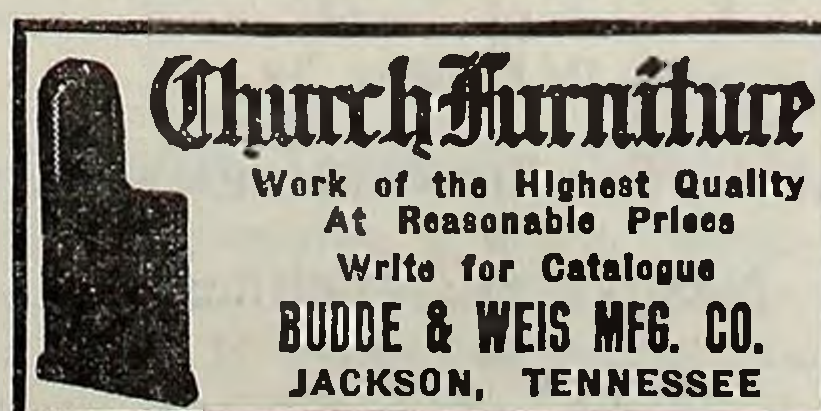
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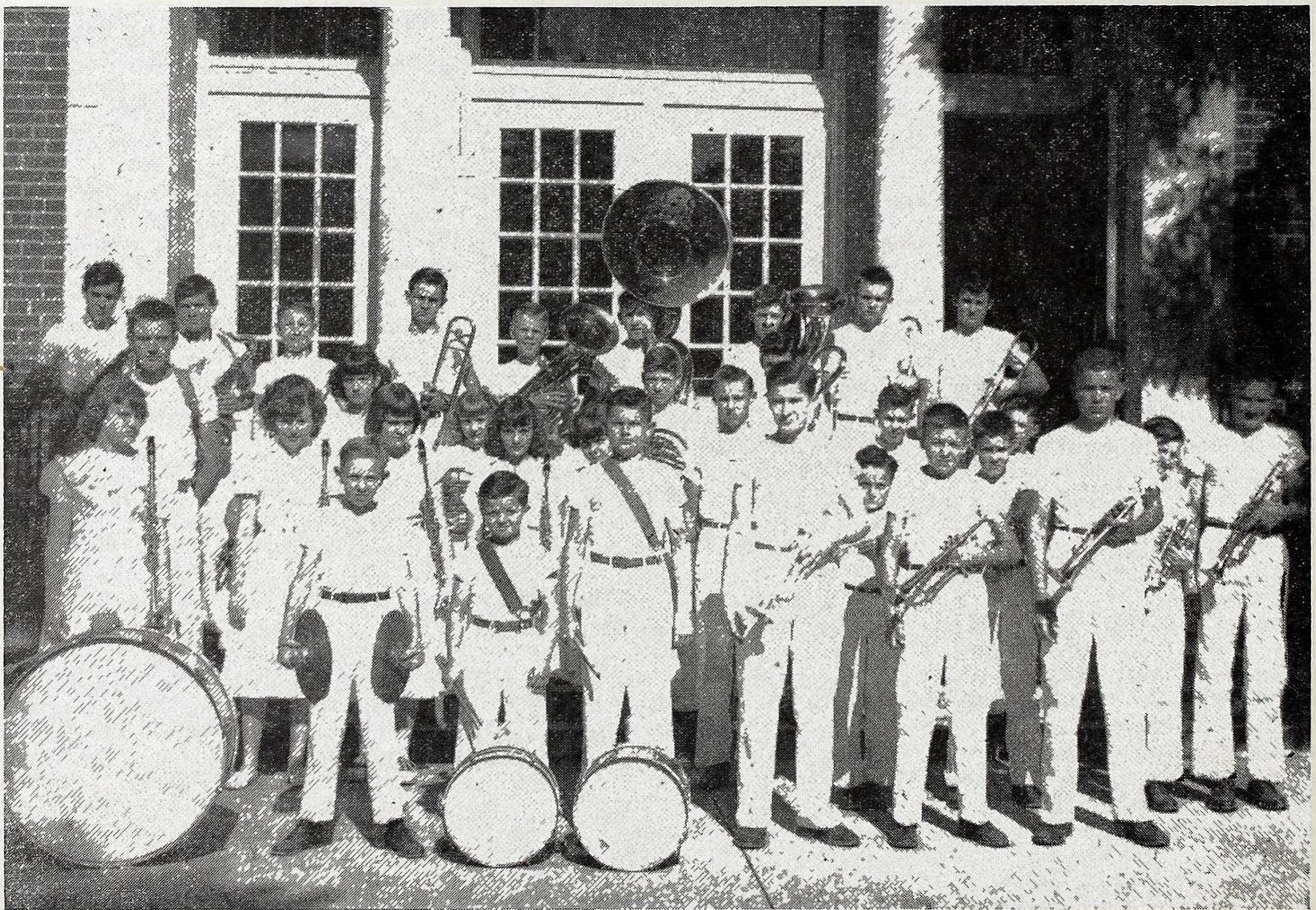


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Points in Planning Group Schools

by JOE ROREX

Perhaps an outline of procedure will be helpful to an Associational Director planning Group Training Schools. Much time in prayer should be spent for such an effort.

1. Organization

- Churches properly grouped.
- Enlist consecrated leaders for the groups.
- A general group director to lead the group directors in planning and promotion is helpful.
- An Associate Director in charge of Education can serve as group school superintendent. This officer can also assist with publicity and plans. Several heads are better than one when making plans of this sort.

2. Determine Purpose, Theme, and Goal

- Make it more than a "Study Course."
- Select a course of study which you are convinced will do most for your association.
- Announce well in advance your purpose, theme, and goal.

Our purpose was to help our churches become Baptist Doctrine conscious and to help in a member education program. Our Theme was "Baptist Doctrines." Our Goal was 4000 enrolled.

3. Mechanics

- Executive Committee of Training Union Approves in Business Session. Plans presented to Association (Preferably at annual meeting) for approval. If possible have Budget Committee include this in their report of plans for the coming year.
- Contact State Training Union Secretary at once if you want visiting speakers.
- Report on progress of plans at every meeting.
- Group leaders secure central location (with adequate classrooms) in each group.
- Group Leaders secure faculty of local people (Pastors did most of our teaching with great results.) Make provision for children.
- Make complete records. Have report forms for Group Leaders to fill in each night and send to Associational Director.

4. The Associational Director's responsibility

- Lead in Executive Committee and in special conferences with plans.
- Help secure faculty as needed.
- Work in close harmony with the State Secretary.

- Be available to help any Group Leader at any time.
- Report to State Secretary on progress and results.
- Arrange for entertainment of visiting speakers—rooms and meals.
- Read sections in Associational Manual on Group work and Group Schools.
- Notify State Secretary of needs for visiting speaker. A speaker can visit two Group Schools each night. If there are ten groups in an association, then five speakers would be sufficient.
- Assign visiting speakers subjects connected with your theme. Consult your Pastor-Adviser for suggestions.
- Write a letter to each speaker outlining plans and welcoming him to your association.
- Lead in Advertising. Write newspaper articles, obtain mats of visiting speakers. Send every pastor and director complete plans including

speaker's schedule and subjects. DO IT EARLY.

5. The Group Director's Responsibility

- Acquainted with needs of the group.
 - Know pastors and directors.
 - Decide on books to be taught in his particular group.
- Arrange for transportation of visiting speakers.
- Order study course books early and adequately.
- Visit in every church and tell all plans.
- Plan in the group—Hold a group planning meeting to get program before churches. This is a good plan to work out many details of transportation, workers, etc.
- Make suggestions to the Associational Director.

6. Cost

Recommended Budget for an association contemplating similar schools. \$250.00

7. Results

36 Churches participating. Average attendance 911. 1200 enrolled (conservative estimate). 4 churches reached which had not reported study course work in past 12 years.

(Joe Rorex writes from his own experience in Group Schools. Group Schools were held in the Chilhowee Association the week of September 17.)



Sunday School

JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

Attention! All Sunday School Workers!

This special message has come from the office of Mr. A. V. Washburn, Secretary in charge of Training, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

"From time to time it is necessary to revise the general administration books in the Sunday School Training Course. Therefore, as a help to our workers in ordering the latest revisions for their studies, we are listing the dates of the revised editions. In ordering, please specify these revision dates:

Title	Latest Revision
<i>The Place of the Sunday School</i>	
<i>In Evangelism</i>	1949
<i>The True Functions of the Sunday School</i>	1951
<i>Building a Standard Sunday School</i>	1950
<i>Sunday School Officers and Their Work</i>	1936
<i>A Church Using Its Sunday School</i>	1949
<i>The Six Point Record System and Its Use</i>	1941
<i>Vacation Bible School Guide</i>	1950
—A. V. Washburn"	

Group Training Schools

We are receiving glowing reports from those associations conducting group training schools. Has your association conducted a group school or group schools yet? If

not, plan to reach every church in your association with a training program. Inform them as to the available books; set worthy goals.

Mr. Washburn gives us at least three major advantages in a group school: (1) the influence of co-operative effort will draw in some churches which would not plan a school of their own, (2) a better faculty may be secured and specific courses offered to the various department workers and (3) churches are often encouraged to plan their own schools after having shared the blessings of a group school.

Then, you might try to have an association-wide training banquet. Many times churches and individuals are inspired to achieve results which would not be possible without the enthusiasm and stimulation of the banquet.

After your training schools, be sure to send in your requests for training awards to the Sunday School Department, Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, South, Nashville.

Vacation Bible School Reports

Last minute call for all Vacation Bible school reports. Has your Vacation Bible school been reported? If not, be sure to do so at once. We want *your* school to be counted!



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5000 From 56 Associations

Five thousand enthusiastic W.M.U. members from fifty-six associations attended the eight divisional meetings. Miss Kathleen Manley and Mrs. Buford Cockrum of Africa, Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt of Brazil and Dr. Franklin Fowler of Paraguay were the missionary speakers in different divisions. Our president, Mrs. M. K. Cobble, the mission study director of the South, Mrs. William McMurry, the state young people's leader and the state executive secretary attended all eight meetings. At each place there was an all-day meeting and in the evening the B W C's and the young people held separate sessions. Banquets were held for the B W C's at Springfield, Dyersburg, Morristown and Lenoir City. At Lenoir City, the young people also had a banquet.

The following new divisional presidents were elected: Central, Mrs. Oscar Nelson, Madison; Northeastern, Mrs. J. D. Thomas of Johnson City. New young people's leaders were Mrs. Roy Babb, Winchester for South Central; Miss Ethel Sisk, Clarksville, Central; Northeastern, Mrs. B. H. McKay, Rogersville; Mrs. W. C. Summar, Oak Ridge for Eastern Division and Mrs. T. H. Armstrong, Lebanon for North Central Division. The meetings are to be held in the following places in 1952: South Central, Lawrenceburg; Central, Nashville; North Central, Sparta; Southwestern, Whiteville; Northwestern, Paris; Northeastern, Kingsport;

Eastern, Sevierville and South Eastern, Sweetwater.

The four "regulars" and a missionary drove 1200 miles over our beautiful highways lined with autumn trees in all their glory. God was good to give us perfect weather for all the meetings. The people were most hospitable. To each church who entertained us we give our grateful thanks.

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Literature for the Week of Prayer

There is being mailed to each president the Year Book, a Guide Book, the world map, the report from the Foreign Board, the program, attractive invitation cards, envelopes and a record of a message by Mrs. George R. Martin, president of the W. M. U. of the South. The record will be in a separate package.

Because of our move it has been difficult for us to keep up with our orders. Forgive us and remember when you moved you had a hard time finding everything. We are doing our best to serve you. The treasurer's record book is also in this package, please give this to the treasurer as soon as convenient. The record book for the Young People's Director will be mailed to her as soon as we receive them from the printer.

Blind Couple Inspires Deacon to Give His Eyes

SHERWIN, Tex.—(BP)—A blind couple who habitually sat in the pew behind him at the First Baptist Church in Sherman inspired a wealthy businessman to will his eyes to the Bank for Sight Restoration in New York.

Eighty-year-old Joe F. Etter died recently. His eyes were immediately removed by a Sherman specialist and sent to the New York Bank. But the eyes were willed to the Bank only after the specialist told Etter that corneal transplant would not help the blind couple who had inspired the deacon's contribution.

Pastor Phil A. Shelton of Ivy Chapel, church, Nashville, reports: "Howard E. Clymer, 1706 Lischey Ave., Sunday school superintendent of Ivy Chapel church, has accepted the call to the Gospel ministry. He is open for supply work in and around middle Tennessee. Brother Clymer is one of our finest men and a faithful servant of God. He is a good preacher." Pastor Shelton states that much good was done during Stewardship Week's observance in Ivy Chapel with the following brethren as speakers: Rogers Smith, Dr. Gaye McGlothlen, Hatton Crook, Dr. Harold Purdy and Dr. William Fallis.

A great revival meeting has been recently held in the First church, Nashville, W. F. Powell, pastor, in which the preaching was done by Evangelist Angel Martinez. It was a wonderful revival in every sense of the word.

Every Baptist a Tither

WMU Reports Nearly 73,000 In Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Nearly 73,000 Baptist women in Tennessee are members of Woman's Missionary Unions in 1,014 Southern Baptist churches in the state, according to 1950 figures released recently by the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

These 1950 figures include more than 6,500 new members enlisted during the year in addition to the 66,195 already enrolled in 1949. Tennessee's open country churches reported the greatest enrolment increase in the missionary organizations. They grew 23.9 per cent during the year.

Total membership of the Woman's Missionary Unions of the Southern Baptist Convention's twenty-two states in 1950 was 1,033,479, more than 90,000 above the 1949 membership.

The greatest membership growth during the year was reported by WMUs in open country churches. A growth of 14.6 per cent raised their membership to nearly 200,000.

More than 500,000 of the total membership are in city church missionary groups and the rest belong to WMUs in small town and village churches.

Miss Lorene Tilford, Southern Baptist missionary to China who has been in Hong Kong, has gone to Formosa. Her address is 53 Section 2, N. Chung Shan Road, Taipei, Formosa. Miss Tilford is a native of Tullahoma, Tenn.

Miss Jenell Greer, Southern Baptist missionary of the China staff, sailed from San Francisco October 14 for Bangkok, Thailand, where she will be stationed. Miss Greer's permanent American home is in Nashville, Tenn.

"October 1, we began our revival at First Church, Church Hill, with F. M. Dowell, Jr., of Athens, doing the preaching. There were 62 decisions during the two weeks, one being for full-time Christian service. There were 32 added to the church by baptism, 8 by letter, and 1 by statement, also 3 rededications. There have been 53 additions to the church since we moved on this field July 1, 1951." Tolbert W. Nelson, Pastor

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Garrett, Southern Baptist missionaries to Africa, sailed October 19 to their permanent field of service. Their address is Baptist Boys' High School, Oyo, Nigeria, West Africa. Mr. Garrett is a native of Union City.

Dr. and Mrs. William Skinner, Southern Baptist missionaries to Paraguay, have gone to their permanent field of service. Their address is Casilla 31, Asuncion, Paraguay. Dr. Skinner is staff doctor of the Baptist Hospital. He is a native of Nashville.

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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1951

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	235	72	---	Fifth Avenue	938	272	2
Antioch, Mt. View	174	97	4	First	862	127	2
Athens, East	374	140	---	Lincoln Park	720	243	3
First	632	251	2	Sevier Heights	610	247	2
West End Mission	69	43	---	Washington Pike	307	113	---
Calhoun	138	60	---	LaFollette, First	317	91	---
Clearwater	65	43	---	Mission	48	12	---
Eastanalle	48	22	---	Lawrenceburg, First	355	215	13
Etowah, First	576	104	---	Lebanon, Immanuel	187	105	1
Good Field	72	25	---	Cedar Grove	105	68	---
McMahan Calvary	76	43	4	Fairview	203	118	---
Union Grove No. 2	88	78	2	First	513	182	---
Bemis, Herron Chapel	263	89	---	Rocky Grove	30	---	---
Bristol, Calvary	406	131	1	Rocky Valley	73	---	---
Brownsville, First	416	151	---	Lenoir City, First	404	154	---
Brush Creek	100	89	---	Kingston Pike	25	21	---
Camden, First	224	122	2	Nelson Street Mission	29	19	---
Carthage, First	188	95	1	Lewisburg, First	605	207	1
Chattanooga, Avondale	744	202	3	Lexington, First	280	45	2
Birchwood	95	48	1	Loudon, First	326	148	---
Brainerd	623	252	4	Martin, First	511	201	11
Cedar Hill	266	---	---	Maryville, Broadway	448	192	---
Chamberlain Avenue	271	116	11	Everett Hills	348	191	---
Clifton Hill	221	79	2	First	930	319	4
Concord	303	109	---	Maynardville	101	---	3
Daisy	166	58	4	Medina	151	101	---
East	406	105	1	Memphis, Barton Heights	149	87	9
East Brainerd	46	---	---	Bellevue	2391	1086	6
Eastdale	442	158	---	Boulevard	745	241	2
East Lake	668	278	6	Central Avenue	778	305	6
East Ridge	520	165	1	Bellevue Chapel	2	---	---
First	1094	304	20	Highland Heights	1126	523	2
Morris Hill	292	133	2	Kennedy	252	94	5
Northside	505	165	6	LaBelle	758	272	1
Philadelphia	140	---	---	Parkway	458	189	2
Red Bank	781	250	4	Poplar Avenue	340	172	13
St. Elmo	370	137	---	Shirley Park	352	119	---
Silverdale	171	79	---	Speedway Terrace	884	205	2
Soddy, Oak Street	174	73	---	Temple	1376	388	3
Suck Creek	63	25	---	Union Avenue	1112	374	8
Woodland Heights	240	79	---	Winchester	259	143	---
Clarksville, First	480	179	4	Millington	235	146	1
Grace Avenue	147	67	1	Morristown, First	608	171	---
Cleveland, Big Spring	314	171	---	Buffalo Trail	163	71	---
Calvary	153	90	---	Murfreesboro, First	541	161	4
First	494	161	---	Walnut Street Mission	43	---	---
Rutledge Memorial	78	37	---	Mt. Herman	110	70	---
Clinton, First	487	114	---	Powell's Chapel	127	108	---
Columbia, First	481	172	3	Taylor's Chapel	76	31	---
Goodwin Chapel	34	---	---	Third	195	93	1
Rock Springs	80	52	---	Westvue	529	189	1
Second	181	131	---	Woodbury Road	72	44	---
Corryton, Fairview	148	86	---	Nashville, Eastland	647	107	1
Cowan	165	77	2	Ewing	71	33	---
Crab Orchard, Halley's Grove	93	38	---	First	1381	432	5
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	131	106	---	Grace	842	298	1
First	620	345	---	Harsh Chapel	202	93	8
Eagleville	102	58	---	Inglewood	904	256	7
Elizabethton, First	500	197	2	Due West	68	32	---
Siam	209	134	---	State School	45	---	---
Stony Creek	246	117	---	Judson	687	169	4
Erwin, Ninth Street	251	121	9	Lockeland	626	203	4
Fountain City, Central	1278	312	8	North End	189	95	1
Hines Valley Mission	55	---	---	Park Avenue	649	198	---
First	325	155	1	Third	258	59	4
Friendship	125	35	---	Westwood	147	60	4
Gallatin, First	437	117	---	Woodmont	451	156	2
Gladeville	126	64	---	Woodmont Center	181	98	---
Gleason, First	120	65	1	New Middleton	135	46	---
Grand Junction, First	101	63	---	Oak Ridge, Robertsville	439	135	2
Harriman, South	320	145	2	Philadelphia	178	20	---
Trenton Street	509	137	1	Portland, First	237	69	2
Humboldt, Antioch	231	79	---	Rockwood, First	354	161	1
Iron City	121	64	---	Rogersville, Hennard's Chapel	136	117	---
Jackson, Calvary	579	221	3	Rutledge, Oakland	139	130	---
First	859	163	---	Sneedville	74	40	---
West	840	355	11	Somerville, First	169	111	---
Jefferson City, First	520	301	2	Stantonville, West Shiloh	172	92	---
Northside	195	116	6	Statesville, Smith Fork	65	45	---
Kingsport, First	697	173	6	Tullahoma, First	246	78	---
Fort Robinson	138	77	---	Highland	94	57	---
Glenwood	343	121	---	Union City, First	559	119	1
Lynn Garden	371	118	---	Watertown, Round Lick	193	102	1
Knoxville, Alice Bell	144	43	---	Winchester, First	287	96	1
Broadway	1379	506	10				



LAUGHS

From

Here and There

"I can't get along with my boy friend lately," complained the teen-ager. "He ignores me, and if there's anything that makes me mad it's ignorance!"

"Are you going to take this lying down?" shouted the politician.

"No, the shorthand reporter is doing that," cried a voice.

"Wal," bragged the ancient patient, "I'll be 80 my next birthday and I haven't an enemy in the world."

"Gee, that's remarkable," said the young one.

"Yep," went on the old one, "I've out-lived every one of 'em."

A small boy had taken his mother's powder puff and was in the act of powdering his face when his small sister, aged five, snatched it from him.

"You musn't do that," she exclaimed. "Only ladies use powder—gentlemen wash themselves!"

The camp counselor was explaining the rules of a new game.

"If the enemy calls your number from his side of the battlefield," she said, "you must be a 'dead man' immediately. Drop just where you are and lie still."

Ten minutes later, came an agonized whisper from the youngest camper:

"Please may I move now? I'm a dead man, but I'm on a anthill!"

A Boston minister once noticed a crowd of urchins clustered around a dog of doubtful pedigree.

"What are you doing, my little men?" he asked with fatherly interest.

"Swappin' lies," volunteered one of the boys. "The feller that tells the biggest one gets the pup."

"Shocking!" exclaimed the minister. "Why, when I was your age I never thought of telling an untruth."

"You win," chorused the urchins. "The dog's yours, mister."

"You have told me about some of your worst prisoners," said the reporter interviewing the veteran prison warden. "Now tell me about some of the more genteel fellows. Who, for instance, was the most polite criminal you ever had here?"

"I think," replied the warden, "that it was Genteel Joe."

"He was really polite, eh?"

"Yes," replied the warden. "When he escaped he left a note for me reading: 'I hope you will pardon me for the liberty I am taking!'"

J. P. Edmunds Survey Briefs

Baptist Highlights

... L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond, has been elected president of the Foreign Mission Board for his twentieth term. John H. Buchanan, Birmingham, was elected vice-president.

... John A. Crutchfield, Kansas City, has been elected Training Union Secretary of Missouri, succeeding C. L. Bishop.

... Oklahoma Baptist University's well-known Glee Club began a weekly Nationwide radio program October 21 at 9:00 p.m. over the Liberty Broadcasting Company.

... The Charleston Baptist Association at its 200th anniversary celebration wired President Truman protesting the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

... Chaplain Frank C. Riley, Augusta, Georgia, and a Southern Baptist, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

... A new \$400,000 chapel and music school has been dedicated for the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

... Edward B. Willingham, Washington, has been re-elected chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

... President Truman spoke at the groundbreaking exercises for a new \$15,000,000 campus and plant for Wake Forest College.

... The Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board issued 398,742 training awards for the 1951 Sunday school year, a record year. Twelve states reported every association reached with training.

... The New Orleans Seminary has matriculated 637 students, 100 more than this time last year.

... 537 Nigerians accepted Christ during simultaneous revivals in the 22 churches and 20 schools of the Bethel Baptist Association of Nigeria, Africa.

... First church, Amarillo, Texas, reports 354 baptisms, 928 total additions, and total gifts of \$316,501.16 for the year. Carl E. Bates is the pastor and Ernest Loessner, educational director.

... Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Greenville, South Carolina, and former North Carolina Training Union secretary, has accepted the call of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana.

... 40,124 students were enrolled in Southern Baptist colleges during the 1950-51 nine month's sessions. Virginia, Texas, and North Carolina had more than half of the total enrolment.

In the World of Religion

... President Truman has appointed General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican. The appointment must be confirmed by the Senate.

... One fifth of the 1035 Cumberland Presbyterian churches are without pastors.

... Charles W. Foreman, former Presbyterian foreign missionary, has been ap-

pointed to direct a National Council of Churches study fellowship on the Christian approach to Communism.

... Church construction valued at \$348,000,000 started in the first nine months of 1951 sets a new record by 20 per cent.

... Canada has been chosen by the Vatican as a haven of refuge in the event of war.

... A ten-year drive to recruit 4,500 new ministers and 250 more missionaries for the Disciples of Christ denomination was launched at a six-state regional conference in Washington.

Facts of Interest

... The United States Treasury reports a gross public debt of \$257,012,437,775 as

of October 10.

... The F. B. I. reports a crime increase of 5.1 per cent in the cities and 4 per cent in rural areas over the same period in 1950.

... The average family of four with an income of \$5,004 gave \$89.69 or about 2 per cent of its income last year to charity, and spent \$110.00 for tobacco, \$218.00 for liquor, and paid \$376.00 in taxes.

... The government tally sheets show the mobilization program somewhat behind schedule. It is a \$100 billion undertaking. Arms costing \$14 billion already have been manufactured. The score is \$14 billion down, \$86 billion to go.

... The Atomic-powered submarine, now under construction by the United States Navy, is expected to have an underwater speed of 35 knots and a cruising range of "tens of thousands of miles."


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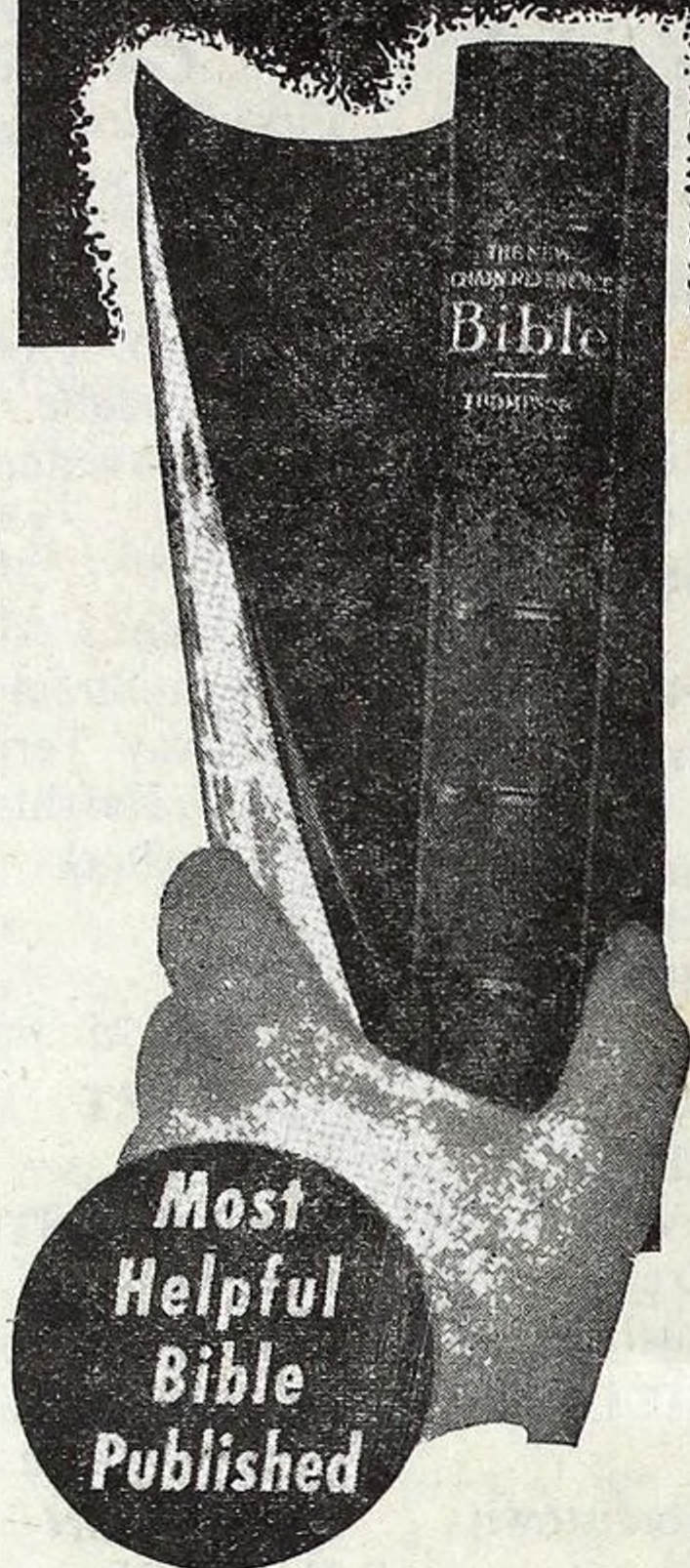
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