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## *The Real Heart of Liberty*



**America** can only hold aloft liberty's beacon as her people hold Christ in their hearts.

**America** can only possess a power beyond the atomic bomb—power to make tyranny tremble, power to set men free—as her people humbly submit to the power of Christ.

**America** can only secure life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as her people recognize that these things have not their source in any government but solely in God.

**America** can only have for herself what she is willing for all others equally to have as the Declaration of Independence trumpets, "All men are created equal . . . they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights."

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## RELIGION AND PATRIOTISM



If history teaches anything it is that true religion is a foundation stone to national well-being. Moses was intent in stressing the importance of reverence and obedience to God as he made his farewell address to the children of Israel on the plains of Moab. The history of Israel was written for our instruction that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

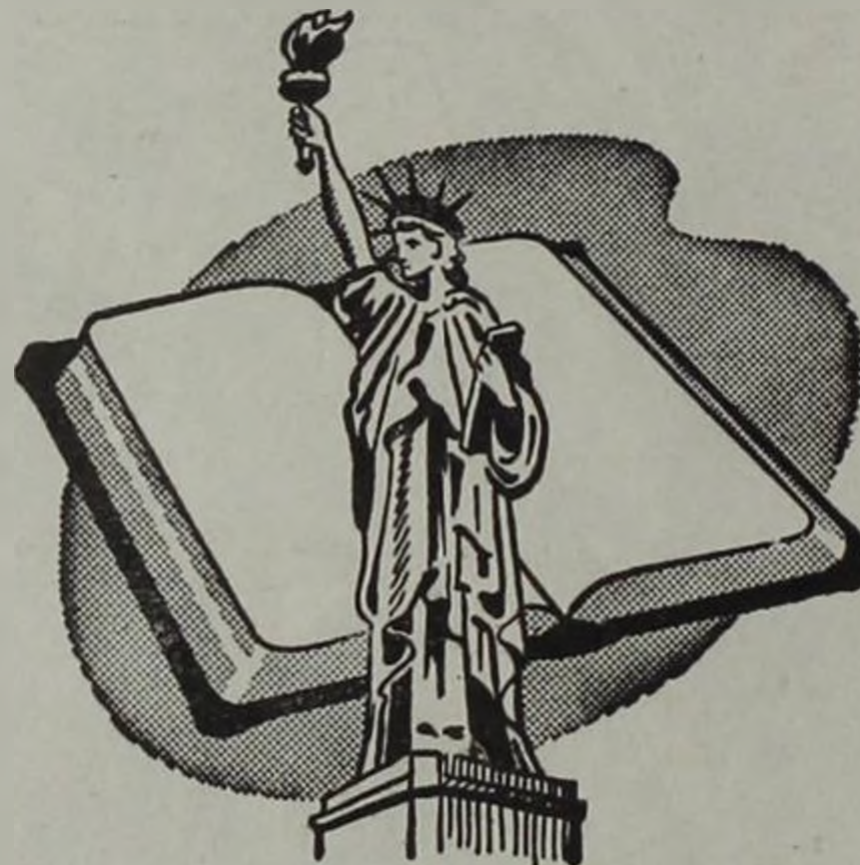
One hundred and seventy-six years ago our nation had its birth. It is a far cry from that day of small beginning to America today, rich and powerful in the affairs of the world. What has made America great?

Braving perils by sea and land pilgrims came for freedom of worship. America's founders were men of faith and fortitude. This side the Appalachians pioneers came bringing their Bibles and building their churches. Religion played a large part in the building of this country. Religion must be vital today if our nation is to be secure against the foes that beset it. Not merely enemies overseas but deadly enemies within.

That day on Moab's plains *Moses outlined the path to national prosperity and security.* "Thou shalt keep his statutes and his commandments that it may go well with thee and with thy children." God's word shows what lifts up and what brings a nation low. "God is not a God of disorder but of harmony." We live by ordering our lives in obedience to God. We cannot repeal God's

laws. If we walk off the top of a ten-story building we do not break the law of gravitation, but are broken by it. So, too, the laws of God are fixed in the moral and spiritual life.

Jesus alone perfectly kept the law. He fulfilled it and also filled it full of new meaning, stressing the necessity of *inner rightness* as the essence of God's requirement. The Gospel brings us a message of forgiveness for the penitent sinner, and of the power of a new life by Christ living within the believer, making it possible for him to keep the law. A nation is Christian just in so far as its citizens individually acknowledge Jesus as Lord and seek in their own personal lives to express him in all relationships. Only changed individuals can help change the nation. National well-being in



the last analysis depends upon the conversion of individuals to a vital experience in Christ. The problem of religion in the nation is the problem of the evangelization of its people, to the last citizen.

*That person can be the best patriot who is the most Christian.* Patriotism means love of one's country. America was founded that "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" should be the high privilege of all. These are the things that make our government worth preserving. And these are the very things, which, in a still higher sense, Jesus our Lord has brought. "I am come that they might have life." "If the Son set you free ye shall be free indeed." On the Mount he said, "Blessed are the poor in the spirit . . ." That word "blessed" is the word in the Greek which means "happy."

*Patriotism really becomes a religious mat-*

*ter.* Who after all really loves his country? Who is the patriot? He is the man who reverences God. We think of Patrick Henry and his immortal words "I know not what course others may take but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." This patriot's daily custom was to read the Bible the first thing each morning. "This Book," he said to a neighbor, "is worth all the books that ever were printed." Samuel Taylor Coleridge once said, "Whatever the world may opine, he who hath not meditated much on God, the human mind, and the highest good, may possibly make a thriving earthworm but he will most indubitably make a blundering patriot and a sorry statesman." So Moses counselled the nation:

*"Lay it to heart that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is none else; And thou shalt keep his statutes and his commandments . . . that it may go well with thee and with thy children after thee."*

Every man has his god. If he is not worshipping the one true God he is bowing at the shrine of some poor man-made substitute. At the shrines of wealth, power, knowledge, efficiency, pleasure, flesh—multitudes in America today are worshipping. They are pulling down the very pillars of national security. Such are not patriots, but destroyers, tearing out the only foundation of permanent welfare. America could not have been built without God, America cannot continue without God.

Discontent and unrest increase; the only hope lies in God. Nations that will not lend themselves to his purpose must perish. "All they that hate me love death." Reverence and obedience mean life.

What America is tomorrow is being determined by the choices of today. Those who love God and live for him are truly patriotic.

But men have substituted a pagan way of living, a theory of happiness based on eating, drinking and physical craving. No wonder the discontent! Personal problems, home problems, government problems will not be solved till men repent and get back to God, till men crown Jesus Lord of all. In Him we see that back of every commandment is love. God's purpose is to draw us closer to himself, save us from the sins that destroy. When citizenship is filled with the spirit of Christ then truly are we patriots.

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Nothing will cook your goose faster than a red hot tongue.—*Supervision.*

You can't any more talk intelligently about something you don't know about than you can come back from some place you haven't been.—FRANK JETER, N. C. State College Extension Editor.

Someone asked Jean Cocteau his rule for life. "Always to get up one more time than I have fallen."—*Revue de la Pensee Francaise*, Paris

The easiest way to crush your laurels is to lean on them.—*Highways of Happiness.*

There will always be a bumper crop of food for thought. What we need is enough people to harvest it.—*Hoard's Dairyman.*

Primitive man mistakenly treats things as if they were persons, but modern man treats persons as if they were things; and that is perhaps an even more dangerous superstition.—Lewis Mumford, *Conduct of Life* (Harcourt, Brace).

Nations have recently been led to borrow billions for war; no nation has ever borrowed largely for education. Probably no nation is rich enough to pay for both war and civilization. We must make our choice; we cannot have both.—Abraham Flexner, *High Points.*

The main trouble with child psychology is that children don't understand it!—Kay Ingram, *Country Gentleman.*

Here are a few figures that bring home the immensity of a billion, in these days of high finance:

A billion dollar bills laid end to end would encircle the earth nearly 4 times. If you made 19 trips between New York and Chicago you would cover nearly a billion inches. The propeller of an airplane travelling 300 miles per hour would turn a billion times if the plane would cruise continuously—24 hours a day—for nearly 2 years!—*Lion Magazine.*

## We Think It's High Time

"I don't know why you invited a minister to speak," said Billy Graham to the nearly 1,000 movie executives and theater managers gathered in Dallas at their national convention, "unless your conscience is bothering you," the evangelist added. Placing a large share of responsibility on the movie industry for what happens to America, Billy Graham appealed to these executives and managers to raise the industry's moral standards.

It's high time for the movies, radio and television to have their consciences bothering them. Marriage is being undermined and the home destroyed through the movie industry's overplaying of drinking, sex, and crime. Recently producers, with the hope of bolstering box office receipts, have taken Biblical and related themes ("Samson and Delilah," "David and Bathsheba," and "Quo Vadis") and have twisted and warped these narratives with an over-emphasis on sex and the spectacular. They have played fast and loose with history and have distorted biography to serve their mercenary ends.

And it is certainly time for a clean up in radio and television programs, where

drinking and crime hold sway. The liquor business is using radio to give itself an "aura of respectability" it never before possessed. A shrewd, studied program is being carried through to make social drinking an inevitable part of any and every social contact. The impact of television on children is almost incalculable. Beer ads are placed on the television programs directly between two popular children's programs. This was recently brought to the attention of a special subcommittee of the House Interstate Commerce Committee in an investigation ordered by Congress. Witnesses before it were very critical of the moral content of radio and television programs.

The people making money out of liquor are not likely to let their consciences bother them. It is time for the government to curtail liquor advertising. And it should do it just as it bans the sale of impure foods and drugs. We think Dr. Harold G. Sanders, Tallahassee, Florida, was right in saying: "Government is ordained of God. It is nonsense to say that you cannot legislate morals. There was never any other purpose for legislation."

### Baptisms Averaged One To Nineteen Members

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Tennessee Baptist churches averaged baptizing one new member for every nineteen already on their rolls in 1951, according to figures from the office of J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Their total baptisms for 1951 were 32,105, a slight decrease from the 1950 number of 34,550. The 1951 total included 108 former Catholics.

According to church classifications, the best ratio of baptisms to membership was found in the town and city churches where the report showed one baptism for every seventeen members.

Tennessee open country churches baptized 10,748 during the year, the village churches 3,223, town churches 3,246, city churches 14,377, and city suburban churches 493.

#### Baptism Ratio Shows City Gain, Country Decline

The records of all Southern Baptist Convention churches reporting for the year show that 375,525 persons were baptized into the churches in 1951, or one baptism for every nineteen and a half members of the 28,289 churches.

In the city churches, baptisms rose 6.2 per cent over the 1950 total but a slight percentage decrease is shown in town, village and open country churches. The best ratio of baptisms to the church membership is in the city suburban church, a new classification this year, where there was one baptism for each twelve and a half members. The city churches reported an average of one for each nineteen members.

### Christ Is the Victor

We have just come across two items in the news that are indeed encouraging. They mean a victory for Christ.

First, here is a Baptist church in Texas that took over a movie house seating 750 and converted it into a church meeting place—now it is a place where the gospel of Christ is sounded forth.

The other is where the East Pineville, Kentucky, Baptist Church congregation moved from a country school into a former roadhouse. Charles H. Pearson of Maryville, Tennessee, is the pastor, and what a contrast the service in the former roadhouse is to a Sunday morning ten years ago when in the early hours there was a series of shots and four persons were mowed down—three men and a teen age girl. One of the men was killed instantly, another and the girl died a few days later.

From a roadhouse where revelry, riot and murder held sway the building has become a temple of worship.

It is the business of the church to so change the hearts of men and women that these places which have been the festering sores of modern life will be changed into places of praise and of witnessing to the redemptive love of God in Jesus Christ.

#### 3,557 Catholics Become Baptists

A new statistic in the 1951 report shows that 3,557 Catholics were baptized into the membership of Southern Baptist churches during the year. Nearly 2,500 of them were in city churches and over 300 were in open country churches.

During the report year, city churches baptized 177,339; city suburban churches, 8,233; town, 55,601; village, 39,102, and open country, 95,250.



# Christ's Alternative to Communism

by R. Paul Caudill

"The only thing that matters now," says Dr. Frank Laubach, is whether America will wake up or blow up." These arresting words, coming as they do from one of America's foremost religious observers, are enough to cause even the most imperturbable American grave concern, for, they reflect a lamentable condition that embraces not merely our own nation, but even the most remote areas of the world. After visiting some sixty-eight nations, in the interest of applied Christianity, Dr. Laubach makes a passionate plea for the Christians of America to keep their heads in the clouds but their "feet on the ground."

Few of us, perhaps, realize the scope of the gains of communism. We are told that, as of this moment, there are no less than eight hundred millions of people who are in some measure caught up in the vortex of this woeful ideology that is sweeping downward everything in its path to an all time low in the realm of the moral and the spiritual.

One thing should be noted: The areas of Europe in which the greatest gains have been made by the communists are in countries that have been dominated by a state religion. In no instance has Communism been able to gain any considerable foothold in a country where evangelical Christianity has been strong and virile, and where there has been any appreciable measure of separation between the church and state.

What is responsible for the fanatical gains of communism around the world? What is there about its character, its mission that has made it flourish like a green bay tree wherever it has taken root?

In the words of Whitaker Chambers, it is a conviction shared by the minds and hearts and souls of those who profess to be followers of this way—a conviction that it is necessary now to change the world. This conviction has produced a vision, a vision of a world without God—a world in which the rational mind of man, by means of science and technology, controls the universe. Every age, says Chambers, has had its vision, but always until now the vision has had to do with both man and God, or rather with man in his relation to God. But this time the vision makes no place for God. And communism is unique, so far as today's world is concerned, because those who espouse the cause of commu-

nism have been able, thus far, to act on their convictions, yea, to die for them where necessary. Operating on the "cell" thesis, with a cell here and a cell there, communists believe devoutly that one day their cause shall prevail throughout the world.

What is man's answer to the alluring claims of this fearful ideology, this woeful doctrine of communism. Man's answer is Christ's answer. Christ's alternative—the alternative of the way, the truth and the life.

If those of us in Europe and elsewhere who have professed to be followers of the way had lived our religion, like a sword up to the hilt, there would have been no ground for the devout adherents of communism to stand upon in all the world. But we have not done this. We have permitted, rather, our Christian idealism to become vapid and hollow and have failed to apply it to the everyday, commonplace problems of life.

We need to lay hold of the mind of Jesus, if we would cope with the deadly menace

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Church, Memphis, delivered this very timely message (which is here given in part) to the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference at Miami, Florida, May 13 on the evening preceding the opening of the Southern Baptist Convention.

of communism, so that we may come to see as he saw, and to live as he lived, in a cooperative effort to lead all men to him whom to know is life abounding.

*Jesus saw People*—he saw the multitudes as no one before him nor since has seen them. For we read in Matthew the ninth chapter and the thirty-fifth verse that "*When he saw the multitudes*, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." Notwithstanding his deity, and his role as Messiah, and the popular acclaim which he enjoyed on the part of the people wherever he went, he was ever mindful of the people as a whole, the common people, the people who bore the brunt of the social and economic bondage of his day.

It is at this point that we come to the head and front of our offending as Christians. We have not trained our eyes to see people for their own sake, and to realize that all are created in God's image, and that we who have the mystery of the faith are charged with an inescapable responsibility to share the gospel with those who do not have it, irrespective of their race or nation.

And it is likewise at this point that we find the answer to the ever-increasing number of cults and diverse religious sects that have sprung up here in our Southland, in a territory that should have been claimed long ago by those of us who know him as Saviour and Lord. We have built our churches and engaged in worship, careful often that the members of our own family, and our friends, should come to know Christ as Lord and Master; but we have often seen little beyond those of our own circle of concern. We have failed miserably to see people for people's sake. The sharecropper, the itinerant workman, the sorry dweller of the repulsive slum section of our cities—these we have often passed by "on the other side" as if we feared that we might become contaminated by their miserable plight.

*But Jesus saw more than people. He saw their sorry plight.* He beheld the grievous burdens which lay upon their helpless backs imprisoning them with a bondage that was as real as any slavery ever known to man.

This is in keeping with the true nature of Jesus' mission interpreted in the synagogue at Nazareth, following his baptism: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he said, "because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18, 19).

And it is at this point that we have failed miserably as followers of the Lord Christ. We have not manifested the concern that we ought for the woes of the people. That is why communism with its spurious claims has arisen like an ugly monster and made such a devastating inroad among the nations of the world. We ought to look behind the scenes and seek to ascertain the why of communism. We need to uncover what in the realm of medicine would be



called the etiology of this woeful disease which tends to paralyze increasingly the whole moral and spiritual nature of man.

Wherever Jesus went, he was touched by the woes of men. The leper, the blind beggar, the sick, the captive, the sin-stained soul—these drew his deepest concern both by day and by night. Their sickness was his sickness; their hunger his hunger; their woe his woe!

But we have not followed in his footsteps. Sated with plenty, and with a feeling of security in our own salvation, we have gone about our ways on a "business as usual" basis while the hungry, distressed throngs have yearned for sympathy and for understanding, and, most of all, for the grace of God which alone can fulfil the deepest needs of man.

But Christ saw more than the sickening plight of men; he saw their all but infinite possibilities for redemption and growth and development in the way, the truth and the life. He was touched by their miserable economic and social plight, to be sure; but he went beyond this to the root and soul of their real misery, the sickening sinful state of their mind and soul life. After all, man's social and economic plight is the result of sin today, even as it was in the beginning when man was first placed in the garden of life. We are where we are today, in our miseries, because of our corporate and individual sins. And we have not helped man, essentially, when we have placed bread in his hand, and clothes about his body to warm him in winter, unless, at the same time, we have led him to drink of the waters of salvation. They alone satisfy. They alone can bring spiritual health and color to the palid cheeks of the mind and soul life.

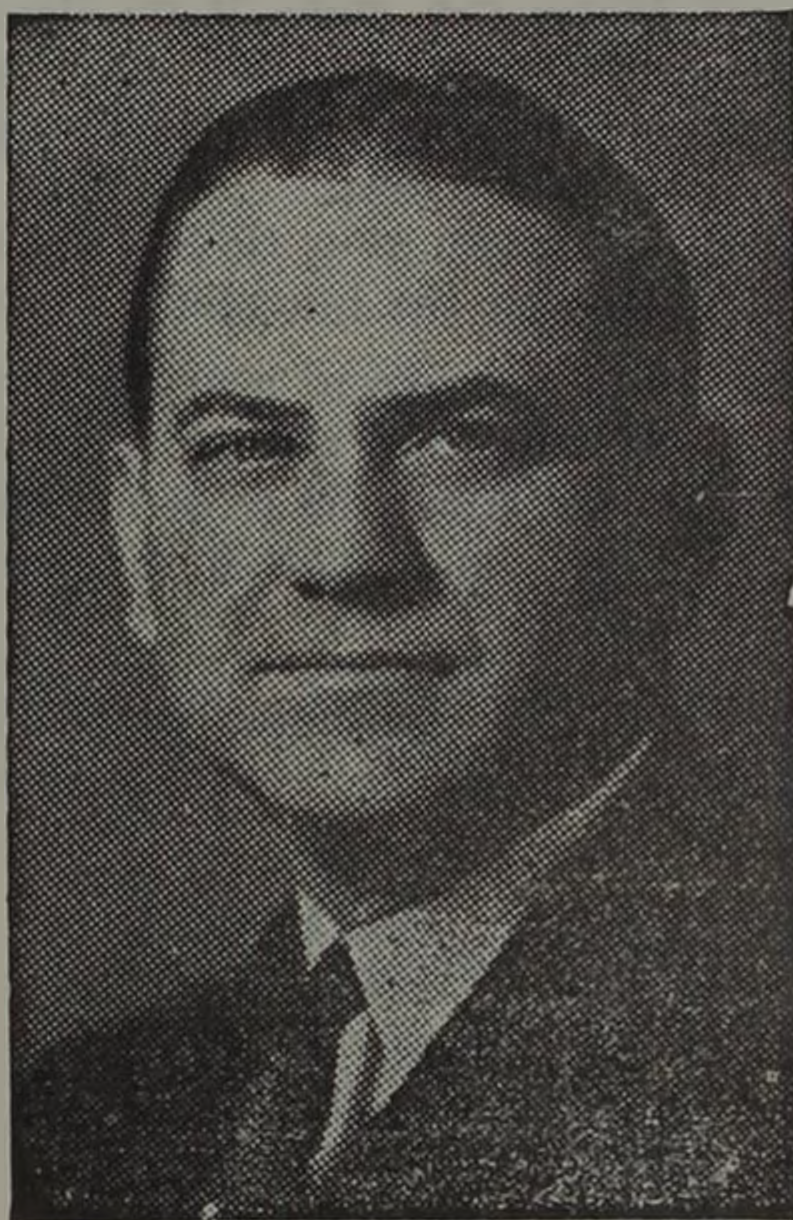
Once again, Jesus saw the all but Infinite Possibilities of People. He believed in the innermost dignity of each and every individual and in the priceless worth of every living soul. "For what shall it profit a man," said he, "if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 9:36, 37.) "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31).

Somehow, in the deadening maze of things we have all but lost sight of the priceless worth of the individual and of his ability, under God, to develop into the fullness of the stature of the full grown man in Christ! Somehow we have lost our basic regard for man. Where, for instance, is there any considerable evidence of grave concern on our part for the mounting casualties on the blood-drenched fields of Korea. Who, apart from wives and sweethearts and mothers and friends of those on the battlefield, manifest any great concern for their sacrifices? The great majority of us continue to go our ways drinking the cup of carnal

pleasure to the full. The saloons, the honky-tonks, and the gay-lit nightclubs continue to abound as though we were not at war. In fact, the conflict in Korea is apparently regarded by the multitudes as little more than a border-incident! We continue to lose sight of the individual, and what his life might have counted for in the cause of Christ had his strength and talents been employed to kingdom ends.

All about us are wayward souls who yearn for the fellowship of kingdom men, and for the truth that is in Christ and the Christian way of life. They are not always conscious of the meaning of their deep-seated yearnings, but the restlessness is there and they will never find peace until they rest in him.

But not all of those who are "distressed and scattered as sheep having no shepherd"



R. PAUL CAUDILL

are among the poor. Not all of them are tattered and demoralized—not all are human flotsam. Many of them are high up in the brackets of this world's goods. In fact, there are many "up and outs" just as there are multitudes of "down and outs." And those who are well-to-do in this world's goods, but who are out of Christ, may have as deep yearnings for him as the poorest of the poor.

What, then, is our chiefest need in the light of these truths revealed to us by the insight of our Lord? Simply this: We need to pray as we have never prayed before that God will give us workers that are equal to the task. In the words of Jesus, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37, 38.)

Even today, after 107 years of cooperative fellowship in the gospel, Southern Baptists have a total foreign mission force of only some 850. There are today in the

city of Memphis more workers in a single department store than we have sent out to the foreign mission fields in more than a century of cooperative Southern Baptist effort. Other denominations, far less in number, have put us to shame!

Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7). We have his promise. We have also his command to pray, to pray for workers to labor in the white fields of harvest that abound throughout the habitable world. Will we accept his challenge? Dare we to get down upon our knees with Christlike humility, and pray for workers, and pray that we who have the resources with which to send the workers out will demonstrate our love for him with worthy tithes and offerings.

The manner in which we answer this question may determine the course of civilization for the coming years! Nothing short of a sweeping revival of New Testament religion can save our nation, and the nations of the world, from the fearful onrush of the Juggernaut of communism which has already made sick unto death more than 800 millions of the people of the world.

## Laubach Asks Aid To Asia's Millions

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Dr. Frank C. Laubach, missionary educator and pioneer in promoting world literacy, told a group of newspaper and magazine executives and writers here that the West has only four years left to win the battle for India from the Communists.

Dr. Laubach had just returned to this country for a brief visit from India where he has been directing the work of literacy teams in an intensive campaign sponsored by the Indian government's Village Development Program. He will go back to India in July.

He asked the journalists to help educate the American people to the need for aiding Asia's "hungry millions."

"For the first time in history," Dr. Laubach said, "we, as a nation, are truly Christian in our world outlook. If and when we get by this period without dropping bombs, we shall see that the one new constructive fact of our time was our conscience for every race and color and language on the face of the earth.

"We have got to live down the white man's past, and we can prove that we believe that the day of white exploitation is gone by our deeds."

He urged a four-point program of financial aid, technical assistance, land reform and vocational training for the critical countries of Asia and the Near East.



I have a thank-you note to share with you today. It is really a note *to you*, and this is the fastest way I know to pass it on.

Do you remember a request we had a few weeks ago, for cheer-up messages to be sent to Gladys Lawson, a young friend in Doevoile, Tennessee? You must have responded right away to that request, for Gladys' note is quite enthusiastic:

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I sure hope you will help me thank the girls who have written me. I have fever and so many have written that I cannot answer them all. Mail sure cheers me up a lot. I was very glad to hear from all the girls and hope I will hear from them again.

Yours truly,

GLADYS LAWSON

R.F.D. 1

Doevoile, Tennessee

Isn't it fun to know that you have helped someone through your cards and letters? May I thank you, too, for your grand response to Gladys' request.

Young South friends are making quite a record for themselves in doing what they can for boys and girls who are shut-in because of illness. We are receiving more and more requests for cheer-up messages. Another one just came in. I know you will be glad for a new opportunity to help a Young South friend. Here's her letter.

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am fifteen years old. I have been sick for three years with the rheumatic fever. I have a homebound teacher. I am in the seventh grade. I live on a farm with my parents, one sister, and three brothers.

My hobby is reading. I also like to play basketball and softball when I can.

I attend a little country church called Ray's Chapel.

I have three pen pals now, but I would like to have many more. I'll try to answer every letter I get.

Yours truly,

MARIE MARTIN

Route 2,

Waynesboro, Tennessee

I'm afraid Marie is going to wish that she hadn't made that promise in the last sentence of her letter. If you do as you have been doing in response to such requests, she will have a big job on her hands, trying to answer the hundred or more letters and cards which come to her! We certainly do not want her to get too tired or do something which might keep her from getting well real soon.

Let's make it easier for her by signing our names and giving our ages and addresses, perhaps adding a personal note. With that information, Marie might choose one or two new friends each week, until she has as many pen pals as she can comfortably keep up with. Let's give her a big

stack of cards and letters from which to choose!

The second paragraph of Marie's letter gives us a good clue as to her interests. Isn't it grand that she enjoys reading? Through books and papers she can find many hours of pleasure, and meet many wonderful friends. I wonder what type book or story she prefers. Perhaps she will tell us in her next letter.

When you write to her, tell about the best book you've read recently. You might make a riddle or puzzle about some character you have met in a good book, and see if Marie can identify the character you describe.

Your riddle might be five clues, each telling something about your secret book friend. If Marie can guess it on the first clue, she will score 100. For each additional clue she needs, she will subtract 20 points. When she answers your note, she may tell her score on your riddle, and send you a riddle which she has made.

Marie would also like to hear about your school's basketball team and softball team. Can you tell her about the most interesting game or "play" which you have seen recently?

Have you ever been ill and had to stay in bed a long time? How did you spend the



long hours? Marie would appreciate a few suggestions.

If you don't have a bought cheer-up card on hand, make one. On the front you might draw a picture of something pretty you have seen this summer. Marie would like that. She wants to hear from you and all the other Young South boys and girls who read today's column. I hope when she writes me she can tell of receiving more cards than any other young shut-in friend has ever reported!

Thank you again for your help in answering these special requests. And thank you for your letters to me. I have gotten some *every day* this week—sometimes twice a day! That's the way I like it! I hope you will keep it up all summer. If you could write me every week—or even every other week—it would be easy to keep your word picture up-to-date!

Love,

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, South,  
Nashville, Tennessee



Instant: The length of time it takes a super-market cash register to reach \$10.

Visitor (cooly): "And what will you do, my dear, when you're as big as I am?"

Small Girl: "Diet."

Husband (coming home late): "Can't you guess where I've been?"

Wife: "Yes, I can; but go on with your story."

Judge: "What possible excuse could you have for acquitting the prisoner?"

Foreman: "Insanity, Sir."

Judge: "What! All twelve of you?"

First Moron: "Hey, don't shoot. Your gun isn't loaded."

Second Moron: "Can't help that; the bird won't wait."

Teacher: "Jimmy, can you tell me what a hypocrite is?"

Jimmy: "Yes'm. It's a boy who comes to school with a smile on his face."

She: "I wonder if you'll love me when my hair has changed to grey."

He: "Why not? I've loved you every time you changed color so far."

She: "You certainly do keep your car nice and clean."

He: "It's an even deal—my car keeps me clean, too."

Just home from his first train ride, a small boy was telling a friend about his new life's ambition. He wanted to grow up to be a railroad conductor. "But wouldn't you rather be an engineer and drive the train?" asked the friend. "No siree!" he said in a positive tone. "The conductor gets to carry home all the comic books kids leave on the train."

Visiting the cave of Socrates in Athens I heard again the story of how his wife gave him a terrible tongue-lashing one day. He stood there unmoved. To impress her point, she threw a bucket of water on him. The old philosopher, standing there drenched, remarked, "After all the lightning and thunder, I expected a shower."

My grandson and I were taking a cross-country trip and before we went, we decided to keep a diary. Every night before he went to bed, he wrote about what he had seen during the day. When we came to the Grand Canyon, he seemed to be extremely impressed. After he went to sleep, I decided to peep into the diary and find out what he thought about this wonder of nature. Scrawled in boyish handwriting was: "Today I spit more than a mile."



## Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Judges 1:1 to 3:6; 21:25 (Larger)—Judges 2:8-17; 21:25 (Printed)—Psalms 33:12 (Golden).

# IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES

Two departmental topics for this lesson are "Claiming an Inheritance" and "Man's Sin and God's Mercy." Both alike should serve to open up the student's thinking. This lesson begins the series for the quarter entitled, "The Rise of the Kingdom (Judges to Solomon)" which series is a continuation of Old Testament history studied in the fall quarter of 1951 which was, in turn, entitled, "Beginnings of the Hebrew Nation."

The following is taken from the pen of one of the planners of this series. "This series is planned so as to stress God's progressive and providential activity in his dealings with his chosen people. The lessons would show how God raised up and used leaders in times of crisis. The significance of personal moral character, the struggle against religious corruption, the efforts to achieve national unity and security, the rise of the monarchy, the development of worship, the beginnings of the ministry of the prophets (Samuel, Nathan), the growing insight into moral and religious values, and the fateful rise of imperialism (Solomon), should receive attention in this quarter." Needless to add, present-day application is needed.

The outline that follows in these notes is made up of certain key phrases that appear in the verses as indicated. These phrases seem to epitomize the conditions and attitudes of the Israelites at this time, the time of the Judges. This time has been called the "dark ages."

### "Another Generation" (vv. 8-10)

The tragic condition of this new generation could be summed in the Scriptural description, "which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel." Why was this the case? We can only speculate but it would seem that the generation that had passed on in death had failed to pass on to the oncoming generation these glorious truths and experiences. And if so, it was a clear-cut case of failure in religious education and personal evangelism upon their part. What a solemn, albeit indirect, warning for the present generation in our own land! We give to our youth the best possible training in matters of health and well-being upon the purely material level (and it is good that we do so) but let us at the same time see that they get the proper training in matters that are spiritual.

### "Forsook the Lord" (vv. 11-13)

It is always easier and more to be ex-

pected that people should slip down and back than climb up and forward. The ultimate explanation for this seems to lie in the depravity of the race, implicitly taught throughout the Bible as it mirrors human conduct, whether in terms of the individual or of groups of individuals. It was a classic illustration of both alike yielding to their social environment. Their neighbors were evilly idolatrous as well as viciously immoral in their religious practices. A philosophy of education that rests upon adjustment of the person to his environment is as fallacious as it is destructive and misleading.

### "Greatly Distressed" (vv. 14, 15)

The Israelites were powerless against their enemies. Their spirit was weak and ineffective because their spiritual lives were at a low ebb in devotion and obedience to God and His commandments. When will we as a people learn this simple, but fundamental, lesson? "Righteousness exalteth a nation" (Prov. 14:34a). A nation's final strength

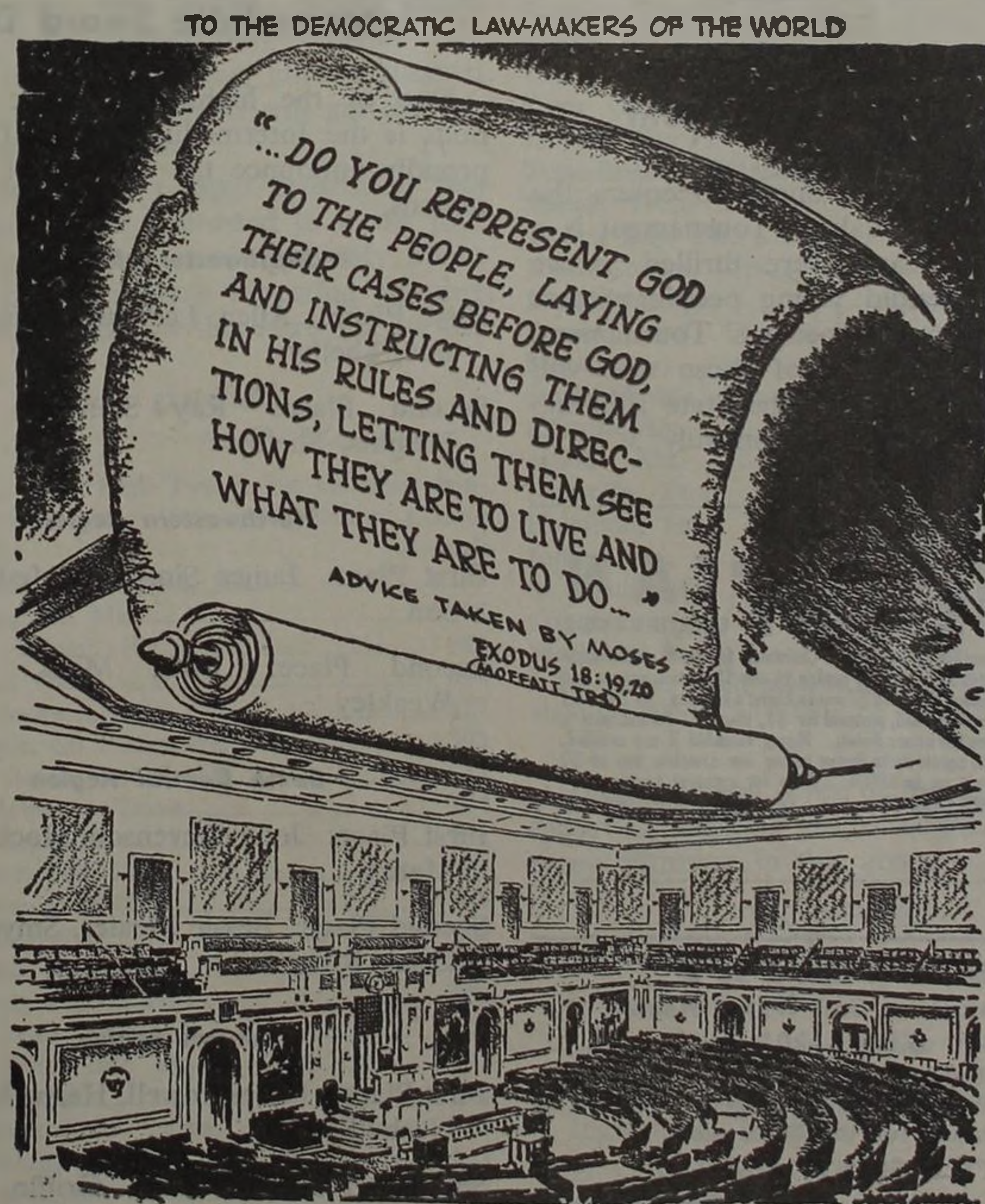
lies in the spirit of its people, which is derived from proper relation of its people with God. Moses had tried to fore-warn the Israelites against this very condition long before this. The Devotional Reading, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, chosen for this lesson is a fair sample of this fore-warning. Read it again.

### "Raised up Judges" (vv. 16, 17)

God gave the people judges who delivered them from their enemies but there was no genuine and lasting repentance upon the part of the people. Throughout the book of Judges this pitiable refrain is repeated, namely their deliverance and subsequent apostasy. But the Lord was gracious and patient.

### "Right in His Own Eyes" (v. 25)

There it is, in black and white, written in the long ago concerning the attitude of the disobedient and anarchistic Israelites but accurately depicting the attitude of thousands of our contemporaries. It is the inevitable result and outcome of a teaching that says let the child have its way or the people have their undisciplined desires. Such an attitude, when possessed by the multitudes and organized and directed by the unscrupulous leaders, will always carry a nation down a blind-alley into shame and oblivion. Such an attitude will destroy the very warp and woof of society like hungry moths in a greasy woolen garment in the summertime. The verse occurs at the close of the book of Judges but it describes the entire period.







by Agnes Gibbs Ford

### Report of Regional Conventions

We present a brief report of the first four of our Regional Training Union Conventions. Approximately 1000 people have been reached for the four conventions.

#### New Officers Elected for 1953 Southwestern Region

Pastor Advisor: Rev. Fred Wood

President: Rev. W. E. Bailey

#### Northwestern Region

Pastor Advisor: Rev. Thomas W. Pope

President: Mr. Keith Wilson

#### South Central Region

Pastor Advisor: John E. Carter

President: James Brewer

#### Central Region

Pastor Advisor: Rev. John Lowrance

President: Troy Woodbury

#### Southwestern Region

First—Annie Lou Clift, First Church, Memphis, Shelby

Second—Howard Shearon, First Church, Bolivar, Hardeman

#### Northwestern Region

First—Harold Alexander, First Church, Trimble, Dyer

Second—O'Neal Spencer, First Church, Ridgely, Beulah

#### South Central Region

First—Lynn Bolles, First Church, Fayetteville, William Carey

Second—Eldon Gray, Liberty Grove, Lawrence

#### Central Region

First—Mammie Pearl Ryker, First Church, Dover, Stewart

Second—Sammie Louise Jenkins, Belmont Heights, Nashville

### Intermediate Sword Drill

One of the highlights of the Conventions is the Intermediate Sword Drill. We proudly announce the winners of the four regions.

#### Southwestern Region

First Place: Allen Ledbetter, Union Avenue, Shelby

Second Place: Ray Stanley, Highland Heights, Shelby

#### Northwestern Region

First Place: Janice Simpson, Medina, Gibson

Second Place: Ellen Miles, Dresden, Weakley

#### South Central Region

First Place: Joan Stevenson, Rock Springs, Maury

Second Place: Bessie Mealer, Smyrna, New Duck River

#### Central Region

First Place: James Powell, Harpeth Heights, Nashville

Second Place: Nancy Griffin, Judson Memorial, Nashville

Tennessee had 82,127 births in 1948, rate 25.4; in 1949, 82,854, rate 25.4.

Deaths in Tennessee in 1948, 28,826, rate 8.9; in 1949, 28,993, rate 8.9. (Source: Federal Security Agency, Public Health Service.)

There were 676 motor-vehicle deaths in Tennessee in 1949-50, a rate of 8.9; 740 in 1950, rate 8.8. (Source: National Safety Council.)

In Memphis the number of motor-vehicle deaths in 1949 was 30; in 1950, 41; rate per 100,000 population 10.4; death rate per 10,000 registered motor vehicles, 1950, 4.3. (Source: National Safety Council.)

Marriage information about your state and mine: The legal minimum marriage age with parental consent, male, 16; female, 16; without parental consent, male, 21; female, 21. Blood test is required; waiting period, 3 days; after license, no waiting period is required. The number of marriages in Tennessee in 1950 was 21,052; rates: 1949—4.6; 1950—6.4.

The marital status of the population of Tennessee, 1940 (15 years old and over):

Single:	Married:
Male, 310,391	648,394
Female, 249,825	650,230
Widowed:	Divorced:
Male, 42,492	10,904
Female, 130,028	17,574

(Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census.)

Grounds for divorce in Tennessee: Adultery, yes; cruelty, no; desertion, yes; alcoholism, yes; impotence, yes; felony conviction, yes; neglect to provide, no; insanity, no; pregnancy at marriage, yes; bigamy, yes; separation, no; indignities, no; drug addiction, no; violence, no; fraudulent contract, no. (Source: Federal Security Agency, Public Health Service.)

Divorce information: residence for divorce, 2 years; period before parties may remarry, plaintiff, none; defendant, none.

The number of divorces in 1950 was 7,294. Rate in 1949, 2.3; 1950, 2.2.

Hospital facilities in Tennessee in 1950:	
General	95
Nervous and mental	12
Tuberculosis	9
Eye, ear, nose, throat	6
Children's	1
Other	8
Total Hospitals	131
Total Beds	52,952
Total Patients	925,412

(Source: American Medical Association.)

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## Correction, Please!

We are very sorry that the wrong date was given concerning the Efficiency School at Camp Carson. It will open on the evening of July 16th, and will close Friday the 18th.

If you come for the day the price of the lunch is 75c and the Registration is 25c.

Please notify Miss Mary Northington if you are coming. The cost for the entire time is \$6.00.

## A Great Disappointment

We are very sorry to announce that Uncle Sam had the priority on Bob Morrow who had been elected as our State R. A. Secretary. He has been called into service so he will not be able to work with us.

We are indeed fortunate in having Mr. Jerold Palmer, Jr., to be in charge of our R. A. Camps this summer.

## Camp Reservations

If you expect to have one of your R. A., G. A., or Y. W. A. to attend one of the camps you must send in your reservations immediately to Miss Laura Frances Snow, Belcourt at 16th Avenue, South, Nashville.

The space at the camps is limited and last year many people were turned down because they waited too long to make their reservations. Do not come to the camps expecting to be received without sending in your reservation beforehand. The price of the lunch is 75 cents, registration fee is 25 cents. Food is very high so it is not fair to come in without notifying us.

The W. M. U. Efficiency School will be held at Camp Carson beginning the evening of July 16, closing the afternoon of the 18.

At Linden the Efficiency School will open the evening of August 25, closing the afternoon of the 27.

Please send your reservation to Miss Mary Northington, Belcourt at 16th Avenue, South, Nashville. The price is \$6.00 for the entire time, or \$1.00 if you come only for lunch.

## These Dared to Share

*The New Intermediate Stewardship Book*

Amy Compere Hickerson, the author, is the daughter of a former missionary to Africa, wife of Clyde V. Hickerson, pastor of Barton Heights Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. She is a graduate of the W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Kentucky, and the former Stewardship director for south-wide W.M.U.

All the world loves a hero. This book of hero stories was written especially for Intermediates. In five biographical sketches the author tells of those who, by daring to share with others, learned the way to successful and heroic living. There is a teacher who wrought nobly in college classroom. There is a couple who proved their heroism amid the difficulties of pioneer life in the Arkansas Ozarks. There is a flyer who, in less than twenty years of his life, won awards of distinction for service to his country and also learned the joy of service for Christ. There is a woman who showed

herself a heroine in her home wherever God called her preacher husband. There is a man who conquered pain and made his brief life heroic with Christian service.

This book is designed as a stewardship study book for members of Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassador Chapters. While the stewardship teaching is not given in pedagogical outline, it is there on every page, revealed in the lives of those who dared to share their money, time, talent, personality, and all they had. While enjoying the stories, teen-agers will learn lessons in stewardship through the examples of these stewards found faithful in many phases of Christian living.

The Teacher's Edition contains helpful material to aid in teaching the book. Price \$1.00—without the helps it is 50 cents. Order from your Baptist Book Store.



# Sunday School

JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

DEAR MR. DANIEL:

Here is a very interesting summary of training achievements from October 1 to May 1. We are distributing this information at Ridgecrest this year and mailing a copy to the associational superintendents, and superintendents of training.

I think one of the significant advances indicated is the large number of churches which have reported some training every month during the period. Many other churches have missed only one or two months. It is this regular, church-planned program of training which will get the job done in the churches.

There has been a rapid growth in this idea. You will be interested to know that about three of four years ago only about a dozen churches were reporting training every month, and now there are 111 on the list.

Most gratefully,

A. V. WASHBURN

(October 1, 1951 High Twenty-five churches Sun-  
to May 1, 1952) day School Training Course

	Awards
Central Park, Birmingham, Ala.	1,189
First, Pascagoula, Miss.	1,015
Allapattah, Miami, Fla.	980
First, Tulsa, Okla.	896
Parkway, Jackson, Miss.	827
Fifth Avenue, St. Petersburg, Fla.	793
Istrouma, Baton Rouge, La.	732
Second, Houston, Texas	707
Floydada, Texas	701
First, Jacksonville, Fla.	701
First, Seminole, Okla.	686
First, Atlanta, Ga.	663
First, Dallas, Texas	653
First, Montgomery, Ala.	603
East, McComb, Miss.	597
Diamond Hill, Forth Worth, Texas	597
First, Madisonville, Ky.	585
First, Wichita Falls, Texas	554
First Southern, Phoenix, Ariz.	531
Bellevue, Memphis, Tenn.	521
First, Shawnee, Okla.	515

Porter Memorial, Ky.	509
Orchard Knob, Ga.	503
Immanuel, Tulsa, Okla.	501
Broadway, Houston, Texas	498

We have one out of 25. We want more churches in this list and near the top.

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*High Twenty-five Associations Awards*

Union, Texas	8,716
Dallas, Texas	7,379
Birmingham, Ala.	6,246
Atlanta, Ga.	5,807
Tarrant, Texas	5,562
Miami, Fla.	4,744
Oklahoma County, Okla.	4,632
Knox County, Tenn.	4,630
Jacksonville, Fla.	3,985
Tulsa-Rogers, Oklahoma	3,830
Shelby, Tenn.	3,531
Tampa Bay, Fla.	3,102
Hinds County, Miss.	2,723
Long Run, Ky.	2,635
Waco, Texas	2,546
Montgomery, Ala.	2,195
South Florida, Fla.	2,105
Elkhorn, Ky.	2,035
Mobile, Ala.	2,034
Nashville, Tenn.	1,963
Hamilton, Tenn.	1,926
Judson, La.	1,891
St. Louis, Mo.	1,878
Columbus, Ga.	1,774
Mecklenburn, N. C.	1,702

We have four associations out of 25. How about moving up to the top of list?

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Tennessee has seven of the 111 Churches reporting training each month. We want more churches in this group.

## TENNESSEE

White Oak, Chattanooga  
Inskip, Knoxville  
Sevier Heights, Knoxville  
Judson Memorial, Nashville  
Inglewood, Nashville  
Union Avenue, Memphis  
First, Elizabethton



# MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

HOMER A. CATE, Shelbyville

June '15' was a red letter day for the Riverside Church, Nashville, M. F. Pedigo, pastor, when they entered their new \$100,000 auditorium. Brother Pedigo preached at the initial service that morning. At the dedication service that afternoon Brother Harold Gregory preached and J. B. Lawrence was in the pulpit that evening. The building is of colonial design and will seat over 500. Revival services were led by Pastor F. M. Dowell of First Church, Athens, with great blessings.

Pastor and Mrs. T. Darwin Milligan of Rocky Valley Church, Lebanon, are the proud parents of a son born, May 19, named Delwin C. Mrs. Milligan is the former Barbara Barrett, daughter of Allen C. Barrett.

Louis E. McCall, pastor Powell's Chapel Church, Concord Association, has been called as full-time youth leader of First Church, Thomasville, North Carolina. He is a student at Southeastern Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Powell celebrated their 31st anniversary, May 30, with First Church, Nashville. Dr. Powell has been and still is a most faithful and hard working pastor of this church. The members dearly appreciate and love Dr. and Mrs. Powell for the wonderful work they are doing.

May 25 marked the third anniversary of Gaye L. McGlothlen as pastor of the Immanuel Church, Nashville.

Lockeland Church, Nashville, James M. Gregg, pastor, has just closed a successful revival with Dr. I. L. Yearby, evangelist and native of North Carolina, Bobby Whitson, music director at Lockeland, led the singing.

Speakers for the recent Youth Revival at Inglewood Church, Nashville, J. Harold Stephens, pastor, were Bobby Dean, Bob Duke, Billy Kelton, Jack Little, Jerry Conner, and Roger McDonald. Music was under the direction of Floyd Patterson, minister of music at First Church, Lebanon, assisted by Darwin White, choir director at the Madison Church. Youth Week pastor was Bobby Dean, Ralph Brewster, assistant; and Joe Stacker, educational director.

A Youth-sponsored revival for the William Carey Association recently closed with 24 churches participating. Preacher was Sam Hill, student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville; singing was led by Hoy Fowler and the pianist was Allen Heibeck, students at Belmont College, Nashville.

Fred W. Dies, director of Narcotics Education for United Dry Forces of Tennessee, spoke at an evening worship service at the First Church, Tullahoma, John W. Outland, pastor.

Immanuel Church, Lebanon, M. L. Arbuckle, pastor, has just experienced a wonderful revival with Wayne Tarpley, pastor, St. Elmo Church in Chattanooga, doing the preaching. There were 33 additions, 10 by baptism and 23 by letter. They had a record attendance in Sunday school, May 18, with 278 present. This church was organized May 14, 1950 with 105 members, 93 in Sunday school, and 43 in Training Union. Now the auditorium has been enlarged and decorated, the Educational Building finished, and membership totals 227. There are 230 enrolled in Sunday school and 140 in Training Union.

Eugene B. Roberts, pastor Una Church, Nashville, did the preaching and Roy Disspayne, music director, Una Church, led the singing during the revival at Houston Street Church, Nashville. There were 8 professions of faith, 7 additions by baptism, 2 by letter, 1 by statement, 10 rededications, 40 families dedicated to have family altars, and 25 who pledged to tithe. June 1 was the first anniversary of Brother Roberts of the Una Church, Nashville.

June 1 was also the anniversary date for W. L. Baker, pastor, First Church, Donelson. He has been there three years and during that time and under his direction a beautiful new building has been erected and the church has grown steadily in membership, attendance and spiritual power.

Calvary Church, Shelbyville, Leon W. Heibeck, pastor, has begun construction of a new church building. This church was organized March 13 of this year with 31 members and now has 50 members.

Robert Dean, a student at Tech and pastor of Poplar Springs Church, filled the pulpit, May 18, at First Church, Cookeville.

W. C. Creasman, general superintendent and treasurer of Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Homes, preached at the Immanuel Church, Nashville in the absence of Pastor Gaye L. McGlothlen.

Twelve men in two hours raised \$1000.00 for Belmont College and delivered the money the same day. These men are members of the First Church, Lewisburg, Leonard Sanderson, pastor. This church is one of the two churches in Middle Tennessee to raise this much money for Belmont. The other church was Eastland of Nashville, Don J. Pinson, pastor. We hope that this will set a good example for other churches in Middle Tennessee.

William K. Bean resigned his pastorate at Glendale Church, Nashville, on June 18, re-entering the chaplaincy in the United States Navy, to report for duty August 7 at Newport, Rhode Island. Brother Bean has served as pastor of Glendale for two years, and under his leadership Glendale organized as a church on March 11, 1951. This was previously a mission of Belmont Heights Church.

In the absence of pastor B. Frank Collins of First Church, Goodlettsville, Brother Homer Robinson, a former pastor filled the pulpit.

Jimmy Redding, a student at Belmont College, Nashville, supplied at First Church, Mt. Pleasant, for Pastor J. Lowell Knupp.

James Stamey of Carson-Newman College and president of the Baptist Student Union filled the pulpit recently at First Church, Columbia. Brother Stamey will be working in this church this summer as director of Youth Activities and as assistant to Pastor James F. Brewer.

Glenwood Baptist Church, with 45 charter members, was organized in Nashville June 22. Grady Randolph was chosen interim pastor and as temporary meeting place the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Tichenor, 310 Thompson Lane. A. Morris King presented the statement of need for the new church. Sharing in the organization program were Associational Missionary Harold Gregory, J. R. Kyzar of Grandview, Gaye L. McGlothlen of Immanuel, Allen West of Woodmont and R. W. Lashbrook of Radnor.

Conducting the services Sunday, May 18, at First Church, Murfreesboro, were N. V. Underwood, preaching that morning, and the young people under the direction of David Roddy that night. Guest speaker for the evening service was Miss Miriam Preston, a graduate of Blue Mountain College and a student missionary in Hawaii last summer. Dr. Robert L. Palmer is pastor of this church.

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# "AS YOU LEAD . . . HE FOLLOWS"

K. O. WHITE, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

There you have it! You would expect such a heading to be followed by a ringing affirmation of faith in things spiritual and eternal, or a challenging call to the highest and holiest in life.

The words which constitute the heading of this article appeared in heavy, black face type in a quarter-page advertisement in the *Arkansas Democrat* June 11, 1952, and at the bottom of the page pictured the hand of a small boy clinging to his father's little finger.

Amazement and disgust filled the souls of many who discovered that this constituted an ad by the House of Seagram extolling the fine qualities of whiskey!

Briefly, the ad pictured the father-son relationship and magnified a boy's pride in his "dad" saying, "he'll be happy to see you reminiscing with old friends over a couple of drinks. He'll learn that whiskey belongs in the lives of men like his dad. . . . And if he sees you drinking only moderately, he'll borrow the idea of moderation too!"

But listen to the next paragraph! "For many years, on Father's Day, it has been a tradition of the House of Seagram to reaffirm its basic philosophy of moderation in the use of fine whiskey. So once again, we say to the fathers of America:—'As you lead . . . he follows . . . BE A GOOD LEADER!'"

This sort of thing is plumbing the lowest depths of cheap, contemptible, hypocritical, commercialism! To make use of the father-son relationship, to bring in Father's Day as an opportunity to popularize the drinking of liquor, and to suggest that a whiskey-drinking father is being "a good leader" is

simply going too far!

The Editor of the *Democrat* has received a strong letter of protest from this pastor and a number of his fellow preachers. Our church has discontinued its display ad and a number of our members have cancelled their subscriptions.

The House of Seagram has received similar protests. Surely a storm of protest should be heard all across the nation wherever this or similar ads appear.

So long as Christian people sit complacently and supinely on the side lines, or merely mutter under their breath, such inroads upon all that is high and holy will continue.

It is time to let the commercialized interests of degradation and destruction know that God has still a host of people in our nation who have not yet "bowed the knee to Baal!"



## California Thugs Attack Pastor

FONTANA, Calif.—(BP)—The pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fontana, L. R. Rhoades, was the victim of one blow after another when two thugs walked in on him in his study at the church recently.

First they walked in, announced to the pastor that his wife was dead (not so, of course); then on top of that stun they demanded his money, knocked him out, set the church on fire and left.

Many of the pastor's books and other materials in his library were destroyed by the fire before the church custodian just happened by, saw the smoke and investigated. The pastor is recuperating from his blow but two thugs are still on the loose.

## Arkansas College Institutes New Rural Seminary Plan

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark.—(BP)—Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge is expanding into the theological training field at the beginning of the fall term when it opens a new course of study for rural ministers and associational missionaries called, tentatively, the Rural Theological Institute of the South.

Announcement of the inauguration of the new plan, plus the authorization of a building program for the college, was made by the college's president, Dr. H. E. Williams, following a recent board meeting. As set up at the present, the institute will be housed on the college campus and the program of studies will lead toward the Bachelor of Theology degree.

The plan, according to Dr. Williams, is to provide a means of definite study and training specifically for ministers and missionaries to serve rural and small town areas of the South.

## The Survey Bulletin

by J. P. EDMUNDS

### Baptist Highlights

. . . Billy Graham will be the Sunday preacher at Ridgecrest on August 24 in connection with the Ridgecrest Bible Conference, August 19-25. He will preach Sunday morning and afternoon. His radio broadcast, "The Hour of Decision," will originate at Ridgecrest at 2:30 P.M., Sunday, followed by a great Evangelistic Rally at 3 o'clock. In addition to Billy Graham, other members of his organization will participate in the afternoon program.

. . . The Foreign Mission Board reports that the total 1951 Lottie Moon offering was \$2,668,051.30. The increase over 1950 was more than the total offering of 1941, which was \$449,162.48.

. . . Dr. Henry Allen Parker, Dothan, Alabama, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Montgomery, effective August 1.

. . . The Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas held its 42nd Anniversary meeting in San Antonio. They now have more than

225 churches and missions with approximately 12,000 members. Rev. I. E. Gonzales of Corpus Christi is president. In the World of Religion

. . . More than 6½ million dollars of a \$12,000,000 drive for church building and seminary improvements have been pledged by the Presbyterians, U.S.A. The money has been pledged by churches and individual contributions.

. . . Ambassador Francis B. Sayre has resigned as U. S. representative on the trusteeship council of the United Nations and is going to Japan in the service of his church. A former assistant secretary of State, Mr. Sayre will be the personal representative of Bishop Sherrill of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Japan.

. . . In a move to speed the recruiting of chaplains, the Army has announced that applications for appointment as chaplain in the Army Reserve may now be sent directly to the office of the Chief of Chaplains instead of through local recruiting offices. Facts of Interest

. . . America is fast becoming urbanized. Almost two thirds of the continental U. S.

population reside in urban territory, while 36 per cent reside in rural territory. About three fourths of urban population reside in 157 cities of 50,000 or more population.

. . . The Commissioner of Internal Revenue reports that in 1951, 10,177 illicit stills were seized, together with 5,545,411 gallons of mash, and 163,377 gallons of illicit liquors. 10,384 persons were arrested for violations of the internal revenue liquor laws. During the year 522,311 persons paid the special occupational tax to deal in some phase of the liquor business. Georgia, North Carolina and Alabama led in number of violation arrests.

. . . According to the National Temperance League, Inc., reports from Army medical authorities in Germany say that "chronic alcoholism among young American soldiers in Germany has increased to alarming proportions." Hospital wards are "crammed with GIs between 19 and 25 who have been pronounced unfit for duty because of alcoholism." Reasons for the upsurge were attributed largely to the fact that Army clubs for enlisted men serve almost unlimited amounts of hard drinks.



# WEST TENNESSEE NEWS

by EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington

First Church, Dresden, has extended a call to Lacy Freeman, missionary for Clinton Association, and he has accepted. The Dresden Church has been without a pastor since the resignation of Pastor Fred M. Wood, now at Eudora Church, Memphis.

UDF Secretary James C. Furman spoke at First Church, Camden, Robert A. Sanders, pastor, on the night of June 22.

Pastor Joe Harting, Brownsville, has been given a leave of absence and is taking a few days rest at his old home near Kevil, Ky. President Warren F. Jones, of Union University, supplied for him on June 15.

Olive Hill Church, McNairy Association, has called Lester James, of Slayden, Mississippi, as their pastor and he has accepted. He is a student at Union University.

The Church at Toone has called Hillard Goode, of Paducah, Kentucky, as pastor. A student at Union, he is also pastor of the Church at Yorkville. He began his work at Toone on June 15.

Calvary Church, located between Adamsville and Milledgeville, dedicated its new building on June 22. H. H. Carman is the pastor.

L. G. Frey spoke to a large crowd at Mt. Gilead Church, Allen Steelman, pastor, when workers from McNairy Association gathered for a rally.

Pastor Fred M. Wood, Eudora Church, Memphis, will conduct five revivals this summer. He will assist Mt. Peliah, Palmersville and Sharon Churches in Weakley Association; and Eldad and Brazil Churches in Gibson Association.

Friendship Church, McNairy Association, dedicated its new building on June 15. H. A. Cox is the pastor. Pastor O. G. Lawless, Selmer, gave the dedicatory sermon for the occasion.

Pastor Archie L. Partain, Parsons, will do the preaching in a revival at Rock Hill Church, H. B. Burrell, pastor, the second week in August.

Floyd B. Chaffin, the newly elected Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, is a graduate of Union University. His many friends in this area will be interested to learn of his new work.

June 15 was a big day for Pastor P. O. Davidson and Frayser Church, Memphis. It was the pastor's first anniversary and also the occasion for the ground-breaking ceremony for the new building which is to be erected on a lot on Highway 61N and Millington Road. Pastor R. G. Lee, Bellevue Church, was the special speaker at this service.

The 94 voice Intermediate Glee Club of Bellevue Church, Memphis, gave a concert at Calvary Church, Jackson, on the night of June 24. The group is under the direction of Thomas P. Lane. These singers are available for concerts in towns within driving distance of Memphis.

June 22 was "E" Day for Union Avenue Church, Memphis. On that Sunday the new educational building was entered and put into service. From all reports it is the last word in efficiency, spaciousness and beauty. Pastor J. G. Hughes and his people are rejoicing over this great achievement.

On June 26, Pastor W. Fred Kendall, First Church, Jackson, celebrated his 25th anniversary as an ordained minister. He was set apart to this high office by Salem Baptist Church, Meade County, Ky., on June 26, 1927. Educated at William Jewell College (A.B.) and Southern Seminary (Th.M. and Ph.D.), he has served three churches since his graduation: First Church, Jellico; Severn's Valley, Elizabethtown, Ky.; and First Church, Jackson. He was the subject of a splendid editorial in the June 22 issue of *The Jackson Sun*.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stewart of Rutherford have announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha Myrl, to Rev. Joe W. Acuff, Caruthersville, Missouri. He is pastor of the Baptist Church at Tyler, Missouri and a student at Union University. The marriage will be solemnized July 6 at China Grove Church, near Rutherford.

Pastor Stephen H. Cobb, Central Church, Martin, was with Grace Church, Evansville, Indiana in a good meeting recently.

Your scribe will do the preaching in a revival at Pine Grove Church, near Lexington, Estes Ashley, pastor, beginning July 6.

## Music, Education Director Gets 4D Draft Status

CONCORD, N. C.—(BP)—President Truman has opened the way for an equal draft status of Southern Baptist ministers and ministers of music and education by recently authorizing a 4D classification for Roy E. Holder, minister of music and education of the McGill Street Baptist Church in Concord.

Holder's new classification is the first known one granted a Southern Baptist full-time lay religious worker since the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Miami, Florida, recently, voted to petition the Selective Service Headquarters in Washington, D. C., to "authorize the same deferment classification for our full-time denominationally-certified, vocational lay religious workers as that accorded similar

workers in other denominations, if the individual so desires such classification. . ."

Holder's draft board in High Point, N. C., sent a notice of his new status to Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, stating that the reclassification had been on presidential order.

A second clause in the petition sent by the Baptists to Selective Service Headquarters asked for "the same classification to our students in college, seminaries, and training schools who are preparing for full-time lay religious work and who are properly certified by their denomination, if the individual so desires such classification."

## Suggestions Coming In For Houston Convention

NASHVILLE—(BP)—A number of suggestions for improving the program and procedures of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual sessions have been received by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee in Nashville.

In passing the suggestions on to the Committee on Order of Business, Routh points out that the suggestions have been neither considered nor approved by the Executive Committee but are forwarded only for information and further consideration.

1. "Why not close the program on Saturday noon? You could have a big evangelistic service on Friday night if you wanted, and plan to close everything out Saturday noon. There would always be plenty of pastors left to fill the pulpits of local churches on Sunday morning, but those who wanted to could be home to preach in their own pulpits on Sunday."

2. "Why not have the mornings devoted entirely to business, reserve the afternoons for committee meetings, sightseeing, and resting, and have the great inspirational hours at night? This would encourage messengers to attend all of the sessions which are scheduled and would leave some time free."

3. "Why not put an adjournment hour on the night programs, and then stick to it? The preliminaries should be shorter or the introductory section made more brief so that the main speaker would have more time, if there is a main speaker, and yet not have to keep the crowd up most of the night."

4. "Give more time to reports with recommendations so the messengers would not feel they were taking the time of the next speaker if they asked a question. A large democratic body like the Southern Baptist Convention can function at its best only when sufficient time is given to hear all sides of the question at hand. And a decision can be made on the basis of facts rather than impassioned appeals."

Any further suggestions for the program should be sent to Rev. A. B. VanArsdale, College Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, who is chairman of the Committee on Order of Business.



# ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

## SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1952

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	264	48	3	Jackson, Calvary	490	206	6
Ashland City, First	112	40	—	First	758	151	1
Athens, Antioch	95	34	—	North	295	100	2
Bethsadia	45	27	—	Jefferson City, First	396	137	—
East	446	112	—	Northside	190	90	—
First	468	168	—	Jellico, First	229	71	—
West End Mission	70	44	—	Johnson City, Fall Street	94	40	—
Calhoun	94	40	—	Kenton, Macedonia	116	58	—
Clearwater	95	44	1	Kingsport, First	694	131	5
Coghill	78	44	—	Glenwood	319	129	1
Conasauga	24	20	—	Lynn Garden	392	107	—
Cotton Port	71	80	—	Knoxville, Alice Bell	149	57	—
Double Springs	55	25	—	Arlington	517	92	6
Eastanalle	49	21	—	Bell Avenue	884	330	2
Englewood	161	49	1	Broadway	1086	407	11
Etowah, East	95	—	—	Fifth Avenue	799	223	10
Etowah, First	286	58	—	First	880	83	12
Etowah, North	255	122	—	Lincoln Park	811	185	—
Etowah, West	58	19	—	Sevier Heights	575	225	3
Good Springs	102	37	—	South	583	161	—
Idlewild	94	55	—	LaFollette, First	312	70	—
Lake View	106	80	—	Mission	60	10	—
Mt. Harmony No. 1	67	43	—	Lascassas, Wards Grove	106	64	—
Mt. Verd	35	28	—	Lebanon, Cedar Grove	107	70	—
New Bethel	82	—	—	Fairview	180	86	—
New Zion	77	43	—	Immanuel	199	77	2
Niota, East	142	59	—	Rocky Valley	64	51	—
Niota, First	145	31	—	Lenoir City, First	409	117	—
Old Salem	56	—	—	Kingston Pike	41	—	—
Pond Hill	129	73	—	Nelson Street Mission	16	—	—
Riceville	90	34	—	First Avenue	191	57	—
Rocky Mount	63	35	—	Pleasant Hill	162	87	—
Rodgers Creek	47	—	—	Lewisburg, First	527	163	—
Sanford	50	32	—	Lexington, First	287	—	1
Shiloh	50	32	—	Loudon, First	316	91	—
Short Creek	74	—	—	Louisville, Beech Grove	201	62	—
Union Grove, McMinn	77	63	—	McKenzie, First	265	84	3
West View	38	27	—	Grace	41	30	—
Wild Wood	86	—	—	Martin, First	374	89	—
Zion Hill	68	—	10	Maryville, First	836	262	2
Auburntown, Auburn	171	115	—	Maury City	107	20	—
Bristol, Calvary	370	109	—	Maynardville	102	16	—
Brownsville, Woodland	136	88	—	Medina	163	96	—
Bruceton, First	144	32	—	Memphis, Bartlett	249	119	1
Brush Creek	94	54	—	Bellevue	2452	1187	44
Carthage, First	224	102	—	Beverly Hills	146	60	3
Chattanooga, Avondale	704	211	19	Boulevard	732	193	—
Brainerd	671	221	—	Charjean Mission	—	—	12
Calvary	326	92	4	Eads	38	—	2
Cedar Hill	211	—	—	Eudora	147	45	3
Central	279	105	2	First	948	218	16
Concord	263	89	—	Frayser	358	123	—
East	363	62	—	Leawood	309	69	2
East Lake	636	195	5	Mallory Heights	210	55	—
First	876	239	2	Malcomb Avenue	191	79	—
Highland Park	3600	1040	24	McLean	333	139	1
Mt. Carmel	83	—	—	McLean Chapel	78	26	—
McCarty	81	43	—	Merton Avenue	369	87	—
Oak Grove	245	81	4	Park Avenue	338	98	4
Red Bank	665	174	2	Poplar Avenue	326	119	3
Second	188	66	2	Riverside	119	74	—
Soddy, Oak Street	184	68	4	Rugby Hills	89	21	—
White Oak	341	81	1	Southland	146	61	—
Woodland Park	610	206	7	Speedway Terrace	782	144	8
Clarksville, First	444	105	—	Sylvan Heights	405	199	1
Cleveland, Waterville	150	70	—	Temple	1221	305	5
Calvary	170	90	1	Trinity	364	199	7
First	550	163	8	Union Avenue	1212	320	9
North	152	92	—	Winchester	296	149	3
Clinton, First	462	105	—	Milan, First	378	87	—
Columbia, First	390	138	—	Morristown, First	695	119	—
Godwin Chapel	46	—	—	Murfreesboro, First	551	102	1
Second	215	121	—	Walnut Street Mission	55	—	—
Cookeville, Steven Street	104	55	1	Mt. View	175	106	3
West View	202	75	—	Powell's Chapel	113	96	—
Corryton, Atkin	187	96	—	Westvue	473	96	3
Fairview	145	71	—	Nashville, Belmont Heights	926	254	3
Crab Orchard, Hailey's Grove	79	24	—	Bordeaux	137	53	—
Culleoka, Friendship	65	—	—	Jordonia	51	—	—
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	135	76	—	Madison Street Mission	65	18	—
First	657	226	2	Calvary	117	50	—
Elizabethton, First	484	112	—	Eastland	645	121	2
Oak Street	161	61	—	Edgefield	482	119	2
Siam	226	127	—	First	1223	331	5
Fountain City, Central	1036	243	1	Cora Tibbs	49	—	—
Hines Valley Mission	46	26	—	T. I. S.	219	—	—
Gleason, First	132	46	—	Friendly Chapel	86	75	—
Goodlettsville, First	207	61	—	Glenwood	53	46	3
Harriman, South	341	140	2	Grace	774	234	11
Trenton Street	433	94	—	Grubbs Memorial	172	59	2
Henderson, First	182	—	—	Immanuel	332	65	1
Hendersonville, First	86	45	8	Inglewood	800	174	4
New Hope	101	58	—	Due West	74	30	—
Humboldt, First	591	148	2	Joelton	117	68	—

# North Carolina Paper

## Moves to New Building

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—(BP)—*Charity and Children*, weekly publication of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, has moved into a new \$125,000 print shop provided for in the will of the late Robert M. Idol of Winston-Salem. The building, to be named for him, also houses a new \$40,000 rotary press given by Mr. Idol.

The first issue of the paper to be printed in the new plant was dated June 26 and will be distributed to 43,000 subscribers, the most in the paper's 65-year history.

P. B. Kinsolving, a former Tennessee pastor, resigned his church at Morley, Missouri, moving to Memphis the first of July to enter full-time evangelistic work. He is a graduate of Union University at Jackson, and has pastored churches in West and Middle Tennessee. Brother Kinsolving has pastored Southern Baptist churches and conducted hundreds of revivals. His address in Memphis is 1561 Peabody Avenue (rear).

### Tennessee Baptist Pastors

Special cards to be used by the churches during Transfer Church Membership Week in September will be supplied, free, by the Tennessee Baptist Convention to churches requesting them. Please address your request to Rev. L. G. Frey, Superintendent of Evangelism, and state number of cards desired.

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Judson	649	173	6
Lockeland	546	135	3
Mill Creek	127	73	—
North End	197	88	2
Richland	105	30	2
Riverside	187	18	—
Walker Memorial	86	44	11
Una	154	60	6
Tennessee Home	204	177	—
Westwood	157	60	—
Woodmont	376	129	3
Woodmont Center	59	—	—
Newport, First	337	124	—
Second	170	53	1
Bethel	150	48	—
Denton	120	—	—
Mannings Chapel	128	83	2
Forest Hill	59	38	2
Holders Grove	45	—	—
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	472	139	6
Old Hickory, First	499	173	—
Mission	72	28	—
Philadelphia	192	63	—
Portland, First	255	83	—
Pulaski, First	283	86	1
Rutledge	112	47	—
Oakland	135	44	—
Sevierville	418	88	—
Spring City, First	152	63	1
Sweetwater, First	410	108	—
Tracy City, First	47	—	—
Tullahoma, First	245	—	—
Mission	26	27	—
Highland	94	52	—
Watertown, Round Lick	226	111	6

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## College and Church Among Beneficiaries Named by Mrs. Inzer

Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, and Lookout Mountain Church, Chattanooga, were remembered in the will of the late Mrs. Marie Smith Inzer, Sylacauga, Alabama, who died, May 6, following a five-year illness. Mrs. Inzer made provision in her will that her husband Dr. John Inzer should have equal authority with the Board of Trustees of Howard College in determining the purpose to which the bequest to that college should be devoted. The estimated value of this gift is \$125,000 and is known as the Woolworth Building in Sylacauga, which Mrs. Inzer inherited from her father, the late Edward Jefferson Smith. Mrs. Inzer made the bequest as a memorial to her minister husband and to her parents.

The bequest to the Lookout Mountain Church consists of another important piece of property also in Sylacauga and is given for the purpose of helping the church complete its building program. This bequest is a memorial to the years Dr. and Mrs. Inzer spent in Chattanooga where Dr. Inzer was pastor of First Church from 1919 to 1930.

Dr. Inzer retired from pastoral duty in 1943 but served a number of prominent churches as interim pastor after partially regaining his health. The Inzers made their home in Sylacauga following his pastorate at First Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

Clarence L. Hammond has returned to the bedside of his mother who has been ill, 211 East Churchwell Avenue, Knoxville, having resigned his pastorate at First Church, Capitola, California, where he has been continuing his work toward his doctorate degree in near-by Golden Gate Seminary.

Pastorates in his native Tennessee have been First Church, Kingston; Central of Bearden; Oakwood of Knoxville; and First Church, Lawrenceburg. Brother Hammond is available for work in this state.

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## Skyline Drive, Knoxville, Completes Building

We have received a special bulletin of Skyline Drive Church, Knoxville, carrying the pictures of the mission building of 1946 and the present edifice and also the picture of Pastor R. V. Brock. This church began as a mission of McCalla Avenue Church, November 3, 1946, and was organized as a church July 10, 1949, with 204 charter members. There were 33 baptisms in 1950-51 and a new educational building erected during that time costing \$13,373.10. Another building program has just been completed at an approximate cost of \$25,000.

Special services on June 1 included, in addition to the morning and evening, a Recognition Service in the afternoon with a "Review of the Past" and a "Look at the Future" given by E. Warren Rust and Associational Missionary Lawrence Trivette, and a message by C. A. McKenzie, and the pastor leading in making the recognitions.

Dr. Carl Giers, pastor of First Church, Chattanooga, who underwent surgery at Baptist Memorial Hospital, June 13, is reported recovering and expected to return to his ministry at First Church, Chattanooga, soon. The bulletin, "The Evangel," of First Church, Chattanooga, June 18, reported his continued improvement.

## Central of Fountain City Honors Dr. Mahan

Worthy indeed of the honor accorded him is our dear friend, Dr. A. F. Mahan, whom Central Baptist Church at Fountain City signally honored Sunday morning, June 22. Dr. Mahan was paid special tribute by Dr. Charles S. Bond, the pastor, and the bulletin of the church on that day carried a picture of Dr. Mahan, former pastor of the church, who served longer than any other in that capacity—a total of 18 years. Dr. Mahan was presented on this his 78th anniversary a shirt, tie, and Kuppenheimer suit.

Pastor Bond in his tribute, "Honor to Whom Honor Is Due," had these words to say about Dr. Mahan, "His influence has gone out beyond the bounds of this county to every Association in the state and even throughout the entire Southern Baptist Convention. One of the many distinctive contributions Dr. Mahan has made to our denomination has been his work in the preacher schools. God only knows how many preachers have been encouraged and inspired who have studied under him in these schools. His soundness in theology, his ability to present the truth so that all could grasp it and his humble Christian spirit made him the ideal teacher."

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## Louisiana College Receives Gift for Library Building

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The college will receive the donation with the provision that it raise an additional \$300,000 to make a total of \$400,000 for the library building. College officials hope to begin construction as soon as the student center building, now under construction, is completed.

This is the largest single gift ever presented to Louisiana College.

## State University Accredits Grand Canyon College

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(BP)—Grand Canyon College, Arizona's Baptist college in Phoenix, is now accredited by the University of Arizona, according to announcement made by Dr. B. O. Herring, president of Grand Canyon.

The accreditation was announced June 5 in a letter to Dr. Herring from C. Zaner Leshner, registrar and director of admissions at the University, and came shortly after the Advisory Council of the University sent an inspection committee to the Phoenix campus recently.

President Herring believes the achievement significant in the short term required to attain it. Grand Canyon College has just completed its third year of operation.

The new standing makes academic credit from the Baptist school acceptable for admission to the University, subject to basic requirements of the University, and thus acceptable to other leading educational institutions and graduate schools.

## Baptist Athletes Promise Prayer Groups in Dorms

RIDGECREST, N. C.—(BP)—Nearly a hundred varsity athletes from thirty or more campuses throughout the South made a covenant among themselves to start prayer groups in their athletic dormitories next year when they got together in a meeting during the Student Week retreat recently at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Dr. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville and director of the annual retreat, gave special note to the covenant because it came from an unplanned and unexpected meeting.

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## Chinese Seminary Student Ordained in Richmond

Chow Lien-hwa, a 33-year-old Chinese seminary student and former Buddhist, was ordained to the ministry on June 8 at Ginter Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. The request for ordination came from the Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., where he is a member.

Mr. Chow became a Christian in 1945 while he was studying in the University of Shanghai. He was a student there under Miss Inabelle Coleman, Southern Baptist missionary and sister of Dr. T. Rupert Coleman, pastor of the Ginter Park Church. He sought Miss Coleman's help when he was writing plays, mostly on social reform. "He came to me to help him with his plays because he was studying in business administration and didn't know too much about English," she said.

After receiving the bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the university, he studied at the China Baptist Theological Seminary in Shanghai. His wife holds a degree of master of religious education from the seminary. They have one child, 11-month-old Joel.

Mr. Chow came to the United States in 1949. He was licensed for the ministry in May of that year by the Ginter Park Church.

He was examined by a presbytery com-

posed of 16 leaders in the Highland Baptist Church and was unanimously recommended to the Ginter Park Church for ordination. The members of this council expressed their gratitude for the privilege of a very spiritual experience. They reported that they were deeply impressed with this Chinese student's scholarship, perception, and genuine humility.

The number of churches in the cities here in the States is an amazing thing to Mr. Chow. "In Louisville," he says, "you can see two or three churches sometimes when you walk one block."

He believes that Christianity is the bridge between the Western and Oriental civilizations. He says, "The Orient is more interested in relations between humans and the Western civilization more interested in material things. . . . The West has an emphasis on the individual and freedom." Together, he says, with the bridge of Christianity, they can weld a better civilization.

At the present time Mr. Chow is studying for his doctor of theology degree at Southern Seminary and is also serving as assistant instructor. He received the master of theology degree there in 1951.

He will complete his studies in 1954 and then hopes to return to the East as a missionary.



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