

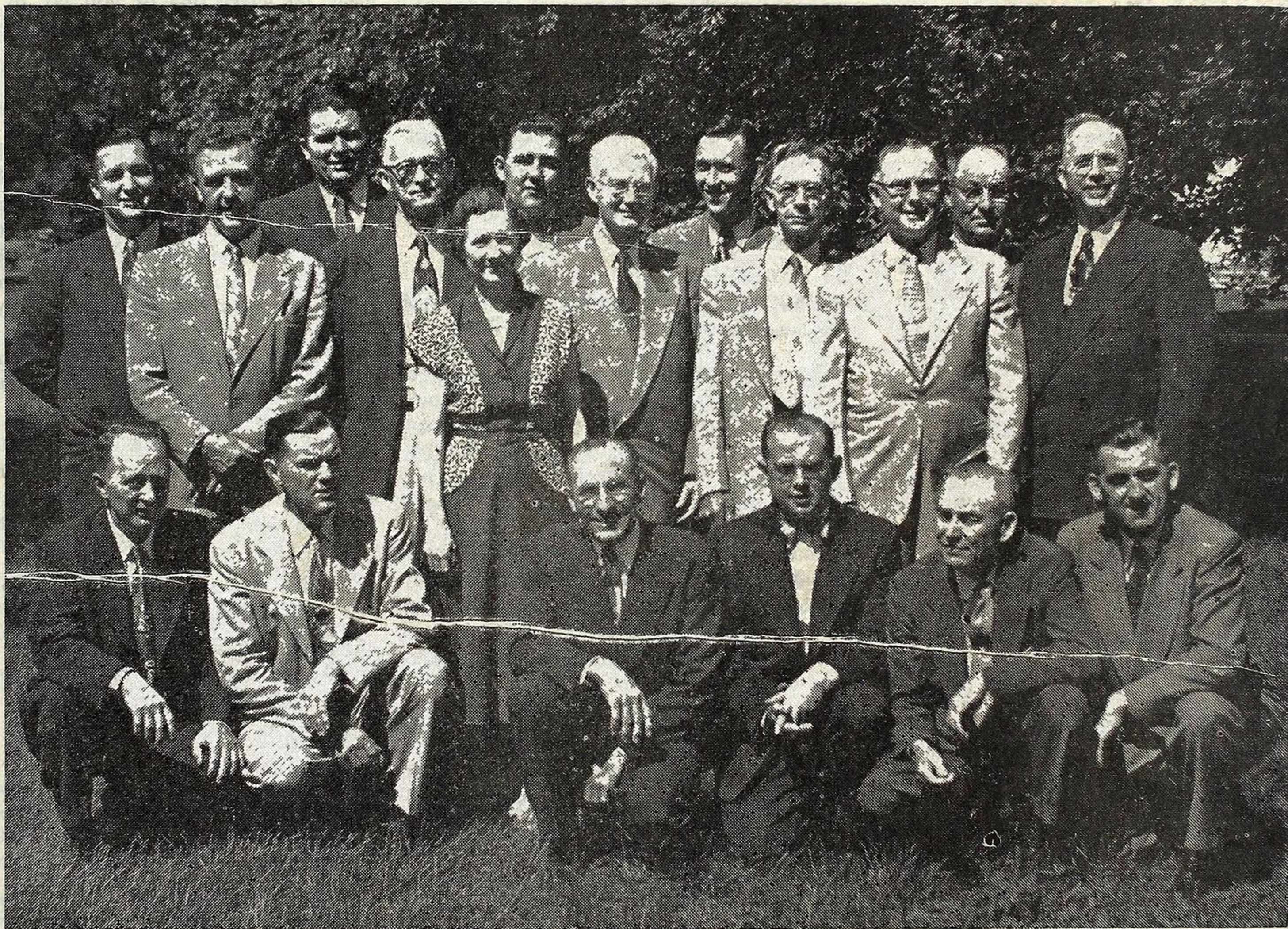
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Tennesseans at Louisville, Kentucky, for Rural Life Leadership Conference. Left to right (kneeling): H. A. Hamby, Dallas Hill, A. L. Partain, Harold King, L. G. Frey, and Carl Martain. Left to right (standing): (first man unidentified) David Pittman, Porter Routh, A. B. Adams, Mrs. A. B. Adams, Dickey Lucas, Marvin Wayland, Ben A. Baird, J. T. Carter, H. J. Tallent, E. A. Rich, and C. D. Tabor.

This third annual Eastern Rural Life Leadership Conference at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, was well attended and very helpful. The program was sponsored by Southern Seminary, the Home Mission Board, and various state mission boards. For three days studies were made on how to strengthen rural churches. Music, health, and soil conservation and their importance in the rural community were emphasized. Tennessee had four speakers on the program. Before adjournment it was voted to transfer this conference to Ridgecrest for 1954 for the week of June 17-22.

The Lord's Day

Our relationship to God must find expression in time with one day in seven set apart as the Lord's Day that we may recognize the Lord throughout all of our time. God gave this commandment in love. The need for its observance is written into the very nature of man; his physical, mental, social, and spiritual being.

The Need in Human Life for Keeping a Day of Rest

"Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy," is the first commandment in positive form (Ex. 20:8). What need there is to remember! We are imperilled by forgetting what we are, and who we are. At the base of numerous ills in modern life is the ignoring or forgetting of this commandment.

"We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God." So states Art. XV in the *New Hampshire Confession of Faith*.

This commandment is a law of life. We commit slow suicide in breaking it, ignoring God's wisdom for the use of time. The soul needs this day; the body needs this day; the mind needs this day. The multiplication of nervous diseases and neurotic cases now pre-empting the majority of the hospital beds in our country comes about from our high-speed, industrialized, modern life that fills with many tensions and destroys rest. Man is a seven-day clock needing re-winding once a week. The rest day is needed for recuperation of physical strength, for restoration of tired nerves, for renewal of mental poise, for revitalizing of wearied spirits. Every muscle, every gland, every nerve, and every cell of your body say to you, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." The person who ignores this law of life gives a mortgage to a nervous breakdown and to premature death. The French Revolutionists did away with the sabbath and attempted a ten-day week. After twelve years of disastrous experiment they returned to the seven-day week.

But if there be a real need from the

physical standpoint for the observance of one day in seven as a rest day there is even more need from a spiritual standpoint. Man is not a body having a soul; he is a soul in a body. More than the need of the body for rest and recuperation there is the need of the spirit for worship and restoration. We need this day; for without it we cannot live wholesomely and helpfully; without rightly observing it we are in grave danger of forgetting the meaning of life and debasing ourselves.

First Day of the Week Hallowed by the Resurrection

Human history has forever been changed since the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he hung upon the cross Jesus cried, "It is finished." By his sinless life, by his suffering, and by his sacrifice Jesus brought to an end the whole of the old order with all its sacrifices, its ceremonies, its prefiguring types, its seventh-day sabbath. Jesus died upon the cross, and was taken down from the cross and buried late Friday afternoon. He lay in the grave all of the Jewish Sabbath, which was Saturday.

Early upon the first day of the week Jesus arose from the dead, came forth from the grave, and brought into being a new order of life. All the old was left in the tomb from which he came forth. "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." Jesus arose on the first day of the week and that day of the resurrection became the Lord's Day and marked a new era.

Sunday Replaces Saturday in a New Order

1. The disciples met Jesus risen from the dead on the first day of the week: "In the end of the sabbath as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre" (Matt. 28:1-7). "And very early in the morning the first day of the week they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun" (Mark 16:1). "But upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning they came unto the sepulchre . . ." (Luke 24:1). "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre,

and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre" (John 20:1).

Jesus appeared five times that first day of the week, the day of the resurrection, Sunday. Jesus appeared again the following Sunday evening (John 20:19, 26-29).

2. The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost which was also the seventh Sunday after the Resurrection (Acts 2:1, 4).

3. The early Christians were led to meet together on the first day of the week and keep it holy (Acts 20:7). "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them."

4. The first day of the week was the day for worshipping the Lord in giving (1 Cor. 16:2). "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Lord's Day Reminds of a Greater Deliverance

The Seventh-Day Sabbath symbolized the finishing of the natural creation. The First-Day Sabbath symbolizes the finishing of the spiritual creation, the new man in Christ Jesus. The Israelites were to keep their Saturday as a reminder that they had been delivered from the bondage of Egypt. We are to keep Sunday as a reminder that we have been delivered from the bondage of sin and death by the death of Christ for us, and his resurrection from the dead.

And the Lord's Day is the point in time where we gain the perspective of the victory to come. So it was with John on Patmos (Rev. 1:10). "I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day."

So this statement in Col. 2:13-16:

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the

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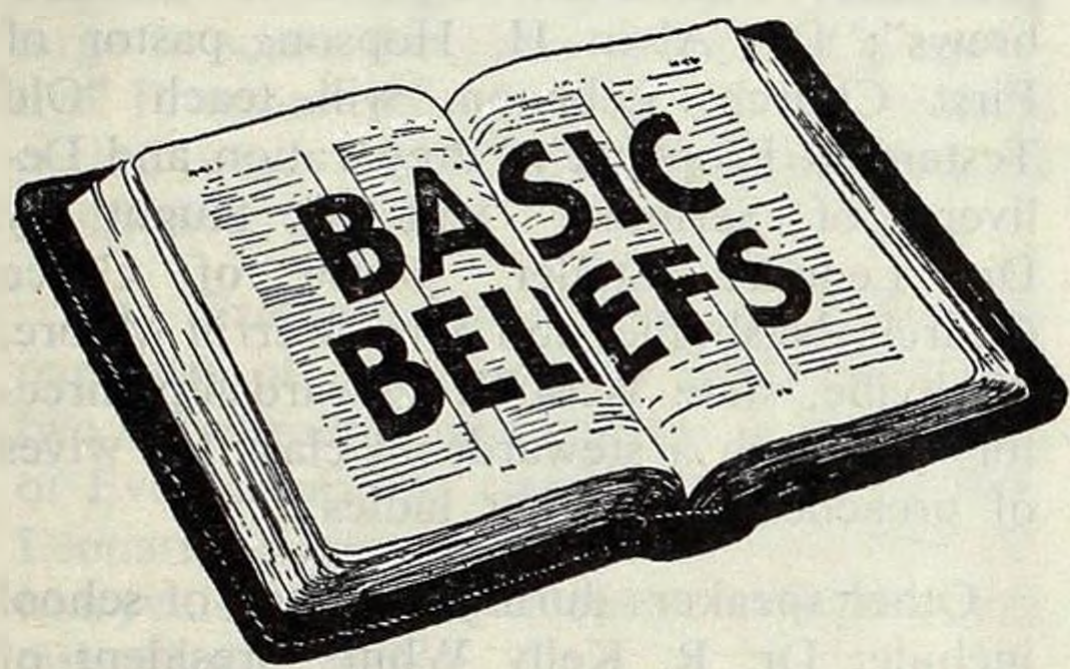
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handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

The Sabbath as a Burden Is Removed

Christ frees us from the yoke of legalism which had turned the Seventh-day sabbath into a burden and had brought in Phariseism. It was a religion of works wherein a man tried to make himself, by his own acts, right with God. Paul noted this danger in



those at Galatia and wrote: "But now after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed labor upon you in vain" (4:9-10). Keepers of the Seventh Day Sabbath are denying the completed work of Christ (Rom. 10:4).

In Christ we have a new standing with God. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1). We are sons, not servants. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14). "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (2 Cor. 3:6). "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (3:17). His Spirit means liberty, but never license.

Life Is Blighted as the Lord Is Forgotten

The peril we run today is not of making too strict an observance of the Christian Sabbath but not making enough observance.

We see now the need for physical rest and relaxation, but the trouble is that many are turning the day into just that, without relating the day to God!

Beauty and Blessing Come Only as We Observe Sunday as the Lord's Day

We miss it if it is labor day. We miss it if it is amusement day. The things that

usher the Lord out of the Lord's day and shut the door against him are inordinate desire for money, inordinate desire for pleasure, and inordinate desire to have our own way. No man lives to himself. If you misuse the Lord's Day you rob someone else of his highest use of the day.

Our real peril in life is in forgetting God!

The Lord's Day is here once each week to keep us looking to Him in whom we can find life, joy, peace and rest (Hebrews 4:1-11).

Remember Jesus Christ Risen from the Dead

When we worship, He meets with us. "There am I in the midst." A little group of Christians meeting in secret in the earliest days were betrayed by a spy. Officers came and counted the group, got the names; there were thirty there. But an old man of the group said, "You missed One." Recounting the same result, was reported, "There's only thirty." "But you missed One of us. Jesus Christ the Lord is here!"

Rightly Relate Life to Him.

Recognize His Redeeming Love.

Receive His Quickening Spirit.

On the great doors of the Cathedral of Milan you will observe two figures: David with the head of Goliath in hand (1 Sam. 17:57) and Moses smiting the Rock of Rephidim (Ex. 17:6). These are two symbols of worship: one representing the overcoming of evil, the other the releasing of spiritual, refreshing streams to satisfy the human soul.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

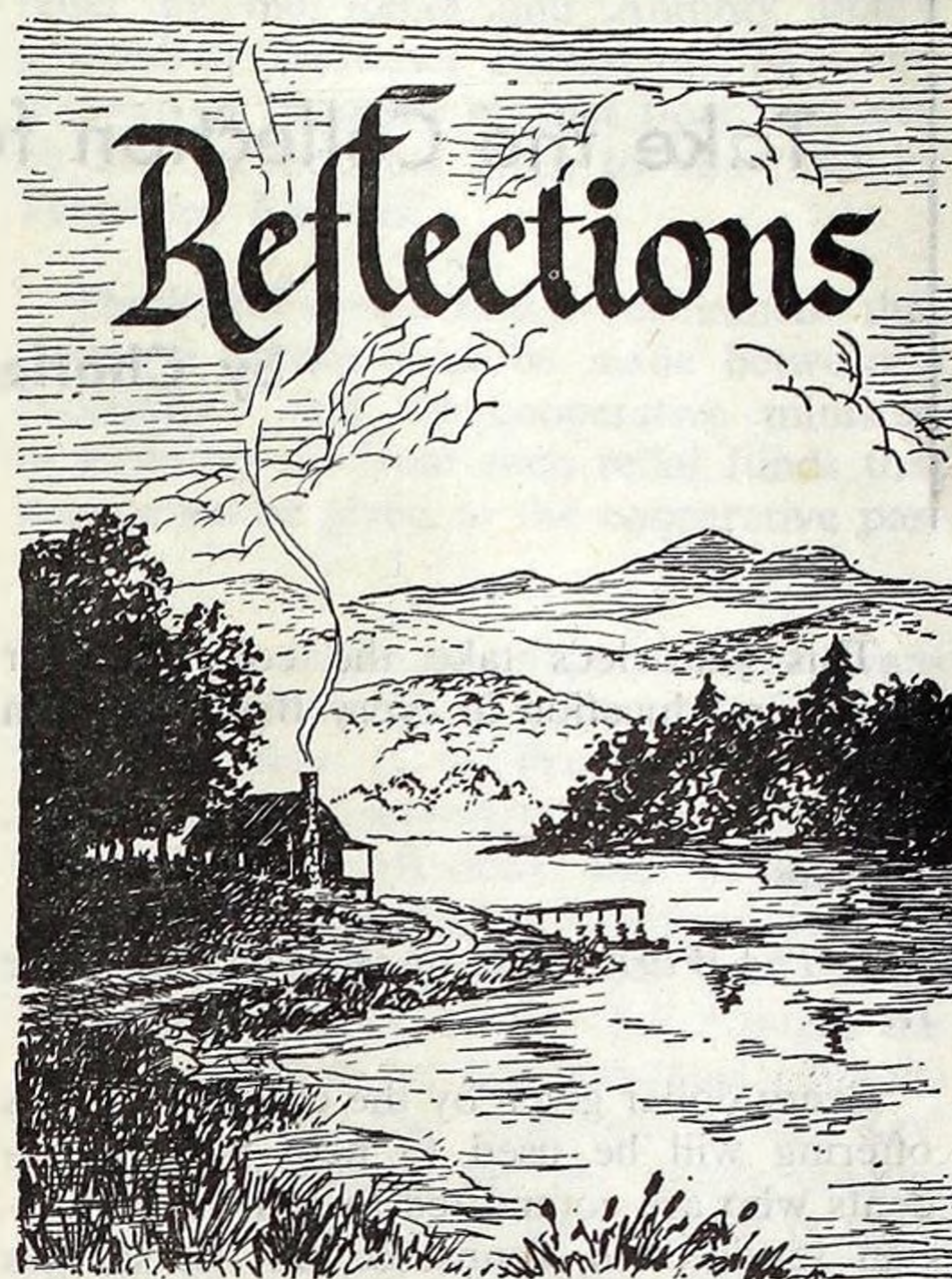
Worship lifts the level of life upon the tide of the Spirit. We need just that. We are like the small boats with the tide out, caught on the mud flats, our decks all aslant at perilous angles. When the tide comes back the boats are lifted, freed with masts straightened, with decks so they can be safely walked on, ready now to launch out upon the tide. In worship, something like that happens.

Keeping the Lord's Day Is To Ready Us for the Day of the Lord

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:24-25).

That day is coming. What the future hath, we know not; but the key is in his hand. Only Christ is worthy to open the sealed book of the future (Rev. 5:2).

We need the thought of eternity like a mighty lever to pry us up from the trivial and unworthy. A shoemaker in a little shop opened his window so he could always be in view of the mighty ocean. The Lord's Day opens as a window on eternity to keep us looking for The Day of the Lord (1 Thess. 5:1-24).



A twelve year old boy wrote to Library of Congress asking for two books, one on sane living, and the other about space travel. His letter explained: "I'd like to have both, but if you can't send me both of them, send me the one on space—because I'm more interested in that."—*ICEC Bulletin*

There are only a handful of things that actually have to be done in this world, and there is time for all of them. The trouble is that most of us get to doing so many things that we have no time to be.—Joan Younger

No effort for good is ever wasted. It disappears from your view, but only to fall into the world of causes, into the soil of wisdom, to be watered by love and again brought to bloom.—*Temple Artisan*

He was a very small boy with a very black eye, and while Mummy bathed it, he explained that it was all the other boy's fault. She smiled understandingly, but pointed out that it takes two to make a fight. When the eye had been suitably cared for, the mother took the boy's hand and led him out to the back porch. "See those hills, son?" she said. "I want you to yell at the top of your voice, and call them all the names you can think of." He laughed a little, but did as he was asked, and back from the hills came the echo of his own voice. "Now," said his mother, "call out 'God bless you.'" The young fellow shouted again, and this time the hills called softly back, *God bless you*. "I have never forgotten that lesson," says Louis B. Mayer, the well-known film executive.—*Tit-Bits*

Painter Paul A. Schmitt of Oakland, California, interviewed at the opening of his one-man show, was asked how he found time to accomplish so much. His answer: "I use it."—*American Artist*

Take the Collection for Christian Education

by Charles W. Pope

This year let's take the collection for Christian education in every Baptist church in Tennessee,

Because

I. *The Worthy Use of the Funds Require It.*

Every dollar given by the churches in this offering will be used to help worthy students who are committed to full-time Christian service. In Tennessee Baptist schools there are today more than 400 students for the ministry, education directors, ministers of music, and State, Home and Foreign missionaries. All receipts from this offering will be used to help pay their college expenses. The funds will be divided between the State Board and the various schools in Tennessee. The State Board's share will be used to help pay the tuition of ministerial students; and the share of the schools will be used to help worthy volunteer missionaries, musicians and church workers. Surely no offering could be more worthy or more urgent.

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Because

II. *The Importance of Christian Education Demands It.*

Our churches, schools and mission programs depend upon Christian leadership. Qualified, competent leadership depends upon Christian education. Christian education depends upon denominational support and direction. The Baptist denominational program depends upon the churches for its support.

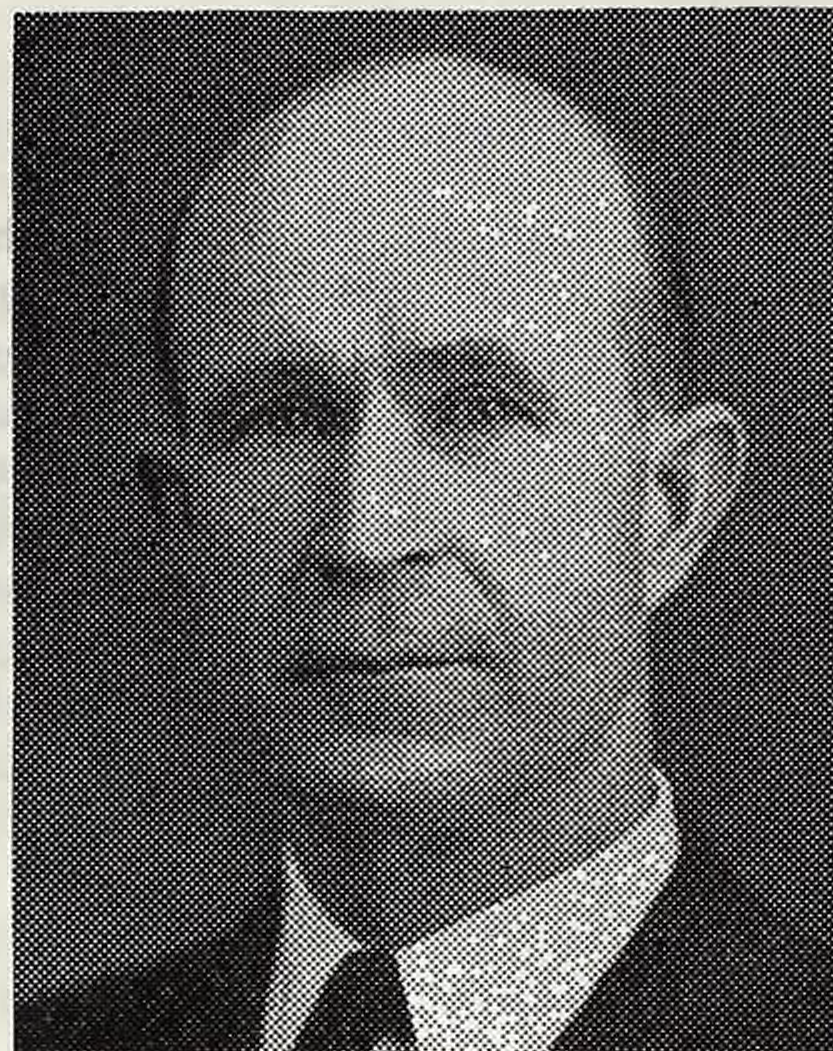
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III. *The Cooperative Program System Approves It.*

The June offering for Christian education is a regular part of the Cooperative Program system. It is not a special offering! It is not another offering! It is not an additional offering to the Cooperative Program! At the inauguration of the Cooperative Program twenty-nine years ago a provision was made for four annual offer-



CHARLES W. POPE

ings to become a part of the Cooperative Program system. They are: State Missions, Home and Foreign Missions, Orphans Home, and Christian Education. In the same spirit of cooperation and liberality with which we support the other approved offerings, let us support the offering for Christian education.

Take the Collection



New Joint Library Dedication June 16

On June 16-17 the Historical Commission, the Southern Baptist Historical Society, and the state Baptist historical societies, commissions or committees will meet in Nashville in annual session and conference, during which time the new joint library of the Sunday School Board and the Historical Commission will be formally dedicated with appropriate exercises. These meetings will mark a step of positive progress in the adventure of Southern Baptists to acquire and utilize their basic historical materials for the preservation and promotion of our Baptist heritage.

These groups invite all who are interested in Baptist history to share these sessions with them. Norman W. Cox, Executive Secretary, Historical Commission, S.B.C.

British Baptist Lecturer Mid State Preacher's School

Nashville—Professor E. C. Rust of Rawdon College, Baptist college in England, will present a special lecture series at Belmont College during the week of June 15-19, in connection with the annual Middle Tennessee Preachers' School, it was announced today.

The five-day seminar for Baptist preachers in the midstate area will consist of four courses in addition to the lectures by Rust, who is visiting professor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. School begins at 11:00 a.m. Monday and closes at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Dr. John Estill Jones, Southern Seminary professor, will teach "Epistle to the Hebrews"; Dr. Alvin H. Hopson, pastor of First Church, Lebanon, will teach "Old Testament Prophets"; "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons" will be taught by Dr. Leonard Stigler, pastor of Grace Church, Nashville; and Mrs. Merrill Moore, Nashville, state W.M.U. stewardship director will teach a stewardship class for wives of preachers and other ladies.

Other speakers during the week of school include: Dr. R. Kelly White, president of Belmont College; Miss Mary Mills, executive secretary of W.M.U. of Tennessee; Dr. Allen West, pastor of Woodmont Church, Nashville; Dr. C. W. Pope, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention; and the Rev. L. G. Frey, secretary of Missions, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Dr. Raymond Coppenger, chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy, Belmont College, is directing the school. He indicated that the invitation is to Baptist preachers and their wives and Baptist ministerial students and their wives. Children cannot be accommodated on the campus.

Those attending are asked to bring only sheets, pillow cases and towels. Everything else is furnished. Preachers who have a copy of the textbook, "Preparation of Sermons" by Blackwood, are asked to bring it.

Memphis Church Contracts For New Sanctuary

"Contracts have been let and we will start work immediately on our new \$250,000 sanctuary. It will have a seating capacity of 1100 and will be air conditioned. Our present auditorium will be converted into two educational floors for the expansion of our educational plant.

"This new sanctuary is the second phase of our church expansion program. The first was the erection of a new three-story Sunday School Annex and the remodeling of the old facilities to give us an enlarged and modern educational unit. This was completed about three years ago." Mark Harris, Pastor, Speedway Terrace (Memphis)

Executive Board Elects Sanderson To Head New Department of Evangelism and Promotion

Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board in its mid-year meeting June 2 at State Board Building, Nashville, Tennessee, heard reports from Executive Secretary-Treasurer C. W. Pope that the churches, as of the current Convention year had been outstanding in the number of additions by baptism which were reported as unusually large in some churches; and that Co-operative Program receipts for the six months period were the largest ever reported by Tennessee Baptists.

The Executive Board separated the department of Missions and Evangelism into two departments and created a department of Evangelism and Promotion electing Rev. Leonard Sanderson, pastor of First Church, Maryville, as the secretary of this newly created department.

The Cooperative Program receipts from November 1, 1952 through April 30, 1953 were the largest ever received by Tennessee Baptists for a six months period. The income for the first half of the Convention year amounted to \$999,413.67. Last years receipts for the corresponding period were \$896,170.84. The increase for this year over last year was \$103,242.83. The income for the first six months was short of a million dollars by only \$586.33. Since receipts for the second half of the Convention year are usually some better than for the first half, Tennessee Baptists have an excellent opportunity of reaching their goal of \$2,000,000.00 for the Convention year.

Dr. Pope stated that "the Church Building and Loan Fund, authorized by the Convention and the Executive Board has been worked out in detail and set in operation. Commitments have already been made to the Central Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee and the building is now nearing completion. Other churches are negotiating for loans to construct units of church buildings. This fund gives promise of becoming a great blessing to churches which are not in a position to secure commercial loans."

The Executive Board meeting, one of the best attended in several years, took the following action:

Approved steps to preserve valuable minutes, records and documents by having these micro-filmed to be preserved in the files of the State Board vault.

Agreed to recommend to the Convention in Knoxville that it adopt the newly proposed Ministers Retirement Plan for liberalized basis of retirement if chosen by pastors

participating in it. This new plan would step up payments on the Ministers Retirement from the present 3-3-2 basis to a 5-5-5 basis. Further details of this plan to be presented later would make possible retirement at the age of 60 instead of 65 under existing retirement provisions.

Took steps for revision of conditions on which pastor-aid is granted making it contingent upon the continued cooperation with the Tennessee Baptist Convention of both church and pastor, or successor to the presently approved pastor, sharing in such aid.

Set First Church, Chattanooga, as the place, and January 18-20, for the 1954 Evangelistic Conference which will open on Monday night and close Wednesday night. Two general conferences will be arranged in the afternoons. Dr. Carl Giers announced that among those on the program would be Dr. C. O. Johnson, St. Louis; Dr. G. A. Lichleiter of Florida, and Dr. James L. Sullivan of Nashville.

Endorsed the request of Union University trustees presented by W. A. Boston that in view of the approaching 125th anniversary of that University it be permitted to launch a campaign next fall at the Convention in Knoxville for approximately one million dollars for a building fund and to strengthen its endowment. This was spoken to by both President W. F. Jones of Union and President R. Kelly White of Belmont College urging the endorsement of such a campaign.

In consideration that appropriations for relief by the Relief and Annuity Board granted to Tennessee Baptist ministers and widows (as reported by that Board) exceed by far the amounts given to this fund by Tennessee Baptists:

The Board took action to recommend that "when a choice must be made between a cooperative and non-cooperative minister, in granting aid from such relief funds that preference be given to the cooperative pastor."

In setting up the new department of Evangelism and Promotion it was stated by Dr. Pope that Rev. L. G. Frey, who has been serving as the secretary of the combined department of Missions and Evangelism, has been an outstanding advocate for this division of the work in his department. J. E. Ledbetter of Lenoir City brought the recommendation for the personnel committee presenting the nomination of Rev. Leonard Sanderson for the newly created post. Brother Sanderson has served in West Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, only recently completing his pastorate at First Church, Lewisburg, before taking up his present pastorate which is in East Tennessee. He has been signally blessed in the ministry of evangelism and his election, which was unanimous by the body, has met with favor on every hand. It is expected that he will take up his new duties July 1 or at least by the middle of the month.

Ragan Mission Sunday school of First Church, Tullahoma, has celebrated its first anniversary with a record attendance of 70 of its 74 members present. Pastor John W. Outland says that the success of the mission is due greatly to the unusual interest and splendid cooperation of the parents and young people who attend, and the mission is an inspiration to the entire church. Howard Dixon is superintendent of the Sunday school.



Three Tennesseans have received degrees from Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California. They are (left to right) Carl Yarnell, Knoxville, Bachelor of Divinity; Mrs. James B. Dotson, Ooltewah, Master of Religious Education; and James B. Dotson, Maryville, Bachelor of Theology.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Acts 15:1-31; Galatians 1 and 2 (Larger)—Gal. 2:1-10, 19-21 (Printed)—Gal. 3:26 (Golden).

Paul and the Gospel of Grace

If a definition of the terms used in the above topic is desired, one may turn first to the Bible and then to the writings of a Baptist of recent times. The Apostle Paul defines, or at least gives the essential elements of, the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Dr. W. T. Conner has written of Grace in these words. "The authority of the Bible, then, is the authority of the grace of God as mediated to us in Christ, the grace that delivers from the guilt and bondage of sin. As Paul shows in Romans 6, there are only two possible masters for men, either sin or Christ. When Christ, as the mediator of the grace of God, delivers us from sin he brings us under captivity to himself. The authority, then, that masters us as Christians is the authority of God's holy love in Christ Jesus. It is a bondage that brings under bondage to itself, but it is a willing bondage of love. Grace captures our hearts and sets us free from the bondage of sin." What does the printed text yield as to the Gospel of Grace?

Given by Revelation (vv. 1, 2)

Much of what we enjoy today has come through processes of investigation and research and experimentation. And for this, let us never cease to be grateful. But there are also other priceless benefits that are ours that have come to us through the revelations from God. For instance, who could begin to estimate the value of the Holy Bible to the human race? Or who could count the joys and satisfactions that have come to human hearts and lives through Jesus Christ? May we never be forgetful or unappreciative of these, also. The teaching of these two verses, here, indicates that Paul was able to grasp something of the meaning of the Gospel of Grace as it was revealed to him from the Lord. The first chapter of Galatians intensifies this concept.

Results in Freedom (vv. 3, 4)

Freedom has been the compelling quest of man ever since he appeared upon the earth. He has sought to be free from other creatures besides man, in early times from those that were so much larger and in recent times from those so small that they can be seen through a microscope. He has sought to be free from attempts at enslavement by his fellows. He has even sought to be free from himself, with his fears and his hates and his greeds. Jesus came to the earth to make possible his freedom of spirit. Because of what He accomplished, supremely through His death, it is possible for man to have this freedom of spirit. The letter to the Galatians, as well as Acts 15:1-31, makes plain that the human soul is freed from the bondage of sin not through trying to keep

the Moral Law but by faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is one of the most beautiful facets of the Gospel of Grace.

Marked with Truth (vv. 5-8)

There is nothing of error or inaccuracy in this Gospel of Grace that Paul writes about, not only in the letter to the Galatians but also in all of his letters. It is the truth, the absolute truth, the glorious truth. The Apostle Peter joins Paul in his evaluation of this Gospel. "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty" (2 Pet. 1:16). The basis of our message rests upon a solid foundation. We can afford to speak it with the utmost confidence and assurance, and without apology or equivocation or compromise.

Intended for All (vv. 9, 10)

Paul and Barnabas would carry the Gospel to the Gentiles while the others

would continue to carry it to the Jews. God desired that all men, regardless of race, should hear the message of Christ and His saving power. What was true, then, is also true now. Christianity is to be universal.

Provided from Suffering (vv. 19-21)

Christ must die as a result of incomparable suffering. His follower must die, also. He must die to the old life if the new life is to thrive. In so doing, Christ begins to live within his life. The Christian depends upon Christ rather than in trying to keep the Mosaic Law. This by no means suggests that the Christian is to live a life of license, but rather that his old life (as an unsaved sinner) is to be one of continuous crucifixion.

Appropriated Through Faith (Golden Text)

There it is! There is the frequently-mentioned idea of the Fatherhood of God, explicitly set forth and described as to attainment. Only of those who have appropriated the Gospel, through faith in Christ as personal Saviour, can it be said that they are "the children of God." No more damnable error ever arose than is the teaching that all men are children of God apart from faith in His Son. If they are accountable in His sight and have not repented from their sins and exercised faith in Jesus Christ, they are not sons of God (in a spiritual sense) but rather they are sons of the Devil (Jn. 8:42ff). Remember, this is our Lord's own statement, clear and concise.



The Young South

These letters from Young South friends are invitations to you. They invite you to read them and meet new friends. They invite you to choose from them a pen pal with whom you might carry on regular correspondence. They invite you to learn new things—about distant places, other churches and schools, activities of boys and girls and other places. Will you accept one of today's invitations?

Dear Aunt Polly:

I have never written you before, but I have written some of the girls. I go to the Baptist Church. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Thetford.

I was ten years old last December 17. My hobby is collecting pictures of pen pals to whom I write. I would like to write many more. I'll be sure to answer every letter I receive.

BRENDA HAYES

Box 124
Adamsville, Tennessee



Dear Aunt Polly:

I am fifteen years old and in the ninth grade. I go to Dobyns-Bennett High School.

This is my first time to write to you. I would like to write to a lot of boys and girls. I will answer all the letters I get.

I go to the First Baptist Church here. I like all sports. And I like to write to people.

SUE SCOTT

714 Birch Street
Kingsport, Tennessee

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eight years old. I was eight January 30. I go to a Baptist Church at Barfield. I am in the Primary class. I go to Barfield School and will be in the third grade next year. My teacher is Mrs. W. E. Elmore. I have one brother who is twelve years old. He will be in the seventh grade next year. I have not written to you before. I would like to have many pen pals. I will answer every letter.

MARGARET ANN HIGDO

Route 1
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am thirteen years old and go to Snowden Junior High School. I would like to have some pen pals, ages 13 to 16. This is my first time to write, and I hope some boys and girls will write me soon.

PATSY TATE

1732 Overton Park
Memphis, Tennessee

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1953

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven years old. I have brown hair and blue eyes. I read the Young South column and have thought many times about writing you. I am a Christian and go to Maury City Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother J. T. Drace. I have three pen pals and hope to get more.

ANN MOUNT

Route 3
Friendship, Tennessee

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl 14 years old and am a member of Third Baptist Church. My favorite sports are tennis and swimming. I would like to have some pen pals and will answer every letter.

JUNE STRATTON

120 16th Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Aunt Polly:

I have written you before but my letter was not printed. I am ten years old. I am a Christian and go to the First Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Our pastor is Brother Rushing. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. I haven't any pen pals but would like to have some.

MARTHA MCCRORY

213 Lawrence Street
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

Dear Aunt Polly:

I wrote you last year . . . I'm almost eleven years old, in the sixth grade at Huntersville School. I go to Ararat Baptist Church. I am a Christian. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Jeff Haynes. I would like some pen pals and will answer all letters.

DIANNE MERIWETHER

Route 2
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl eleven years old. My birthday is June 12. I am in the sixth grade at school. I am a Christian and belong to Upper Helton Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother Hooper. This is my first time to write you. I have become interested in the Youth South column and would like to have lots of pen pals. I promise to answer every letter I get.

HELEN FAY BURTON

Route 1
Alexandria, Tennessee

May I add a personal invitation to these which you have just read? I would like to invite every Young South boy and girl to write to me this week. I can hardly wait to learn whether you got promoted, what your plans are for the summer, and so on! Please write and tell me!

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Ave., S.
Nashville, Tennessee



LAUGHS

From
Here and There

Woman (testifying in traffic court): "I was driving along Main Street with my husband at the wheel."

An English youngster was playing in Liverpool when a tourist approached him. "Little boy," she asked, "can you direct me to the bank?"

"Yes, ma'am," he answered, "for two bob."

The woman asked if that wasn't a little expensive.

"No, ma'am," he answered, "not for a bank director."

A farmer, having lived on the same farm all his life, wanted a change. Having subjected everything there to his merciless criticism, he listed the farm with a realtor who prepared a flattering sales advertisement for the newspaper, but who first read it to the farmer before giving it to the paper. "Wait a minute," said the farmer, "read that again slowly. Changed my mind; not gonna sell. All my life I've been looking for a place like that."

"Does the law give a man the right to open his wife's letters?"

"Yes, but not the nerve."

"Are there any questions you would like to ask about our company?" suggested the genial personnel director.

"Well, yes," replied the far-sighted young man. "You say you have 43 stenographers. Do you take up office collections every time an employee gets married?"

Little Helen had been coaxing to be allowed to go to the College Club dinner with Mother and Daddy.

"No dear," said her mother, "we cannot afford to take you. The banquet costs two dollars and fifty cents a plate."

"But, Mother," urged Helen, "I could take my own plate."

Patient: "Doctor, what I need is something to pep me up, something to get me in a fighting mood. Did you put anything like that in this prescription?"

Doctor: "No. You will find that in the bill."

Two women were having a chat and the conversation veered around to the high cost of living.

"It's really terrible how the rise in prices has affected us," said one, sadly. "Why, do you know that my bills for clothes this year are exactly double what they were last year?"

"Goodness!" gasped the other. "I don't see how your husband can afford it."

"He can't," replied the first calmly. "But, then, he couldn't afford it last year either, so what's the difference?"

Some Appraisals of

CHRISTIAN

BY ALUMNAE



DR. J. D. GREY

Pastor, First Baptist Church

New Orleans, La.

Former Pres. S.B.C.

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Pastor, Central Baptist Church

Fountain City, Tenn.

"My call to preach was definitely a call to prepare for the ministry. I owe a debt of gratitude to Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Carson-Newman College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Whatever small service I am able to render to the Kingdom of God will always reflect the ministry of these institutions."



MRS. MARTHA BERNARD HAMMOND

Sec'y., Springfield Baptist Church

Springfield, Tennessee

"I thank God for four years' training in one of our denominational schools. There has never been a question as to the acceptance of my college credits by any institution of higher learning, and in addition to this fact, I am sure God has used Christian education as a means of channeling my life into full-time Christian service."



DR. J. P. LOWE, M.D.

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Nashville, Tenn.

"I received the necessary courses at Carson-Newman for admission to Vanderbilt Medical School. Becoming a useful citizen required the general development of my body and mind. Carson-Newman helped. My spiritual growth was, and is, most important—Carson-Newman furnished the means and the opportunity and increased my desire for it."



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Executive Secretary

W.M.U. of New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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"Union University afforded me the privilege of receiving a college education in an atmosphere of humility, moral discrimination, religious tolerance and unselfish service. These intangible qualities appear to be the cornerstone of our splendid Baptist colleges and fortunate indeed is the young student who has the privilege of studying within this Christian environment."



"We who have reached adulthood had the opportunity in our youth, now in our Christian training we recall the two, Christian education, are fundamentally essential to anyone who follows in our footsteps. Those who do not have a fundamental weakness in life."

"Christian education sticks to us all through our lives, Calculus, etc., we never forget. I could not must."

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"I am convinced that subordinate only to my home training and childhood church, my attendance at a Christian college has contributed most to my unwavering Christian faith. Among other reasons, this faith has been important to me because it has enabled me to concentrate on my chosen career without being harassed by doubt or fear."

"My own experience has been that a Christian institution and the spirit that prevails there make us keenly aware of true values, giving us a fuller, broader view of things. Thus, we are better able to cope with all that goes on about us. We can apply our knowledge in the light of religious principles and with an understanding brought about only with spiritual discernment."



MRS. WILLIAM McMURRY

Director of Mission Study

W.M.U. of South

Birmingham, Ala.



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"There was a time when I regarded the limited curriculum of our Baptist schools as a serious academic handicap. Today I know better. Training in the humanities under Christian teachers is the best preparation for life that a student can receive. Tennessee College excelled in this field. I acknowledge my debt to Christian education in a day when we live in 'the thick of thin things.'"

"For the unlimited help, consideration and educational preparation given me for my life and profession I shall always feel deeply grateful to a Tennessee Baptist Institution, Union University. I shall always be proud to have attended an institution where the atmosphere of Christian education in a medium of astounding friendliness prevailed for those of all denominations."



DR. W. L. HOWSE,

Professor

Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary

Fort Worth, Texas



DR. FRANK W. WOOD

Pastor, Woodlawn Baptist
Church

Birmingham, Ala.

"Christian education made its first contribution to me through the training it gave to my father. Later when I entered the same school (Union University) the contributions became direct. My Bible courses and a Christian interpretation of other studies gave me a foundation upon which theological education and teaching could be based."

"Christian schools—academy, college, and seminary—gave to me academic training unsurpassed; a Christian atmosphere in classrooms and on the campus where knowledge and influences were being translated into character; intimate associations with faculty members who were positively Christian; and fellowship with Christian youth from whom life's lasting friendships were chosen."

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MRS. EFFIE HAYNES, MENTOR
President, Tennessee B.W.C.

Mrs. Effie Haynes, Mentor, is the newly elected president of B.W.Cers of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Haynes, who was formerly Vice-President of Eastern Division will preside over B.W.C. Camps this summer. Camp Linden will welcome Middle and West Tennessee B.W.Cers on Friday afternoon, June 19.

A very inspirational, practical program has been planned by Miss Osta Underwood, program chairman, and her committee. Visiting speakers will include Miss Aiko Uechi, Hawaii, a graduate student at Peabody College, Nashville, who will present foreign missions. Mrs. Minell Graves, Miami, Florida, is a missionary under the Home Mission Board. She has a thrilling message on her program as director of the Good Will Center. Mrs. Graves is a native of North Carolina, but was converted and attended school in Jackson, Tennessee. She is a graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. State Missions will be presented by two general missionaries of the Tennessee Convention Board, Misses Lucille Aylesworth and Janette Lewis, whose headquarters are at Winchester. All of these have challenging messages for us.

Miss Mary Mills, new Executive Secretary of Tennessee W.M.U. will teach the new B.W.C. Guide. Many others will assist in making this program attractive and helpful.

There will be two splendid films on Mission work, and several recreational activities to enable the B.W.Cers to get acquainted and relax. Hurry and fill in your registration blanks! Send them to Miss Mary Mills, Belcourt at 16th Avenue South, Nashville. Remember they are due!

Send \$6.00 per person for all who plan to attend. The registration blanks were sent to the circle chairman, but if yours were lost, write to this office for another one.

East Tennessee B.W.Cers will anxiously watch for announcements concerning B.W.-C. camp at Carson Springs, July 17-19. Watch this column!

Ridgecrest B.W.C. Week

Have you sent your registration for W.M.U. week at Ridgecrest, North Carolina? The dates are August 6-12. We hope



Sunday School

JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

The Military Service Membership Plan

by Gainer E. Bryan, Jr.

A plan enabling churches to enrol their absent military service young people as members of the home Sunday school was announced jointly this week by Jesse Daniel, state Sunday school secretary, and J. N. Barnette, secretary, Sunday School department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Entitled the Military Service Membership plan, it provides for enrolling servicemen and women of Young People's ages, 17-24, in the Young People's classes and departments and sending them regularly the lesson quarterly, *Sunday School Young People*.

It further provides for a Service Membership associate superintendent in the Young People's department and a Service group leader in the Young People's class to supervise the ministry.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, former executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, commenting on the new plan, declared:

"The Military Service Membership plan gives substance to a desire that has been in my soul for a long time.

"It enables a church to enrol an absent service young person as a regular member of his home Sunday school class and to send him the same lesson quarterly that is used at home.

"My wish is that these young people in uniform would be impressed with the realization that a place is being kept for them back home and that they would be moved to warm-hearted devotion to the home church."

Dr. Barnette, in clarifying the plan, said that the Military Service enrolment will be counted as a part of the larger enrolment of the Sunday school in the same way that

many B.W.Cers will be there. Send your \$2.00 registration fee to Mr. Willard Weeks, Manager.

Are you Glorieta bound? The W.M.U. office needs to know if any Tennessee B.W.Cers are planning to attend W.M.U. week at Glorieta, New Mexico, July 6-12. Our W.M.U. President, Mrs. M. K. Cobble, will be on the teaching staff. The staff have asked this office for the names of other Tennesseans who plan to be there. Please notify us. You send \$2.00 registration fee to Mr. E. A. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.

Cradle Roll and Extension enrolments are counted. It will not, however, be included in the Sunday-to-Sunday class or department report.

Materials for the operation of the ministry may be ordered from the Baptist Book store at a nominal price. A complete explanation of the Military Service Membership plan, including details about the materials, is contained in a free leaflet, "A Positive Ministry to Servicemen and Women." Copies of this leaflet may be obtained by writing the state Sunday school secretary.

"I unite my earnest plea with the heart-throb of mothers and fathers," said Dr. Barnette, "that the Sunday school workers in the churches use this plan to provide encouragement and Christian influence for all the young people now in military service, and those who will be called later."

A Plea

Every church is urged to circle the date September 20-27 as Preparation Week for "A Million More in '54."

It is interesting to hear of so many churches that are going all out in making 1953 a year of preparation for their part in the million more in '54. Every church is expected to cooperate.

One Thousand Expected at Ridgecrest

At least one thousand of Tennessee's ambitious Sunday school workers are expected to attend Ridgecrest during the three Sunday school weeks, June 18-24; June 25-July 1; July 2-8. Come on if you do not have reservations. Take chances on getting in. You will get new and renewed interest in all phases of Sunday school work.

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HEAR . . .



Dr. Gaye L. McGlothlen
Pastor
Immanuel Church
Nashville
"Learn From Me"

HEAR . . .



Dr. Nolan P. Howington
Pastor
South Knoxville Church
Knoxville
"Learn From Me"

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1953

Southwestern Region

First Baptist Church, Bolivar—June 15

Northwestern Region

First Baptist Church, Martin—June 16

South Central Region

First Baptist Church, Columbia—June 18

Central Region

First Baptist Church, Springfield—June 19

North Central Region

First Baptist Church, Sparta—June 22

Southeastern Region

First Baptist Church, Chattanooga—June 23

Northeastern Region

First Baptist Church, Jefferson City—June 25

Eastern Region

First Baptist Church, LaFollette—June 26

Pertinent Glorieta Facts

by Lewis A. Myers
Editor BAPTIST NEW MEXICAN

While much has been said regarding Glorieta Assembly in New Mexico specific information about registration, transportation, and accommodations has not been given.

Registration

A registration fee of \$2.00 for each person, above eight years of age, is required of those entering the assembly for any of its seasons of training. The management reports that it is not necessary to send this fee in advance, as provision is adequate to care for all enrollees, either on or near the assembly grounds. Manager Herron urges that you come right ahead, not waiting or hesitating.

Transportation

The Assembly is on international Highway 85, north and south. It is on national Highways 64-84 and 285. Moreover it is on the main line of the Santa Fe Railway and Highway busses pass through the grounds almost hourly. Santa Fe, 17 miles away, is served by several air lines, giving to this particular area an accessibility barely matched anywhere. A Glorieta bus will be at all transportation points to carry enrollees directly to their hotels or lodges.

Accommodations

The Hall of States, Oklahoma Hall, and Texas Hall are offering all rooms with private bath, blankets and linens, and three meals for \$5.50 daily.

Dormitories for men and women with hot showers and outside bath houses, linens and blankets, and three meals are offered for \$3.25 daily.

Cedar and Spruce Lodges, all rooms with bath on hall, blankets and linens, and three meals, are offered for \$4.50 per day.

A limited number of accommodations may be had in private homes in and near Glorieta. Multiplied numbers of motels and hotels are open in Pecos, Santa Fe, Espanola, Las Vegas, Moriarty and Albuquerque.

A camping area, in the heart of the assembly, with electric light and running water, has been provided for those with trailers. Where desired, campers may secure their meals in the dining hall at \$2.50 per day per person.

The first camp opens on June 8 and the final one closes on August 30.

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West STATE Briefs

by EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington

President Warren F. Jones of Union University supplied for Pastor O. E. Turner at First Church, Paris, on May 10.

Two young students for the ministry preached recently at New Salem Church, Mason Hall. Donald Holland, son of one of the Deacons, was the speaker on May 3 and on May 10, James Thomas Carl, son of Pastor and Mrs. T. W. Carl filled the pulpit. Both were granted license on May 10.

Gates and Enon churches in Dyer Association are experiencing a perennial revival under the leadership of their pastor, R. B. Owens. He has been on the field sixteen months and the work has about doubled. On May 3 there were 15 additions to the Church at Gates and on May 17 six more came forward. New Sunday School rooms have been added at Gates and the Enon building has been re-modeled and brick vaneered.

L. P. Fleming has been called as pastor of Charleston Church near Covington.

Pine Grove Church, near Lexington, dedicated its building debt-free on May 31. This church was organized by your reporter on October 7, 1948, with 15 charter members. It now has around 50. There have been eleven new members in the few weeks Joe Acuff, of Bradford, has served as pastor. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by the church's first pastor, T. L. Maddux, now at Gilead Church, Glendale, Ky.

Grand Junction Church, Roy J. Ferguson, pastor, ordained George E. Capps to the full work of the ministry on May 20. The council was composed of brethren from Somerville, Middleton and Grand Junction with Pastor Jonas L. Stewart conducting the examination; Pastor B. F. McIlwain preaching the sermon; and Pastor Ferguson presenting the Bible and delivering the charge. Brother Capps has been called as pastor of Fordoche Baptist Church, Fordoche, La. He and Miss Betty Tipler, of Grand Junction, will be united in marriage in a church ceremony on June 19. He is a student at New Orleans Seminary and Betty has just completed her freshman year at Union University.

Commencement exercises for the 1953 graduates of the Baptist Memorial Hospital's School of Nursing were held at Temple Church on the night of June 4. Pastor Morris Ford, First Church, Longview, Texas, was the speaker.

First Church, Dyersburg, Robert L. Orr, pastor, hopes to have the ground-breaking service for their new building within a few weeks. Robert E. Cloar is chairman of the building committee.

M. V. Wood, a Baptist minister for more than forty years, died April 5. He was pastor of Harmony Church in Dyer Association and Aldridge Church in Beulah Association. His entire ministry was spent among rural churches and, at various times, he served the following: Oak Grove and New Home, Weakley Association; Mt. Moriah and Midway, Obion Association; Lenox Emmaus and Beech Grove (Dyer Association). Since the death of Brother Wood, Harmony Church has called Jack Criswell, Jr. as pastor. He was ordained by First Church, Dyersburg, April 12.

Pastor L. H. Hatcher, First Church, McKenzie, received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Bethel College's School of Theology at the Spring commencement.

Mrs. Frank Leavell was with Cherokee Church, Memphis, Mack R. Douglas, pastor, May 24-29 for a series of studies on the Christian home.

Park Avenue Church, Memphis, J. E. Williams, pastor, entered their new building on May 31. Jesse Daniel was with them for a week of Sunday School enlargement on that Sunday.

Ground-breaking services for the new educational building of First Church, Humboldt, were held on May 31 and construction began the following day. The Church has \$59,938.88 in its building fund. Hayward Highfill, pastor, and his people are rejoicing over this progressive step.

Union Church, Chesterfield, observed homecoming on June 7 with Executive Secretary Charles W. Pope as guest preacher. This is the oldest Baptist Church in Henderson County having been constituted in 1842.

Ground-breaking services were held at Levi Church on Highway 61 south of Memphis on May 31. A new \$150,000 educational unit was begun the following day. Ira F. Metts has been pastor there since December 1951.

The wife of Rev. W. C. Sale, Jacksonville, Florida, passed away May 30. She was formerly of Galloway, Tenn. Funeral services and burial were held in Memphis, June 1, with Pastor R. Paul Caudill officiating.

Chaplain and Mrs. William E. Gamble have a new son who arrived at Millington Naval Hospital, May 22. They are members of Union Avenue Church, Memphis. Chaplain Gamble is now on duty in Korea.

Pastor R. H. Dills will begin his fourth year at Hillcrest Church, Dyersburg, on June 17. The work has been signally blessed. Among other accomplishments there have been 183 additions to the Church.

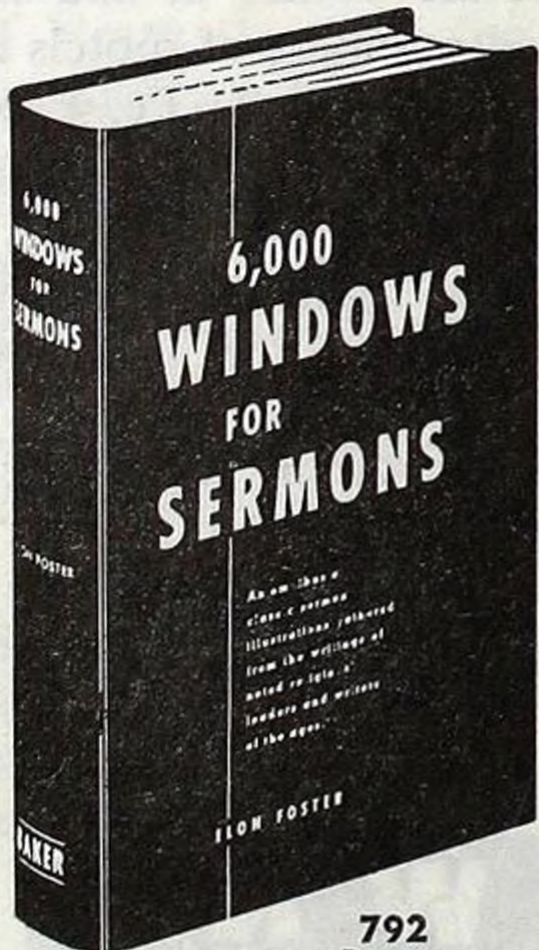
Miss Winnie Hatcher, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. L. H. Hatcher, McKenzie, has been awarded a graduate scholarship at Florida State University for the school year of 1953-54. She will serve as an instructor in mathematics.

Pastor P. O. Davidson, Frayser Church, Memphis, is assisting Pastor John Riles and Rugby Hills Church in a revival which began June 7.

Fred Kendall, Jr., son of Pastor and Mrs. W. Fred Kendall, First Church, Jackson, is on the summer staff at Ridgecrest. He will be there the entire summer. Fred, Jr. is a student for the ministry.

In our last column there was a write-up concerning the organization of Cherokee Baptist Church. We overlooked saying something about the splendid work done by Orelle Ledbetter. He was asked by Union Avenue Church to assist in the development of the project and he rendered a valuable service. He is serving as educational director of the new organization. No one has called this mission to our attention and perhaps Orelle will be embarrassed to see this appear in print, but we feel he is richly due this tribute.

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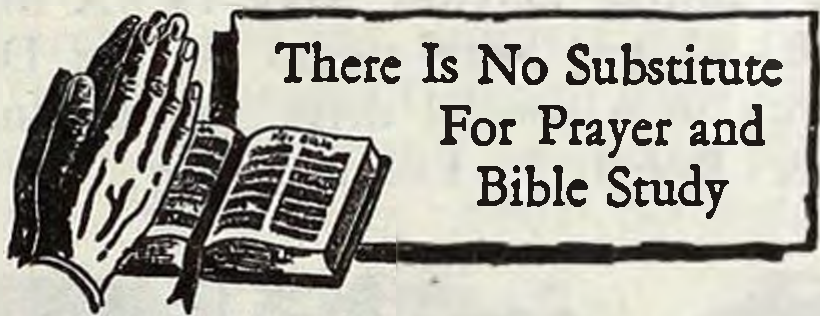
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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES MAY 31, 1953

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	252	66	---
Alcoa, First	305	113	---
Athens, Antioch	156	18	---
East	402	114	---
First	568	157	7
West End Mission	79	46	---
Calhoun	106	54	---
Clearwater	94	26	---
Coghill	78	62	---
Conasauga	36	18	---
Cotton Port	68	43	---
Double Springs	49	40	---
Eastanalle	55	---	---
Englewood	179	57	---
Etowah, East	68	---	---
Etowah, First	339	133	---
Etowah, North	359	143	---
Etowah, West	45	---	---
Good Field	117	28	---
Good Hope	55	25	---
Good Springs	99	46	---
Idlewild	69	31	---
Lake View	122	62	---
Liberty South	46	35	3
McMahan Calvary	90	23	6
Mt. Harmony No. 1	92	40	---
Mt. Verd	41	29	---
New Bethel	86	29	---
New Zion	60	43	---
Niota, East	144	57	---
Niota, First	131	37	---
Oak Grove	45	---	---
Old Salem	45	---	---
Pond Hill	118	56	---
Riceville	69	39	---
Rocky Mount	43	---	---
Rodgers Creek	79	---	---
Shiloh	80	40	---
Short Creek	65	---	---
Union Grove No. 1	65	48	---
Union McMinn	96	---	---
West View	52	40	---
Wild Wood	78	55	---
Zion Hill	34	---	---
Auburntown, Auburn	138	68	---
Bolivar, First	262	95	2
Bristol, Calvary	426	114	---
Tennessee Avenue	521	158	3
Brush Creek	87	44	---
Chattanooga, Avondale	732	158	4
Brainerd	771	270	7
Calvary	350	90	---
East	348	59	3
First	981	227	7
Northside	520	123	1
Oak Grove	246	96	5
Red Bank	813	242	2
Ridgedale	593	191	1
Second	192	63	---
Soddy, Oak Street	175	67	3
Clarksville, First	502	169	2
Cleveland, Big Springs	251	137	1
Waterville	162	92	1
First	557	196	6
North	186	64	---
Clinton, First	471	115	1
Columbia, First	421	116	1
Godwin Chapel	32	---	---
Highland Park	213	127	---
Steven Street	113	62	---
Maple Shade	72	---	---
West View	172	75	---
Corryton, Atkin	191	102	1
Dyersburg, First	612	177	4
Elizabethton, First	565	168	6
Immanuel	201	90	1
Siam	226	120	---
Fountain City, Beaver Dam	137	54	---
Central	1024	235	4
Hines Valley Mission	39	34	---
First	315	143	---
Smithwood	644	239	5
Gallatin, First	505	92	---
Gleason, First	161	25	---
Grand Junction, First	87	56	---
Greenbrier	246	58	2
Harriman, South	392	229	2
Trenton Street	453	110	2
Henderson, First	196	---	4
Hendersonville, New Hope	114	63	---
Humboldt, Antioch	240	78	---
First	565	169	3
Jackson, Calvary	567	203	3
First	487	106	---
Liberty Grove	96	72	---
North	392	150	2
Jefferson City, Talbott	83	43	---
Buffalo Grove	59	20	---
North Side	183	66	---
Rockey Valley	72	56	---
White Pine	176	71	---

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Jellico, First	173	51	---
Johnson City, Unaka Avenue	268	130	---
Kenton, Macedonia	87	60	---
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	164	---	---
First	750	104	6
Fort Robinson	144	75	---
Glenwood	335	89	---
Lynn Garden	414	140	7
Knoxville, Arlington	630	122	2
Broadway	1288	355	8
City View	433	71	---
Fifth Avenue	838	231	7
First	999	128	2
Inskip	547	158	1
Lincoln Park	839	185	3
Sevier Heights	604	222	---
South	278	51	1
LaFollette, First	278	51	1
Lascassas, Wards Grove	109	61	---
Lebanon, Fairview	282	89	---
First	446	138	4
Southside	76	35	---
Immanuel	232	108	---
Rocky Valley	59	30	---
Lenoir City, First	500	142	3
First Avenue	170	54	---
Kingston Pike	44	13	---
Nelson Street Mission	61	---	---
Pleasant Hill	209	115	---
Lewisburg, First	507	147	---
Mission	91	---	1
Loudon, First	327	87	---
Louisville, Beech Grove	207	60	---
Mt. Juliet	122	68	---
Mission	62	---	3
Maryville, Broadway	441	153	7
Everett Hills	356	179	2
First	901	293	2
Medina	173	60	---

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Memphis, Ardmore	348	74	4
Bellevue	2718	1304	25
Berclair	606	170	6
Boulevard	867	223	3
Brunswick	131	60	---
Brooks Road	35	22	1
Calvary	293	86	5
Central Avenue	893	230	2
Collierville	223	69	---
De Sota Heights	161	73	1
Elliston Avenue	243	56	4
Eudora	233	72	1
Eastland	113	69	---
Egypt	146	81	---
First	1073	213	3
Frayser	491	138	---
Glenview	73	26	---
Highland Heights	1296	492	8
Kennedy	316	98	4
Lamar Heights	762	222	7
Leawood	453	124	---
Longcrest	78	26	---
Levi	209	---	---
Mallory Heights	221	49	1
Malcomb Avenue	250	80	8
McLean	566	166	---
Chapel	66	40	---
Park Avenue	557	163	1
Parkway	546	191	1
Poplar Avenue	445	181	6
Prescott Memorial	684	175	4
Southland	167	69	1
Southmoor	140	84	2
Sylvan Heights	508	163	---
Temple	1348	398	4
Union Avenue	1173	322	5
Wells Station	199	79	2
Whitehaven	491	168	---
Milan, First	430	83	1
Morristown, First	790	160	---
Buffalo Trail	93	60	---
Murfreesboro, First	546	104	3
Calvary	48	---	---
Mt. Herman	131	106	---
Mt. View	168	90	---
Powell's Chapel	112	76	---
Westvue	563	131	---
Woodbury Road	126	41	---



J. Howard Williams Elected Southwestern Seminary Head

FORT HOUSTON, Tex.—(BP)—J. Howard Williams, executive secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention, was unanimously elected president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary by the trustees, Tuesday, June 2, effective August 1, 1953.

The 58-year-old Texas Baptist leader, who went to the Texas Baptist post from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City in 1946, is a native Texan, and took his seminary work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and at Southern.

Dr. Williams was brought up in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, under the preaching of Dr. George W. Truett, and served as pastor of two churches in Dallas before going to Southern Seminary.

To serve as president of Southwestern will be no new responsibility for Dr. Williams. He has been president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, of the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University, and of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

After serving as executive secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention from 1931 to 1936, he went to the First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., and from there to the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, where he was serving when he returned to Texas in 1946.

During World War I, Dr. Williams served as a chaplain with the 1st Army Corp in France.

He was married to Miss Floy Ettys Kelly, the daughter of an Arkansas Baptist minister in June, 1920. They have five children, Martha Genne (Mrs. Frank Sandford), Carolyn Lee (Mrs. Joe Mason), J. Howard, Jr., Kelly Dan, and Floy Kate.

Nashville, Belmont Heights	1011	299	7
Jordonia	50	---	---
Madison Street Mission	92	17	---
Eastland	750	181	---
Dalewood	164	65	---
First	1300	407	11
T. I. S.	294	---	---
Neighborhood	37	14	---
Glendale	154	29	2
Grace	854	249	10
Inglewood	857	199	7
State School	55	---	---
Judson	736	164	5
Neely Bend	81	64	---
Park Avenue	720	189	---
Seventh	178	70	---
Spring Hill	54	46	---
Westwood	202	77	5
Woodmont	486	142	3
Newport, First	415	160	8
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	558	179	7
Old Hickory, First	518	206	---
Rayon City	75	41	---
Portland, First	241	61	---
South First	14	---	---
Theatre Mission	14	---	---
Pulaski, First	285	94	3
Raleigh	477	176	2
Ripley, First	340	167	1
Rockwood, First	425	136	---
Rutledge, Oakland	151	54	---
Sevierville	494	116	7
Smyrna	141	25	1
Sweetwater, First	411	85	---
Tullahoma, Rutledge Falls	188	---	---
Watertown, Round Lick	206	88	---
Winchester, First	288	79	---

East STATE Briefs

by Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville

Jack Hancox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hancox, Maryville, graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, at its recent commencement with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Jack has enlisted as a Naval Chaplain and will begin his new work in June.

Harry E. Guinn, pastor of Persia Church, Holston Valley Association, writes with enthusiasm concerning the work of the church which has voted to give 10 per cent to the Cooperative Program. The W.M.U. offering for Home Missions in March amounted to \$75.30.

After four and a half years of splendid ministry at Rutledge, A. A. Carlton resigned to accept a call to First Avenue Church, Lenoir City, effective June 1. He succeeds Glenn A. Toomey who has gone to Homestead Church near Crossville.

Sunday evening, May 17, W. R. Rigell, pastor of Central Church, Johnson City, preached the Baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of Elizabethton High School. Clarence S. Little, missionary in Holston Association, was guest preacher during Brother Rigell's absence.

Max Bahner and Robert Mobley were granted license to preach by First Church, Jefferson City, May 20. Francis M. Warden is pastor.

May 24, Mount Olive, Knox County, observed its 116th anniversary with appropriate services in morning, afternoon and evening. During all these years this church has stood for the things of the Lord in a mighty way and has made many notable contributions to the progress of the Kingdom of God. Wyman E. Wood is pastor.

Douglas Harris of the Bible Department of Carson-Newman College was guest preacher at First Church, Etowah, May 10, while Pastor H. Cowen Ellis attended the Southern Baptist Convention.

George B. Dewey of Chicago, famed International War Correspondent spoke at First Church, Kingsport, May 24 on "Ladies and Gentlemen, Meet the King" and "America Wake Up! Our Hour of Decision Has Come."

Arnold Porter, son of Pastor John A. Porter of Wolf Creek Church near Dayton, was ordained to the work of the ministry by First Church, Dayton, May 19. A total of \$5,003.93 has been raised by the Dayton Church in a special drive for its Building Fund. Robert E. Lee is pastor.

Charles Wellborn, Baptist Hour Preacher, was the speaker at mid-week service of First Church, Morristown, May 27.

May 17, the Baccalaureate service for Clinton High School was held at First Church, with Pastor Paul Turner preaching the sermon. Fourteen young people from the church were members of the class.

Fred Dies, director of Narcotics Education for United Tennessee League, spoke at First Church, Lake City, May 17. W. M. Bodlien is pastor.

Leonard Sanderson, pastor of First Church, Maryville, assisted Homer Cate and Immanuel Church, Knoxville, in a revival. More than 75 people united with the church.

Charles Wellborn of Waco, Texas, was the preacher of the Baccalaureate Sermon at Carson-Newman College, May 28. The Commencement address was given by Melvin H. Baker, president of National Gypsum Company, Buffalo, New York. There were 199 members of the graduating class making it the largest in the history of the college.

Broadway Church, Maryville, has closed a Vacation Bible school with an enrollment of 257. In a special evangelistic service conducted by the pastor 23 young people made decisions for Christ. Already ten of these have been baptized into the fellowship of the church and others are to follow.

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Grove City Church formally launches program for new educational building with ground breaking. Left to right are shown: Barnette Napier of Broadway Church who assisted in working out floor plans, Pastor Willie Hubbard, and members of the building committee, Bill Hedrick, F. E. Williams, Robert Underwood and Bill Hickman.

A large group were on hand May 17 at 2:30 p.m. when the first shovelful of dirt was turned for the 38 by 98 foot structure of concrete blocks and brick veneer which will be two stories providing for a completely departmentalized Sunday school.

Pastor Hubbard attended Clear Creek Bible School in Kentucky and Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City. He was with Hines Valley Mission before coming to this church. There have been 74 additions during the past year.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

God Answers Prayers of Many for Spain

"This is an answer to the prayers of many," said one of four young people appointed for missionary service in Spain at the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The 2,000 Baptists of Spain had been praying for a long time for three Southern Baptist missionary couples to encourage and direct them in their work under difficult circumstances. The two couples named at the May meeting are Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., of Colorado, now of Osyko, Miss., where he is pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. and Mrs. Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., he of Richmond and she of Rogersville, Tenn.

In addition to these young people, Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, of Mississippi, who have served one term in Argentina, will go to Spain in June. Mrs. Whitten said as they made their decision to transfer, "He who prays for a worker to be sent must be willing to be that worker. We have been deeply concerned that at the present time Southern Baptists have no missionaries on that great needy field."

Baptist work in Spain began after the Revolution of 1868 had established freedom of worship. Among the missionaries who went to the country at that time was William Knapp, of the American Baptist Missionary Union. The Baptist church on Spanish soil was established under his direction in Madrid in 1870.

Missionary Knapp soon had to withdraw because of lack of funds and the unsettled political situation. The work was neglected for a number of years and Baptists became practically unknown in Madrid.

A second Baptist pioneer in Spain was Erik Lund, who left Sweden in 1877 for evangelistic work in the country. Today there are old people in Spain who have a slight acquaintance with the gospel because they heard the preaching of Dr. Lund. He left for the Philippine Islands in 1900.

Thus, it is seen that Northern Baptists and Swedish Baptists took the initiative in attempting to evangelize Spain. Then in the London meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance in 1920, when a division of responsibility for Europe was made among the various mission bodies, Spain was assigned to Southern Baptists.

A period of expansion was entered upon, new churches were established, publication work was expanded, and Rev. and Mrs. V. L. David, Southern Baptist missionaries, reorganized and directed a seminary. At least four of the present-day Spanish churches were organized during these "boom years" under the sponsorship of Southern Baptists.

By 1929, funds of Southern Baptists had

become limited and the work had to be curtailed. The war and unfavorable political situations in the years following have made progress difficult.

With the transfer of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Hughey, Jr., to the European Baptist Theological Seminary in Switzerland and the return to the States of another missionary couple, Southern Baptists have been without representation in Spain, except for the occasional visits of Dr. Hughey, for more than a year.

A few days before the death of Senor Fernandez, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Madrid, and outstanding Baptist leader, in November, 1951, he asked, "Will a missionary couple come to live and work in Madrid?" When a hope was expressed that such might be the case, he said: "That is good; it is very important."

Dr. George W. Sadler, the Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, was in Spain in February of this year; and while there he was in conference with the officers of the Spanish Baptist Convention. Of that meeting he said:

"I found the six pastors and one layman in our meeting characterized by an excellent spirit. It seems to me they have functioned most effectively during the period in which they have had no missionary leadership. Despite constant pressure from the hierarchy, genuine progress has been made. The percentage of growth since 1933 has been 74. Most of this has taken place since 1945. The current annual percentage of increase is 15 per cent."

Other May Appointees

Dr. and Mrs. George M. Faile, Jr., of South Carolina, were appointed for Nigeria. Dr. Faile is now serving as a fellow in surgery in Evansville, Ind., and also as physician and surgeon to charity patients in Welborn Memorial Baptist Hospital which is owned by the First Baptist Church of Evansville.

Miss Violet Popp, a nurse of Frostburg, Md., was named for work in Jordan.

Encouragement in Mexico

The report of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, to the May meeting of the Foreign Mission Board dealt chiefly with Mexico. Steady progress has been made during the past 10 years; and Southern Baptists now have a total of 28 missionaries serving in Chihuahua, Guadalajara, and Torreon.

The Mexican Baptist Convention reported more than 4,000 members and 450 baptisms last year. In addition to the missionary staff, there are 28 ordained pastors and 29 unordained lay preachers. "The great neighbor nation of Mexico, with its 20,000,000 souls, needs our help," Dr. Gill said.

New Minister of Music and Education at Nashville's Inglewood Church

Edward Nelson was installed at Inglewood Church, Nashville, as new minister of music and education and general assistant to Pastor J. Harold Stephens at the home-coming service, Sunday, June 7.


Native of Texas, and educated in Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary there, Mr. Nelson was with First Church, Mineola, Texas, where he developed seven graded choirs with 175 people enlisted in the musical program before coming to the Nashville post. His wife, Mrs. Gladys Nelson is also a graduate of Baylor and specializes in Intermediate work.

Jack R. Kennedy to Tour Europe, Near East

Pastor Jack R. Kennedy of Rome Church, New Salem Association, sailed from New York City June 5 for a three months' tour of Europe and the Near East. His itinerary will include England, France, the Low Countries, Germany, Switzerland, Greece, Palestine and Italy. While on this tour Brother Kennedy will make colored slides to show of his trip upon his return.

Robert Zumbro of Manchester, a fellow student at Southern Seminary, will be supply pastor at Rome Church while Brother Kennedy is away.

Stevens Street Church, Cookeville had 22 professions of faith, 3 by letter and 15 rededications in two weeks of revival services recently led by Jay Brown of Chattanooga as evangelist. L. E. Markham is pastor.



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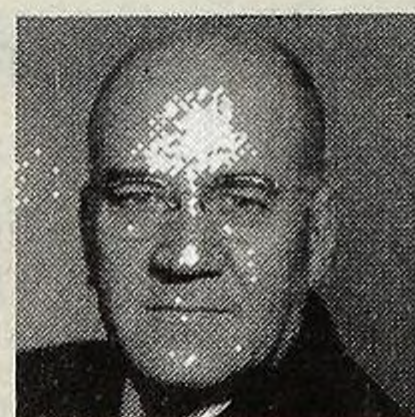
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Baptist World Youth Theme in Rio Meeting

"The Living Christ Must Reign"

Some 300 young people from the Southern Baptist Convention area will be in Rio de Janeiro next month for the fourth Baptist World Youth Conference in that South American city, July 15-17 according to youth leaders.

Among those on the program will be Mr. Robert S. Denny, Nashville, Chairman of the B.W.A. Youth Committee; Mr. Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary B.W.A.; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Past President B.W.A.; Billy Graham, Evangelist; Dr. Duke McCall, Seminary President; Howard Butt, Lay Evangelist, and Dr. Culbert Rutenber, Philosophy Professor.

Highlighting these meetings in addition to outstanding speakers in the large public sessions will be the opportunities for fellowship with Baptist young people from around the world.

Three parties going to Rio by special air flights conducted by Tennesseans and made up of groups from the Southern Baptist territory are scheduled as follows: A group leaving from New Orleans June 27 (tour 1-A) will be conducted by Dr. William Hall Preston of Nashville and Miss Miriam Preston of Houston, Texas. Leaving from Miami June 29 (tour 1-C) will be groups conducted by Dr. Roger Smith and Mr. Robert Denny, both of Nashville. Leaving July 10 out of Miami (tour 2-A) another group will be conducted by Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan and Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Howard of Dallas, Texas.

Reuben I. Franks, Santiago, Chile, reminds those touring South America this summer that it will not be summer at all but winter in some parts of the continent. Travelers should bring plenty of warm

clothing and should be prepared for fall-like weather in Rio. Of course, they will have to be prepared for summer-like heat in north Brazil and Panama.

Franks warns all travelers to take special precautions concerning passports and to hold on to them "since the United States passport is a prized possession for any one to have. There are specialists who can forge stolen ones and re-sell them for a fortune."

The theme for this gathering of Baptist young people of college age will be "The Living Christ Must Reign." Total attendance is expected to reach 10,000 from 30 countries including Europe and Asia. Most of those present, however, will be from Brazil whose Baptist people led by Dr. Edgar Hallock have been issuing invitations for such a meeting for ten years.



NEW BOOKS

"If a book come from the heart, it will contrive to reach other hearts; all art and authorcraft are of small amount to that."
—Carlyle

Expository Preaching for Today, Andrew W. Blackwood; Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville, \$3.00; 224 pp. One of the most outstanding teachers shares his great experience with those who would preach effectively.

Rural Church Administration, Rockwell C. Smith; Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville, \$2.00; 176 pp. This is a workbook setting forth some practical ways for the country pastor to serve his people. It is written from the background and experience of the professor of rural church administration and sociology at Garrett Biblical Institute.

The Mature Heart, Helen B. Emmons; Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville; \$3.50; 160 pp. This is a very beautiful book both as to content and format. Each page carries a meditation based on a Scripture verse followed by clear, practical comment and a concluding prayer. Arranged in five sections the 150 devotions are grouped under these subjects: Cultivating Spiritual Values, Living Victoriously, Self-Giving, Trusting the Unseen, and Special Days.

Wings of the Dawn, Guy Howard; Zondervan Publications, Grand Rapids 2, Mich., \$3.00; 288 pp. The author is well known as "the Walking Preacher of the Ozarks" and prize-winning writer of Christian fiction. This story is about an ex-G.I. who recovers the meaning of life after coming home to some heart-breaking experiences.

Some Dogs I Have Known, by five Shulers; Sword of the Lord Publications, Wheaton, Illinois; \$2.00; 142 pp. The renowned Dr. B. P. "Bob" Shuler, for thirty-three years pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Los Angeles, together with his father and three sons, all preachers, have compiled these ten sermons setting forth gospel truths.

The Gospel on Skid Row, Frank Jennings; Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, New Jersey, \$2.00; 159 pp. This is a thrilling story of "down-and-outs" reclaimed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ by a man who sank out of sight among the human drifters to reach them for Christ.

The Cokesbury Dinner and Banquet Book Clyde M. Maguire; Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville; \$1.95; 153 pp. Mrs. Maguire is the wife of the Executive-Secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention. She has compiled in this attractive book more than a score of tested plans for good fun, good food, and good fellowship.

A Handbook of Christian Truth, Harold Lindsell and Charles J. Woodbridge; \$3.50; 351 pp; Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, New Jersey. Both doctrine and conduct, according to the teachings of the Bible, are set forth in the 52 chapters of this comprehensive book by two faculty members of Fuller Theological Seminary of Pasadena, California. Chapters dealing with the Ordinances and the Church are more of a survey of various views than a strict presentation of Biblical teaching.

The Bearing of Recent Discovery on the Trustworthiness of the New Testament, Sir William Ramsey; \$4.00; 427 pp; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. Reprint of the James Sprunt Lectures for 1911 in Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, whose thesis is that modern discoveries consistently tend to establish the trustworthiness of the New Testament.

Those who have not been able to secure the valuable works of Ramsey which have been out of print many years will be glad to know of this reprint. Sir William Ramsey was a renowned Scottish archeologist and researcher in ancient Bible lands.