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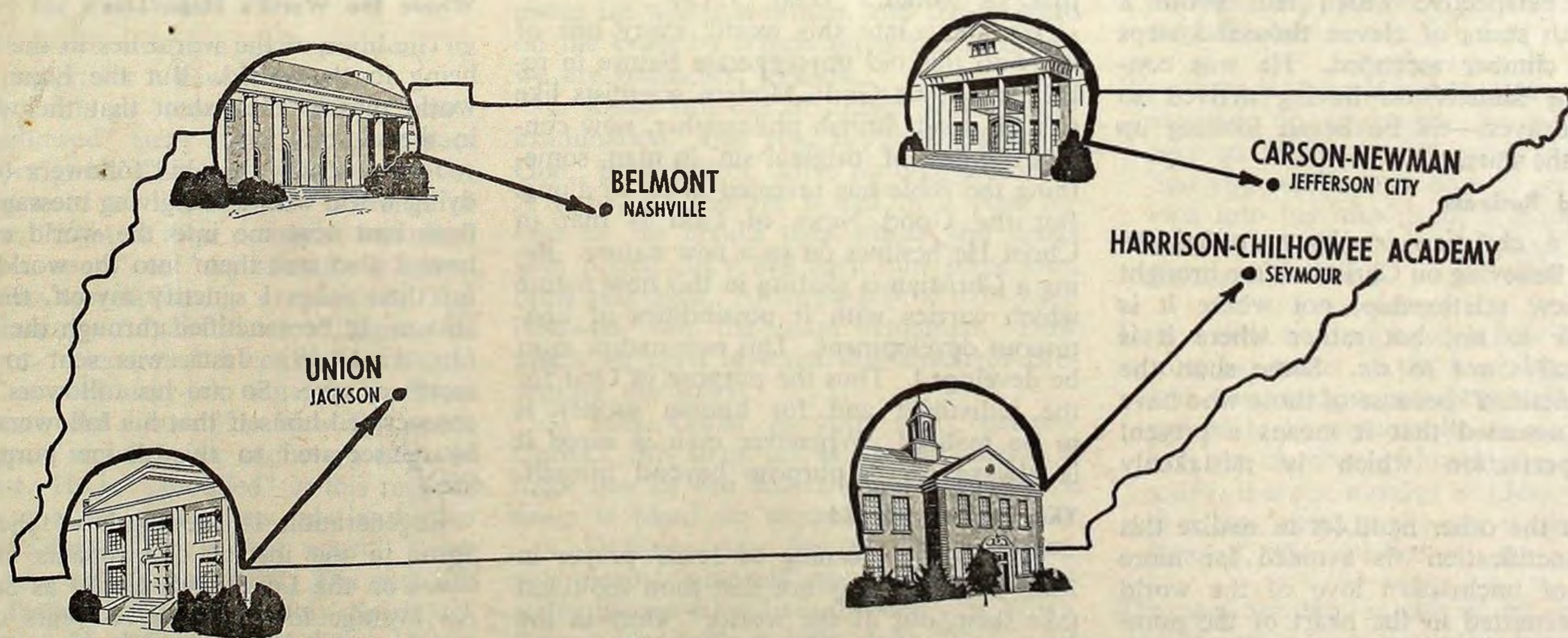
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The Believer's

Sanctification

The purpose of Jesus Christ is the believer's ceaseless approach to being like Him. Thus he prayed that his followers should be sanctified by the Heavenly Father. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17) The Apostle Paul, sensing the mind of Christ, wrote (I Thess. 4:3) "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication." The inspired author of Hebrews (12:14) has the same thought as he urges, "Follow after peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Thus we hear Jesus stating the divine purpose is our sanctification. And we hear him praying for its accomplishment. What then does "sanctification" mean? Some shy away from this word because of those misapplying it and mistakenly assuming their own sinlessness.

There is a little parable illustrating the need of perspective which tells about a tower with stairs of eleven thousand steps which a climber ascended. He was congratulating himself on having arrived so near to heaven—till he began looking up and saw the stars.

Unfinished Business

Being a christian is always unfinished business. Believing on Christ, we are brought into a new relationship, not where it is impossible to sin, but rather where it is now possible not to sin. Some shun the word "sanctified" because of those who have wrongly assumed that it means a present sinless perfection which is mistakenly claimed.

But on the other hand let us realize this term "sanctification" is avoided far more because of unchristian love of the world that is permitted in the heart of the nominal christian who does not wish to be reminded of the spiritual and ethical demands Christ makes upon those who would come after him. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt. 16:24) The Holy One says, "I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me." (Lev. 10:3) Judgment came upon Nadab and Abihu who dared to offer "strange fire" upon God's altar. (Lev. 10:1)

Holy things cannot be treated contemptuously. God cannot be mocked. God is holy. His purpose in us is holiness. Jesus

taught us our prayer is to be, "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." One has observed that too many pray, "Thy kingdom come. . .but not now!" Its coming must mean an end to unholy desires, aims, purposes, conduct, and living. Its coming means "hallowing" God's name, recognizing, and honoring God's character for what it truly is—holy, righteous, just, and true.

The Conflict

Heaven so acknowledges the truth about God and submits to it. Earth must too. But the flesh is not ready for that; for that means the end of living according to the flesh, the old Adamic nature rebels against the will of God. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." (Gal. 5:17)

We come into this world, every one of us, with this old unregenerate nature in rebellion against God. Modern scientists like C.E.M. Joad, British philosopher, now confess the fact of 'original sin' in man, something the Bible has revealed in us all along. But the Good News of God is that in Christ He bestows on us a new nature. Being a Christian is sharing in this new nature which carries with it possibilities of continuous development. This new nature must be developed. Thus the purpose of God for the individual and for human society is to be realized. Whenever man is saved it is always for a purpose beyond himself.

The Purpose Beyond

That is the meaning of Jesus' prayer in John 17:15 "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world." Only in the world, in contact with the lost, can a witness be given. But Jesus prays God further, "that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Only as Christians are different from the world can the world find a message to meet its need. The effectiveness of Christ's followers in their divine mission depends on bringing to sinful men the touch of a life redeemed from sin.

In one of our cities there was a building containing a very appealing figure repre-

sented Christ. Thousands had passed those walls unaware of what was within. One day an explosion shattered the wall laying bare the treasured figure within. For the first time many were confronted with the Christ figure. Christ cannot be shut off from the world by brick and stone. Yet we who know him may be withholding from the needy world a daily reminder of Him. A wise theologian points out the unhappy fact that wherever you find the church you will also find a little of the world. The blight of secularization is here and there. But what is part of the disease cannot provide the cure.

Where the World's Hope Lies

The hope of the world lies in the church being in the world. But the hope of the world dies to the extent that the world is in the church.

Jesus ordains that his followers touch a dying world with a life-giving message. "As thou hast sent me into the world even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." (Jn. 17:18-19) Jesus was sent to serve, sacrifice, save. So are his followers. Jesus consecrated himself that his followers might be consecrated to this divine purpose in life.

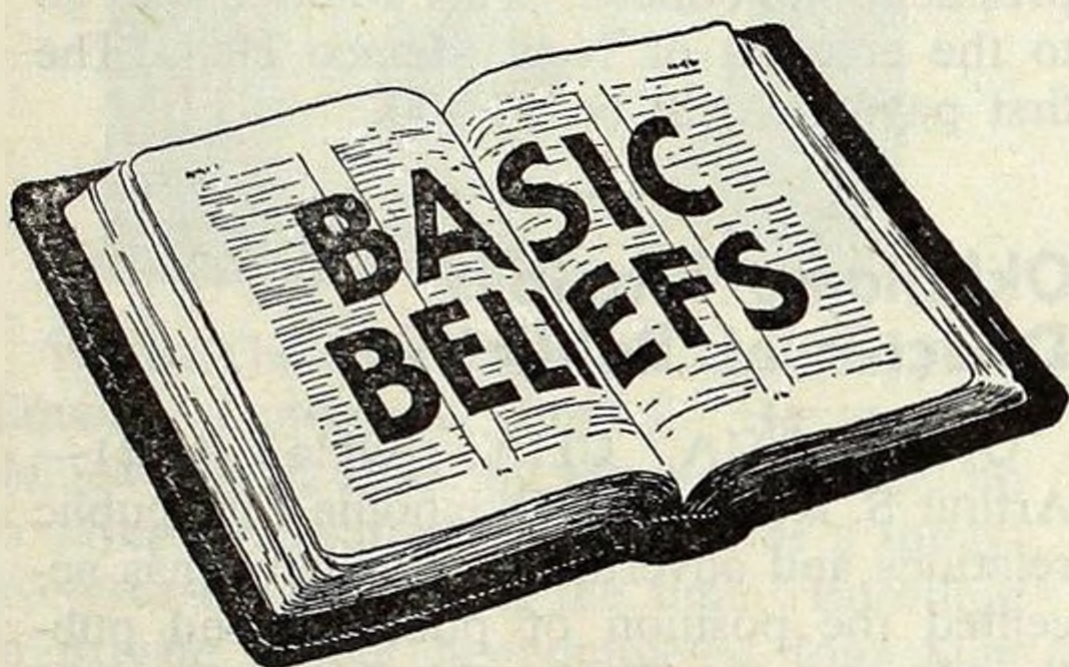
Regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit in the instant one repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. An average life may be 70 years of 840 months, 3640 weeks, 24,568 days, 613,632 hours, 36,817,920 minutes, 2,209,075,200 seconds. In one of those seconds, by a spiritual miracle, there can come from God a flash of new insight into life-giving possibilities that implants a new nature, making possible the beginning of a new life. We do not have to create the new life, we have but to believe God and receive it from God. (Jn. 1:12) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on his name." One is born again, shares the new nature, in an instant. And

as long as there is life, the door of hope is yet open to believe on Christ and receive such a new nature.

But that new nature, given you "once for all" in regeneration in a moment of time, is to be nurtured carefully, continuously, so long as you are in the world.

Sanctification Is a Process by Which Believers In Christ are Made Partakers of His Holiness According to the Will of God.

This is the work of sanctification, a spiritual process that begins with regeneration and is to go on throughout the remainder of life. Any disciple who presumes he needs no further sanctification has stopped following Christ. He has lost sight of Christ through self-righteousness and pride. Paul was always aware of the big gap remaining between what he was and what he ought to



be. (Phil. 3:12-14) Jesus commands us to ever hold before ourselves the Divine ideal, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Mt. 5:48) The ceiling of moral attainment is unlimited.

Sanctification Is the Effecting of God's Will In the Heart of the Believer Through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Sanctification means a new position, by a new power, for a new purpose.

Such words as "sanctify" "holy" "saint" and "hallowed" stem from the same root in the original, "hagios." Derivatives of this root-word are like so many branches of one tree. What is their common meaning? It is "set apart" or "separated." It therefore refers to relationship or position. The first meaning of "sanctification" is one of "set apart," "separate," it connotes position. "Saint" is used sixty-two times in the New Testament, and a "saint" in New Testament language is any believer and every believer in Christ. He is "sanctified" in this respect, namely, that he is in a new relationship to God in Christ. He is "set apart," "separate." He belongs to Christ. His new life comes from Christ. The Holy Spirit accomplishes this, bringing the believer into a new position making him a person "set apart" a "saint," one who is in a holy relationship.

The new power for sanctification is the sanctifying or Holy Spirit, (Rom. 15:16 and 1 Cor. 6:11) the Spirit of Christ becoming the Spirit within the believer enabling him to do what is in keeping with the new nature. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." (Phil. 4:13; see also Heb. 2:11 and 13:12)

The new purpose or goal is Christlikeness. "Having therefore these promises, dearly be-

loved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (II Cor. 7:1) So it is an ideal. And ideals are like the stars; we steer our course by them, but they are beyond and above us, urging us ever on.

Sanctification Is Only Accomplished as You Cooperate with the Spirit of God in You.

"... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his own good pleasure." (Phil. 2:12-13)

Responsibility rests on you, but you are not alone! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are seeking the glorious objective through your life. God almighty is concerned; what concern is it to you? What are you doing to fulfill His purpose in you? What are you doing to answer the prayer of Jesus concerning you—"Father that they may be sanctified. . . Sanctify them." What are you doing with the power of a new life which the Holy Spirit has placed in you?

Jesus recognized God's Word as the means of effecting the Divine objective, so he prayed: "Sanctify them in the truth, thy word is truth." See the preeminence of the Bible in the coming of the kingdom! Seek the truth, welcome the truth, love the truth. God doesn't build on falsehood; we can't. God will not lie, nor allow anyone to find refuge in a lie. God honors the truth, because the truth honors God. Honor the truth.

These Are Some Suggestions:

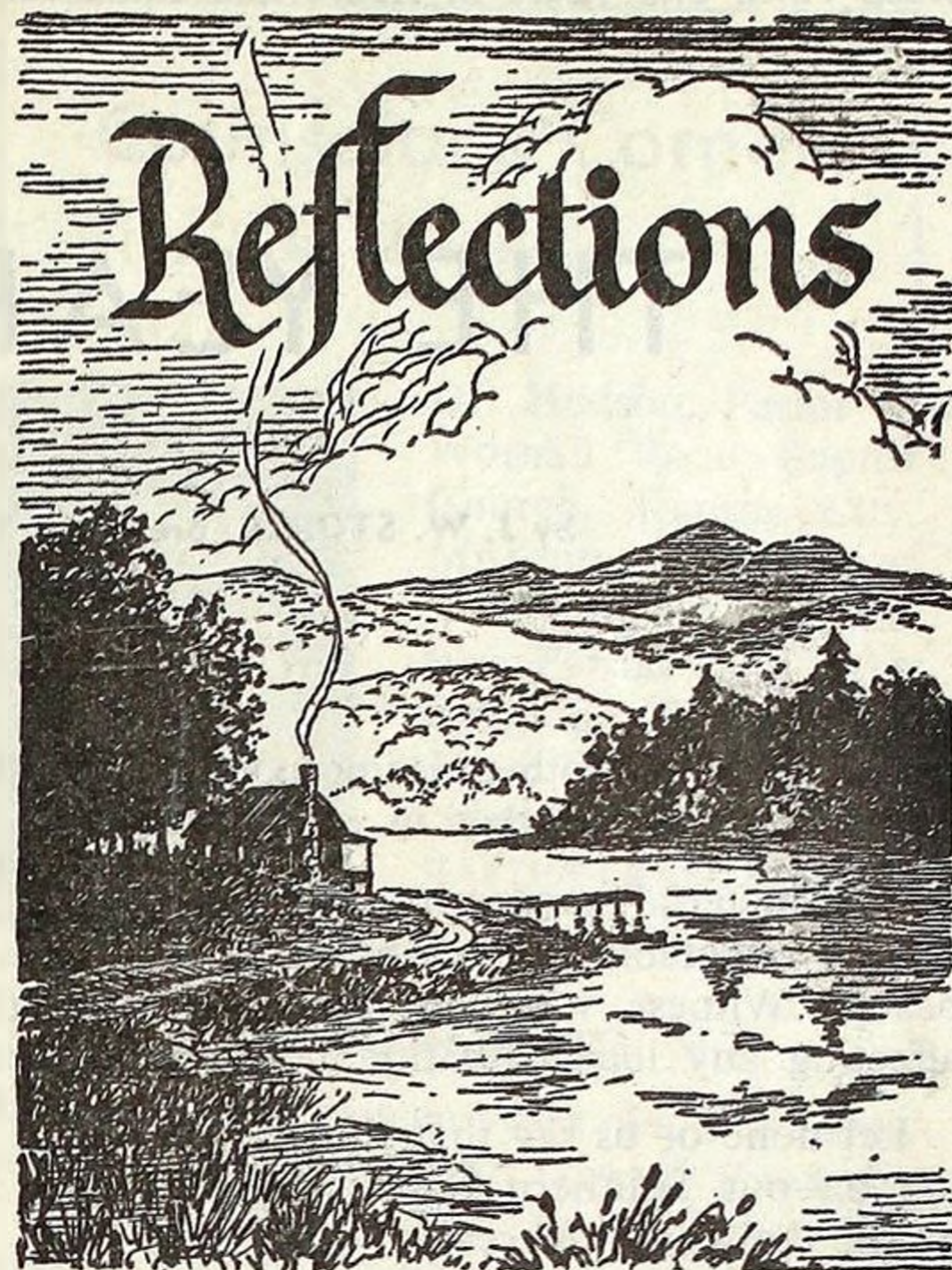
1. Make full use of the Truth, the word of God. "Ye shall know the truth," Jesus tells us. Truth about God, about man, about sin which separates, and the sacrifice on the cross by which sin is removed and we are reconciled to God.

2. Make full use of prayer and of self-examination. Test your life by the light of God. Be watchful. Give no quarter to sin. A father who drove a nail in a post for each of his child's ugly words and deeds later pulled out a nail each time some kind thing was done. At length all the nails were removed, but the scars remained. How much we need to learn this lesson of preventing the scars!

3. Take Christ as your daily pattern. Christ's life lives in us as self dies. Is there any of the cross in you? When we cease to bleed we cease to bless.

4. Dedicate your life to Christ. When you devote yourself to his cause, God richly blesses other lives through you. When Russell Conwell's orderly, John Ring, paid with his life to retrieve Conwell's sword from the enemy, he vowed over John's body to live two lives. That's what we must do for Jesus' sake! Being a Christian means Identification, Renunciation, and Dedication.

5. Give yourself to His love. "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge that if one died for all then were all dead; and that he died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again." (II Cor. 5:14-15)



The soul would have no rainbow had the eyes no tear.

A danger in this modern world of luxury and ease is that people may be better off without being better.—*Highways of Happiness*

For some, religion is like a bus: they ride it only when it is going in their direction.—*T. Bruce McDivitt, Christian Advocate*

The spark from heaven falls. Who picks it up? The crowd? Never. The individual? Always.—*A. Whitney Griswold, Christian Leader*

We doubt if there is much to be gained by engaging in argument, for you cannot take an idea out of a man's mind. The best you can hope to do is to put another idea into his mind and, eventually, you both may come to agreement.—*P. K. Sideliner*

I am a little tired of hearing how hard men work, in terms of the hours they put in and the number of places they have rushed to by automobile or airplane. It isn't the number of hours you put in in a day, it is the number of ideas you have in a day, that counts now.—*Clarence B. Randall, Wright Line*

The poet Southey, in one of his letters, recalls a story from Spain that has a needed suggestion for people anywhere, and at any time. He writes of a Spaniard who "always put on his spectacles when he was about to eat strawberries, so they might look bigger and more tempting." It is so easy to fall into the miserable habit of exaggerating our troubles that it is a boon to cultivate the habit of magnifying our blessings. There is a sure pair of spectacles which will make our "strawberries" look larger—the habit of giving thanks.—*Halford E. and Robert E. Luccock, Pulpit Digest*

THE YEAR AHEAD

by J. W. STORER, president Southern Baptist Convention

He would be both presumptuous and foolish who would predict what lies ahead of us, unless it would be that in affairs mundane, uncertainty is the word.

Our material prosperity about which we boast is geared to war and not to peace. It is a debatable point whether, put to the economic test, this country actually wants peace. Witness what happens when the threat of curtailment of any war expenditure affecting any local situation bobs up its head.

Let none of us say that this has no bearing on our Southern Baptist mission program; the vastly increased dollars pouring into our treasury, would they, *could* they, continue to pour in if peace were to come overnight? I do not pretend to have the answer, but I feel sure we would do well to be as realistically prepared as we can for what could be a very, very serious threat to expanded budgets.



I am afraid there are cases where we delude ourselves into thinking we have no debts because present income will amortize our indebtedness. It is to be devoutly hoped that present incomes will continue, even increase, though with hesitancy I raise the gruesome thought of the present basis of our prosperity. I am concerned most for our mission causes—knowing too well from past experiences, that the mission causes are the first to suffer.

It would be illuminating, if not happily interesting, to know how much is the indebtedness, present and projected, which rests on the churches making up our constituency. I am sure it would be amazing and arresting in its total. Not to mention our varied projects, educational and eleemosynary, for which our several state conventions are responsible.

In all our advance programs, it is the part of wisdom to keep faith and facts in heart and mind. Nor would this in any sense prevent us from attempting great things for God and expecting great things from him.

We must lengthen the cords. But it would be well to know the cords are strong, and that put to the test they would not part, strand by strand.

As one who has tried to do his full share in paying off the crippling debts of the early thirties, and at the same time to help his brethren move out into a far-flung mission obedience to the Great Commission,

I know it is well that we think on these things. Such thinking is not easy, nor perhaps is it at all popular. But it is wise to do it before trouble develops, rather than afterwards.

One of our great defects is that we are too given to post-mortem thinking; we are too much given to stationing an ambulance down in the valley, rather than erecting a fence at the edge of the cliff.

This is but one phase of Southern Baptist Convention life—and what I here set forth must not, I again insist, be construed as sounding forth any call for retreat. That is contrary to every throb of my heart; who, having seen even a small portion of the world of lost men, and having looked upon the wretchedness of our "so-called civilization's failure, can but cry out, "More, O Lord God, more of everything for Thee!"

Yes, I trust God, and my hope is in him. That very trust impells me to keep my powder dry; which is not evidence of distrust of him, for he made the powder, and he trusts me not to waste it, but to have it ready for use when occasion shall arise.

If the brethren will allow me, not because I think there is anything omniscient in what I have to say, but because I have it on my heart, and to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance, I should like to use the media of our denominational papers to share from time to time my thinking on other phases of our Convention life.

Brotherhood Secretary to Speak in Switzerland

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—George W. Schroeder, executive secretary, Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver a series of lectures at the European Baptist Layman's Conference in Zurich, Switzerland, July 2-8, 1953.

Before returning to the United States, Mr. Schroeder will speak in Frankfurt and Berlin, Germany.

Evangelistic Crusade Dates Set for 1955

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—The official 1955 dates for the Evangelistic Crusade, sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, are as follows: March 6-20, tropical zone; March 27-April 10, middle section; April 10-24, northern section; and April 17-May 1, Alaska.

Santa Fe Citizens Give Aid to Glorieta

SANTA FE, N. Mex.—(BP)—Santa Fe citizens will give a total of \$15,000 to \$20,000 to Glorieta Baptist Assembly, John Parker, Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce president, announced. This amount is to go to the erection of New Mexico Hall. The first payment will be \$3,500.

Oklahoma Employs Director of Publicity

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(BP)—Arthur S. Davenport, Oklahoma City public relations and advertising consultant, has accepted the position of publicity and public relations director for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma effective June 1, it was announced by Dr. T. B. Lackey, executive secretary.

In making the announcement, Dr. Lackey said, "Davenport is ideally qualified and experienced in the four fields in which he will function—publicity, public relations, radio-television and audio-visual aids."

In addition to serving the various departments and agencies of the convention, he will be available to assist individual churches in any of these fields of endeavor and to accept engagements as a lay speaker, Dr. Lackey explained.

Illinois Baptists Organize 80 New Churches in 8 Years

Carbondale, Ill. — (BP) — Since 1945 Southern Baptists in Illinois have organized eighty new churches according to a statement by Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary, Illinois Baptist State Association.

This is an average of one new church per month for the past seven years.

The new churches began with a total charter membership of 1900 and today have more than 5,000 members with 7,000 in Sunday school. More than 2,000 persons have been baptized since the churches were organized.

"Send the names and addresses of Southern Baptists living in the cities of Waukegan, Ill.; Melrose Park, Ill.; Maywood, Ill.; River Forest, Ill.; Cicero, Ill.; Madison, Wis.; and Beloit, Wis. to the Pioneer Missionary, Harold E. Cameron, 273 S. Alfred Street, Elgin, Illinois. Phone: Elgin 6-9428."

Oakley to Tiptonville



W. B. Oakley begins his work at First Church, Tiptonville, July 1. He was ordained July 9, 1945, by Mt. Vernon Church in Dyer Association where he was a thirty-five-year-old deacon at the time. Enrolling in private school he completed four high school credits that summer, graduated from Union University five years later and from New Orleans Seminary in 1953. While in Union Bro. Oakley was pastor of Southside Church, Dyersburg and during his seminary work he was pastor of First Church, Paradise, Louisiana.

Mrs. Oakley, also a native of Tennessee, is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. They have two children, The Rev. Billy Oakley and Sue.

"It brings joy to our hearts to return to Tennessee and to work for and with the people of Tiptonville and for and with Tennessee Baptists," the Oakleys write on beginning their new work.

Christian College to Open In Honolulu This Fall

HONOLULU, Ha.—(BP)—Next fall, Honolulu Christian College, sponsored by the evangelical churches of the city of Honolulu and by the World Evangelical Fellowship, will open its doors to students.

Dr. A. E. Prince, former president of Hannibal-La Grange College in Missouri, will serve as president.

The college has included in its charter a declaration of faith which every member of the Board of Trustees, and every employee of the college is required to sign. This declaration states that the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God and the supreme authority in matters of faith and practice. It sets forth the virgin birth of Christ, his death, resurrection, and ascension. It states that salvation is only by grace through faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

Included in the thirty-six member board of trustees are four local Baptists.

Assembly Programs Announced By Christian Life Commission

The Christian Life Commission, formerly the Social Service Commission, will hold its annual session at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly beginning Wednesday night, August 19, and closing at noon Friday, August 21.

At Ridgecrest

Dr. T. B. Maston, of Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, will conduct conferences Thursday and Friday mornings on the general subject "The Christian in the Modern World." A special feature of the Ridgecrest meeting this year will be joint conferences with the executive heads of the children's homes over the south. Dr. W. C. Reed of North Carolina is president of the executive group. Dr. I. G. Greer of North Carolina will conduct conferences on "The Child in our Midst," and on Thursday night will deliver the address to the general assembly on "Unshackled Youth."

All members of the Commission are urged to attend. They are asked to write for their reservations at the Assembly.

At Glorietta in New Mexico

At the Glorietta Assembly in New Mexico the Commission will begin its sessions with the general assembly on Monday night, July 13, and will close them on Friday noon, July 17. A. C. Miller will conduct four morning conferences on "The Christian in Today's World" and bring the sermon for the general assembly on Tuesday night. Hugh A. Brimm, the former secretary, will conduct four conferences on "The Alcohol Problem."

These conferences are open to all who may wish to attend them.

McCollough to Edit Young People's Quarterly

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Thomas E. McCollough, of New Mexico and Louisville Seminary, is editor of Young People's Sunday school lesson materials in the Department of Sunday School Curriculum, Baptist Sunday School Board. He assumed his duties June 1.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., McCollough served in the navy V-12 program during World War II. In 1947 he graduated from the University of Texas. In 1950 he received his B.D. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and since that time has been working toward his Th.D. degree.

McCollough served as Baptist student secretary at New Mexico A. & M. College and associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, Las Cruces, in 1947. He has served in pastorates in Hatton and Murray, Ky.

Counselor's Corner

Dr. Lofton Hudson



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind." He writes this column each week for BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

Unpardonable Sin

Letter: I am seventeen years old. Last summer in a religious camp I heard about the "unpardonable sin" for the first time. The young preacher said that it was resisting God when he tells you to do something. Ever since I have worried about it. I was converted at ten years of age, and I know that I trusted Christ, but since then I have often failed God.

Answer: What you need to do is talk to some preacher who knows the Bible and does not use it to scare people. Before this idea of your committing the unpardonable sin gets fixed in your mind, seek out some good, sound, sensible pastor and tell him exactly how you feel. He will be able to show that the "unpardonable sin" is not just resisting the will of God, but speaking insultingly of the Spirit with intent to turn others away from God. People who worry about having committed the unpardonable sin are almost certainly not guilty of it. They wouldn't worry about it if they were hardened enough to commit it. Besides, no Christian will commit the unpardonable sin, because he is kept by the power of God (John 10:27-30; 1 Peter 1:3-5).

If you cannot get rid of your guilty feeling by prayer, consecration, and counsel from a man of God, your problem is more serious. See a good psychiatrist or a psychologist. The time to deal with such guilt complexes is in the early stages.

Lottie Moon Offering Totals \$3,280,372

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for 1952 reached a final total of \$3,280,372, Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, reported. This is an increase of \$612,321 over 1951.

Texas reported \$1,249,769, which was the largest state offering. North Carolina was next with a total of \$263,241, and Virginia was third with \$201,732.

The books close each year on May 1.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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TEXTS: Philippians (Larger)—Phil. 1:12-27 (Printed)—Phil. 4:7 (Golden).

Paul's Joy in Christ

Dr. Ralph A. Herring characterizes this letter as a whole in these words: "Philippians glows with the radiance of the Christ-life, touching and transfiguring the troubled ways of man." He also thinks of the part chosen for particular consideration for this lesson: "His (Paul's) joy in this section of the letter is the elation of one to whom all things work together for good because his destiny is inseparably linked with the gospel." These two formulations help us in our approach, as we try to understand something of Paul's joy in Christ.

Independent of Circumstances (vv. 12-14)

It will be remembered that Paul was a prisoner in Rome when he wrote these words. Think of it! Who among us would have possessed the attitude shown here? For Paul, the main thing in his life was that the Gospel should be proclaimed and that the range of its influence should be extended. His bonds, while a prisoner, were incidental and of no great consequence, so far as he was concerned. But, so far as others were concerned, they were beneficial. His example of courage and devotion was a help and an inspiration to his brethren. Jesus had said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33b). Paul's conduct here, as well as elsewhere, was a demonstration of such teaching.

Tolerant of Differences (vv. 15-18)

The differences had to do with methods rather than principles, and so Paul was tolerant. After all is said and done, there is nothing sacred about methods so long as such methods do not conflict or violate principles. Some were preaching with "envy and strife." Some were preaching with "good will." But since both groups were preaching Christ, Paul rejoiced. If those about us do the Lord's work different from our way, they might even do it better.

Growth of Soul (vv. 19, 20)

Paul's consuming desire was that Christ might be magnified in his body. In order for this to take place, his body must increasingly become the instrument of Christ. And in this process, his body would be slowly and steadily dying while (at the same time) his soul would be growing. This is the purpose of the body for the Christian. Through it, and by means of it, Christ is to be magnified. If we stay close to the figure of speech involved in these verses, magnifying, we would be reminded that our lives are to be free from impurities and that we are to be in proper focus to Christ (on the one hand) and to our fellow-men (on the other hand).

Yieldedness of Life (vv. 21, 22)

"For to me to live is Christ." There it is! There is the supreme secret of Paul's joy. On the Damascus Road, many years before he wrote these words, Paul had yielded his life completely and unreservedly into the hands of Jesus Christ. And he had continuously done so every day since. Christ was every thing to him (Phil. 3:7-14). To be sure, his body might for a while be hidden in a Roman jail but his life was already hidden in Christ and in the will of Christ. One suspects that most of the unhappiness that exists in the lives of the regenerated today finds its ultimate explanation in partial consecration or dedication to Christ's will and plan. On the other hand, abundant evidence exists that the happiest Christians are those who are fully yielded to His direction. And why not?

Used of Helping (vv. 23-26)

The Apostle is faced with a problem. He wants to depart this life and be in the

immediate presence of Christ. He thinks that this would be far better, so far as his own welfare went. But he also remembers the beloved fellowship of the church at Philippi and considers how his presence might be of help there, in the future as it had been in the past. He puts aside his desire to depart and be with Christ in order that he may (if Christ so wills it) be used to help the saints and the bishops and the deacons (Phil. 1:1). If the Philippians needed him further, he would patiently forego the other glorious prospect of being with his Lord (much as he longed to do so).

Righteousness of Conduct (v. 27)

Goodspeed translates the first part of this verse: "Whatever happens, show yourselves citizens worthy of the good news of the Christ." Moffatt translates the first part of Phil. 3:20: "But we are a colony of heaven." In both verses, the word "conversation" appears in the K. J. Version. The city of Philippi enjoyed the same rights and privileges as did the city of Rome itself, and the suggestion made to the Christians in Philippi by Paul in Rome (who was a full Roman citizen) was appropriate. He exhorts them to live worthy lives. Their conduct was to be righteous, always. They wore a name higher even than the name Philippian or Roman. They were Christians. They were to be united. They were to be zealous. They were to be steadfast. If this were true, Paul would continue to be glad.



The Young South

If you want a pen pal, here are some opportunities to get one. Every letter in today's column brings an invitation to pen pals. Which invitation will you accept?

Dear Aunt Polly:

I have never written to you before. I would like to have some pen pals. I am a freshman at Unicoi County High School. I am a member of the Ninth Street Baptist Church and Intermediate G.A. I promise to answer every letter I get.

MYRTLE GILLIS

1003 North Main
Erwin, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

My sister has written you before, but I haven't. I wish to have many pen pals. I will answer every letter I receive. I have brown hair and green eyes. I will be in the seventh grade next school term.

BETTY ANN WILSON

Route 3
Springfield, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am ten years old and in the fifth grade at school. I am wanting a pen pal around my age. My birthday is August 13. I go to the Oak Grove Baptist Church and am the secretary of my Junior Union. I will try to answer every letter I receive.

SANDRA DOTSON

914 West Sullivan St.
Kingsport, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl seven years old with brown eyes and light hair. I am a Christian and a member of the Round Lick Baptist Church in Watertown, Tennessee. My daddy, Norman O. Baker, is pastor of the church. I am secretary of the Sunbeam Band.

I would like to have some pen pals.

DONNA JEAN BAKER

Box 73
Watertown, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am ten years old and will be in the sixth grade next term. My birthday is November 8. . . .

I will have to stay indoors two months this summer because I have "Yellow Jaundice," caused by a virus.

My favorite sport is football. My favorite subjects at school are Spelling and Arithmetic.

I would like to have several pen pals and I promise to answer every letter.

JANIE MURPHREE

Star Route
Buffalo, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write, but I have thought much about writing to you.

I am a girl nine years old, in the fourth grade at Oakland School. Mrs. Lucy Harger is my Training Union teacher. Mrs. G. E. Ford is my Sunday school teacher. Brother Earl Waggoner is my pastor. I go to Oakland Baptist Church. My G.A. teachers are Mrs. Carl Gregory and Mrs. Douglas Goosetree.

I would like to have boys and girls from nine to twelve to write to me. I have only one pen pal, but would like to have more.

WANDA LEE BROWN

Route 3
Springfield, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eight years old and in the third grade. I go to school at Glendale. My teacher's name is Mrs. Polly Owens.

I go to Fairview Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother Thurman.

I have a brother six years old and a sister three years old.

I like to jump and to write cards and letters.

I haven't any pen pals but will try to answer every letter I receive.

BARBARA ANN TAYLOR

Route 2
Newbern, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am twelve years old. I go to Grace Baptist Church. I am in the Junior Department. Dr. Stigler is my pastor. I would like to have some pen pals. I promise that I will write to anyone who writes to me. My favorite sports are baseball and tennis. My favorite subjects at school are spelling and reading. I read the Young South column every week.

ELSIE BLAINE HALL

Lot 18 Buchanan Place
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I am fourteen years old and would like to have some pen pals 14 and 15 years old. I am a Christian and go to South Fulton Baptist Church. Brother J. T. Hart is our pastor. I am in the ninth grade at South Fulton High School.

JOYCE GUILL

412 Smith St.
Fulton, Kentucky

Was it hard to decide which invitation to accept? Why not choose more than one? Two or three pen pals in one week would be especially nice!

AUNT POLLY

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LAUGHS

From

Here and There

Teacher: "Can any of you tell me what makes the Tower of Pisa lean?"

Fat Girl: "If I knew I would take some myself."

First Traveler: "You woke me out of a sound sleep."

Second Traveler: "I had to. The sound was too loud."

Mechanic: "My advice is to keep that car of yours moving."

Owner: "Why?"

Mechanic: "Well, if you ever stop the cops will think it's an accident."

The president of a large bank always wore his hat to cover up his bald head. One day in his office, he met the janitor, an old timer with the bank. "Say, Bill," the president said jokingly, "You've been with us thirty years. Why haven't you ever taken out an account with us?"

"Because, boss," the janitor replied, "you always look like you're going some place else."

I hear the Ninth National Bank is looking for a cashier.

But I thought they just got a new one a month ago.

They did. That's the one they're looking for.

Patient Professor: "No, gentlemen, I don't mind your taking your watches out and looking at them, but please be courteous enough not to hold them up to your ear as if you thought they had stopped running."

"Young man," said the old man severely, "when I was your age I, too, thought I knew it all. Now I have reached the conclusion that I know very little."

"What!" exclaimed the lad in astonishment. "Has it taken you this long to find that out? Why, I knew it the minute I saw you."

Joy: "My father just makes faces for a living."

Jerry: "How does he manage that?"

Joy: "He works in a clock factory."

An antique is an object that has made a round trip to the attic and back.

The pupils of a school were given a holiday because of the teachers' institute. One 7-year-old youngster startled his parents by announcing: "No school tomorrow. The teachers are going on an innocent toot."

Recruit, after physical: "Well, doc, how do I stand?"

Doctor: "I don't know. It's a mystery to me."

East STATE Briefs

by Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville, Tennessee

O. H. Hunter, pastor of East Maryville Church, led Little Tennessee River Mission, Chilhowee Association, in a revival which resulted in seven conversions. This Mission sponsored by Dotson Memorial Church, Maryville, was organized into the Carson Island Church June 7, with 24 charter members. J. Wright Rhyne was called as pastor.

Leonard Sanderson has resigned as pastor of First Church, Maryville to accept the position of Secretary of Evangelism and Promotion for Tennessee Baptist Convention. During the brief months he has been in Maryville, he has done a very fine job, not only in the church, but throughout Chilhowee Association. We deeply regret his leaving but know that he will do a fine job in this important place to which he has been called.

June 11, English Creek Chapel, which has been a Mission of First Church, Newport, was organized into the English Creek Church. Carl Ogle is pastor of the new church.

In a revival at Calvary Church, Bristol, in which the preaching was by S. M. Mulkey of Central Church, Tarrant, Alabama, there were 20 professions of faith, two additions by letter, and 24 rededications. May 31, J. W. Buckner, pastor of First Church, Crossett, Arkansas, was guest preacher at Calvary, and W. W. Lee, a student at Vanderbilt University, supplied on June 4.

Sunday evening, May 31, E. Gibson Davis preached the Baccalaureate Sermon for Dobyns-Bennett High School at Kingsport.

Haven Lowe has resigned as Associate Pastor of Central Church, Johnson City, to accept a call to Grace Church, Bristol, Virginia. He has been connected with the work of Central Church for more than six years.

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Contact H. D. BRUCE, President

Jerry Ratcliff, a recent graduate of Carson-Newman College has resigned as music director at First Church, Newport. As a parting gift, the church presented to him and his wife a pair of sterling silver candelabra. He was married recently to Ann Sedberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sedberry, Nashville.

Branson C. Wiggins, a recent graduate of Southern Seminary is the new pastor of Trenton Street Church, Harriman. His wife is the former Miss Gwendolyn Crittenden, for some time educational director at Central Church, Fountain City. We welcome these fine people to East Tennessee.

Robertsville Church, Oak Ridge, is conducting a campaign for \$22,500.00 Building Fund during the months of June, July and August. They expect to begin construction of their new Sanctuary in the near future. W. C. Summar is pastor.

While Pastor Kenneth Combs of Central Church, Oak Ridge, was away on vacation, Associational Missionary Raleigh Brady was supply preacher on May 31.

June 14-21, Ray Lloyd, a student at Southern Seminary, and son of Pastor R.R. Lloyd of Jellico, led First Church LaFollette, in a youth revival. Vern B. Powers is pastor.

Dr. John L. Hill was guest speaker at a Bible Study Week conducted by First Church, Etowah, during the week of June 7-14. H. Cowen Ellis is pastor.

Lloyd L. Davis, a member of First Church, Philadelphia, was ordained to the work of the Ministry, on May 24. The Council was composed of Gordon Greenwell, Paul Hall, J. L. Tillery, Ray E. Dunn, and Tom Scarbrough, pastor of the Church. Brother Davis has been called as pastor of the mission of First Church, Loudon. On the first Sunday of his work with the mission there were 62 present at Sunday school, and nine additions to the church.

North Athens Church occupied for the first time, its new educational building, and re-modeled church auditorium May 3. The educational building is a two story building forty by seventy two feet. Hugh F. Ensminger is pastor.

First Church, Cleveland, is installing an air conditioning system at a cost of \$10,500.00 On May 31 the Church observed the first anniversary of Minister of Music Wilbert H. Kerr. James E. Byler is pastor.

Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, has called George W. Reno, Jr., as minister of music. He served in the same capacity at First Church, Rossville, Georgia, and Emmanuel Church, Ardmore, Oklahoma. He began his work with Red Bank June 1.

Malone Takes up Work at Benton

A. Hodge Malone accepted the call to First Church, Benton, beginning his work June 15.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary, he served the Church at Scooba, Mississippi, before coming to Benton. While at Scooba he led in building an educational plant and the purchase of additional grounds for other activities of the church. He also was vice-moderator of the Kemper County Association and served as Evangelistic Chairman.

Frank Halbeck, Southern Baptist worker among the Jews, was the speaker at the morning service of Lookout Mountain Church, May 31. M. Dale Larew, pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Giers will represent First Church, Chattanooga, at the Fourth Baptist Youth World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, July 15-22. Dr. Giers has been invited to speak on the subject, "The Understanding of the Christian Calling." They will leave Chattanooga on June 22, and plan to visit Mission Stations in Panama, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and Brazil before returning.

Nancy Beeler, a Junior at Carson-Newman and a member of Smithwood Church, Knoxville, has been elected as educational worker for the Summer at Smithwood Church.

Following the Convention in Houston, Dr. and Mrs. Nolan P. Howington of South Knoxville Church, made a tour of mission fields in Mexico and Central America. They visited Mexico, Guatamala, Puerto Rico and Panama. During the pastor's absence the pulpit was supplied by Russell Bradley Jones, Donald Ackland and D. Harley Fite.

Miss Jean Ward, a student at Southwestern Seminary and a member of McCalla Avenue Church, Knoxville, will serve the church as promotional secretary during June, July and August. She was formerly secretary to Dr. D. Harley Fite, president of Carson-Newman College.

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The Baccalaureate Service of Young High School, Knoxville, was held at Sevier Heights Church, May 24. Pastor Raymond T. DeArmond brought the message.

Crichton Memorial Church, Concord, had an all day home-coming Sunday, June 14. Charles Bond, pastor of Central Church, Fountain City, and former pastor of this church, brought the message in the afternoon. The church is in the process of building an educational building. Jack Spencer is pastor.

Dr. Fred Brown is supply preacher for Arlington Church, Knoxville, during the month of June while Pastor Melvin Faulkner is on vacation.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers met at Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville, for their annual memorial service on May 31. Pastor Charles Ausmus brought the message.

Ramsey Pollard preached the Baccalaureate Sermon for Rule High School, Knoxville, May 31. The service was held at Broadway Church.

Mrs. John F. Crumley, teacher of the Silent Bible Class First Church, Elizabethton, was sent as a representative of the church to the Southwide Baptist Conference for the Deaf at Oklahoma City, June 5-7.

First Church, Elizabethton, has sponsored a program for the deaf of the East Tennessee area for a number of year. Mrs. John Crumley is teacher of the class, and Mrs. Henry Rosenmund, Sr., chairman of the WMU circle. While the church has not been able to secure an interpreter for the worship services, Mrs. Laura Formwalt, of the Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, visits the church each year teaching Bible study courses and comes to interpret special services and revivals. She will be at the church in July when Rev. Angel Martinez is scheduled as evangelist.

The attendance, stewardship, and participating percentage of this group is always very high.

Herman W. Cobb is pastor, John L. Bowers, Jr., Sunday school superintendent, and Mr. E. T. Jordan chairman of deacons leading in this program.

Briefs By J. P. Edmunds

... A home for underprivileged and delinquent boys, to be known as Boys Ranch Town, will be built by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma on a 160-acre tract near Oklahoma City, made possible by a gift of \$500,000, in addition to the land, to the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma by Mr. and Mrs. James M. Johnson, as a memorial to their son, Jimmy, who died from infantile paralysis in 1937.

... The East German Communist youth organization's official paper, *Junge Welt*, said editorially: There is "no longer room in this world for a God and His heaven. . . it is folly to leave the execution of justice to a so-called Master of the World and thus leave the exploiters of man free to do what they want." 650 Protestant students in East German schools have been expelled for refusing to renounce the Evangelical youth organization, and have obtained political asylum in West Germany.

... Dr. T. L. Holcomb began his service as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation June 1 under encouraging circumstances. Some of the agencies transferred \$300,000 out of their emergency reserve funds to be held by the Foundation. One friend gave \$10,000 in cash to the Foundation, the income from which is to be used by the Sunday School Board in its ministry to child life. Another friend has stated that he will deposit with the Foundation \$1,000, the income from which is to be used for Christian education. In recent weeks, \$2,352.26 has been received from pastors and laymen who have joined the Ministerial Aid Trust. One hundred dollars was given by another friend to be used for promotional purposes.

According to the World Christian Handbook, slightly less than 30 per cent of the people in the world are called Christians, and 60 per cent of the nominal Christians are Roman Catholics. Christians in the world number over 700 million out of a population of around two billion four hundred million. Roman Catholics number around 420 million.

... American Protestant missionaries serving abroad for some 200 United States agencies have increased from 15,000 in 1950 to 18,004 in 1952 according to the Missionary Research Library. Methodists lead with 1,527; Presbyterian U.S.A., 1,176; Seventh-day Adventists 1,107; Southern Baptists have 879.

... According to late census reports, nine states lost in population since April 1, 1950. Six were in the South. West Virginia was heaviest hit with a 55,000 loss, followed by Tennessee with 34,000, Arkansas with 33,000, and Kentucky with 29,000. California experienced the largest numerical gain, followed by Texas, New York, Michigan, and Florida.

... *Meet the Presidents* is a new book compiled and edited by Porter Routh. It contains brief biographical sketches of Southern Baptist Convention presidents.

Tennessee Native Named Missionary



Mrs. Lonnie Ross Brock, Jr., formerly Barbara Howard of Knoxville, and her husband were appointed missionaries to Brazil at the June meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Brock attended Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; the Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond, from which she received a B.S. in nursing; and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., where she received the M.R.E. degree.

She has been assistant professor of surgical nursing at the Medical College of Virginia, general duty nurse at Milligan Clinic in Jefferson City, staff nurse for two hospitals in Texas, and campus nurse at Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Brock, a native of Goldsboro, N. C., was graduated from Mars Hill and Wake Forest Colleges in North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He served in North Carolina as associate pastor for the North Launenburg Church and for First Church, Jacksonville, and as chaplain for the Eastern Carolina Training School, Rocky Mount.

He was educational director for Park View Church, Portsmouth, Va., before going to his present pastorate, Hunton Church, Glen Allen, Va., in 1951. He worked under the Home Mission Board in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri during the summer of 1948.

Other June appointees are Rev. and Mrs. James H. Bitner, of Missouri, for Chile; Miss Barbara Epperson, of Oklahoma, for Nigeria; and Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Petty, of Texas, for Israel.

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Woman's Missionary Union

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PLAN OF WORK

March '53-March '54

Since it is important that a unified Plan of Work be followed by all organizations of the Woman's Missionary Union,

We recommend:

(1) That the Plan of Work prepared by the W.M.U. auxiliary to the S.B.C. be adopted by our state.

(2) That such plans that pertain to our state be included in these recommendations.

I. Prayer and Gifts. We recommend

1. That we observe September 23rd as our Day of Prayer for State Missions.

2. That our goal for the State Mission Offering be \$35,000.00. Last year we gave \$35,021.96.

3. That our goal for the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions be \$100,000.00, we gave \$134,832.67 and that our goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions be \$55,000.00. We gave \$51,877.95.

4. That we stress the full observance of the Weeks of Prayer for Foreign and Home Missions.

5. That we give increased emphasis to the Intercessory Prayer League and to the daily use of the Prayer Calendar.

II. Enlistment

1. Recognizing that only one-third of the women are enlisted in the W.M.S., that we focus our attention in winning the unenlisted to active service.

2. That we observe W.M.U. Focus Week January 17-22.

3. That each association take a worthy goal for new organizations and each society a goal for new members.

4. As Tennessee W.M.U. is sixty-five years old in '53 that we take as our goal 650 new organizations.

III. Methods

1. We recommend that each association elect officers in July and the societies in August.

2. That local officers and counselors be sent to the Efficiency Schools at Camp Carson July 15-17 and to Camp Linden August 17-19.

3. That W.M.U. associational officers clinic be held at Belmont College, September 17-18.

4. As the Schools for Preachers' Wives held in our colleges are training W.M.U.

leaders, we urge the societies to send these women for five days of intensive study to Union University June 8-12, Carson-Newman and Belmont College June 15-19. All the expenses except that spent for travel are paid by the Golden State Mission Offering.

IV. Stewardship

1. Work definitely toward the goal of every member a tither.

(1) Through Schools of Stewardship.

(2) Through Tithers Enlistment Visitation.

(3) Through messages and programs on tithing.

2. In your church cooperate actively in the convention-wide plans for a church-wide school of stewardship to be held in every church October 18-25.

3. In your association utilize the W.M.U. organization in cooperation with your General association and its Stewardship Committee in enlisting every church in having a School of Stewardship.

4. Combine efforts to increase gifts through the Cooperative Program.

(1) Magnify the Cooperative Program as the basis and fundamental means of support of all our mission work.

(2) Show the members what is being achieved by their gifts through the Cooperative Program.

(3) Seek to increase number of your members who give through the Cooperative Program.

(4) Work toward an increase in the percentage of your church budget going through the Cooperative Program.

V. Mission Study

1. That we make our mission study classes a time of conscientious study.

2. That we engage in a continuing program of study that will include a home mission book before the week of prayer in March, a foreign mission book before the week of prayer in December and the new stewardship book SACRIFICE AND SONG during the third quarter.

3. That we assist in the promotion of Schools of Missions.

4. That we seek to enlarge the number of Missionary Round Tables and encourage the members of Young Woman's Auxiliary in their Book Clubs.

5. That we set as our goal a Mission Study Institute in each association.

Educational Unit Begun at Humboldt

First Church, Humboldt, with a groundbreaking service May 31, has begun construction of its \$165,000.00 educational annex. This has been a dream of the people for six years. In 1947 a new pastor's home was built paving the way for the tearing down of the old to provide a location for the new annex, of concrete and masonry which includes three full floors, and a basement under half of it. The educational annex will provide a suite of offices, church library, reception parlor, dining room, recreation facilities, five nurseries and educational facilities for age groups four through twelve and seventeen and over. It will accommodate 1,250. Pastor Hayward Highfill and senior deacons of the church, Jim Thompson and E. R. Boone, turned the first shovels full of earth in the ceremonies which preceded the beginning of construction. At Sunday's service testimonials were brought by Lofton Robertson, H. C. Boyte, S. C. Browning, James Robert Chatham, Mrs. Joe Bond, and Miss Mary Margaret Boggs.

6. That we strive to understand and to make use of the W.M.U. Achievement Chart.

7. That the local mission study chairman keep an accurate record of the women participating in mission study.

8. That the Associational Mission Study Chairman keep accurate records and make complete quarterly reports to the state chairman.

VI. Community Missions

1. That we lay greater stress on personal visitation in the homes trying to win others to Christ.

2. That we emphasize Christian living in our homes so that our testimony will be forceful.

3. That prayer be given pre-eminence in all of our Community Mission Work this year.

4. That we campaign this year with the slogan "Every woman of the church in W.M.S. and every W.M.S. Woman Faithful in the Whole Church Program."

5. That we urge the thorough study of the Community Missions Guide.

6. That our 1953 special emphases be on (a) working with the church in providing wholesome recreation for our young people (b) effective ministry in all our institutions and to the needy.

7. That with these new emphases before us we shall not cease to work on those stressed last year—alcohol education and ministry to people of other races.

8. That free leaflets on all phases of our work, now available at our state office, be ordered and widely distributed.

"We Are Going To Take The Collection"

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education (1) because we will be cooperating with other Tennessee Baptists who believe in Christian education; (2) because we will be helping deserving young people to get an education who might otherwise not be able to do so; and (3) because this offering will help to strengthen our Baptist institutions of learning, further our Baptist causes, honor God, and bear much fruit for His glory."
C. C. Sledd, Pastor, Prospect Church, Hollow Rock
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education because we believe in it. We feel that it is definitely up to us, and other Christian groups, to furnish Christian leadership for society worldwide; and to fail here is to fail at all points everywhere. Education is dangerous unless we educate the heart as well as the mind. Our Christ-centered schools offer hope for our youth and world, because in such schools we have our greatest assurance of educated minds and hearts: intelligence with wisdom, knowledge with conscience, and scientific skill with Christian motive."
J. O. Carter, Pastor, First Church, Gatlinburg
— CE —

"The other day I heard of a fine girl, member of one of our rural churches, who is to graduate from high school this spring, who feels that the Lord has called her to full-time Christian service, but who will not be able to go on to college unless she receives help from some source outside her family. I am going to take the collection for Christian education in June because I know if God calls young people into full-time Christian service who are not financially able to finish their education, that He expects the people who have the money to make it possible for them to receive the education they will need to carry out God's plans for their lives. What finer investment could we make with our money?"
O. E. Turner, Pastor, First Church, Paris
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian Education Day. We sincerely believe that this is a worthy cause and that too long we have neglected Christian education in these June offerings.

"The appeal is stronger than ever this year, when we realize that this money is going to be used to help worthy students in our schools who volunteer for full-time Christian service. We trust that all of our churches will have a part in this undertaking."
J. Harold Stephens, Pastor, Inglewood Church, Nashville
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education. My church though small, and composed of a rural people, several of whom in past years were neglectful of and neglected by their meager educational opportunities, nevertheless has a keen awareness of the benefits derived to the cause of Christ from having a trained, informed, and consecrated constituency to be used both as layworkers and ministers. I know of no wiser way to advance the Kingdom of God than to equip its young citizens with educational enlightenment while at the same time increasing their devotion to Christ through CHRISTIAN EDUCATION."
Donald Strother, Pastor, Enon Church, Jonesboro

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education because education that is not Christian is damning our world at a terrific rate, and I realize that if Christian education is to have and command its rightful place in our world of today it must be supported through prayers and gifts from God's people."
James R. Banton, Pastor, Mayland Church, Mayland
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education because we must think right if we do right. We today must help those of tomorrow keep their hearts in communion with Him, by our churches' preaching and our schools' teaching with gates open for a means of Christian education in all fields of life."
H. M. Slagle, Jr., Pastor, Cobbs Creek Church, Carderview
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education because we consider it a vital part of the ministry of our church. We feel that the hope for our churches for the future is a corps of consecrated well-trained leaders and in order for that training to be possible, institutions for higher education must be maintained. Our crying need is not for more education but for more Christian education. We want our schools to know that we are behind them in the local church and for that reason too we are going to take a collection for Christian education."
Ansell T. Baker, Pastor, Central Church, Chattanooga
— CE —

"We are going to take the offering for Christian education at Witt Baptist Church because we believe that our Christian colleges offer an opportunity not found in any secular school. Our young people need to have aroused in them the desire to know the truth about God, about man, and about the universe. This desire can be aroused and cultivated in our Christian schools as our young people study with Christian classmates under Christian teachers."
Luther Reed, Pastor, Witt Church, Morristown
— CE —

"We are going to take the offering for Christian education:

"Because the volunteers in our Tennessee colleges for whom the offering is to be made are giving their lives to our local churches and to the challenging cause of the living Christ;

"Because our people will be contributing their own lives through their substance and multiplying their usefulness in sharing with those who have dedicated themselves to the greatest enterprise in the world."

Wm. R. Rigell, Pastor, Central Church, Johnson City
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education because we want: (1) to guard against secularization of education; (2) to have a part in the training of students who volunteer for full-time Christian service; (3) to vote for larger and better Christian schools; and (4) to cooperate with our denomination and its great program."
Lowell D. Milburn, Pastor, First Church, Newport
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education. We believe the Lord was interested in a well-rounded Christian experience for those who would administer the Word as preachers and missionaries AND for every other Christian as stewards of the Lord. A more mature Christian experience may be had through Christian education."
C. R. Owens, Pastor, Friendship Church, Paris

"We are going to take the collection on Christian Education Day because we know our Heavenly Father would have it so. This is our opportunity to go into all the world and make disciples. This year we have had several young people to dedicate their lives to God for full-time service. This money will help boys and girls like ours here to gain a better education and be better prepared to be about their Master's business. May God bless this effort, and I pray our churches will seize this opportunity."
Enzo Mathis, Pastor, Brush Creek Church, Brush Creek
— CE —

"From our Christian schools will come back to us our young people with Christian principles still accepted and practiced, even strengthened by school, ready to serve intelligently and willingly. Our Christian teachers, in our Christian schools, in addition to teaching chemistry, physics, and other subjects, along with the best, will 'also offer and exhibit. . . a Christian orientation toward life's problems and values.' We are going to take the collection for Christian education."
T. C. Meador, Pastor, First Church, Erwin
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education because we believe in CHRISTIAN education. Our Baptist churches and our denominational life need trained laymen and laywomen as well as trained ministers. Our Baptist schools offer Christ-centered education, and are sound in our Baptist faith and principles. We must support them."
J. Lowell Knupp, Pastor, First Church, Mount Pleasant
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education at Bellevue on Christian Education Day. We usually have it through our Sunday school—asking each class and department to give to this cause. We shall do the same this year—praying that the education for which we shall give money shall be truly Christian as to Bible teaching and other subjects taught."
Robert G. Lee, Pastor, Bellevue Church, Memphis
— CE —

"We are going to take the collection for Christian education because this cause guarantees trained leadership of the right sort for all phases of our Lord's work as we face the future, since the offering is to be used to assist young people who are preparing to give themselves to the service of the Lord."
Lloyd T. Householder, Pastor, Broadway Church, Maryville
— CE —

"We are going to take an offering for Christian education because we believe in our denominational schools, colleges and seminaries. Christian education results in an enlightened, cooperative, spiritual leadership for the churches, provides a corrective for the shallow, one-sided theological views of our day, and furnishes the Christian insights and character needed to undergird our culture. For that reason, our church appreciates an opportunity to make an investment in the training of Christian youth for kingdom service."
Nolan P. Howington, Pastor, South Knoxville Church, Knoxville
— CE —

"We are going to take the offering for Christian education because it is our custom and we see no reason to break a good habit. We are particularly keen for it this year, since it is earmarked for aid to students committed to full-time Christian service. With eight from our congregation in this category, we well know the blessing it can be to our very finest young people."
Guard Green, Pastor, South Pittsburg Church, South Pittsburg
— CE —

"We are going to make a special contribution for Christian education. Christian education is part of the program of Christ in and through his churches. Our church now has several students in a Christian college. This cause deserves special gifts on the part of our church since the Master still calls young people to special and full-time Christian service, and they need the best possible Christian training."
Robert P. Hamby, Pastor, Mt. Lebanon Church, Maryville

Mid STATE Briefs

by W. Alvis Strickland, 2635 Nolensville Road, Nashville

Park Avenue Church, Nashville, Roy W. Hinchey, pastor, voted in May business meeting to double gifts to Associational Missions. This is a good example that ought to be followed by several other churches.

Dewey Frye, William McKee, and Cordell Wilburn of First Church, Hartsville, were ordained deacons May 31. The special message of the evening was delivered by Maines Rawls, Nashville. Henry B. Stokes is pastor.

Pastor Wade Carver and the Jamestown people are pleased with the prospect for a youth choir soon to be organized.

An example of "local boy makes good" was seen when John W. Wagster, member of Columbia First Church, preached recently at the Church's Godwin Mission.

Mrs. Carl Allen, wife of Lewisburg pastor, is convalescing following an operation at Mid State Baptist Hospital.

On June 7, Dr. Gaye McGlothlen observed his fourth anniversary as pastor of Immanuel Church, Nashville. During this time there have been 585 additions to the church. Fred W. Noe, chairman of deacons at Immanuel writes concerning Brother McGlothlen, "Some pastors are outstanding for their preaching; some for their writing; some for effective pastoral relationship; some for efficient organizational leadership. Few possess all three. We are favored by having a pastor possessed with a good portion of all these desirable qualities."

Vacation Bible School pupils at First Church, Pulaski, made field trips to Union Bank, General Shoe plant, Giles County Jail, Nu-Way Laundry, Kraft Chccsc plant, and Churches of other denominations.

Gaines S. Dobbins led First Church, Cookeville, in a Religious Education Revival. Brother Dobbins spoke on the following subjects: "It Is Not Enough to Reach Them;" "Teaching That Is Dead and Alive;" "Fruitful Learning the Test of Teaching;" "Aims That Determine Methods;" "The Test of Fruitage."

A recent Brotherhood speaker at First Church, Hartsville, was Carl Chaney, who is Superintendent of Schools in Lebanon.

A budding editor, John Thomerson, Park Avenue Church, Nashville, wrote an excellent article in the June issue of "Ambassador Life" entitled "When You Pray."

Calvary Church, Shelbyville, was led in a fine revival by Charles Norton, Nashville. Brother L. W. Heibeck, pastor, led the music.

A memorial to the late Mr. T. G. Jennings has been donated to El Bethel Church, New Duck River Association, by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gowan. The memorial consists of a complete new lighting system.

J. Harold Stephens, Inglewood Church, Nashville will lead in a revival at Hannah's Gap Church, New Duck River Association, beginning July 12. Robert C. Hornbuckle is pastor.

First Church, Columbia, James F. Brewer, pastor, is putting on an attendance drive for Summer prayer services.

Neslie Underwood is supply pastor at Auburn Church, Auburntown.

Fred Chapman is serving as educational director for the summer months at Woodbine Church, Nashville.

The auditorium of First Church, Pulaski, is being air-conditioned at a cost of \$7000 for the present installation. Provision is also being made to enlarge the equipment as needed.

W. C. Surber has resigned as pastor of Charity Church and Robert C. Hornbuckle has resigned as pastor of Holts Corner Church. Both churches are in New Duck River Association.

The Junior Choir of First Church, Murfreesboro, presented a round-the-world broadcast on June 10. They made a recording which will be played on 90 radio stations in the United States, by two stations in Australia, and by short-wave stations in South America and the Philippines.

The first twelve months of Pastor Jesse H. Shannon's work with Westwood Church, Nashville, have been quite fruitful. The church has received 45 additions by baptism, 35 additions by letter, total gifts have amounted to \$12,892.66, gifts to missions have been \$1,377.17.

June 15-19 was a week of helpful study for all teachers and officers of the Sunday school of First Church, Clarksville. The pastor, Paul G. Kirkland, taught a Lesson Preview of next quarter's lessons.

Belmont Secures Massey As Dean of Students

Harold Massey, dean of students at Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, has been appointed to the same capacity at Belmont College, it was announced by Dr. R. Kelly White, Belmont president.

Prior to going to Texas, Massey served as director of Baptist Student activities at the University of Miami, and earlier, at the University of Georgia.

He received his B.S. degree in English from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., and his M. A. in psychology at Peabody College in 1946. He has had additional seminary training and has done graduate study toward the doctor's degree in education at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas.

He and his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Martin, have two daughters, Martha and Ruth.

He will assume his duties at Belmont about the middle of the summer.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb was guest preacher at Immanuel Church, Nashville, while the pastor was conducting a revival at First Church, Dickson.

Brother Hiram Le May, Belmont College, is doing a good work as pastor of Concord Church, located just South of Nashville on Nolensville Road. The men of the church are building a lovely pastor's home. The achievement of this church is a wonderful example of what can be done by a small congregation with a will to do big things.

The second anniversary of Pastor Eugene Roberts at Una Church, Murfreesboro Road, showed up the following accomplishments: Additions by baptism 85, additions by letter 75, total gifts \$29,764.14 and gifts to missions \$2,933.49. Brother Roberts will join with others leaving June 25 for the fourth Baptist World Youth Conference in Rio de Janeiro. The members of the church hope to have a new education building well under way by the time their pastor returns.

A. Roy Greene, Nashville layman, was guest speaker at First Church, Shelbyville, on a recent Sunday.

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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1953

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	241	87	—	Fort Robinson	134	74	—
Alcoa, First	273	104	—	Glenwood	370	96	—
Athens, Antioch	102	18	—	Lynn Garden	377	133	1
East	478	130	4	Knoxville, Arlington	574	138	2
First	532	185	5	Bell Avenue	818	338	4
Fifth Avenue	766	222	2	Broadway	961	410	4
West End Mission	107	59	2	City View	355	110	2
Calhoun	84	34	—	Deaderick Avenue	247	73	—
Calvary	36	32	—	First	733	148	3
Clearwater	104	—	—	Inskip	500	199	—
Coghill	82	72	4	Lincoln Park	750	190	8
Conasauga	—	22	—	Sevier Heights	461	175	—
Cotton Port	44	32	—	South	519	182	7
Double Springs	50	40	—	LaFollette, First	346	69	—
Eastanalle	75	32	—	Lcbanon, Fairview	264	84	—
Englewood	157	68	—	First	427	159	5
Etowah, East	58	—	—	Southside Chapel	77	49	—
Etowah, First	346	158	1	Rocky Valley	61	62	—
Etowah, North	287	107	—	Lenoir City, First	473	165	3
Etowah, West	39	—	—	First Avenue	183	61	5
Good Field	115	44	—	Nelson Street Mission	58	—	—
Good Hope	25	26	—	Pleasant Hill	209	109	2
Good Springs	105	65	—	Second	117	36	—
Idlewild	77	48	—	Lewisburg, First	470	145	2
Lake View	122	78	—	Lexington, First	260	41	2
Liberty South	47	30	—	Loudon, First	306	100	—
McMahan Calvary	79	—	—	Mission	76	—	—
Mt. Harmony No. 1	95	65	2	Martin, Central	246	73	2
Mt. Harmony No. 2	57	19	—	First	340	77	—
Mt. Verd	32	—	—	McKenzie, First	244	84	3
New Bethel	82	28	—	Mt. Juliet	122	74	—
New Zion	36	39	—	Silver Springs	33	—	—
Niota, East	151	81	—	Maryville, Broadway	400	140	—
Niota, First	126	46	—	Everett Hills	295	171	—
Oak Grove	48	—	—	First	875	302	4
Old Salem	39	—	—	Medina	171	65	—
Pond Hill	91	59	—	Memphis, Bellevue	2590	991	13
Riceville	81	40	—	Boulevard	798	231	—
Rocky Mount	38	22	—	Calvary	231	63	—
Rodgers Creek	74	—	—	Central Avenue	870	298	2
Union Grove No. 2	65	48	—	Charjean Mission	250	119	3
Union McMinn	92	—	—	Cordova	77	—	—
West View	43	25	—	DeSota Heights	139	91	—
Wild Wood	86	43	3	Eastland	73	52	—
Zion Hill	24	—	—	Elliston Avenue	232	88	2
Auburntown, Auburn	136	68	—	First	1023	203	4
Bolivar, First	218	96	—	Highland Heights	1065	466	8
Bristol, Calvary	400	127	1	LaBelle	733	231	6
Tennessee Avenue	561	118	1	Mission	33	22	—
Chattanooga, Avondale	700	158	3	Lamar Heights	659	227	1
Brainerd	640	239	8	Linden Avenue	31	—	—
Brainerd Hills	81	38	6	Longcrest	70	40	—
Calvary	366	97	—	McLean	443	146	2
Concord	224	84	—	Chapel	53	33	3
East Lake	579	144	3	New Seventh Street	398	169	1
First	872	263	4	Sylvan Heights	578	68	2
Mt. Carmel	85	31	—	Temple	1187	346	2
Northside	452	153	5	Union Avenue	1032	299	2
North Market	145	66	2	Winchester	356	186	—
Pleasant Grove	76	26	7	Milan, First	431	107	—
Red Bank	743	222	7	Morrison, Wilson Chapel	97	88	—
Ridgedale	548	186	3	Morristown, First	744	115	2
Second	158	56	—	Buffalo Trail	103	60	—
Signal Mountain	84	—	—	Murfreesboro, First	515	117	1
Soddy, Oak Street	182	59	2	Calvary	51	—	—
White Oak	313	67	5	Powell's Chapel	100	76	—
Whitwell, First	136	53	1	Third	179	71	—
Clarksville, First	458	170	1	Westvue	610	136	25
Cleveland, Big Spring	265	141	4	Woodbury Road	115	58	—
Waterville	128	92	1	Nashville, Belmont Heights	922	283	9
Calvary	153	53	3	Jordonia	48	—	—
First	571	198	4	Madison Street Mission	71	22	—
North	175	69	—	Donelson	430	89	—
Clinton, First	399	132	—	Eastland	744	200	2
Second	372	111	10	Dalewood	163	78	—
Columbia, First	414	155	3	First	1106	346	3
Godwin Chapel	28	—	—	T. I. S.	159	—	—
Highland Park	189	120	6	Glendale	153	39	—
Cookeville, First	415	139	8	Grace	755	269	6
West View	157	82	—	Inglewood	754	208	3
Corryton	154	85	—	State School	52	—	—
Crossville, First	224	86	1	Neelys Bend	73	66	—
Antioch	29	—	—	Park Avenue	710	198	—
Emmanuel	61	—	—	Seventh	183	65	2
Laural Grove	6	—	—	Westwood	180	99	3
Dyersburg, First	568	196	—	Woodmont	441	147	5
Elizabethton, First	556	132	—	New Market, Pleasant Grove	112	98	—
Immanuel	235	80	3	Oak Ridge, Robertsville	467	161	3
Siam	228	158	—	Old Hickory, First	514	108	3
Fountain City, Beaver Dam	140	78	—	Rayon City	75	26	—
Central	894	266	10	Philadelphia	183	55	—
Hines Valley Mission	61	25	—	Portland, First	270	70	—
Smithwood	596	266	4	Ripley, First	330	137	2
Fowlkes	128	92	—	Rockwood, First	340	140	2
Friendship	208	60	—	Whites Creek	85	53	—
Gallatin, First	496	97	1	Rutledge, Oakland	122	65	—
Gleason, First	129	23	—	Sevierville	486	110	—
Grand Junction, First	80	41	—	Sweetwater, First	413	106	—
Greenbrier	250	77	—	Tullahoma, First	263	48	6
Harriman, South	402	210	3	Mission	40	—	—
Trenton Street	367	104	6	Highland	150	89	6
Hendersonville, New Hope	110	60	—	Unicoi	103	35	—
Humboldt, First	504	159	8	Union City, First	535	80	—
Jackson, Calvary	483	161	2	Watertown, Round Lick	178	73	—
First	735	121	2	Winchester, First	242	89	—
North	283	158	2				
Jefferson City, Northside	179	62	3				
Jellico, First	184	50	—				
Unaka Avenue	282	115	—				
Kenton, Macedonia	92	74	—				
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	169	45	—				
First	696	139	4				

Warren Heads Executive Committee Southern Baptist Convention



C. C. WARREN

Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., was chosen president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Nashville, June 17, succeeding Dr. J. W. Storer, now president of the Convention.

Dr. W. D. Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., and Dr. Oliver Shields, St.

Louis, Mo., were elected vice-president and recording secretary respectively.

Re-elected were Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion; and Dr. Albert McClellan, associate secretary and director of publications, all of Nashville.

Notice

Please give the name of the church when sending in your attendances. Each week cards go to the wastebasket because we do not know the name of the church. Also make sure the report reaches us by early Wednesday morning as this is the deadline. Mail your report to

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Erma Gibbons Appointed Church Library Consultant

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Erma Gibbons has been appointed church library consultant in the Nashville Baptist Book Store, R. Maines Rawls, manager, announced.

Miss Gibbons, a native of New Mexico, received a B.S. degree from the Southwest Missouri Baptist College.

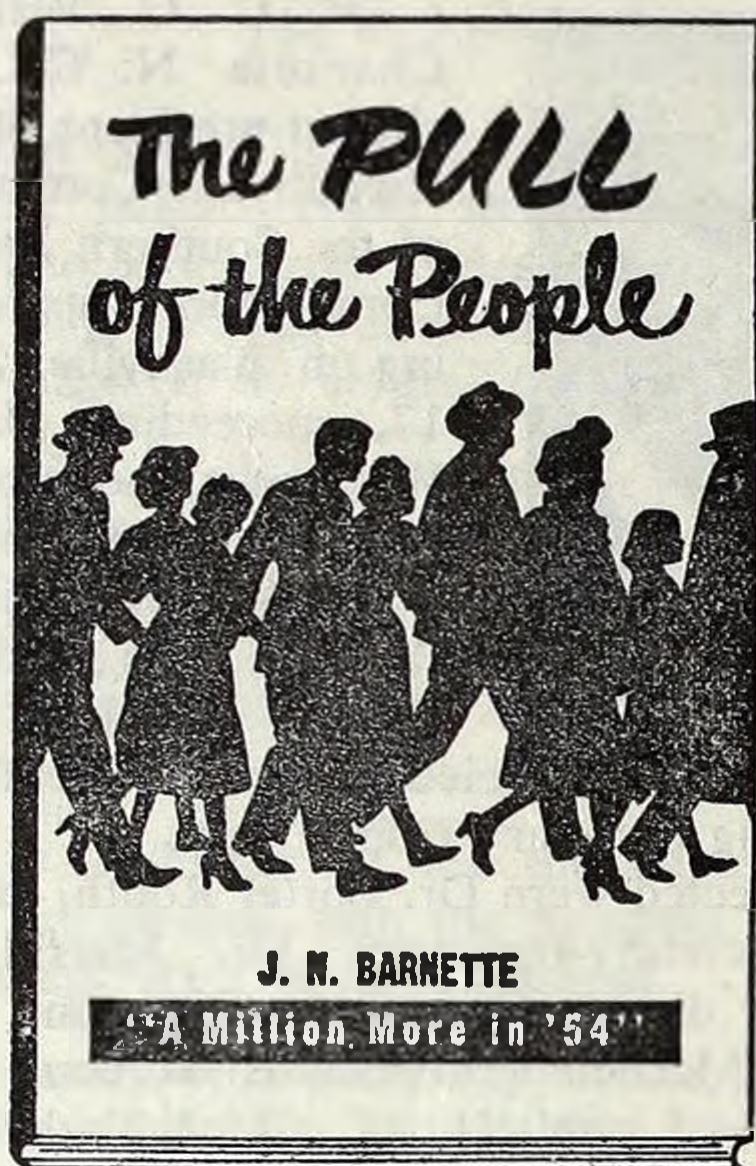
We have received copies of resolutions passed by the deacons of First Church, Trenton, on the homegoing of two of their number: J. M. Moore and Russell Patterson. Brother Moore was for many years a loyal worker whose cheerful disposition and devotion to his church was marked not only by fellow members but by the community. Brother Patterson had been a member nearly half a century. His good judgment and strong convictions and Godly walk before others made him to be entrusted with much responsibility in the church where he served long as treasurer and trustee.

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JESSE DANIEL, Secretary



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September 20-27, 1953

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State Goals	Number of Additional Classes
Total Church Members	
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Arizona	5,000
Arkansas	36,000
California	15,000
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Florida	50,000
Georgia	100,000
Illinois	17,000
Kansas	4,000
Kentucky	70,000
Louisiana	40,000
Maryland	6,000
Mississippi	48,000
Missouri	55,000
New Mexico	8,000
North Carolina	115,000
Oklahoma	50,000
Oregon-Wash.	5,000
South Carolina	64,444
Tennessee	85,000
Texas	170,000
Virginia	55,000

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Complete plans for achieving the following suggestions and be ready to put them into effect during Preparation Week, September 20-27, 1953, when the pastor will teach the new book "The Pull of the People."

Step 1—Organize a minimum number of additional classes based on the church membership as indicated below.

Find and check your number

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100-199	5
200-299	6
300-399	7
400-499	8
500-599	9
600-699	10
700-999	12
1000-1999	14
2000-up	16

Step 2—Begin or expand your Cradle Roll department to a minimum of three workers for every 100 church members.

Step 3—Begin or expand your Extension department to a minimum of three workers for every 100 churches.

Step 4—Adopt a definite plan to locate month by month all unenrolled people and make their names available regularly for proper classes and departments.

Step 5—Adopt and promote a program of weekly visitation.

Step 6—Organize in co-operation with the Associational Mission Committee one or more branch Sunday schools.

We just cannot afford to miss any effort of any kind that will help the churches in this unusual task.

State Assemblies

Camp Linden—August 10-15
Camp Carson—August 17-21

Make reservations now. Cost: \$12.00 for the week, plus \$1.00 registration fee. For children 8 years and under \$11.00, plus 50 cents registration fee.

What to Bring: Your Bible, notebook, pencil, sheets for single bed, pillow case, towels, soap and other toilet articles, clothes suitable for recreation, and any sort of play equipment if you so desire. A flashlight and raincoat may come in handy.

The assembly is an ideal place for a family to spend a short vacation. The price is reasonable, the fellowship is delightful, the spirit is contagious, and the program is stimulating. In fact, a person is never the same after spending these glorious days at one of the assemblies.



Training Union

CHARLES L. NORTON, Secretary

CAMP LINDEN

August 3-7

Guideposts to better training through Inspiration—Information—Fellowship—Recreation

Every Training Union member will want to spend a week at one of our two camps this summer. If you cannot go, make it possible for a group of younger people in your church to go. A week at Camp can transform a good Training Union member into a better church member. Here is some general information you will want to know about the two camps.

WHO SHOULD COME?

Every Training Union member

WHEN SHOULD YOU ARRIVE?

The first meal will be served at Camp Linden Monday night at 6:00 on August 3. This first meal will be served at Camp Carson on Monday night at 6:00 on August 10. Each camp will close the following Friday after the noon meal.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

\$13.00 per person plus \$1.00 registration fee. Total cost \$14.00 for all above 8 years of age. \$11.00 per person plus 50c registration fee for all children under 8 years of age. Registration fee should accompany request for reservation.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations must be made as soon as possible to Mr. Charles L. Norton, Belcourt at 16th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee

CAMP CARSON

August 10-14

with the following information: name of the camp, your name, your age, and sex.

REGISTRATION

A registration fee of \$1.00 is charged for everyone over 8 years of age and 50c will be charged for children 8 years and under.

WHAT TO BRING?

Bring your Bible. Readings will be printed in back of your program. Blankets, linens, pillow, coat for cool weather, hiking shoes, and sport clothes.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation facilities will be furnished by the camp to and from bus station.

LOCATION OF CAMPS

Camp Linden is located near Linden, Tennessee, on Memphis Highway 100 about 90 miles southwest of Nashville.

Camp Carson is located at Carson Springs, Tennessee, on U.S. Highway 70 between Knoxville and Newport. Approximately 3½ miles west of Newport.

These days spent close to nature listening for the leadership of our Saviour in a planned and directed program of study and play can mean a surrendered life. "Seek and ye shall find. . .for he that seeketh findeth." Many of our young people are seeking. Make this camp experience an opportunity for them to find His Will.

Minutes of the Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood Convention

Carson Springs, June 6-8, 1953

During the afternoon of June 6 under the shadow of the Great Smoky Mountain at Carson Springs, our men of the Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood began to gather. Our State Secretary E. N. Delzell, and his assistants were kept busy registering and making assignments until someone said, "Let's eat." We all assembled in the dining room where tables had already been loaded with fine things to eat.

7:30 p.m.—President James P. Brown called the Convention to order. Mr. Brown gave a brief outline of the work during the past years, and told of the advance the Brotherhood movement had made across the State. He pointed out that we had "Advanced with Christ."

Harold Stephens from Inglewood Church, Nashville, gave the devotion, after which, under the direction of the Musical Director of Nashville with E. R. Webster at the piano, we all sang together the hymns of our fathers. This period was one of the Mountain Top Experiences of our Convention. Our hearts were attuned with the theme of our Convention, "Advance with Christ."

8:00 p.m.—Business Session: President Brown recognized our Past Presidents present, A. Roy Greene, Nashville, and Troy Young of Jackson. Recognition was also given to our State Workers present, Jesse Daniel, Norris Gilliam, and Fred Noe, all from Nashville.

RESOLUTIONS: A resolution was presented to elect a President, General Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and eight Regional Vice-Presidents to serve each of the eight regions of the State. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED: Committee to award banner for best reports from Local Brotherhoods, Committee on Nominations, and Committee for Program and Place for 1954 Convention, were appointed by the President.

8:30 p.m.—Nelson Tull, State Secretary of Arkansas, gave an outline of the Setting, Purposes, Organization, and Work of a Church Brotherhood. This discussion was to be completed in a later conference. Every church in the State should have this outline.

8:45 p.m.—Dr. Charles McKay, Secretary of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Convention, brought a great message and a great challenge. He told us of how the men and women of a church down in Mississippi "Advanced with Christ" in establishing missions that opened doors to let those denied of the blessed privilege we have of having a place to worship learn to know our Lord and Master.

9:30 p.m.—Moving picture, "John the Baptist," was shown. Everyone should have the opportunity of seeing this picture. A fine ending to a fine session with its Mountain Top Experiences.

7:00 a.m.—Saturday Morning. With Bob

Batson of Chattanooga presiding, A. D. Hancock of Nashville gave us a wonderful message under the trees as a beautiful day began.

7:30 a.m.—Breakfast. Again we found the tables loaded with just the right kind of food for a wonderful breakfast.

9:30 a.m.—We all gathered in the auditorium and had another session of fine hymns. There is nothing like a good singing to open and attune our hearts with the right thinking and attitude.

9:45 a.m.—President Brown called us in conference and gave a talk on the Duties of Pastor and President of a Brotherhood. Every Pastor and Brotherhood President in our State should have heard this message. Nelson Tull completed his conference talk on programs for church, associational, and regional meetings. The outlines presented by Brother Tull should be in the hands of all our churches.

10:45 a.m.—State Secretary E. N. Delzell gave a demonstration of Executive Committee Meetings and Regional Meetings. Brother Delzell, with the men he had selected to help, gave us a picture of the work that will stay with us and be very helpful to us in "Advancing with Christ."

12:00 Noon. Lunch.

Saturday Afternoon, our recreation period. Our men enjoyed this period with games, relaxation, and fellowship.

6:30 p.m.—Supper, and what a supper, and so many men we had to bring out extra tables, and yet with the large number present we had the finest service and the food was excellent.

7:30 p.m.—We again came together filling the large auditorium, and with our Past President Troy Young leading, we again sang the old hymns so precious to all of us.

Special Music: Rev. W. Paul Hall of Loudon brought a fine quartet, composed of Eugene Eudy, Jerry Williamson, Leo Black, and Vernon Barnett. Their opening number was, "God Bless America," and others followed. Laura Jean Carden, accompanied by Mrs. E. P. Carden of Knoxville, sang so wonderfully "Precious Lord Take My Hand."

Dr. A. C. Methvin of Shelbyville presiding received Committee Reports. A. Roy Greene, Chairman of Nominations, presented the following, all of whom were elected unanimously:

President, Joe Carr, Nashville; Vice-President, T. Robert Acklen, Memphis; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles M. Walker, Knoxville.

(Regional Vice-Presidents)

Northeastern—Manuel Sanders; Southeastern—Bob Batson; Eastern—Willette D. Anderson; North Central—E. C. Brock; South Central—Dr. A. C. Methvin; Central—Jim Binkley; Northwestern—E. K. Wiley; Southwestern—E. B. McMance.

Pastor Advisors

Wayne Tarpley, Chattanooga; W. L. Stigler, Nashville; J. G. Hughes, Memphis; J. Harold Stephens, Nashville; Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville; G. Allen West,

Nashville; James A. Canaday, Jackson; E. Gibson Davis, Kingsport; Donald Wells, Chattanooga.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS, presented by Chairman Troy Young. After an afternoon of careful examination of reports received in the Nashville Office, the Brotherhood of the John Sevier Church, Knox Association, was awarded the 1953 Banner for rendering the best reports for the year. This same award will be given for 1954.

RESOLUTIONS: A resolution was presented commending our State Secretary E. N. Delzell for his good work and consecrated efforts in helping our men across the State "Advance with Christ," and that we members of our State Brotherhood pledge that the individual members will pray for and support his continued efforts through the years to come. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

8:00 p.m.—President James P. Brown introduced Dr. Nolan P. Howington of Knoxville who addressed the Convention on the needs of men in this hour—men who would "Advance with Christ" without compromise. This was an inspirational message. Our men all needed this message that we may, as lay leaders, recognize our individual responsibilities.

8:30 p.m.—Hymns.

8:40 p.m.—Joe Carr, our President for 1954, introduced the Hon. J. Percy Priest, Congressman, who had come in by plane from Washington. Congressman Priest opened his message with commendation for the theme, "Advance with Christ," that we are using, which is the only way to advance safely. This is a great truth to establish in the hearts of our people—a true conception of the American way of life. His message will long be remembered by a filled auditorium.

9:45 p.m.—Fireside Devotion. With our hearts filled with love for Christ, with whom we are advancing, we ended another day of Mountain Top Experiences under the shadow of the Great Smoky Mountains.

7:00 a.m.—Sunday. Sunrise Service with Fred Noe out under the trees, we gathered to begin a day of worship. Brother Noe's message was deep in its meaning and placed the right spirit and attitude within all of us.

7:30 a.m.—Breakfast. Again we thank our Camp Management for the fine way we were served.

10:00 a.m.—Sunday school. Our teacher for the Sunday school lesson was Past President Troy Young. We all took part in the lesson with our teacher and were given the real meaning of tithing and giving.

11:00 a.m.—Sermon by Dr. Albert McClellan, Director of Publications, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville. Dr. McClellan gave an inspirational message that closed the Convention. A message in keeping with our theme and one long to be remembered.

12:00 Noon—Lunch, and then home from the best Convention that we have had so far.

CHARLES M. WALKER, *Sec'y-Treas.*

Students Are Missionaries

Early in June approximately 355 students from college and seminary campuses reported for service as home missionaries for ten weeks. They were assigned to almost every field of home mission work by Dr. Courts Redford who is in charge of the Student Summer Mission Program.

For nine summers the student missionaries have reported an average of ten conversions each for the season.

An Annuity Gift

Recently an Atlanta woman called on Dr. J. B. Lawrence of the Home Mission Board at his home and presented him with \$500.00 for the Board's Church Building and Loan Annuity Fund. Her gift-annuity started immediately bearing 5.4 per cent interest to be paid the donor throughout her lifetime. In this manner the gift was made by a sixty-nine-year-old annuitant and her money will give her a greater income than she could earn through other investments and at the same time she has provided \$500.00 to be used in building churches.

If the amount had been \$10,000.00 the annuitant would have an income of \$45.00 a month for life besides providing enough money to build a church.

The rate of interest paid to annuitants for life on gift-annuities varies from three to seven per cent according to the age of the annuitant.

The Home Mission Board welcomes inquiries concerning gift annuities.

New Missionaries

At the June meeting of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta three Negro missionaries were appointed to fill vacancies caused by resignations and transfers.

Seventeen mission pastors were approved for salary supplements in Oregon-Washington, Illinois, California, and Arizona.

Rev. Paul E. Crandall, of Norfolk, Virginia, was elected to the position of city superintendent of missions in Richmond, Virginia, to fill the vacancy created by the removal of Leland Waters to Atlanta to direct the Board's juvenile delinquency Program.

Rev. Dick Miller, who has been working at Fairbanks, Alaska, has been transferred to Kotzebue for the purpose of opening mission work among the natives.

The Board appropriated \$25,000.00 toward the construction of a mission building in Seward and \$5,000.00 for materials to be used in the meeting house of Calvary Baptist Church in Anchorage.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Conrad, of Fort Worth, Texas, were named as missionaries to serve in Chilocco Indian School, Newkirk, Oklahoma, to replace Rev. and Mrs. A. Worthington who have reached retirement age.

Appropriations for new construction and improvement of mission buildings at the June meeting of the Board amounted to \$48,856.61.

Dr. Lawrence Has Birthday

On July 10, Dr. J. B. Lawrence will

reach his eightieth birthday. He is retiring from the Board's executive secretaryship at the end of this year. He enjoys good health and is exercising vigorous leadership in

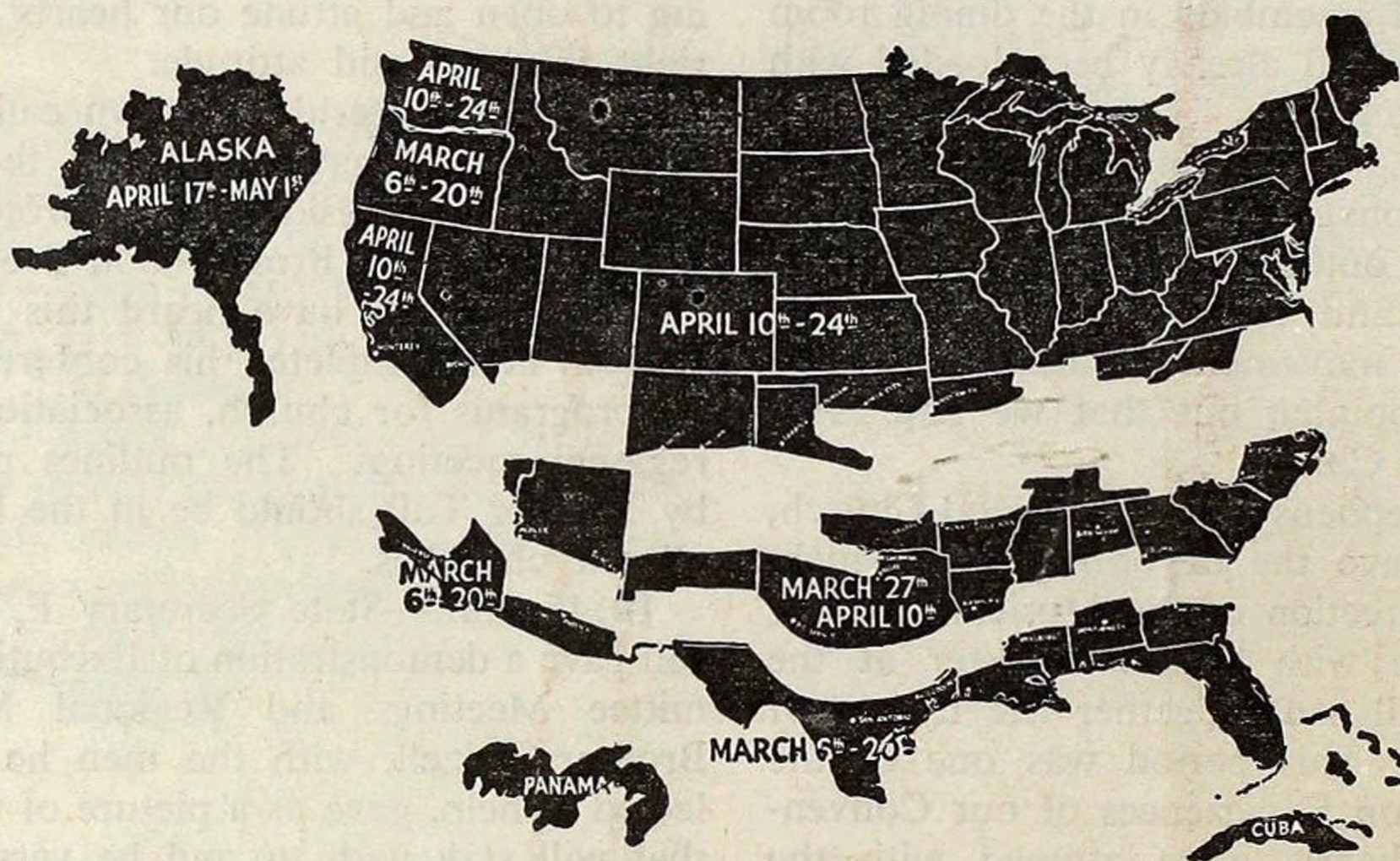
spite of advancing years.

Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest

During Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest August 13-18 all the Board's Missionaries to the French will be special guests.

Last year sixty missionaries to the Indians were at Ridgecrest.

Dr. Storer Evaluates Simultaneous Revival



The above map shows the three distinct divisions, with the exception of Alaska, and the dates of each for the simultaneous revival crusade in 1955, following in the wake of "A Million More in '54."

The Main Line

When David wrote verse four of Psalm 27, he stated a truth which should have its appeal to every man as he faces life with its choices; to every Christian who likewise must choose between the good and the best; to every church as it considers where to put the emphasis on the opportunities which confront it. Said he, "ONE THING have I desired." To that one desire everything else was subordinated—and to the realization of that purpose all his many talents must be girded.

If any of us ever gets much out of life, we will have to get down to one thing—that is true of day by day living. And it is doubly true of the Christian life—concentration will make for power and production, versatility may be attractive for the moment, but it builds no greatness of character nor does it hold aloft one victorious banner.

Here too is found the chief trick of Satan in defrauding the churches. If he can get our people to do the thousand good things, and leave undone the best thing—the carrying out of the Great Commission, he can rest content. Which is my prime interest in underscoring the work of evangelism and adding my plea that we shall give it the proper place in our churches. At once let me say that this is nothing new, neither in concept nor desire; it is, however, not as ardently pressed as it should be; all of us will admit that, who have anxiously observed the rapidly developing lines of battle between Prince Emmanuel and the great adversary of our souls.

The phenomenal growth of Southern

Baptists can mean much or little—depending on the quality and Christlikeness of its members. As our churches prepare now for the 1955 Crusade, and it is not too soon to do that, let them have the mind of David, "One thing have I desired of the Lord," in concerted purpose, and let them have no other kind of acceptance of Christ as the Savior except upon His terms, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

Such evangelism will score amazing victories—and will stand the test of that reproach which is sure to come upon those who, scorning any ecclesiastical hobbling, or ill-fitting ecumenical harness, obey His call for sheer love of Him who sent them out to "make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." When there is obedience to that, we can claim the conditioned promise, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Southern Baptists, under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews and acting in concerted purpose, are set to a crusade for souls. I would, with every urgent impulse in my being, call upon our members and the leadership of our denomination to clear the track for this special and primal work that we as channels of His grace may be used by Him to win, as the Spirit shall direct, lost men and women, boys and girls to own Jesus as Lord and Master. To that end, "One thing have I desired."