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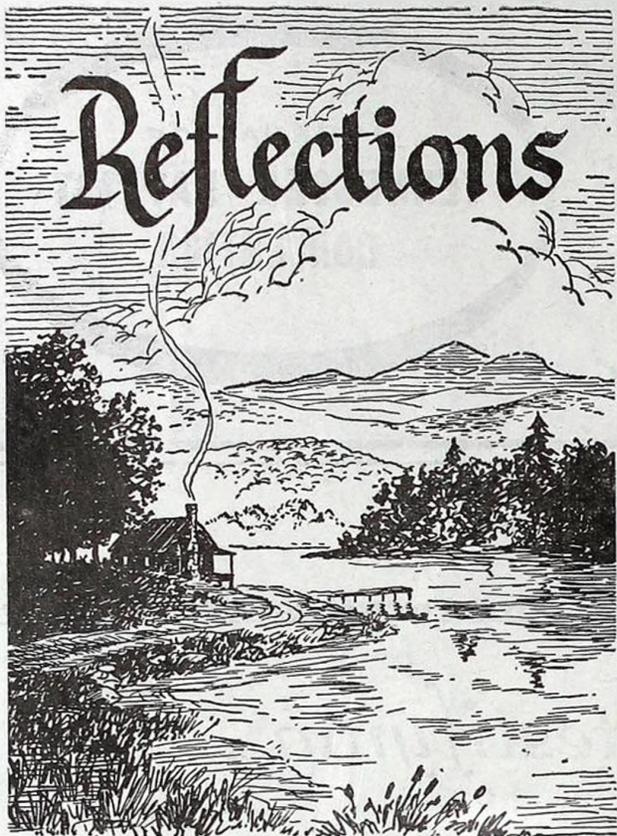
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1954

*“... and from house to house testifying ...”*



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# Observations

By  
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## GOD AT WORK!

Down our highways we may be cautioned by a sign, "Warning! Men at Work." Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, of Louisville, Kentucky reminds that alongside Life's highway we might observe a sign, "Warning! God at Work."

The interpretation of history is all-important. Could we understand the meaning of events, we would behold God at work in the mighty happenings of our own day and time. What interpretation men put upon events becomes a revelation of what men really are. The interpretation of events is as much an event of history as the events themselves.

We hold these great convictions about God: That He is the Father Creator of the Universe; that He reveals Himself personally in history; that He has shown Himself fully and perfectly in Jesus Christ, His son; that He is morally consistent; that He is at work through the power of the Holy Spirit now in our own life and time.

Men may be so near events they cannot understand their meaning. Ancient Israel stood so close to the mighty acts of God in both deliverance from Egypt and in return from exile that some failed to see the hand of God.

But a spiritual interpretation of events never fails to see the truth: the presence of God, the activity of God on behalf of fallen men—"Thou art the Lord, the God who didst choose Abraham, who made covenant, who hast performed thy words, for thou art righteous."

It is significant that God's deeds must ever be His people's message to the world. By such deeds His name is spoken. What

God has done is the best revelation of what God is. His messengers are not to speak their own thoughts about Him, but to tell the story of His acts, and let these speak for Him. This is the reminder of Dr. M. A. C. Warren in his little booklet, "The Calling of God" pointing out that the great theme of the Bible is a missionary message. It is the theme of God, the Redeemer who creates man anew.

"Warning! God at Work." These are revolutionary times. A great ferment works among the nations. The revolution now going on among the nations of the earth is perhaps the greatest history has ever seen. We stand so near to the events we may not see what is happening, Dr. Goerner cautions. God is moving and working among the peoples of the earth.

The whole concern of the Bible is to show us God's care for all the people in the world, and that His redemptive purpose is for His people to be ambassadors, witnesses to the nations of the world. The churches exist to be instruments through which God's redemptive purpose is made effective in the world. As God had said through Isaiah to ancient Israel, "Ye shall be My witnesses," so the Lord Jesus Christ says to his people the new Israel, redeemed through His precious blood, "Ye shall be My witnesses."

God is at work in the world. His people are to work *with* Him, and not *against* Him. We should beware, on the one hand of trying to shore up and save those things in our world on which the judgment of God is falling and which are passing away. On the other hand, we should not allow Communists to make capital out of the pent-up longings of the peoples of the earth for a new and better way of life. Communism tries to capitalize and use these longings of peoples for its own ends. But Communism gives them a stone for bread, and a scorpion in place of an egg. The hungry of the earth can only find satisfaction in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We who know Him, are to make Him known, so all peoples may come to the saving knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.

Surely this is a day for missions. The church exists to be missionary. Christians are here to share a great and saving message. *God is at work.* Let us see God's great activities. Let us work with God. May it be said of us, as it was written of those early Christians, "They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

A long face often shortens your list of friends. —Briggs Assembler.

Patience enables you to see the people while waiting for the traffic light to change.—Kossuth County (Ia) Advance.

We shall not establish peace by changing the form of government of our neighbors.—Wm. Ralph Inge, *The End of An Age.*

The genial poet, Tasso, upon receiving reports from solicitous friends that a certain enemy was spreading ill gossip about him, cheerfully observed: "I am not disturbed. How much better it is that he speak ill of me to all the world than that all the world should speak ill of me to him."—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

One reason for poor preaching from the pulpit is that there is poor praying from the pew.—Rev. Pierce Cook, *Christian Advocate.*

The productivity of American workers has increased so much that, according to a recent study, if you were content to accept the standard of living of 1870, you would have to work no more now than five hours a week.—Lawrence Galton, *American Magazine.*

Some of us would do well to emulate the woman who realized that her fears were ruining her life, so she made for herself a "worry table." In tabulating her worries she discovered these figures:

- 40%—will never happen; anxiety is the result of a tired mind.
- 30%—about old decisions which I cannot alter.
- 12%—others' criticism of me, most untrue, made by people who feel inferior.
- 10%—about my health, which gets worse as I worry.
- 8%—"Legitimate," since life has some real problems to meet.—Thomas S. Kepler, *Jesus' Spiritual Journey and Ours.*



## Reports Growing Demand For Bible in Asia

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—(RNS)—The American Bible Society's foreign secretary for Asia, just back from a trip to the Far East, said here he found the demand for the Bible in Asia is greater than it has ever been.

The Rev. Laton Holmgren described the interest as "part of a movement throughout the free world in the direction of a revival of religion and faith generally."

Some of the old ethical religions, like Buddhism and Shintoism, are enjoying revivals in their own sphere, he reported.

The reason, Mr. Holmgren explained, is that "the contrast between the way of life which is frankly irreligious and the other based on faith has been drawn so sharply that Asians can see that the way of faith is the way of freedom."

This also has produced greater demand for the Bible, he said.

At the same time, it is becoming more difficult to circulate the Bible in many countries because of rising nationalisms, Mr. Holmgren said.

These countries are insisting that all products, including books, be produced within their borders, rather than imported, he explained. And this means that the cost of bringing the Bible to people in these countries will become more expensive, he added.

"In several countries, Japan notably, new translations of the Scriptures in modern colloquial speech are being produced," Mr. Holmgren said.



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## A DEED OF APPRECIATION

The Tennessee Baptist Convention voted in Knoxville last November to send Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Pope to the Baptist World Alliance. It was the desire of the Committee to send them to visit some of the Mission Fields, including the Holy Land, while they are on this trip. Everyone with whom we have talked has been most enthusiastic about sending them. It will be the first time in the twelve years he has served Tennessee Baptists as Executive Secretary that the people have done anything of this nature for him and his family.

We are asking that each church and individual wishing to have a part in this deed of love and appreciation send his or their gift to Mr. Fred Noe, Business Manager, Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, So., Nashville 4, Tennessee. Mark your gift "For Dr. Pope's trip." We are asking the State Mission Board to make up the difference and that it be presented to Dr. and Mrs. Pope at the State Convention in November, 1954.

Your gifts should be made as soon as possible in order that we may know how much we have raised and how much more there is to be given. It is estimated that the trip for the two of them will run about \$4,000.

Let us give our gifts now. Remember to mark them plainly "For Dr. Pope's Trip."

Respectfully,

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## Georgia Officials to Retire in December

James W. Merritt, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention since 1930, has announced that he will retire in December.

The almost quarter-century of service as executive secretary which Dr. Merritt will have on retirement gives him the longest record for service of any state secretary in the Southern Baptist Convention.

H. C. Whitener, secretary of evangelism, and Arthur Jackson, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation and Endowment Committee, will also retire at the end of this year.

Announcement of the retirements was made at the recent meeting in Atlanta of the Executive Committee of the Georgia convention.

## Survey Reveals Few Church Visitors

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Regularly employed church visitors are not too numerous in Southern Baptist Churches, it was revealed recently in a survey conducted by the *Baptist Press*. Questionnaires were sent to 300 larger churches over the Convention. Out of the 202 replies received only twenty indicated employment of a church visitor. Seven of them worked full-time and thirteen part-time.

Salary for the visitors varied greatly. Two churches pay \$6000 annually, two from \$200 to \$300 monthly, eleven from \$100 to \$200 monthly, and two from \$25.00 to \$100 monthly. Five also pay car allowance. In most instances the visitor is under the direction of the pastor.

Duties are varied greatly. The visitor visits the sick in nine churches, visits prospective members in eight, and promotes visitation through the organizations in nine. Other duties listed are as follows:

Counseling, visit newcomers, enlistment, assists pastor in responsibilities, visits shut-ins, responsible for census file, distributes *Home Life* magazine, relief work, writes welcome letters to newcomers, keeps books, helps office secretary, youth director, choir director, educational director, church financial secretary, and makes any visits necessary for the church.

Prospects come from commercial records, visitor cards, census, new baby lists in newspapers, and various other sources.

Twelve of the visitors help organize others for visitation. Fifteen have offices in the church building.

## First Recreation Workshop Held

The Church Recreation Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board held its first workshop recently in Nashville. Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, secretary of the Board's new service directed the program. Purpose of the workshop was to correlate suggestions from leaders in Southern Baptist schools, colleges, and churches in setting up an adequate church recreation services for Southern Baptists. College and seminary professors, and church workers from over the Convention attended the workshop.

## Baptist Encyclopedia Committee Meets

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The Editorial Committee for the proposed Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, Clifton J. Allen, chairman, met here recently. The committee made a study of format, space allocation to cover the various areas that are to be served, a consideration of a necessary table of contents, and all subjects that will lead to securing a proposal from a publisher to publish the work when it is completed.

The work of the committee is preparatory to submitting to the General Encyclopedia committee an adequate blueprint and specifications for the new encyclopedia.

# Personal Visitation for Evangelism

By Dr. Norris Gilliam

The Tennessee Baptist Convention Minutes for 1953 indicate that Tennessee Baptist churches received last year 29,501 additions by baptism. The Convention which was meeting in Knoxville adopted a goal of 50,000 additions by baptism in a single year. The year was not specified but it was hoped that this could be achieved not later than 1960.



Such an emphasis on additions by baptism does not imply that Baptists believe in baptismal regeneration nor does it imply that they believe that baptism is essential to salvation. Baptists believe that the individual should have been regenerated and should have made a public profession of faith before he is baptized. Baptists know that the New Testament teaches that Jesus commanded His church to baptize those who believed. He also indicated that force would not have to be exercised to get the redeemed individual to be baptized. Having been redeemed the person would manifest his love for the Saviour in wanting to follow Him in baptism according to Christ's command. Measuring our work by the number of baptisms is occasioned by the fact that this column in our statistical tables is the most reliable index of the number of people who have been won to Christ.

The goal of 50,000 additions by baptism is a goal in the most important field of activity. Jesus states His pre-eminent task when He said, "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." He gave us our pre-eminent task when He said, "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." Every church organization and activity and every denominational institution and agency should make a positive contribution, directly or indirectly, toward the attainment of this over-all objective. Evangelism is the primary engagement of Christianity and all else must be a contributor to or an outgrowth of it.

If we are to move from our present approximately 30,000 baptisms per year to the realization of our goal we are going to have to add something to our present procedures.

Most of our people have been won to Christ during the days of a revival meeting. It is quite easy therefore to see that if we want more baptisms then we need to have more revivals. This is an addition of a

procedure that is within the reach of any church.

But if we are to have such a large increase of accomplishment an even greater additional procedure is going to be necessary. The most widely available and most highly productive additional procedure is a broader use of more highly skilled personal visitation for evangelism.

Perfection of human skills does not indicate a diminished dependence upon the power of prayer or of the Holy Spirit but rather makes such power more productive. If one who is using electricity only for illumination refuses to plug in additional appliances and machines he limits the use of the power of electricity. The Christian who does not refine his procedures, abilities and techniques and put them all at the disposal of the Holy Spirit is really the one who is limiting the power of the Holy Spirit. Such limitation of the Holy Spirit by human carelessness or inefficiency is crass spiritual criminality and results in a failure to win many who are lost who might have been won.

Paul charges Timothy: (2 Timothy 4:1, 2), "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." The Scripture also states of Phillip as he was talking to the Eunuch: "Then Phillip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto

him Jesus." The size of the congregation does not characterize a man's activity as preaching or the exercise of some other gift. God has called men to preach but the Scripture states that Phillip preached to one man. Some who seem to feel that a call to preach excuses them from personal visitation for evangelism, have the experience more or less frequently of preaching a splendid full length evangelistic sermon to a congregation in which so far as can be ascertained there is not a single unsaved soul. Surely it is axiomatic that there would have been more likelihood of success if that same preacher had used his talents in talking with individual lost people whom he could have found in personal visitation.

The same apostle, Paul, who charged Timothy to "preach the word" said in Acts 20:20, 21: "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." In the 31st verse of the same chapter he said, "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."

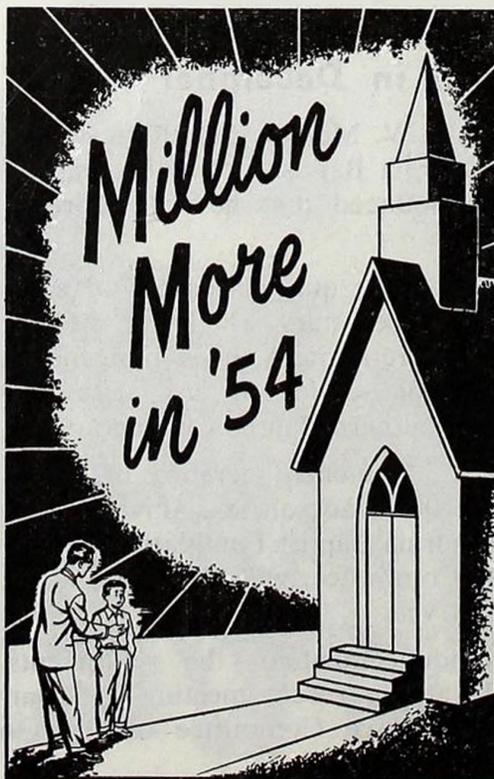
Surely, we can see by this that the great preacher in addition to his marvelous "pulpit ministry" endorsed and practiced personal visitation for evangelism.

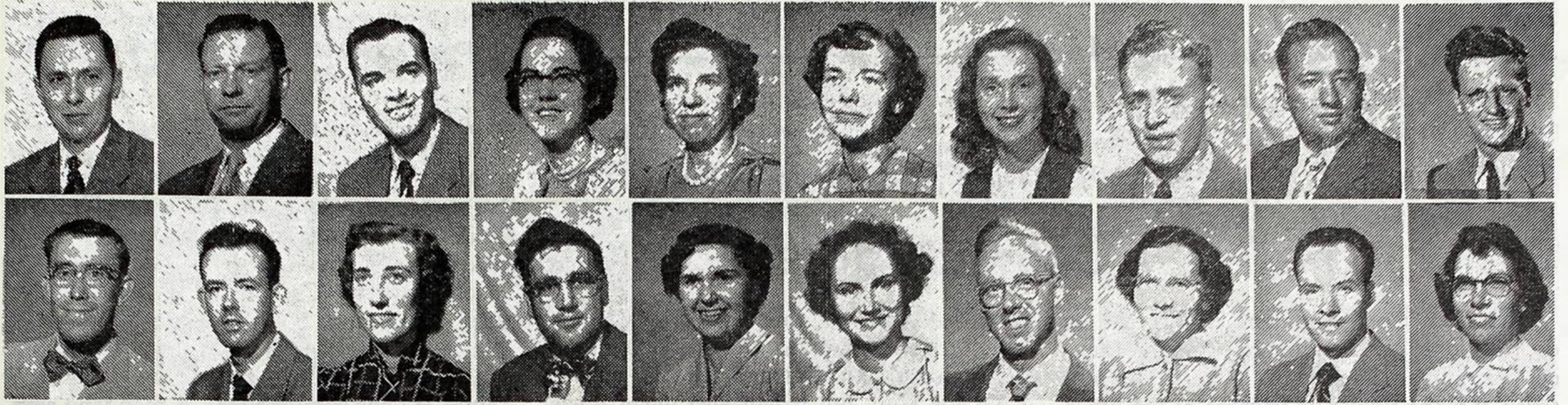
In Luke 5:10, Jesus said to Simon, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." Dr. C. B. Williams translates this passage, "You will be catching men." Dr. A. T. Robertson commented, "So then Peter is to be a catcher of men, not of fish, and to catch them alive and for Life, not dead and for death." Dr. Bruce in the Expositor's Greek Testament observes, "The analytic form implies permanent occupation—Thou shalt be takers."

Matthew and Mark record, "I will make you to become fishers of men." This is the foundation on which to build our skills—the certainty of the successful outcome of our efforts.

Andrew and Peter were not to become fishers after men but fishers of men: "Thou shalt catch men," "You will be catching men," "Thou shalt be takers of men." This is to be no pantomime. They are to be actually catching men alive for eternal life. This is Christ's pronouncement as the Eternal Son of God. This is an unequivocal promise. Therefore He says, "Fear not! You will be a successful catcher of men!"

Charged and encouraged by Jesus and admonished by the apostle, Paul, let us go from house to house night and day with tears in planned personal visitation for evangelism winning the people to a personal experience of regeneration through their faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ and their submission to the power of God's Holy Spirit.





Fort Worth, Texas, Tennesseans applying for graduation from Southwestern Seminary, May 7, are (top left to right) James D. Morris, Paris; William B. Williams, Memphis; Paul D. Brewer, Chattanooga; Alma Elizabeth Oates, Memphis; Sallie Allen Gray, Knoxville; Martha Crocker, Rutherford; Mrs. Robert E. Beaty, Memphis; Joseph Travis Nickell, Centerville; Marshall Gaines Duncan, Norris; and William S. Shearin, Chattanooga. (Second row) Charles Edward Smith, Cookeville; Roderick D. Latta, Jackson; Thelma Louise Elkins, Brighton; Robert Lee Hamblin, Ripley; Jean Ward Thompson, Knoxville; Mrs. Robert L. Hamblin, Ripley; Audley Boyce Frazier, Knoxville; Jean Evelyn Carlisle, Millington; Dean Clifton Houk, Elizabethton; and Bettye Jo Corum, Fountain City.

### That Humiliating "Yes" Crowd:

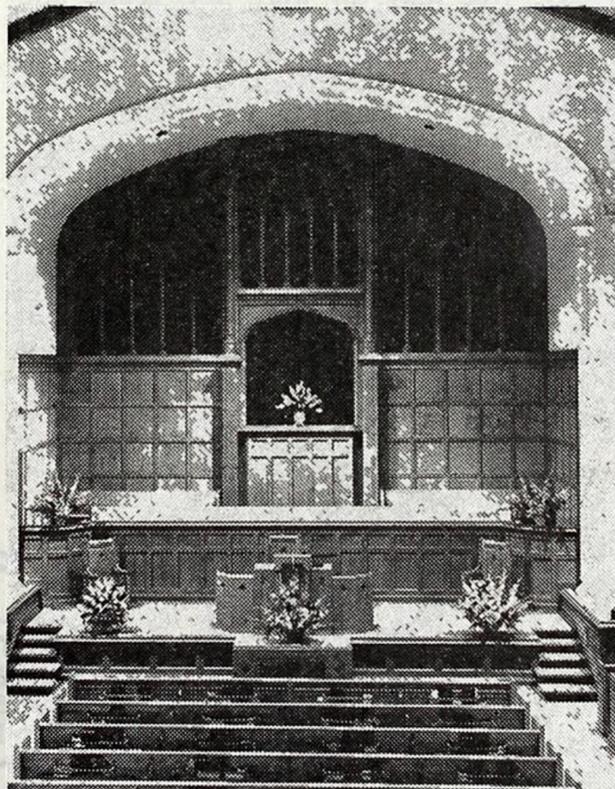
We recall having once read that our most useful people do not follow the crowd. They are always ahead of the crowd. Of course we all know that crowd, any crowd, is an abstraction, moved usually by an intelligence from without. Nevertheless there is but limited truth in the statement because only one of the definitions, reads: "Crowd means an unorganized group of persons." Other definitions merely say "a throng, a multitude."

But even partial truth, when filled with indictments against ourselves, can gravely hurt sensitive souls. To what extent am I a victim of mass movement? We have learned, long since, that any program of self improvement can be most effectively met by a few admissions. There are but few of us but what must admit that being with the crowd is mighty comfortable. We don't have to think or at least we don't think, as a rule, when once we begin to rub shoulders and move by "surges."

Of course we aren't talking about cooperative action after intelligent study and individual decision. We are thinking rather of the world of "yes" type people, so indifferent to things about them and so chronically lazy, we beg pardon, so inflicted with inertia, that thinking and deciding is left to the smart fellow. If you think the "yes" people have disappeared, then you need to stand where we stood only recently. On the fringe of a "crowd" we watched with mounting alarm and with increasing consternation, groups of people cry, as it were "crucify him." They asked not to be informed, seemingly pleased to be released from the burden of personal decision.

Nothing is more beautiful than a group of people talking themselves together, unless it is the ability of the same folk to walk away in comradeship after unity of action has failed. But with all our vaunted pride of "getting together" even Baptists "just between us" are not as individually resourceful, as personally informed, as fixed in opinion, as secure in their own findings

### Chattanooga Northside Dedicates New Building



Chattanooga—Members of Northside Church have realized the dream of many years in the dedication of their new edifice, the front of whose sanctuary is shown above. Seating capacity of auditorium including balcony is 1500. The church is a beautiful example of American Gothic. Rev. Charles C. Lemons is pastor. The building committee was W. J. Ingle, chairman; B. J. Bush, George Liner and Clayton Crawley. The finance committee with Mr. Bush as chairman was composed of Earl Wright, Herman Lamb, W. J. Ingle, Mrs. James Ramey, Mrs. Mary Kimbel. Chairman of Deacons is J. E. Belk. Cost of building and furnishings was \$250,000. The basement structure of the building was built in 1947 during the ministry of R. W. Selman.

and study, as courageous in their approach as they should be. No! not by a long ways are we free from the gang spirit, but there is always something that can be done about it, particularly if we start with ourselves.—Lewis A. Myers, *Baptist New Mexican*

### Warns Christians on Seriousness of World Situation

PHILADELPHIA—The world situation is serious enough to send every Christian to his knees, Walter S. Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, said here.

"We are taking too casually the freedoms that were purchased by the blood of our forefathers and that are now endangered by the Communist aggression that has taken over about one-third of the world.

"No one of us today should regard the privileges of worship at a church of our choice or of an uncensored press and radio, or of our everyday comforts lightly."

Mr. Robertson said that the entire Far East was in the greatest danger of going Communist because their "incredible destitution, disease, and discontent provides the perfect soil."

"We are challenged to give all the material, financial and military aid possible to this threatened area," he said. "This is not a matter just for a corps of diplomats; it is for the united forces of our own and all free governments, and of people collectively and individually.

"In short, it is a question of how to save Christian civilization. We must look for the answer on our knees. It may be in Jesus' parable, 'Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto Me.' He must have meant that serving man is synonymous with serving God."

Stetson University, De Land, Fla., has received an unrestricted title to a million-dollar campus for a fully accredited College of Law to be opened next September. The campus was a gift from citizens of St. Petersburg, Fla.

W. W. Adams, president, Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., has submitted his resignation to the board of directors. Action taken by the board of directors is not known at this time.

# Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: John 13 and 14 (Larger)—John 13:12-17, 34, 35; 14:21-24 (Printed).

## The New Commandment

The New Commandment, which has to do with love, can be thought of as the Eleventh Commandment. In a very definite sense, it is the flower or fruitage of the other Ten Commandments; for the Old Testament clearly indicates this to be the case. For instance, we read, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut. 6:5). And again; "Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Deut. 10:19). In fact our Lord summarizes the Ten Commandments in terms of love, first towards God and second towards our fellow-man (Mt. 23:36-40). In the printed text of our lesson, we note that He commands us to love one another as He has loved us. This is to be reminded that such a love is not sentimental, or dependent upon mere chance, but is to be deliberate and determined upon our part. It is a command.

### The Commandment Illustrated (vv. 12-17)

We observe, first, the example of the Master. He assumed the position of a lowly servant in washing the feet of the group of followers in the meeting in the Upper Room, gathered as they were for the eating of the Paschal Meal. There was contention among them, there, as to which one or ones should be first or most important (see Luke 22:14-16, 24-30). The task of washing their feet had been neglected or ignored, since no one was willing to perform the service. It is not difficult to imagine their shame when the Master does the needed task for them. The lesson went home to their hearts when they witnessed the illustration of the commandment.

We observe, second, the happiness promised to the Disciples when they would follow the example of the Master. "Happy are ye if ye do them," He said. Serving others for Christ's sake, is the principle involved here. This always brings a joy and happiness of deep and abiding quality. Such joy is its own reward.

### The Commandment Enjoined (vv. 34, 35)

See, first, that in carrying it out we are bound to Christ in a peculiar manner. We are to love others as He loved us. What a world of meaning is contained in the little word, "as," used in these verses! In this connection, we glimpse both the newness as well as the grandeur of the Commandment. When we begin to love others, all others, as Jesus loved us; we begin to share His compassion and His concern. When we come to love others as He loved us, we will give and spend ourselves as He gave and spent Himself. After we have loved others

as He has loved us, this old world will have been brought closer to God. It may mean Gethsemane and Calvary for us, just as it did for Him, but it will also mean Easter and the Resurrection.

See, second, that in carrying it out we wear the true badge of genuine Christianity. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples," Jesus said. The world will judge us, ultimately, on this basis. We may, or may not, be a member of the church (although we should be, if we have been saved). We may, or may not, recite and subscribe to a creed (if we have deep convictions that are based upon vital experiences, we will welcome formulations and make them our own). We may, or may not, measure up to another's standard of conduct (a Christian should ever be found trying to live as nearly like Christ lived as is possible). All of these, and others, may be present or absent in our lives. But when men see us manifesting, through deeds of service and kindness, a love for others that reflects in some measure the love of

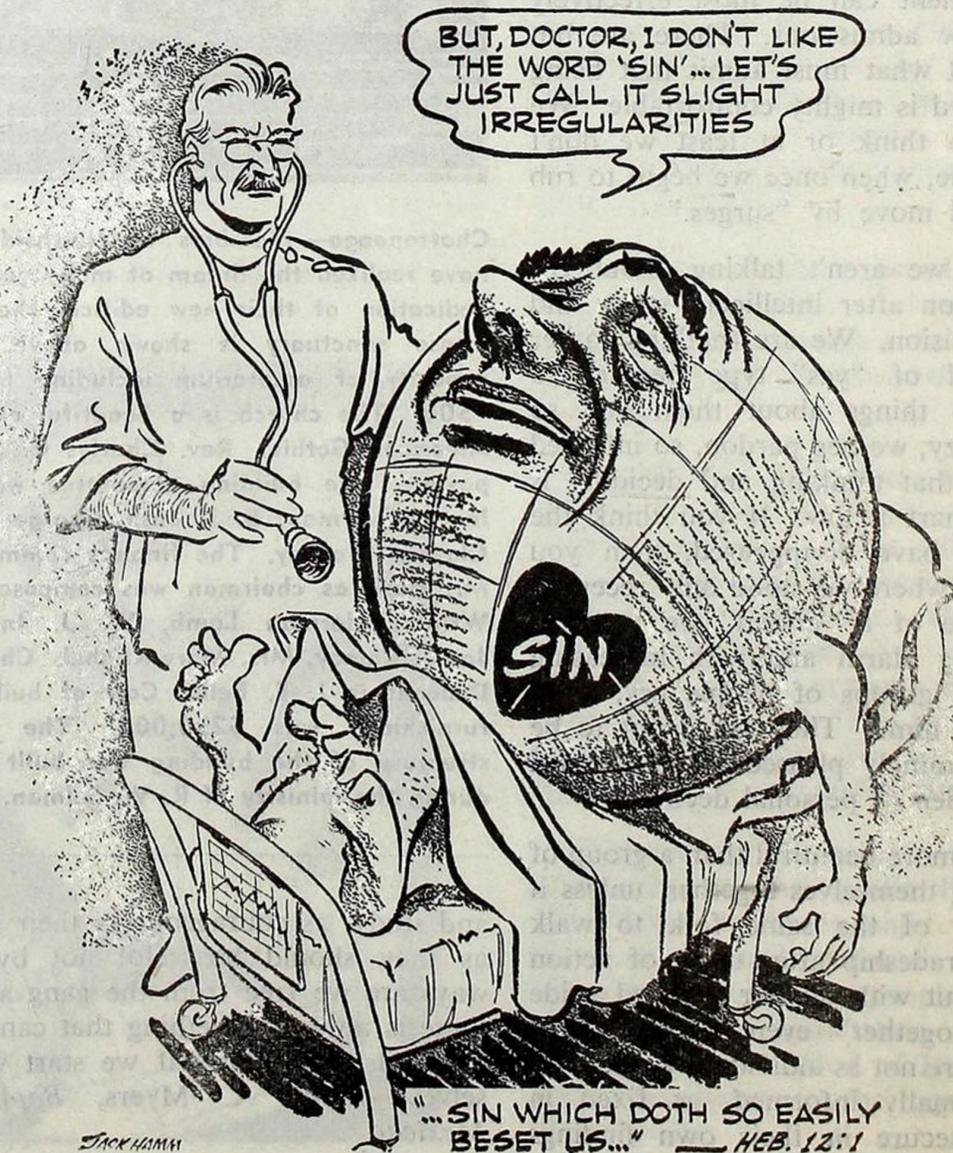
Christ for all men; then they will know that we are indeed true Christians. If we fail here, we have failed everywhere.

### The Commandment to be Demonstrated (vv. 21-24)

Note, first, that the demonstration is to be seen in our doing the Father's will. It is futile, as well as hypocritical, to imagine our possessing Christian love if we are knowingly disobedient to Christ. It is meaningless, even bordering upon blasphemy, to say that we love either God or those for whom Christ died if we are not trying to do the things He has commanded. A man who says he loves his family, but who at the same time makes no effort to support it is fooling nobody but himself. We mock God and make for cynicism among men when we proclaim our love apart from our obedience to His will and unselfish service in His behalf for needy men.

Note, second, that in the demonstration we have been promised His abiding presence with us. "We will come unto him, and make our abode with him," said Jesus. If He is consciously present in our lives, our every need is automatically provided. If His presence is a reality, nothing else matters. If He lives within our hearts, enjoying complete freedom therein, our lives are blessed and we shall be a blessing to others. For where He lives, there will be peace and harmony and love. Where He lives, there will be a likeness to God. Where He lives, there will be the doing of God's good will.

### HEART TROUBLE



# The Young South

Here are some more letters from Young South friends. Can you find in each letter an invitation? Can you find in each letter a promise? Which invitation will you accept? Mark the letter which interests you most.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eight years old and I go to Bellefont Baptist Church in Cleveland, Tennessee. I am in the third grade at Big Springs School. My teacher's name is Miss Ann McClary. My favorite subject is writing.

I have a little brother three years old. His name is Larry. I would love to have some pen pals. I will answer all their letters.

I like animals. I have a cat, a dog, and a parakeet whose name is Pete.

GAYNELL MORGAN

Route 1, Dalton Pike  
Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am nine years old and will be ten the seventh of May. I have blue eyes and brown hair. I am in the fourth grade at Treadwell School. I go to Highland Heights Baptist Church. My pastor is Dr. Slater A. Murphy.

I read the Young South column and enjoy it very much. I have started writing to a pen pal. I hope to get many more pen pals from this letter. I will try to answer every letter I receive.

PHYLLIS GEORGE

3334 Farmville  
Memphis 12, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven years of age. My birthday is January 23. I am a Christian. I go to the Baptist Church at Brownsville, Tennessee. My hobby is stamp collecting.

I have two brothers. I would like to have some pen pals and will try to answer every letter I get.

EULA CLEMENT

Box 67  
Brownsville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am fourteen years old, in the ninth grade at Isaac Litton High School. My birthday is July 29. I am a Christian and belong to First Baptist Church. Dr. W. F. Powell is my pastor.

My hobby is baseball. I have two brothers and one sister. I have blue eyes and brown hair.

I would like to have some pen pals. I will answer every letter I receive.

MARTHA MANNING

921 Elvira Street  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl thirteen years old. I go to the First Baptist Church. My pastor is Dr. Robert L. Orr. I am in the seventh grade at Central Junior High School,

I love to play the piano, listen to records, and study outdoor nature. I would like very much to have some pen pals. I will answer every letter I get.

NANCY HUMMEL

408 Pate Avenue  
Dyersburg, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am ten years old. I am in the fifth grade. I am a Christian and go to Union Baptist Church. I would like to have some pen pals. I will try to answer every letter I get.

RITA BUTLER

Box 25, Route 2  
Cosby, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven year old. My birthday is February 8. I go to Ten Mile School and am in the sixth grade. I go to Concord Baptist Church. Brother Rickman is my pastor. My father is a preacher. I would like to have some pen pals and will try to answer every letter I receive.

HELEN THOMPSON

Route 2  
Erie, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I am a girl twelve years old, in the seventh grade. I am a Christian and go to the First Baptist Church.

I would like to have many pen pals. I will answer every letter that I get.

RUTH LOUISE TUELL

612 W. Madison  
Athens, Tenn.

Did you mark the letter written by a friend about your age? Or did you choose a friend with a hobby like yours? Maybe you chose one who lives in a city that you would like to know more about. When you write your get-acquainted letter to your new pen pal, tell her what it was in her letter that caused you to choose her above all the other nice friends whose letters you read. Tell her something about yourself, so that you two can quickly get to know each other well!

Your friend,

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, South  
Nashville, Tenn.



# LAUGHS

From  
Here and There

A clergyman noticed a woman named Mrs. Parker, whom he much disliked, coming up his front steps. Taking refuge in his study, he left his wife to entertain the caller.

Half an hour later he emerged from his retreat, listened carefully on the landing and, hearing nothing below, called down to his wife: "Has that horrible old bore gone?"

The woman was still in the drawing room, but the minister's wife proved equal to the occasion.

"Yes, dear," she called back, "she went long ago. Mrs. Parker is here."

A woman, explaining a traffic crash to a policeman, concluded:

"... and then I very clearly signalled that I had changed my mind."

Stranger: "I have come to this little town to make an honest living."

Native: "Well, you won't have much competition."

A minister announced to his congregation that the 23rd Psalm would now be repeated in unison. Then he added, "Will the lady who always gets to the Still Waters while the rest of us are still in the Green Pastures, please wait until we catch up, and stay with the crowd."

He was very angry at being kept waiting at the station.

"So you had difficulty in finding me, eh?" he protested to the chauffeur. "Didn't your master describe me?"

"Yes, sir," the chauffeur replied, "but there are so many baldheaded old duffers with red noses!"

Mrs. Jones was sitting in the breakfast nook shelling peas when she heard a knock at the back door. Thinking it was her young son, she called, "Here I am, darling."

Silence. Then a deep voice boomed. "This is not the regular iceman."

Why did the mouse go past the medicine chest quietly? Because he did not want to wake the sleeping pills.

During a class discussion on taxes, the teacher asked Bobby to give her an example of an indirect tax.

"The dog tax," he replied.

"Why is that an indirect tax?" queried the teacher.

"Because," answered Bobby, "the dog doesn't pay it."

"What animal," asked the teacher of the class in natural history, "makes the nearest approach to man?"

"The mosquito," timidly ventured the little boy with the curly hair.

# East STATE Briefs

Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville, Tennessee

Oakwood Church, Knoxville, observed the Eighth Anniversary of Pastor L. C. Roberts, February 28. Bro. Roberts came to Knoxville from Hall Street Church, Owensboro, Kentucky. During the past year the church completed and entered a new \$67,000 Educational Building. A cottage next to the church has been converted into a Babyland with four beautiful Nursery units. The pastor was presented with a beautiful gold watch and Mrs. Roberts with a deep fryer.

March 7 was the fifth anniversary of this Scribe as pastor of Broadway Church, Maryville. The Lord has been gracious in connection with these efforts. The people have co-operated in a marvelous manner with a program that seeks to honor the Lord. Brooks Ramsey, pastor of First Church, Maryville will be the Evangelist in a revival at Broadway beginning March 22.

Hamilton County Royal Ambassadors' new officers: Mrs. Wendell Barcaly, chief counselor; Lloyd Gant, ambassador in chief; Knox Riley, first assistant ambassador; Edward Tarpley, recorder and James Barclay, Steward. E. R. Webster, Livy L. Cope and Ted Hale provided the organizational program at Calvary Church.

Bristol Ministerial Association's annual Preaching Mission heard Baker J. Cauthen, Doak S. Campbell and Monroe Swilley on this year's interesting program.

Oakwood Church, Chattanooga, has purchased for its new location, the property of Jersey School on Bonny Oaks Drive.

The Children's Home at Chattanooga was dedicated March 7. Dr. W. C. Creasman, general superintendent of the Homes and Dr. John L. Hill, chairman of the Board of Managers were speakers.

Ralph Reed is the new minister of music at First Church, Etowah. Pastor and people speak enthusiastically concerning his work in this position. A Training Union enlargement campaign began March 14. While Pastor H. Cowen Ellis and family were on vacation in Florida, Dr. Douglas Harris of the Carson-Newman College Faculty supplied the pulpit.

Griffith Creek Church, Sequatchie Association has called James Smith, recently ordained by Little Hopewell Church in the same association.

February 14 marked the second anniversary of James E. Byler at First Church, Cleveland.

Roger McDonald, student at Carson-Newman College, supplied the pulpit of First Church, Loudon while Pastor W. Paul Hall was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, assisting in a Southwide Sunday School Clinic.

We are grateful to Pastor A. A. Carlton, of Fifth Avenue Church, Lenoir City for a copy of the 1954 Church Directory.

A. Roy Greene, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was a recent guest speaker at First Church, LaFollette and at Jellico.

Missionary John Brown reports that Campbell Association will conduct a Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign beginning April 18. A Brotherhood has been organized at Elk Valley Church where Ancil Douglas is Pastor.

Carson Newman B.S.U. choir directed by Herschel Creasman, gave a program at Central Church, Oak Ridge and at Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville on February 26.

James Moses is the new minister of music at Park Lane Church, Knoxville. W. M. Pinson is Pastor.

The 50th anniversary of Immanuel Church, Knoxville was observed March 7. Dr. Charles W. Pope and A. Roy Greene were guest speakers. A. R. Pedigo and Charles P. Jones, former pastors were present. This church has an enviable record of service in Knoxville. Homer A. Cate is Pastor.

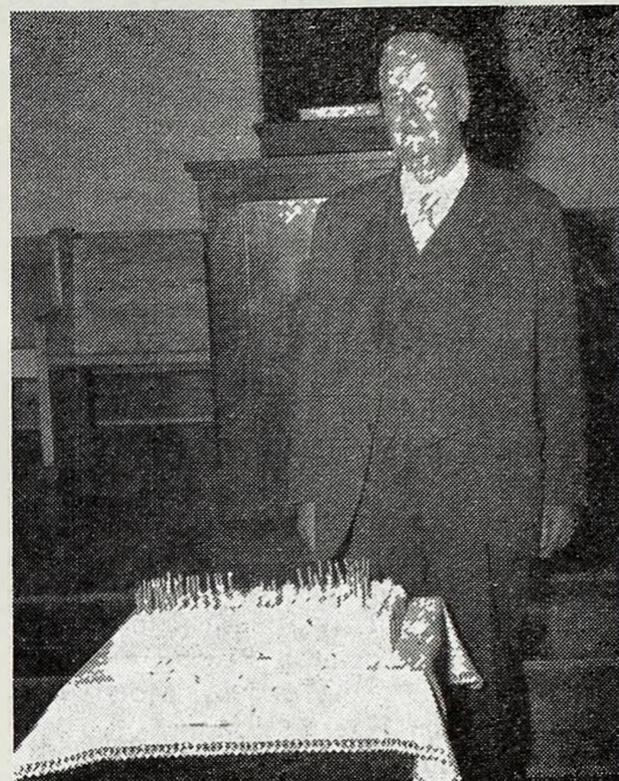
March 28, C. B. Land of Jackson, Mississippi, comes to Smithwood Church, Knoxville to lead in a Stewardship Revival. Ralph L. Murray is Pastor.

James E. Harris of Deaderick Avenue Church, Knoxville, led First Church, Spring City in a revival March 14-21.

H. T. Stembridge of Forest City, North Carolina, formerly pastor of First Church, Paris, Tennessee will lead Central Church, Fountain City in its Spring revival. Charles S. Bond is pastor.

Lowell D. Milburn has completed three years as pastor of First Church, Newport. February 17, the church honored the Milburns with a reception and presented them with a television set.

## Churches Honor 80-Yr. Old Leader



Sunday, January 24, three churches of which Rev. U. T. Lingar has been pastor for more than forty years held a joint celebration of his 80th birthday. Brother Lingar who lives at Harrogate has served Chadwell Station Church 41 years and Walnut Hill and Greers Chapel for 40 years. He has been active in the work of the denomination and was among the first to organize a B.Y.P.U. and Missionary Societies in Cumberland Gap Association. The churches remembered his birthday with appropriate gifts and words of praise. We salute this good soldier of the Cross.

Robert Bushyhead, a Senior at Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, spoke at McCalla Avenue Church, Knoxville, on Sunday evening, February 28. He has done a great deal of work for the Home Mission Board and has an interesting message concerning the work of the Lord among his people, the Indians.

Dr. Ralph T. Overman of Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies was guest speaker for the Brotherhood of Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville.

Eddie Martin, well known young Evangelist, is leading Broadway Church, Knoxville in a revival which opened March 15. Ramsey Pollard is Pastor.

White Pine Church, Judson Taylor, pastor, is making splendid progress on a new educational unit. Jerry Conner, James Parham and Miss Imogene Hawks are teachers in the Training Union study course.

Second Church, Greeneville under the leadership of Charles P. Jones is making splendid progress. January is described as having been the best month in the history of the church. Offerings for 1953 amounted to \$7,241.21.

Bluff City Church has installed a Hammond Electric Organ. Arthur B. Griffin is Pastor.

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On February 11, the Bulletin of White Oak Church, Chattanooga, carried the Architect's drawing of the new educational building which is to be built by this church in the near future. Ray F. Dykes is pastor.

Dr. W. R. Rigell, formerly pastor of Central Church, Johnson City was guest preacher at First Church, Kingsport, February 28, while Pastor E. Gibson Davis was in a series of services at First Church Mount Airy, North Carolina.

Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Connie A. Dabney, pastor has sponsored a new church located at the intersection of South Seminole and Bennett roads. R. C. Kerr is superintendent of Sunday school and Frank Day, director of Training Union. The Brotherhood of the Brainerd Church has conducted groundwork for the project.

First Church, Athens was host to McMinn Evangelistic Conference February 26. This has become an annual event in this association. Among the speakers were: Ansell Baker, David Livingstone, Harold Malone, Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Cobble, Leonard Stafford and Leonard Sanderson.

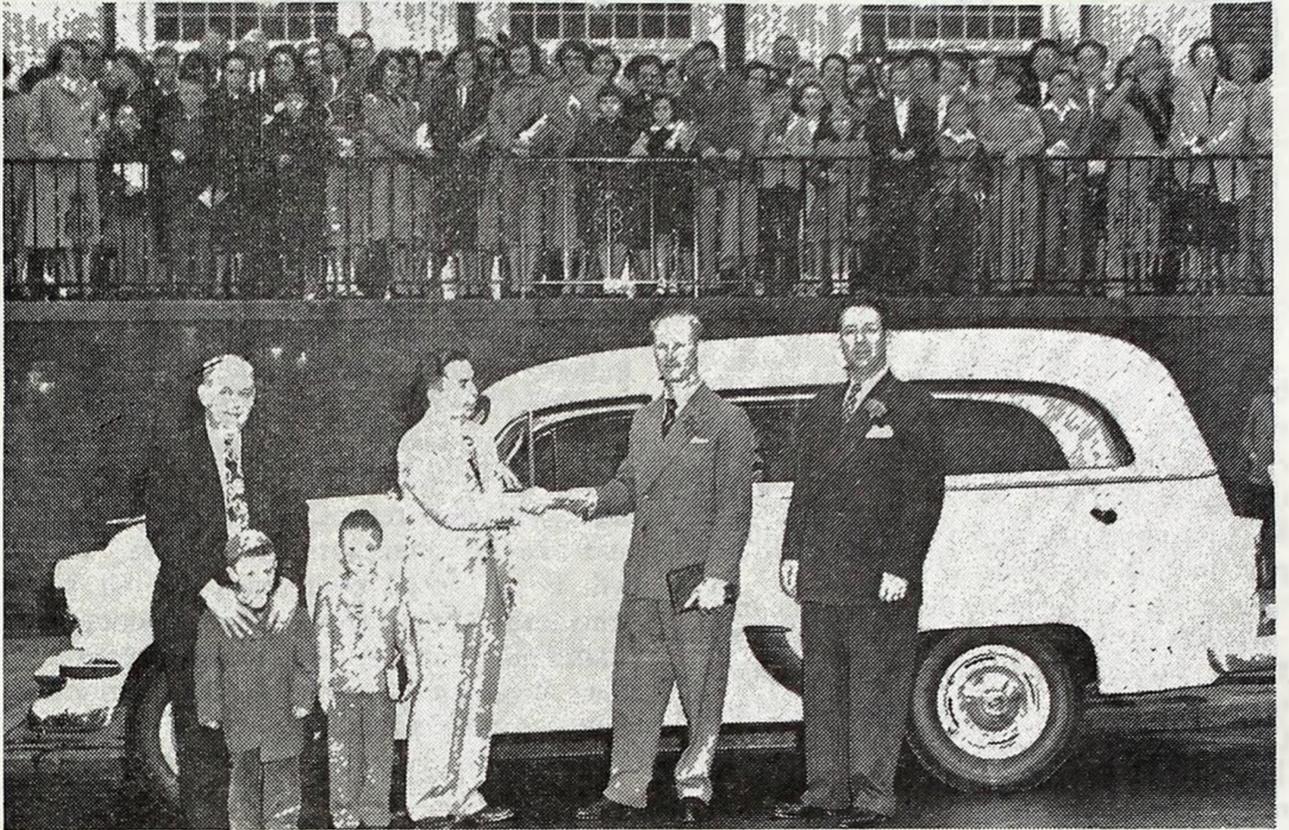
Missionary Dillard Brown of McMinn Association is directing a new mission at Decatur which grew out of a tent revival and is sponsored by the Brotherhood and mothered by the Decatur Baptist Church.

Mt. Harmony Church, No. 1, McMinn Association, is being led in a Youth Revival with Jack Bryan of Carson Newman College as Evangelist. Bobby Neil of First Church, Niota will act as Youth pastor, Ross Anderson leading the music, Madonna Reed as pianist, Brother Anderson conducting the choir and special music each evening, March 21-28.

The passing of Pastor Hubert C. Tarlton of Pine Springs Church in East Tennessee Association marked the loss of one who had served the cause of Christ well for more than 30 years. Brother Tarlton was 63 at the time of his death February 3. He served as pastor of churches in Coker County for 25 years, Pine Grove and Deep Gap being the principal ones. His three daughters and five sons are all Christians and members of Baptist churches.

English Creek Church, East Tennessee Association, has the foundation and sub-floor for a new 40 by 60 foot building. Carl Ogle is pastor.

## Missionary Gets Car from Fifth Avenue Church



Knoxville—Rev. Stephan P. Jackson, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil is shown here (Bible in hand) being presented a 1954 Chevrolet Handyman car by Fifth Avenue Baptist Church through Dr. W. L. Lockett, chairman of the Board of Trustees. For several years this church has paid the salary of Missionary Jackson, who at present is in the states on furlough and is making his headquarters at LasCruces, New Mexico. The church also gave a year's insurance on the car and will take care of transportation to Brazil when Missionary Jackson returns the latter part of this year. Shown left to right are Mr. Ernest Jackson, a brother of the missionary and teacher in the public school system of Knoxville, his son Jimmy, Bill Lockett and his father, Dr. Lockett, Missionary Jackson and Dr. W. Walter Warmath, Pastor of Fifth Avenue Church.

## Alcoa Church Starts New Educational Building



Alcoa—Calvary Baptist Church looks ahead to a three-story educational building, ground for which is being broken by (left to right) W. A. Riddle, chairman; Lester Fraizer, trustee; John Cloinger, chairman of trustees; C. M. Glass, pastor; J. E. Brewer, Sunday school superintendent; Joe C. Culberson, church treasurer. The new structure is planned to accommodate approximately 600 people. The cost will be \$90,000. The ground-breaking exercises were March 2.





# Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY MILLS, Executive Sec'y-Treas.

## TENNESSEE ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONGRESS

"It won't be long now!!"—No, it will not be long. Six weeks from the time you read these words our first Tennessee Royal Ambassador Congress will be history. But of course you still have time to enable the Royal Ambassadors in your church to take part in this important event.

Friday and Saturday, April 23-24 is the time. First Baptist Church, Nashville, in the place. The opening session for the Congress will begin Friday night at 7:30. The Saturday sessions will be from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon and from 1:15 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

There will be a \$1.00 registration fee for each person attending the Congress. All who pay this fee will be entitled to a free lunch Saturday noon at the First Baptist Church. If it is absolutely impossible for your group to attend each session of the Congress, you will of course bring them for as much as possible. If your group comes just for Friday night it will not be necessary to send a registration fee, *BUT* you will be expected to send in the completed registration blank provided you so that we may know how many are planning to come.

Lodging will be available at the following motels and hotels:

Name	Price
Alamo Plaza .....	\$2.00 per person
Bozeman's Court .....	\$2.75 per person
Drake Courts .....	\$2.75 per person
James Robertson Hotel .....	\$3.00 per person
Tulane Hotel .....	\$1.75 per person
Vanderbilt Plaza .....	\$2.50 per person

The two hotels listed are within walking distance of the church. The motels are all within three miles of the church. Make all arrangements for lodging through Royal Ambassador Congress, Belcourt at 16th Ave., South, Nashville, Tennessee. Blanks have been provided to send in, giving your first three choices of a place to stay. Do not send any money for lodging to this office. It will be paid at the hotel or motel your group stays.

A challenging program has been arranged. The opening message for the Congress will be brought Friday night by Glendon McCullough, Royal Ambassador Secretary of Georgia. The speakers for Saturday morning will be A. Roy Greene, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and M. D. Cates, missionary to Peru. Robert Bushyhead, from Cherokee, North Carolina will

bring the closing message on Saturday afternoon. Other outstanding features will be a pageant on Friday night presented by the Royal Ambassadors of the Nashville Association, and a breakfast on Saturday morning for all counselors and pastors. J. C. Ballew, Royal Ambassador Secretary of Kentucky, will bring a brief message at that time. Other events of the day will be the election and installation of officers for our state, and conferences for each age group, and one for counselors and pastors. There will be a special conference for all boys who are Ambassadors, Ambassadors Extraordinary, and Ambassadors Plenipotentiary, conducted by Jimmy Allen, Tennessee Royal Ambassador Secretary.

## W.M.U. CONVENTION

First Baptist Church  
Chattanooga, March 23-25

Convention opens Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Meetings will be held at First Baptist Church.

Each W.M.S. is entitled to one delegate for every ten members or fraction thereof. The program will bring many inspiring speakers. The convention will be an important one.

The Superintendents and Associational Young People's Leaders who are planning to attend the luncheon on Tuesday as a guest of Hamilton County *must* notify Mrs. D. Isbell, 1511 Carroll Lane, Chattanooga, Tennessee at once.

B.W.C. Convention opens at First Baptist Church, Saturday, March 20, 1:00 P.M. Banquet, Hotel Patten, 6:30 P.M., March 20. B. W. C. Convention closes at 9:05 A.M. Sunday.



## Training Union

CHARLES L. NORTON, Secretary

### OUR NEWEST DEVICE

#### Training Union Follow-up Memos for Unions

These were absent:	These were late:
These did not study lesson:	These have not been on program:
These have not had study course:	These did not read their Bible every day:
These did not give to Church:	These did not stay for worship:

Training Union Follow-up Memos for Unions (Form TU 1470) are now available. They are in a pad of twenty-seven sets in multiples of three. The original white sheet can be filled in *The Worker's Plan Books*. The pink and blue sheets are punched and perforated so that one may be torn and distributed as memos to committee chairmen; the other may be added to the department director's plan book or to the president's notebook.

The pad may be secured from your Baptist Book Store for forty cents.

More space is allowed for writing in names than is shown in this miniature memo.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

by W. Barry Garrett

The "Voice of America," our nation's propaganda radio that is heard around the world in many languages, some months ago was investigated on two charges. One was that the station was improperly located, thus impairing the efficiency of its signals. The other was that some of the personnel had been tainted with Communism, thus the message could not faithfully represent true American principles.

These accusations, whether true or not, illustrate two serious errors relating to the Lord's Supper, which might be considered the "Voice of Christianity" (Cf. 1 Cor. 11: 26 ASV or RSV). An improper location for the Lord's Supper handicaps the efficiency of its witness, and an erroneous purpose violates its message.

The Lord's Supper is one of two perpetual ordinances given by the Lord to his churches. Its purpose is to proclaim "the Lord's death until he comes." The nature of the observance is a "memorial" occasion during which time attention is focused on the shed blood and broken body of Jesus—his atoning sacrifice for our sins.

The proper location for the Lord's Supper is a New Testament church (Cf. Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:42, 46; 1 Cor. 11:19ff). Jesus gave the ordinance to his church. In every instance in the New Testament where the ordinance was observed it was by the disciples as a church. In no case in the New Testament was the ordinance observed by a group other than the body of Christ.

In order for the message of the Lord's Supper to get through to the world with a clear signal it must be observed by a New Testament church.

With the divisions of Christendom many

## Registration Cards

For the Southern Baptist Convention

All Tennessee Baptist Churches expecting to send messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri June 2-5 should order their registration cards immediately from Baptist State Headquarters, Belcourt at 16th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee. Cards should be held in the church office until messengers are selected by the church, when they may be issued to the elected messengers. No church can have more than 10 messengers.

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diverging purposes have been assigned to the Lord's Supper. Some say that the bread and wine are supernaturally changed into the actual flesh and blood of Jesus (transubstantiation). Others say that the very presence of Jesus is in the elements (consubstantiation). The New Testament picture is that of bread and wine, representing the body and blood of Jesus.

The observance of the Lord's Supper is a simple memorial meal refreshing our memory as to how we are redeemed.

The right location and the correct message of the Lord's Supper is a church of the Lord Jesus Christ meeting together in fellowship, partaking of the bread and wine, "proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes."

W. Barry Garrett is editor of the ARIZONA BAPTIST BEACON.

Wallace Owen of Wartrace has accepted the call as pastor of Auburn Church, Salem Association, effective March 28. He and his family will move into the new pastor's home May 1.

## Strickland To Take California Work

Rev. W. Alvis Strickland, Pastor of Grandview Baptist Church, Nashville, for the past fourteen months, has been elected Secretary of the Department of Sunday school of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. Rev. Strickland will assume his new duties May 1 at Fresno, California.

During his pastorate, Grandview Church has received 145 new members, the Sunday school enrolment has grown from 474 to 697. The church budget has increased by one-third and other areas of the church life have progressed proportionately.

Brother Strickland, who previously served churches in Oklahoma, Texas and Tennessee, has been actively identified with denominational work having held the following associational offices: Chairman of Evangelism, of simultaneous revivals, of Negro work committee, of "A Million More in '54" campaign, vice chairman of Missions committee, member of Good Will Center board and Superintendent of Adult work. He has also served on the State Committee of "A Million More in '54" and State chairman of the Sunday school committee, as a director of the Tennessee Baptist Press and Middle Tennessee correspondent of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. Mr. Strickland also has been a trustee of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, White's Creek, Nashville and a member of its Executive Committee and Holding Board.

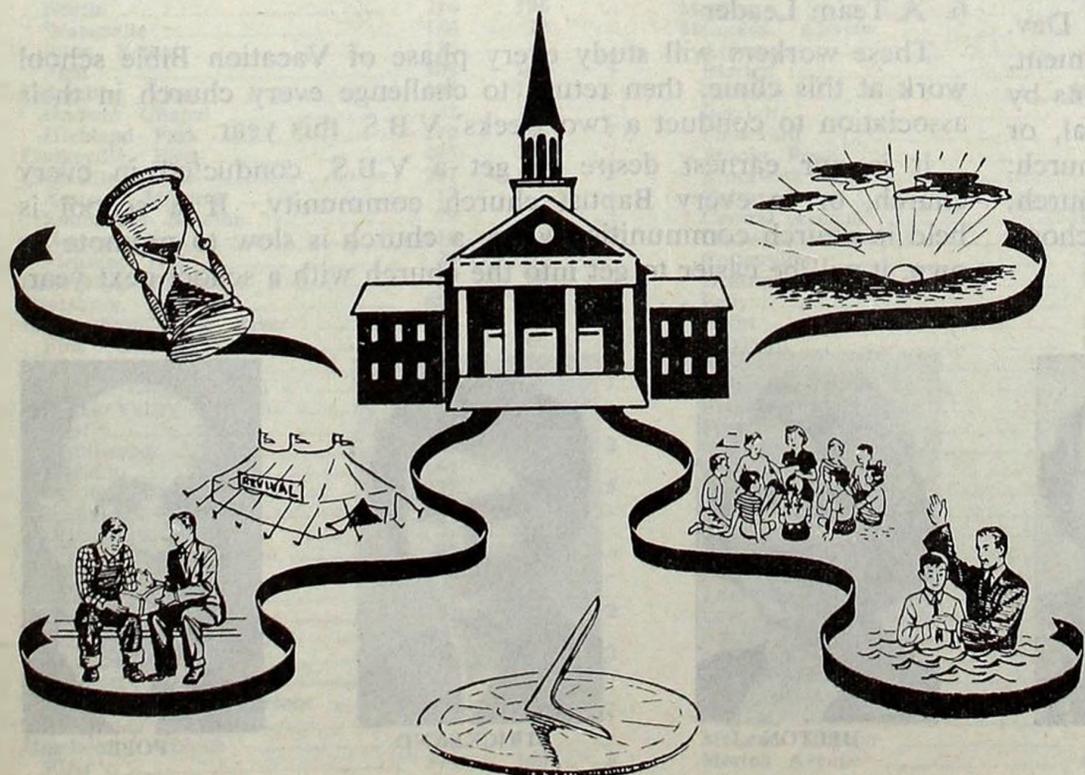
F. A. R. Morgan, prominent Southern Baptist missionary who retired following 33 years' service in Brazil, died March 1 at his home in Eastland, Texas. Mrs. G. Kearnie Keegan of Nashville and Mrs. Horace E. Buddin, missionary to Brazil, are daughters of this great educator.

## All Mission Work Is Church-Centered

Associational Prayer-Day Theme April 28, "While It Is Day . . ."

State missions on the associational level will be emphasized in the churches by the observance of a special day of prayer April 28. The idea in this observance is to focus Baptist thinking, by information and prayer, on some phase of missions within your association, such as revitalizing the churches, mending the fires of evangelism, building up better Sunday school attendance, etc. To strengthen the whole extent of the missionary program, some definite work needs to be done in every association. A season of prayer should be helpful. The Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Unions will promote this special day of prayer.—L. G. Frey, director of Department of Missions, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

## Pray for Missions in Your Association





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# STATE V. B. S. IMPROVEMENT CLINIC

March 29-30-31, 1954, Belmont College Chapel

Belcourt at 16th Avenue, South

Nashville, Tennessee

Monday Morning, March 29

Registration and room assignment of clinicians will begin at 10:00 A.M. Lunch will be served the clinicians at 12:00 noon in Belmont College Dining Room. Program will begin at 1:30 P.M.

## THE PURPOSE

The purpose of the State Sunday School Department in conducting this clinic is to bring a team of six well informed Vacation Bible school workers from each association to Nashville for a three-day period to study every phase of Vacation Bible school work. These workers will be urged to return to their respective associations and conduct a one-day improvement clinic in each of the groups of the association.

Vacation Bible school work has grown to such proportions that it is impossible to get all the V.B.S. workers from the churches to attend an associational central clinic and do the type of training necessary for improving the work.

Every church should enlist and elect the V.B.S. principal, each age group department superintendent and other helpers and encourage these workers to attend the one-day associational group clinic nearest them. Churches should order the V.B.S. books Nursery A, Beginner A, Primary B, Junior A, and Intermediate A, and principal's package and urge workers to take them to clinic.

## THE PROGRAM

Devotional; Why are We Here? Get Acquainted; Short talks; Panel discussions; Forums on Nursery Book A, Beginner Book A, Primary Book B, Junior Book A, and Intermediate Book A. Study of Principal's package; worship procedure; Preparation Day. Registration of all pupils. Conferences: General, Department, Open and Interview. Study of last year's statistics. Discussions by Clinicians: How we have promoted our associational, central, or group V.B.S. clinics; Our plans for a school in every church; Our experience in follow-up; A Training program for every church; The proper use of Standard—before, during, and after the school; Textbook Study.

## THE PLAN

The over-all plan is to get a two weeks' Vacation Bible school on in every church or in every Baptist church community in the state. This is a cooperative program of Vacation Bible school promotion. The Vacation Bible School Section of the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, the State Sunday School Department and the associations are investing time, money, and effort in the project.

*Will you pray for the success of this plan? We must reach more boys and girls for Vacation Bible school. It is criminal not to provide a V.B.S. for every boy and girl from 4-16 years of age. That means more schools. We must improve the quality of the work in each of the schools. That means careful preparation must be made before the schools begin. Contact your associational V.B.S. Leader and superintendent as to date and place of your associational group improvement clinics.*

## A PLEA

Every association is urged to select "A Team" of five or six well informed Vacation Bible school workers and send them to this clinic.

The associational team is to be made up of the following age group workers and a team leader:

1. An Intermediate Worker
2. A Junior Worker
3. A Primary Worker
4. A Beginner Worker
5. A Nursery Worker
6. A Team Leader

These workers will study every phase of Vacation Bible school work at this clinic, then return to challenge every church in their association to conduct a two weeks' V.B.S. this year.

It is our earnest desire to get a V.B.S. conducted in every church, or in every Baptist church community. If a school is held in church communities where a church is slow to promote its own, it will be easier to get into the church with a school next year.



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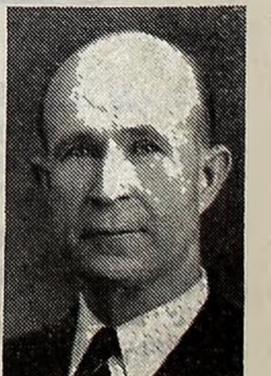
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# ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

## SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1954

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo, First	264	80	---
Calvary	273	111	---
Alcoa, First	375	120	2
Athens, Antioch	119	36	---
Bethsadia	36	25	---
East	476	149	---
First	634	243	1
West End Mission	88	68	---
North	225	47	---
Calhoun	99	37	---
Calvary	40	---	---
Cambria	21	18	---
Clearwater	135	42	---
Coghill	100	73	---
Conasauga	18	---	---
Cotton Port	65	80	---
Double Springs	36	50	---
Eastanalle	47	20	---
Englewood	232	72	1
Etowah, First	405	101	---
Etowah, North	404	163	---
Etowah, West	46	---	---
Good Field	92	53	---
Good Springs	115	53	---
Idlewild	105	53	---
Lake View	108	90	---
McMahan Calvary	67	44	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	60	36	---
New Bethel	103	---	---
New Zion	72	41	---
Niota, East	161	78	---
Niota, First	133	45	---
Oak Grove	93	---	---
Old Salem	43	---	---
Pond Hill	162	71	---
Riceville	95	39	---
Rocky Mount	41	17	---
Rodgers Creek	96	---	---
Sanford	46	32	---
Shiloh	70	45	---
Short Creek	102	63	---
Union Grove, McMinn	91	57	---
Union McMinn	59	---	---
West View	50	30	---
Wild Wood	109	60	---
Zion Hill	56	28	---
Auburntown, Auburn	107	50	---
Prosperity	163	70	---
Bolivar, First	286	90	---
Bristol, Calvary	430	117	5
Tennessee Avenue	605	165	8
Brownsville	616	142	34
Camden, First	229	74	---
Carthage, First	223	101	---
Charleston	115	41	---
Chattanooga, Avondale	989	204	5
Brainerd	916	378	11
Calvary	411	92	5
Concord	296	109	---
East	323	62	---
Eastdale	421	145	1
First	1197	313	2
Middle Valley	143	86	4
Northside	400	93	2
Red Bank	845	295	---
Ridgedale	604	162	---
Ridgeview	241	90	---
Second	200	63	1
Spring Creek	342	155	6
White Oak	398	119	3
Whitwell, First	204	69	1
Clarksville, First	642	195	---
Cleveland, Big Spring	260	141	---
Calvary	219	100	2
First	577	169	1
North	216	106	---
Waterville	164	99	---
Clinton, Bethel	135	47	---
First	508	167	3
Columbia, First	489	166	---
Godwin Chapel	42	---	---
Highland Park	270	156	7
Cookeville, First	495	188	---
Crossville, First	237	113	2
Antioch Mission	17	---	---
Emmanuel Mission	79	---	---
Homestead	158	71	2
Pleasant Hill	26	---	---
Dandridge, Piedmont	117	80	1
Dyersburg, First	650	222	4
Elizabethton, Doe River	156	75	1
First	639	166	---
Siam	241	170	2
Fountain City, Central	1140	354	1
Hines Valley Mission	49	34	---
First	426	246	---
Smithwood	713	314	2
Friendship	164	39	---
Gallatin, First	527	104	5
Bethpage Mission	20	---	---
Cedar Grove Mission	27	---	---
W. Eastland Mission	38	28	---
Gladeville	131	69	---
Gleason, First	177	49	---
Greenbrier	282	67	2
Hampton, Rittertown	139	106	---
Harriman, South	409	185	2
Trenton Street	601	174	---
Hendersonville, New Hope	111	61	---
Hohenwald, First	122	52	1
Humboldt, Antioch	266	123	---
First	574	160	2

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Huntingdon, First	516	113	19
Jackson, First	1057	208	2
North	337	139	1
Parkview	435	102	4
West	973	353	8
Jefferson City, Buffalo Grove	57	32	---
Northside	244	91	2
Jellico, First	231	75	---
Johnson City, Unaka Avenue	307	116	---
Kenton, Macedonia	117	98	---
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	161	61	3
First	861	207	3
Lynn Garden	470	147	1
Knoxville, Alice Bell	200	75	5
Arlington	640	215	3
Bell Avenue	974	385	14
Broadway	1371	498	1
City View	440	140	---
Deaderick Avenue	292	92	2
First	1135	246	2
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Lincoln Park	1014	266	2
Meridian	227	95	2
Mt. Olive	385	94	---
North	484	176	15
Rosberry	252	86	6
Sevier Heights	755	238	2
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LaFollette, First	306	136	---
Lavinia	59	---	---
Lebanon, Fairview	315	104	2
First	472	170	---
Southside	121	80	4
Immanuel	250	117	---
Mt. Olivet	85	58	---
Rocky Valley	73	39	---
Lenoir City, First	565	177	7
Kingston Pike Mission	86	47	---
First Avenue	214	68	---
Second	127	43	---
Lewisburg, First	534	148	---
Loudon, Blairland	192	66	---
First	340	118	2
Mission	115	24	---
Prospect	144	71	---
Martin, First	461	108	---
McKenzie, First	338	105	---

Churches with missions are requested to please report mission attendances separately and not include them in the attendance total of the parent church. Please cooperate with Baptist and Reflector in trying to follow a uniform report concerning the attendances. Send in your report promptly. It must be in our office early Wednesday morning.

Grace	60	2	---
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	373	82	2
Madisonville, Chestnut	97	46	---
Martel, Midway	162	92	4
Maryville, Broadway	540	209	---
Everett Hills	460	193	---
First	931	385	5
Mission	83	21	---
Madison Avenue	117	51	---
Medina	188	60	---
Memphis, Airview	91	35	3
Ardmore	465	122	2
Bartlett	274	90	---
Bellevue	2948	1176	19
Berclair	775	299	5
Boulevard	946	267	---
Brooks Road	80	24	---
Brunswick	42	52	---
Calvary	277	90	---
Central Avenue	1067	356	8
Cherokee Mission	367	167	3
Collierville	254	104	1
DeSota Heights	196	118	1
Eads	73	42	---
Egypt	185	82	1
Fairlawn	127	38	3
First	1457	370	6
Fisherville	154	---	---
Flynn Avenue	39	12	---
Frayser	629	198	3
Glenview	140	67	---
Graham Heights	121	64	---
Highland Heights	1394	635	1
Hollywood	386	162	3
LaBelle	853	337	8
LaBelle Mission	32	33	---
Lamar Heights	909	305	3
Leawood	579	160	---
Levi	257	66	3
Linden Avenue	47	41	2
Longcrest	85	44	2
Mallory Heights	244	60	1
Malcomb Avenue	287	91	3
McLean	626	246	2
McLean Mission	96	60	---
Merton Avenue	622	117	3

Millington	491	201	6
Millington Mission	70	26	---
Mt. Pisgah	151	100	2
Mullins Station	70	51	1
National Avenue	445	168	1
Park Avenue	668	187	---
Poplar Avenue	410	134	1
Raleigh	602	201	2
Riverside	64	54	---
Rugby Hills	193	95	2
Southland	288	98	---
Southmoor	187	86	8
Speedway Terrace	951	403	11
Sylvan Heights	538	183	2
Temple	1400	441	16
Trinity	622	419	18
Union Avenue	1171	388	28
Whitehaven	518	146	2
Whitten Memorial	67	---	---
Woodland	143	95	---
Milan, First	498	137	4
North Side Mission	100	49	---
Mitchellville	73	35	---
Monteagle	49	61	1
Morrison, First	80	45	---
Morristown, First	752	211	1
Murfreesboro, First	584	129	---
Calvary Chapel	38	---	---
Mt. View	192	106	3
Powell's Chapel	102	70	---
Third	235	83	---
Ward's Grove	112	38	---
Woodbury Road	176	101	---
Nashville, Antioch	80	47	---
Ashland City	153	48	---
Belmont Heights	1078	343	3
Jordonia Mission	58	---	---
Madison Street Mission	90	23	---
Berryville	98	68	---
Calvary	184	60	---
Dickerson Road	113	50	---
Donelson	560	87	---
Eastland	670	160	2
Edgefield	647	208	6
Fairview	67	35	---
First	1435	432	1
Cora Tibbs	97	56	---
Freeland	137	82	---
Glendale	163	43	---
Glenwood	184	108	---
Grace	1011	351	1
Grace Mission	84	69	---
Inglewood	956	239	4
Ivy Chapel	333	87	---
Lockeland	610	132	3
Madison, First	495	119	3
Madison Heights	157	69	1
Neelys Bend	97	61	---
North Edgefield	245	72	6
Park Avenue	772	219	3
Radnor	537	168	---
Richland	193	89	---
Riverside	278	76	3
Seventh	305	125	2
Walker Memorial	124	51	---
Westwood	247	102	---
Woodbine	246	54	---
New Market, First	123	46	---
Pleasant Grove	102	82	---
Newport, Bethel	115	57	---
Oakfield	99	66	---
Oak Ridge, Central	411	126	2
First	825	128	11
Robertsville	615	196	2
Old Hickory, First	613	234	---
Rayon City	122	60	---
Temple	211	130	1
Paris, West	256	69	1
Parsons, First	222	60	---
Philadelphia	184	57	---
Portland, First	270	66	2
City Hall Mission	28	---	---
South First Mission	25	---	---
Ripley, First	373	141	3
Rockwood, First	486	239	3
Rogersville	388	141	---
Russellville	124	37	1
Rutledge, Helton Springs	119	52	---
Oakland	117	38	---
Shop Springs	129	61	---
Somerville, First	231	132	1
South Pittsburg	210	77	8
Springfield, North	95	33	1
Sweetwater, First	418	93	3
Talbott	79	47	---
Tracy City, First	39	---	---
West Tracy Mission	39	---	---
Union City, First	688	173	4
Second	169	71	2
Watertown, Round Lick	198	81	---
Winchester, First	317	86	---
Coalmont Mission	18	---	---

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# West STATE Briefs

By Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington, Tenn.

Chaplain (Captain) Dillard A. West has been awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in Korea. Now back in the States after seventeen months of combat duty his new assignment is at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where the presentation was made by Post Commander Major General John A. Dabney. Chaplain West is the son of the late Rev. W. A. West of Medina, and before entering the chaplaincy was pastor of the Dyer Baptist Church. He served for a while on the Board of Directors of *Tennessee Baptist Press*. His present address is 4501 Forest Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

Friends of Lawrence Ray, a former pastor at Newbern and Bradford, will be interested to learn that he resigned Perryville, Missouri, to accept the care of First Church, Rector, Arkansas.

Dr. T. W. Young, 90, died recently at his home in Corinth, Mississippi. He was one of the oldest graduates of Union University. He had pastored churches in Tennessee in years past.

Pastor O. G. Lawless, Selmer, did the preaching and Bill Baker conducted song services in a revival at First Church, Savannah, March 1-8. Mitchell Bennett is the pastor there.

Pastor Ralph E. Gwin, First Church, Palmetto, Florida, was with Pastor Robert C. Cannon and Merton Avenue Church, Memphis, in a recent revival. There were 33 additions.

Hillcrest Church, Dyersburg, will be twelve years old on May 30. Pastor Robert H. Dills has challenged his people to retire the indebtedness (\$3,911.37) on the property by that day.

E. Doyle Chatham, minister of music and education at First Church, Union City, conveys the following information: Recognition has been won as an A-1 Standard Sunday school for 1953-'54,—Glenn Edwards is superintendent. The church has approved a recommendation from the deacons that all departments of the Sunday school be completely graded,—Jesse Daniel is to assist in this development. Some new deacons recently elected are: Glenn Edwards, Otis Sanderfer, Bedford Fagan, E. W. Finch, Jr., Marshall Reese, Laurence Thompson, Sherrill Griffith and Bruce Dyer, Jr. All except Bros. Edwards and Thompson (who had been previously ordained) were set apart to this office Feb. 21.

E. L. Williams, pastor of Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville, is the evangelist in a revival at Frayser Church, Memphis, P. O. Davidson, pastor.

Calvary Church, Jackson, has secured Albert J. Skinner as minister of music and youth worker. He comes to Jackson from Belmont Church, Charlottesville, Virginia. Brother Skinner is a native of Nashville and is a brother of Mrs. Roy Babb of Winchester.

Pastor John W. Bass states Lamar Heights Church, Memphis, has added to its staff, Miss Dayle Thomas, as youth director and church visitor. Miss Thomas comes from Lakeview Baptist Church, New Orleans, where she served as youth director two years.

First Church, Tiptonville, W. B. Oakley, pastor, received delivery of some new pews the week of Feb. 14 and "T" (Triumph) Day was observed the following Sunday. There were 189 in Sunday school (a new record) and five additions.

Pastor T. J. Tichenor, Seventh Street Church, Memphis, was with M. L. Butler and Siluria Church, Birmingham, in a recent revival.

Pastor Robert L. Orr dedicated a portion of the bulletin of First Church, Dyersburg, in commendation of Mrs. Marvin Peckenaugh, who began her fifth year as church secretary on Feb. 28.

First Church, Lexington, has voted unanimously to issue \$50,000 in 4% bonds to complete the new auditorium. The work is growing steadily and interest is at a high level.

Prof. John Hughes, organist, gave a concert at Bethel College, McKenzie, the night of March 4. Prof. Hughes is on the faculty of Union University and is a son of Pastor and Mrs. J. G. Hughes, Union Avenue Church, Memphis.

Pastor Otto Sutton has been leading his people in a revival at Trinity Church, Memphis. He was the preacher and Pastor Vernon R. Dutton, Ardmore Church, Memphis, conducted the song services.

The Church at White Hall used its new \$5,000 annex for the first time on Feb. 28. Organized in 1942 by Wade Carver with thirteen members, this church has grown through these past eleven years in both physical equipment and membership. A. B. Harris is the present pastor.

First Church, Somerville, Jonas L. Stewart, pastor, will sponsor a Layman's revival beginning April 18. Roland McElwee is the president of this group and is arranging an attractive program.

Dr. Robert G. Lee has been chosen to preach the Baccalaureate sermon at the May graduation exercises at Baylor University. Baylor's President W. R. White recently supplied Bellevue's pulpit while Dr. Lee was in revival services in Dallas.

Pleasant Plains Church, near Jackson, recently ordained Carl Walker, Warren Williams and Charles Smith as deacons. The church is now in a re-modeling program.

First Church Atwood's revival services March 21-18 will be led by Pastor Kester Cotton of Greenfield as evangelist and Lewis Cotton of Medina directing the music.

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First Church, Alamo, J. T. Poe, pastor, will engage in a Youth Revival beginning March 21.

"Allida Black Day" was observed at La-Belle Church, Memphis, D. M. Renick, pastor, on March 7. Mrs. Black has served the church for 42 years as organist and has seen the membership grow from 250 in 1907 to 2,700 in 1954. She is the oldest organist in point of service in the city of Memphis. As a tribute to her long tenure of service and her fine spirit, a new organ has been purchased in her honor and this was used for the first time on March 7 when she presented a recital at 3 p.m.

On Feb. 21, Pastor R. Paul Caudill was guest minister at his former pastorate, the First Church, Augusta, Ga. In his absence from Memphis, the pulpit of the First Church was supplied by Pastor W. Fred Kendall. It was the high privilege of your reporter to preach for Pastor Kendall at the First Church, Jackson. In spite of the fact that Dr. Kendall was away (and the people knew it), the church was filled to near capacity. It is wonderful to see the marvelous things that are taking place in this great church.

Ronald Wylie, a second-year student at Union University, was ordained to the ministry on Feb. 21 by Pleasant Grove Church, near Covington, R. E. Leigh, pastor. The young minister has been called as pastor of Western Valley Church in Big Hatchie Association.

Leonard Sanderson, head of the department of evangelism, went back to a former pastorate, Huntingdon, the week of February 28 to preach in a revival at the First Church, Jerry L. Glisson, pastor. Pastor Don Reynolds, Winchester Church, Memphis, was song leader.

Malcolm Younger, former pastor at Bolivar, has led the Church at Eldon, Missouri, to adopt tentative plans for a \$65,000 educational building.

The March meeting of the West Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference featured a message on evangelism by Leonard Sanderson. Others on the program were Leroy Jones, Ashport; Teddy Evans, Selmer; O. G. Lawless, Selmer. The next meeting will be Monday, April 5 at Union University.

West Jackson Church, David Q. Byrd, pastor, will elect eighteen new deacons in the near future. Fourteen additional committees are being set up to facilitate the work of the Church. Prof. H. Leo Eddleman of Southern Seminary will do the preaching in a revival beginning May 9.

First Church, Bolivar, W. Floyd Cates, pastor, is enlarging its Sunday school organization by adding four new departments.

Dr. D. A. Ellis went back to Cordova, his old home before entering the ministry, and was honored by the young men's class of Cordova Baptist Church. Henceforth the class will be known as the DAE class, and Dr. Ellis was presented a gold key bearing these letters. The event took place on February 28.

Pastor Hayward Highfill, Humboldt, is in a revival with Brighton Church; E. A. Butler, pastor.

Hiram Frank Tennyson, Jr., a former member of the Hornsby Church, has been called to Perren's Chapel Church between Whiteville and Bolivar. He was ordained January 31 with his former pastor, John T. Brown, delivering the message. Pastor Brown is to preach for New Union Church, Orville McMahan, pastor, in a revival March 21 and in his own pulpit at Grand Junction in a revival beginning March 28.

Howse Church in Carroll-Benton Association recently ordained as deacons, Melvin Utley and Edgar Cook. Van Mathis is the pastor.

Huntingdon, Jerry L. Glisson, pastor, broadcasts each first Sunday's morning service over the new station at McKenzie, WHDM.

Second Church, Union City, Kenneth Day, pastor, engaged in a revival beginning March 14 with Pastor Thomas Pope, First Church, Martin, as the visiting preacher.

Pastor Bernard Scates, Ripley, will preach in a revival at Zion Church in Big Hatchie Association the last week in March. Zion is adding two more rooms to its building. Brother M. E. Presley serves the church as pastor.



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# ANTIVILLE

On highway route sixty-seven in Indiana, just north of the city of Portland, stands what is left of the community of Antiville. Yes, you read the name correctly. A highway sign stands on either side of the town limits announcing that name. But if you go to see it, you'll have to slow down as you make your approach, else you'll be out of town on the north side almost before you realize you're in town on the south side.

Antiville has only a few inhabitants now. A farmhouse, one trailer, and a dilapidated combination barn and garage on the corner crossroads make up most of the buildings. Years ago, so they say, there used to be a post office and a store, but these were burned down in a fire.

I stopped at the farmhouse once, just out of curiosity. I wanted to find out how such a name for a town ever came about. But the farmer's wife didn't know any of the background except that many years ago a few families, led by a minister who was disgruntled over not getting his way in the religious community of which they had been a part, moved out to this crossroad. She did not know what the difference of opinion had been about; she only knew that these people were "against something" or "against somebody." Hence a label for the new community, a label that stuck—"Antiville." Later on, I searched through many historical volumes of Indiana history down at Indianapolis, but the history of Antiville could not be found in any of them. So perished Antiville, Indiana.

This situation at Antiville illustrates an oft-repeated tragedy in religious history. Such a tragedy often begins when a man of mediocre ability, unable to rise in leadership by constructive means, discovers that he can rally quite a following by being "against something." Hence he embarks upon a career of character assassination and sensational charges designed to arouse the fears and prejudices of all gullible enough to listen to him. Before long his sure-fire formula for scandal-mongering assembles enough residents at the crossroads of this man's ambition to erect a new "Antiville." A well-stocked store soon opens for business; its specialties—pickled propaganda, canned half-truths, and slimy mud balls in case of a shortage of overripe tomatoes or rotten eggs.

Across the corner, such a leader (?) builds his post office—for post offices, mailing lists, and an easy-to-remember box number are very important to his operating procedures. As for the materials he sends out, they are about one half from the shelves of the store and one half pleas-

to send offerings to pay his postage and printing bills.

But peace never reigns for long in any Antiville. How can it when the place was established on the shaky foundation of personal ambition and bitter protest "against something," that something being largely a product of imagination, innuendo, suspicion, and gossip, but proposing no constructive program for anything better? Many an Antiville is burned down, post office and all, by the fires of its own fanaticism. Jealousy, suspicion, wrangling, accusation, counter-accusation, and finally disillusionment are the termites that eventually leave another Antiville as a hollow shell of warning for all who pass by.

"What happened to Antiville?" the people are soon asking. And the few remaining residents are no longer quite sure how it all got started except that somebody was "against something" once upon a time.

And what does all this have to do with you? It's just a bit of warning with a look toward your future welfare, though you might think that you find in it an allegory of past events.

Somewhere along life's road, especially if you take your religion seriously, you will likely cross trails with somebody bent on being the Pied Piper of another Antiville. Don't be taken in by his technique of impassioned speech and lurid writings. Remember the injunction of John, "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God" (I John 4:1a). Or try this one on him, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9).

The man from Antiville will get your tithe if you don't watch out. And he'll use your money to slander the reputations of men and women far more Christian than he. Some day you'll be ashamed, sick at heart, because you helped to support him as the self-appointed chief of police in his Antiville. And worse yet, you'll likely wake in the middle of a cold night to find that the only fire left in town is the one down at the post office which will soon burn down the rest of the town—and much that you hold dear with it.—*The Gospel Trumpet*.



## Counselor's Corner

by Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

### New Version

**Question:** My church has split over the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. When the new literature came out with the picture of the new version on the back of one of the quarterlies our church went wild and voted out the whole Training Union literature. Our pastor led in the movement and the church voted not to send any more mission money.

Many have already left. Should I get my letter and go to another church? I am associational Training Union director so it puts me on quite a spot.

**Answer:** God must be long suffering to put up with His churches. It is nothing short of a tragedy that churches quarrel over which translation to read while the unchurched do not read any. But as Dr. J. D. Grey has brilliantly said, "They used to burn the translators but now they only burn the translations."

No, I don't think I would leave. That is, if God gives you the grace to stay. Only religion can reform religion; and if you stay and love these people, the next pastor may lead them back into a humble, reasonable path.

Personally, I do not subscribe to any one version of the Bible. God speaks to me through many of them—even the new versions—and I try to follow Him. That seems to me more important than fighting someone who disagrees with me.

Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

### New Books Received:

*Preaching* by Walter Russell Bowie; Abingdon; \$2.75; 224 pp.; Guidance for preaching to people of this generation by the professor of homiletics in the Protestant Episcopal Seminary in Virginia.

*You Can Conquer* by Clarence E. Macartney, Abingdon; \$2.00; 158 pp.; How Christ upholds in life's trials and tests is set forth by this well known Presbyterian preacher and author.

*Wesleys at Oxford* by Paul F. Douglass; Bryn Mawr Press, Penn.; \$2.00; 107 pp. John Wesley can be more clearly seen here in biographical detail and the influence of Oxford's 15 years on him realized when nearing seventy he said of Oxford (to which three generations of Wesleys came) "I did then walk closely with God and redeem the time."

*Getting Things from God* by Dr. Charles Blanchard; Sword of the Lord Publishers; \$2.50; 270 pp.; Reprint of a 1915 study of prayer life.

*Sword of the Lord Revival Songs* compiled and published by John T. Benson Publishing Co.; Sword of the Lord Publishers; \$.60; 175 pp.