

# BAPTIST & REFLECTOR

JOURNAL OF  
TENNESSEE BAPTIST  
CONVENTION

"SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE"

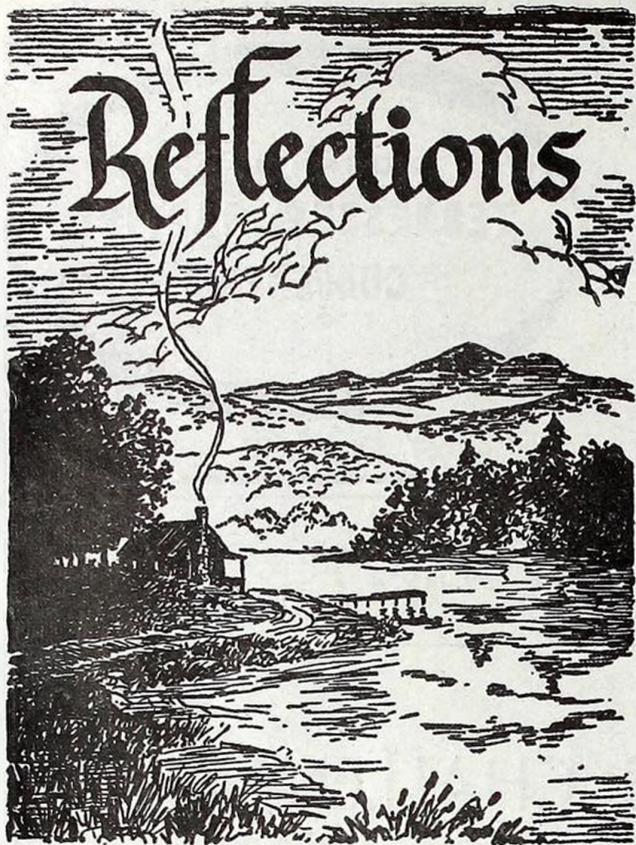
VOLUME 120—NUMBER 17

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1954

## BAPTIST CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES CHALLENGE YOUTH TO WIDER HORIZONS



*O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah 40:9.*



BY RICHARD N. OWEN—

## Christ and the Open Mind

It was Jesus, risen from the dead, who opened the ancient scriptures to the disciples, opened their minds to the divine revelation, and led them to this glorious experience, "their eyes were *opened* and they *knew* Him." Three times in Luke's account within the compass of a few verses (Lk. 24:45-47), we find this marvelously significant word with reference to Christ, man, and the saving truth—the word "opened."

The Gospel of Christ and Truth go hand in hand. But the closed mind, the closed Bible, the closed heart are foes of the Truth.

We get a picture here of Jesus the Mental Awakener, opening up men's minds. When a lawyer asked, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matt. 22:37-39; also Mk. 12:30; Lk. (10:27). Here the word for "mind" means "intellect." Right relationship to God involves the mind, the intellect. Loving God and your fellowman can never be divorced from intelligence. "Then opened He their mind."

### Why Are Men's Minds Closed?

Preconceived errors shut men's minds. Dr. A. T. Robertson used to complain that he had to deal with two obstructions while teaching his New Testament classes at Southern Seminary: Closed windows and closed minds. So we had to open windows to let out the stuffy atmosphere and open our minds to be rid of premature opinions. We had to "unlearn" ere we could learn. We knew much "that wasn't so." This great teacher challenged us to open our hearts and minds. The human mind is like a parachute—it is of no value, when life depends on it, till it opens.

The presumption of self-sufficiency through one's present knowledge shuts men off from additional knowledge. I want always to be ready to sit down with anyone who has a new idea, and *learn* from him.

In any realm there is no gain in knowledge till there is recognition of lack. Humility prepares the intellect to receive knowledge beyond one's present possession. Thomas A. Edison illustrated this in the

realm of physics and electronics. "We don't know the millionth part of one per cent about anything," he once concluded. "We don't know what water is, what light is, what gravitation is, what enables us to keep our feet when we stand up. We don't know what electricity is, what heat is, what magnetism is. We have a lot of hypotheses about these things; but we do not let our ignorance about these things deprive us of their use," the great inventor reminded.

Prejudice can also close men's minds tight against recognizing the mightiest reality in the universe. Consider the difference between unbelief and faith. The skeptic begins with the prejudice that miracles are impossible. He has a closed mind. His verdict that there are no miracles is his unscientific deduction from an unproved and false premise. On the other hand the humble believer begins, not with the prejudice that no miracle can occur, but with evidence which he finds stated in the Bible. This leads him to the scientific induction from the evidence presented. The skeptic arrives at a judgment in advance of evidence upon the subject. The Christian comes to a judgment after considering the evidence. The skeptic thus makes a prejudgment while the Christian comes to a post-judgment. So the conflict is between "pre-judice," and "post-judice." Prejudice closes men's minds before they get the truth. Paul confronted the closed minds of King Agrippa and those about him with the question, "Why is it judged incredible with you if God doth raise the dead?" (Acts 26:8).

### Christ Seeks to Open Our Minds

Closed minds stagnate spiritual experience. Do we think worthily of God? God is infinite, that is, unlimited. All things are possible with God. As we mature, we revise our thoughts and ideas about nearly everything except One. We gradually alter our ideas about our family, our city, our country; about business, sports, politics. But in most instances people rarely enlarge their childhood idea of God. They continue in years of maturity trying to get along with the concept of God formed in infancy, and naturally the result is very limiting. It's like a grown man trying to walk in the cramping shoes he had when he was eight years old. God is more than a magnified man, a superior kind of human, extraordinarily wise, good, powerful. God is not just a bigger edition of our-

It is not given to anyone to be on both sides of a door at once.—Jean Malaquais, *The Joker*.

Spires outlast spears; altars are more lasting than armament; freedom, truth, love are invincible. They belong to the stuff of eternity.—Dr. Jos. R. Sizoo, *Independent Woman*.

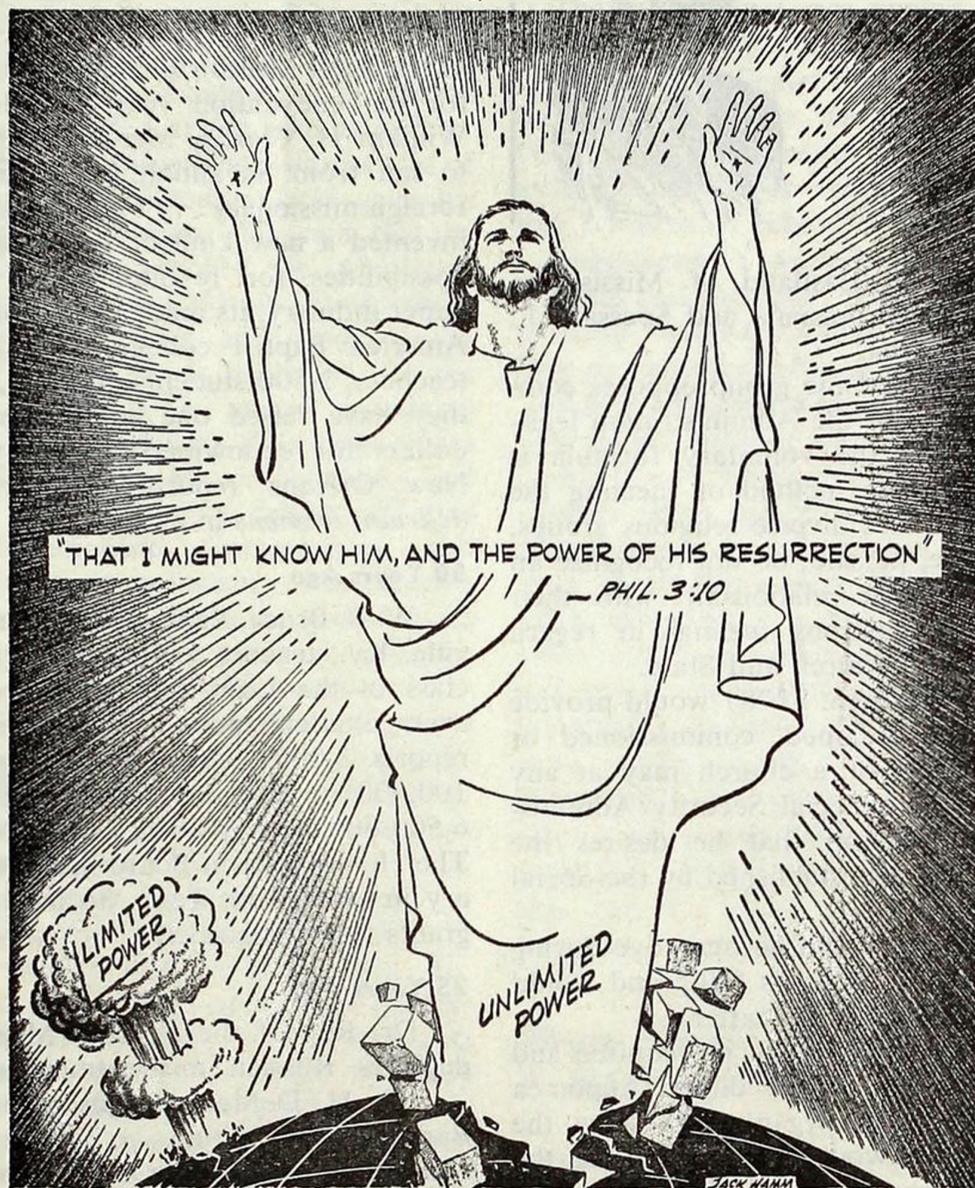
The rare moment is not the moment when there is something worth looking at but the moment when we are capable of seeing.—Jos. Wood Krutch, *Desert Year*.

World War II cost this country \$360 billion, or nearly 10 times as much as World War I, and more than 1,000 times as much as the Revolutionary War.—Link.

After a great deal of experience and observation, I have become convinced that industry is a better horse to ride than genius. It may never carry any man as far as genius has carried individuals, but industry—patient, steady, intelligent industry—will carry thousands into comfort, and even celebrity; and this it does with absolute certainty.—Walter Lippmann, quoted in *Friendly Chats*.

America is said to have the highest per capita boredom of any spot on earth! We know that because we have the greatest variety and greatest number of artificial amusements of any country. People have become so empty that they can't even entertain themselves. They have to pay other people to amuse them, to make them laugh, to try to make them feel warm and happy and comfortable for a few minutes, to try to lose that awful, frightening, hollow feeling—that terrible, dreaded feeling of being lost and alone.—Billy Graham, *Peace with God*

## ECLIPSING THE ATOMIC



selves. God is infinite! We finite human beings, incapable of grasping the infinite, yet can acquaint ourselves with many aspects or attributes of God's nature. Within that concept "Our Heavenly Father" there is room for us to keep on enlarging our understanding of God.

The devil blinds the minds of those rejecting the gospel in Christ. (II Cor. 4:3-4). A "veil" remains on the mind. Paul speaks of the Jews "hardening their mind." (II Cor. 3:14).

Paul makes a fearful statement in Romans 1:25ff setting forth what happened in the pagan world as men, rejecting what light they had, "changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections . . . and even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity: whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understand-

ing, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful." (Romans 1:25, 26a, 28-31).

When men shut their minds against God's truth they descend to the level of the brute. Daniel told Belshazzar that this is what happened to his father, Nebuchadnezzar, mightiest monarch of his time, till "his mind hardened in pride" and he was deposed from his kingly throne. They took his glory from him; and he was driven from the sons of men, and "his heart was made like the beasts" and his dwelling was with the wild asses . . . until at long last he acknowledged—He "knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; but thou has lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven . . . thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting!" (Daniel 5:20ff).

A certain type of mind which prides itself as "open" is in reality useless. The agnostic claims nothing is known; everything new must be received because nothing old is true. Such a mind can know nothing, because it is "open at both ends." It receives but believes nothing. Like a sieve, it holds

nothing. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober." (I Pet. 1:13a). Pull your mental faculties together; be done with loose thinking.

The truly open mind is never gullible nor credulous. To have an open mind doesn't mean that we must welcome all comers, the patently false as well as the true. Windows and doors are screened to keep out unwelcome insects. Our minds should be open to truth, but screened through the scriptures against noxious, poisonous evil. Jesus tested suggestions coming to him with the screen of the Holy Scriptures—"It is written."

### The Blessing of the Mind Awake to God

Understanding the revelation divinely given in the Holy Scriptures enriches the mind yielded to Christ.

"It was not enough to spread truth before the disciples. He did more. He made them able to receive it," as Alexander Maclaren points out.

The mind is led to see wondrous things in the word, as it opens to God.

Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. God is light, God is love. God is life. Wherever truth is, there God is. He is Absolute Truth. God has fully revealed Himself, and came close to us for our redemption, in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ. God is not merely living—God is Life. Where God is, there life is. God does not occasionally show Himself to be loving—God is Love. Whenever lives reveal love, in this Scriptural significance, they witness to God.

Lives are transformed when minds open to the Holy Spirit. Through Him we know the power for living victoriously. So we escape conformity to this world. We are transformed by the renewing of our minds. Thus we show forth in our own lives the will of God—that it is good and acceptable and perfect.

## BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

Belcourt at Sixteenth Ave., S. - Nashville

Official Publication of the Tennessee Baptist Convention

CHARLES W. POPE, Executive Secretary

RICHARD N. OWEN, Editor

FRED W. NOB, Business Manager

Entered at Postoffice, Nashville, Tenn., as second-class matter as a weekly except Christmas week, under the act of March 3, 1879.

To effect change in address, give both old and new, also name of church and allow 2 weeks.

Single subscription \$2.00 per year in advance. Church budget rate \$1.20. Clubs of ten, \$1.50 each. Advertising rates upon request.

Cost of cuts must be paid by those submitting pictures for publication.

Space forbids full printing of Resolutions and Obituaries. News-value items in such may be used.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST PRESS, Inc., Nashville  
DIRECTORS: Edwin E. Deusner, pres., W. L. Stigler, v. pres., W. Alvis Strickland, sec'y., Wallace Carrier, B. Frank Collins, Ray F. Dykes, W. M. Martin, T. C. Meador, D. P. McFarland.

# Observations

By  
OWEN



## Team Work Needed

This is a reminder to churches to team up with their pastor so he will not be denied the benefits of the new Minister's Security Plan (MSP). Perhaps your pastor has already endorsed this new security plan and desires to participate in it. But even though he has agreed to do so, he will be prevented from sharing in it *unless his church also agrees* to the new plan.

The condition under which the MSP becomes effective in Tennessee July 1, 1954 is that *two-thirds of the active participating pastors and churches of the present Minister's Retirement Plan agree to join the new Minister's Security Plan*. Your pastor's agreement does not count among this two-thirds unless the agreement from your church is sent in also.

From reports in the Nashville office neither enough pastors nor churches have as yet agreed as a unit to transfer to the new plan. Latest figures available showed 273 churches with their pastors having as a unit agreed to transfer from the present MRP to the new MSP. However, a total of 305 such units (churches and pastors) will have to agree before the new plan can become effective. No matter how much a pastor may want to join, he cannot do so without the team work of his church. So this is just a reminder to you, church member, to see to it that your pastor is not prevented from entering this new plan.

Increased benefits of the Minister's Security Plan necessitate a slightly increased cost based on actuarial figures. Cost of the MSP will be five per cent for the pastor, five per cent for the church and five per cent for the state convention. This means that it will cost the church only one per cent more than the present plan. See that your pastor's agreement to share in this new security plan is validated by your church.

### Sponsor Plan for Clergy Social Security

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Social security coverage of clergymen on a purely voluntary basis is provided in a bill introduced in the Senate here by five Democratic Senators from the South.

The plan it proposes is similar to that recommended by representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention at a recent hearing by the House Ways and Means Committee on Administration-sponsored legislation to extend social security coverage to groups now outside the program.

Co-sponsors of the new bill are Sens. Lister Hill and John J. Sparkman of Ala-

bama, James O. Eastland of Mississippi, Russell Long of Louisiana and Spessard L. Holland of Florida.

Senator Hill said the group opposes compulsory features of the Administration legislation and feels the voluntary formula is the most workable method of meeting the needs of America's diverse religious groups. Many of these, he said, do not recognize an employer-employee relationship with their clergy and have strong feelings in regard to separation of Church and State.

The group's bill (S. 3278) would provide that any duly ordained, commissioned or licensed minister of a church may at any time file with the Social Security Administrator a certification that he desires the insurance coverage established by the Social Security Act.

The certificate would be operative during the first tax years after its filing and would continue in operation thereafter.

No group election would be required and no tax would be levied directly upon a church or religious organization since the minister himself would pay the tax at the "self-employment" rate which presently is fixed at 2¼ per cent of gross income up to \$3,600 a year. At age 65 he would be eligible for accrued benefits.

### Bill to Penalize TV Liquor Advertising

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Televised advertising showing persons pouring, drinking, or opening containers of alcoholic beverages would be made a federal offense under a bill introduced in the House by Rep. Homer Budge (R-Idaho).

A fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment for not more than one year would be imposed for violations.

Rep. Budge said many parents strongly object to the effect of such advertising upon the morals of youth.

### Indian Missions Head Named

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(BP)—Bailey Sewell, Lawton, Okla., was named to the newly-created position of superintendent of Oklahoma Indian missions by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board effective May 1.

For the past six years, he has served as superintendent of Baptist missions in Comanche and Cotton counties in Oklahoma, and was for eight years pastor of Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

## Out of the Past From Files of Southern Baptist State Papers

### 100 Years Ago

... Foreign Mission Board \$7,000 in the red for the convention year just closing . . . William H. Clarke, Mercer graduate, plans to sail from Savannah for Africa to be a foreign missionary . . . French scientists have invented a new kind of paper said to have possibilities for revolutionizing the newspaper industry, its made of ground wood . . . America Baptist colleges now report 154 teachers, 2,500 students and 120,000 books; they have raised one and one-half million dollars for endowment in ten years . . . New Orleans reports 400 deaths from *delirium tremens* in one year.

### 50 Years Ago

... W. B. Bruce, Baptist missionary in Louisville, Ky., teaches a Wednesday noon Bible class in the L&N railroad shop with 200 average attendance . . . Nashville, Tenn., reports 3,000 Baptists in a population of 100,000 or one for thirty, and St. Louis 6,500 out of 650,000 or one out of 100 . . . The Home Mission Board has put a missionary in Galveston, Tex., "to meet the immigrants with the gospel."

### 25 Years Ago

... Dr. Ray of the Foreign Mission Board deplores Russian mistreatment of Baptists . . . B. H. DeMent resigns as president of Baptist Bible Institute . . . Tulane University announces free tuition in the language department to students of Baptist Bible Institute . . . Keith C. Von Hagen wins Georgia book reading contest . . . L. R. Scarborough asks the brethren to quit tinkering with denominational machinery and get on with a program.

### Coffee Shop Has Bible Quotations on Menus

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—(RNS)—A coffee shop that literally has spiritual food on its menu is doing a thriving business here.

The idea of putting a biblical "thought for today" at the bottom of each day's menu is Ellsworth and Marie Skow's way of demonstrating their belief that "man does not live by bread alone."

And their customers like the idea.

Many persons read the Bible verse before they looked at the menu and when the thought was omitted they told the Skows they missed it.

Sample thoughts include:

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity." I Cor. 16:13, 14.

"Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them." Psalm 119:165.

The Skows regarded the Bible as their guide to daily living long before they went into the restaurant business.

## Phelps Sees Christian Schools As Civilization's Strongholds

Arkadelphia, Ark.—Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr. was formally inaugurated as eleventh president of Ouachita Baptist College April 12. Mr. J. E. Berry, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided at the installation.

Dr. Phelps in his inaugural address told of his feelings on the occasion and gave his conception of education. He said that he believed education should be Christian, should be genuine, should train for careers in many lines of endeavor, and should be intellectually honest. It is his view that the Christian school is a major remaining stronghold of civilization. "We must never compromise truth," he emphasized, and warned of the threatening dangers of race suicide, imperialistic Communism, and creeping theistic materialism. "The primary needs of our world are for spiritual and moral control . . . for man to integrate himself in God," Dr. Phelps concluded.

Dr. G. Earle Guinn, president of Louisiana College, delivered an address, calling for a re-examination of educational philosophy and technique. The philosophy of education includes an adequate philosophy of man, morals, and history, Dr. Guinn insisted.

Contending that our "age of crisis" demands a special kind of education, Dr. Guinn said, "The only answer to nuclear fission is human redemption." He declared, "Human nature can be set right, but only when it is broken into by a higher power from above." He stressed that consideration should be given to the home and urged brotherly love in human relations. Continuing his moving address, he stated, regarding morals, "Ultimate authority rests in Christ, and man's failure to recognize this authority results in our moral confusion."

As to the philosophy of history, "God . . . sees the end from the beginning and will not abdicate to evil powers," according to Dr. Guinn.

The distinguished educator stated that we are "witnessing the writhing of evil." "The days of evil are numbered, and we are on the right side," he said, concluding.

Many official delegates and special guests from throughout the country were present at the inaugural ceremonies.

## Baylor Professor Granted Geshickter Research Fund

WACO, Tex.—(BP)—William Boyd Cook, Baylor University chemistry professor, is studying the composition of tiny piule seeds that once produced "dreams in technicolor" for the Aztec Indians. Cook will seek to isolate the seed's physiologically active component, which he believes to be an alkaloid. Because of the medical significance of such a possible discovery, the Geshickter Fund for Medical Research has granted Cook \$7,700 to finance the study in Baylor University chemistry laboratories.

## Please Pray for

The other day I was invited to lead the devotional at 10 o'clock at our Southern Baptist Radio Center which is located on the near side to Decatur in Atlanta, Georgia. There were some 22 of us gathered into a large upper room. They told me that I was to sit behind the office desk.

Immediately I sensed an atmosphere of worship and harmony. To begin the service, Director Paul M. Stevens asked Mrs. A. L. Cox to read the requests for prayer. Mrs. Cox began reading something like two pages of requests—fifty or more of them, each one asking that we remember some specific need. Parents were asking prayer for children whose homes were unsteady. Family problems of all kinds were mentioned. Prominent, of course, was the problem of liquor. Here was a request from a prisoner who had found Christ during his imprisonment. He wanted strength to live for Jesus. Here were people asking for help in personal difficulties. An unemployed person was asking for prayer that he might find employment. More than one of the requests was that the Lord might give a deeper Christian experience. A nurse asked for

prayer that she might be able to lead a very sick patient to Christ. Others were asking that we join in prayer for sick friends. We were all sobered by the request from "another victim of cancer."

As Mrs. Cox read these requests, giving the names and addresses of those from whom the requests came, I came to understand the work of our Radio Commission in something of a new light. Southern Baptists are dealing, not face to face, but surely in the spirit with human needs. Sometimes people can make their requests better to strangers than to those of personal acquaintance. Here were heart hungry people in need of intercession and they had taken seriously the announcement that Southern Baptists were interested in their problems.

During that experience the Radio Commission ceased to be simply an organization to carry out a program and became one representative of the compassion of Southern Baptists for the lonely, longing multitude whose need is so great.

Then I noticed that when he asked that we bow for prayer, Paul Stevens slipped to his knees and led us to the Throne of Grace in a very sincere prayer of intercession for each of these who had made requests. It was a prayer into which each of us entered with sincere agreement, asking the Lord to minister to these needs and to the many who had wanted to ask for prayer but neglected to do it.

I came away feeling that Southern Baptists had somehow entered into many a home and into many a life with the help that God alone can give through His Holy Spirit as we had bowed there to complete the ministry begun with the proclamation of the Gospel through the miracle of radio.—Dick H. Hall, Jr., First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

## Share Views on Being A Baptist Today

Baptists from six seminaries gathered at Yale Divinity School March 26 and 27 to share views on what it means to be a Baptist today. Among the speakers was Prof. Theron Price, professor of Church History at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Price spoke on the role of Baptists in society and on the problems connected with the Baptist concept of the "gathered church."

God was in Christ reconciling not only individuals but also the world to Himself, Dr. Price pointed out. The Christian faith involves not only the separation of the church from the world, but also a mission by the church to the world. Thus, he said, the Christian lives in the hope that the kingdoms of this world—that is, the institutional systems such as the family, the state, and the economic system—will become the Kingdom of our God.

Other speakers included Dr. Robert Handy, of Union Seminary, New York City, who spoke on the historical development of Baptist theology; Dr. Lynn Leavenworth, director of Theological Education for the American Baptist Convention, whose subject was the present theological position of Baptist seminaries; and Dr. Samuel Miller, pastor of the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and lecturer in the Andover-Newton Seminary and the Harvard Divinity School, who outlined the place of Baptists within the life of the whole Christian Church.

Richard F. Boeke of Nashville, Tenn. is a student in the Yale Divinity School.

## Local Committee Heads Named

SAINT LOUIS, Mo.—(BP)—The following committees were appointed to take care of local arrangements for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here June 2-5, according to Oliver R. Shields, chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements.

Finance, O. D. Evans; Equipment, J. W. Fisher and W. C. Brodersen; Auditorium and Decoration, William Bryan; Housing and Reservations and Transportation, J. E. Hewlett; Luncheons and Breakfasts, D. W. Jones and Herman E. Wooten; Ushers, James W. Chostner; Music, E. N. Rogers and Nelson Reagan; Registration, Ira Peak and O. A. Winscott; Nurses and First Aid, C. E. Copeland and O. H. Fisher; Publicity, James T. Shirley, Ralph A. Couch, and William Bolick; Pulpit Supply, L. Jack Gray; and Radio and Television, Floyd North and Robert J. White.

# Next Sunday's Lesson

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

Lessons based on International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lesson for Christian Training, copyrighted by International Council of Religious Education

TEXTS: I Kings 12:25-33; 14:1-20 (Larger)—I Kings 14:5-10, 12-16 (Printed) Deuteronomy 8:11 (Golden).

## Judgment On Jeroboam

Since the judgment on Jeroboam was largely due to religious errors, these words of comment from Dummelow might be helpful as an introduction to the consideration of this lesson. "In Israel there was no pre-eminent sanctuary like the Temple at Jerusalem to suggest any restriction upon the practice of worshipping at local shrines ('high places'); and this practice prevailed as long as the kingdom stood. At certain of these shrines Jehovah was worshipped under the emblem of a calf or young bull; and the use of these symbols was maintained by all those kings who upheld the ancestral Hebrew faith. The 'high places', however, were not always devoted to the service of the Lord, for both the historian and certain contemporary prophets imply that the worship of the Canaanite Baalim was sometimes practiced at them." Thus the cup of God's wrath finally overflowed against not only Jeroboam but also against the kingdom of Israel; for it must be noted that the judgment pronounced and executed looked toward both alike. If we confine these notes to the printed text alone, this will become quite evident.

### Weighed and Wanting (vv. 5-10)

See, first, the deception discovered. Jeroboam's wife came to the prophet, Ahijah, who was blind because of old age. The visit was made in behalf of her son who was sick. She attempted to hide her identity from the aged man of God but with no success, for the Lord had revealed who she was and had at the same time given to him a message of doom for the stricken son. From this we may learn the futility of attempted deception of those who are in direct contact with God. They are apt to sense, by ways that are difficult to describe or define, the probabilities inherent in the deception attempted and thus be prepared to deal with the situation when it comes to a focus. It is still dangerous to harm the Lord's anointed (see I Chronicles 16:22).

See, second, the evil exalted. God had exalted Jeroboam who in turn had failed to exalt Him but had, instead, exalted evil both in his own life and in the life of the kingdom of Israel. Such exaltation upon the part of Jeroboam was as deliberate as it was defiant. His boldness in causing the people to sin against God, and thus resulting in their sin against one another, was startling to say the least. Their sinning had its beginning in their religious practices, permeated as they were with repulsive idolatry. It has always been the case, and is true even today. A people's morality can never rise higher than their devotion to God and His eternal precepts. The lesson for us

here in America, clearly, even those of us who claim the name of Christ, is to learn afresh the Law of Moses (the Ten Commandments) in the light of the Love of Christ (beginning with the Sermon on the Mount) and then begin to apply the same in daily living. Let our morals express our religion.

### Rejection and Retribution (vv. 12-16)

Observe, first of all, the punishment pronounced. The death of Jeroboam's son was to be prophetic of what would finally happen to the kingdom of Israel. God had rejected Jeroboam because Jeroboam had first rejected God. The able and ambitious king had thrown away his opportunity for lasting greatness in turning himself and his people away from worship and service to God. Thus the punishment pronounced was inevitable. The son must die and then the people, by being harassed by their enemies and ultimately carried away into captivity. For the final significance of death lies in the concept of separation. Physical death is deplorable but spiritual death is worse, it is tragic. And to be completely separated

from the love and mercy of God is to be spiritually dead, the worst form of death conceivable. Let us learn, here, that there is a line over which men and nations dare not cross or they too must expect the sure pronouncement of punishment from God. Since none can know just where that line lies, the line on one side of which is the justice of God and on the other is His mercy; it is the part of wisdom to stay clear of the same.

Observe, in the second place, the sin smitten. Ahijah illustrates the fate of the kingdom of Israel in this smiting process by a reed shaken in the water and then pulled up by the roots. The soil around a plant in the water is soft and yielding, allowing it to be moved easily and completely. So Israel would be completely uprooted and carried away as a nation. Her people would be scattered. The prophecy has been literally fulfilled as history clearly shows. God loves the sinner, to the point of sending His Son into the world to die in his behalf, but He hates sin and therefore will not tolerate it. And so He can do nothing, if He is consistent with His own nature, but to smite it. Our tendency is to love sin and hate the sinner, so much so that we will find ourselves doing exactly that if we get far from Him and His teachings. Let us ever be alert to the heinousness of sin, remembering that God will never tolerate it within our lives or within the lives of others. At the same time, if we would be true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us love sinners with something of the compassion and concern that He did and still does. If this is the case, we will do all we can to bring them to Him.

### REVEALING GOD'S WILL TO MAN



# The Young South

Want a new friend? So do the writers of the letters printed in today's Young South column. Which one of them will you choose as your new pen pal for this week? Read each letter carefully.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am fourteen years old. I have never written the Young South before and I would like to have a pen pal. I am a Christian and I go to the Asbury Baptist Church. I will try to answer all letters I receive.

NORMA JEAN RADAR

Route 3, Box 400  
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am twelve years of age and go to the Harpeth Heights Baptist Church. I am a Christian. I go to Harpeth Valley Elementary school. My hobby is collecting notes or letters from people. I would like to have many pen pals and I will answer every letter I receive.

ANN ELLA HENDERSON

Route 5, Highway 100  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl eleven years old. I go to Toone School. I am in the fifth grade. I am a Christian and belong to Toone Baptist Church in which my daddy is pastor. I don't have any pen pals yet. I will try to answer every letter I get. I would like pen pals nine to twelve years of age.

RUTH ALICIA GOODE

Toone, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven years old and go to Chilhowee School. I am in the fifth grade. I am a Christian and go to First Chilhowee Baptist Church. I read the Young South column every week. My hobbies are reading and cooking. I would like to have some pen pals and will try to answer every letter I get.

PATRICIA SMITH

Route 1  
Seymour, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my second time to write. When I wrote the first time, I got twenty-two pen pals. But when school started, we quit writing.

I am fifteen years of age. I would like to have lots and lots of pen pals.

MARIE VANTREASE

Route 1, Box 34  
Watertown, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven years old. I am a Christian. I go to the Lynn Gardens Baptist Church. Brother J. L. Trent is the pastor. My father is also a Baptist preacher.

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

JUDY CRAWFORD

364 Lynn St.  
Kingsport, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is the first time I have written to you, but I have been planning to do so for a long time. I enjoy the Young South very much and would like to have some pen pals. I am fourteen years old and attend Peyton's Creek Baptist Church where Rev. R. D. Brooks is our pastor. I am also a member of the G.A. I would like to have pen pals fourteen to sixteen years of age.

JUDY NIXON

Monoville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I would like to have some pen pals. I always read the Young South column and enjoy it very much.

I am eight years old and in the third grade at East Ridge School. Mrs. Weatherly is my teacher. I go to East Ridge Baptist Church. I will try to answer all the letters I get.

WANDA CORNELISON

1703 East Ridge Ave.  
Chattanooga, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

I am fifteen years old, a freshman at Huntingdon High School. My birthday is September 1. I am a Christian and a member of the First Baptist Church. Our pastor is Dr. Jerry Lee Glisson.

My hobby is playing basketball. I have no pen pals but I would like some very much. I will answer every letter I receive.

BETTY JO BELEW

105 High Street  
Huntingdon, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I enjoy the letters printed in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. My daddy has been away several weeks and will be going overseas for two years soon. He is in the Service. I don't stay in one place long enough to make many friends and sometimes I get lonesome. Maybe some Christian girls around my age—11—will be my friends. I hope so. I go to the East Ridge Baptist Church where Brother Preston is pastor.

DONNA JILL KIRK

c/o Holiday Inn  
4340 Ringgold Road  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Don't put off writing a get-acquainted letter to the new friend you have chosen today!

I hope Donna Jill Kirk will not only get lots of pen pals, but that some of the girls



## LAUGHS

From

Here and There

For one young person interested in the atomic age, there are ten thousand or more interested in the comic age.

The university president was delivering the commencement address. In the audience were an elderly couple, obviously foreigners who were having some trouble understanding the address to the class, of which their daughter was a member. "What did he say?" finally demanded the mother, frowning. "Who?" asked the father. "The beega fella in black robes. What did he say?" "He say school is out."

Don't worry about finding your station in life . . . Someone will tell you where to get off.

A man had been looking for a good church to attend and he happened into a small one in which the congregation was reading with the minister. They were saying: "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done." The man dropped into a seat and sighed with relief as he said to himself: "Thank goodness, I've found my crowd at last."

An old bachelor surprised his friends and married. A few months later the bridegroom was visiting among his former companions when one of them asked: "John tell us about this marryin' business. Jes' what kind of a match did you make?" "Well," John replied, "I didn't do as well as I expected." He paused and thought a moment. "And to tell you the truth, I don't think she did, either."

A visitor from across the mountain leaned on the rail fence, watching his old friend plow. "I don't like to butt in," he finally said, "but you could save yourself a lot of work by saying 'gee' and 'haw' to that mule instead of just tuggin' on them lines." The old timer pulled a big handkerchief from his pocket and mopped his brow. "Yep, I know that," he agreed, "but this mule kicked me six years ago, and I ain't spoke to him since."

in Chattanooga will see her letter and think of some ways to help her enjoy her stay in their city. Then if she has to move away, they can keep up their friendship through letters!

Love,

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Ave., S.  
Nashville, Tenn.

## Relief and Annuity Board Elects Fred Noe Treasurer



Fred W. Noe, business manager for the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for the past five years, has been elected treasurer of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas. He will take up the duties of this office, June 1.

Mr. Noe, a native of Morristown, became business manager for the Tennessee Baptist Convention in March, 1949, also serving as business manager of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. Prior to his coming to Nashville, he was a member of the faculty of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, for 17 years, and was head of the department of Business Administration.

While with Carson-Newman College he served 21 months as an officer in the Navy during World War II.

The office of treasurer of the Relief and Annuity Board has been filled temporarily by R. S. Jones, associate secretary of the Board, since the death January 4 of Mr. Orville Groner who had served the Board as treasurer for nearly 31 years. Walter R. Alexander is executive secretary and Wallace Bassett is president of the Relief and Annuity Board.

Mrs. Noe is the former Hazel Pedigo of Knoxville. The Noes have one daughter, Jenny Lynn.

First Church, Clarksville received 61 new members during the revival services in which Dr. David Byrd was Evangelist assisting Pastor Paul Kirkland. Immediately following this meeting, Rev. Kirkland led the Rayon City church in Evangelistic services which continue through April 30.

Mrs. Martha Miner has been appointed floor sales manager of the Nashville Baptist Book Store, as announced by R. Maines Rawls, manager. Mrs. Miner has had experience in the field of religious education and general retail sales work.

Excerpts from a paper delivered to the Pastor's Conference, New Lebanon Association, Virginia

# Baptist Discipline Where Is It Now?

By H. Wadell Waters, Minister  
College Avenue Baptist Church  
Bluefield, West Virginia

The fact that we must have church discipline will be conceded by all. We have not yet come to the perfection which would enable us to carry on as a church with each "loving his neighbor as himself." Conversely, we are facing, or have faced, such an impact of influence by society and its attendant modes of living, that there actually seems to be more need of church discipline today than at any period during the last century. There is not a Christian denomination in existence today that does not recognize this fact and govern its activities in light of this. The existence of presbyteries, boards, councils, bishops, district officers, papal representatives, congregational committees, etc., are sufficient testimony that we must have church discipline.

### Baptist Congregational Discipline

The polity of Baptist believers developed along congregational lines. All authority was vested in each local assembly of believers by their acceptance of the responsibility of self-discipline as free men. They were sufficient in themselves to fully carry on the work of their own church; and, if their endeavors carried the work beyond the local stage, it was done purely on a cooperative and voluntary basis. Woe betide the brother of even seventy-five years ago who was investigated by a church-appointed committee to determine if he "was walking in life contrary to the Christian way," or if he "was guilty of practices not associated with a Christian gentleman."

With the congregation thus assuming and administering church discipline, the minister was neither given authority nor did he need it. To have vested such authority in him would have violated the purity of congregational order and discipline. Thus, for years our Baptist forefathers in the Baptist faith promoted their churches with a zest and concern which established Baptists in a way that no one could likely misunderstand. They knew what they believed, they knew why they believed it, and they put into practice those self-regulations deemed best able to safeguard their distinctives.

### Congregation Refuses Responsibility

But, without going into the question of its propriety, a condition has come into recognition which is not likely to safeguard these distinctives much longer, namely, the

refusal of the average Baptist congregation to assume their inherent responsibility in maintaining church discipline. From the days when as assembly of believers would employ self-purging, if the need warranted such treatment, we have come to a time when an average congregation invariably refuses to assume its responsibility in individually helping the erring brother to "recognize his sin and repent" much less consider disciplinary action against known chronic-violators of Christian conduct. Notable exceptions to this are committees appointed to wait on the pastor, such committees being formed for varying reasons ranging from dislike of his choice in neckties to consciences which are chafed because the pastor has chosen to be more concerned with his "calling" than with his "career." The author thanks God that his own ministry has been blessed with congregations who are literally the "salt of the earth;" but the statistical evidences of ever-shortening pastorates, as well as the tales among the brethren, are far too rampant and prominent for one to close his eyes completely to this extreme interpretation of what we like to call "Baptist discipline."

In line with this condition is the accompanying dilemma which is certain to arrive, if not already upon some, as churches seek to carry on without the administration of local authority and discipline. There has been no transference of this authority, at least not officially, either to ministers, state representatives, or otherwise. So we roll not-so-merrily along, awaiting the moment when we must face the fact which we have so-successfully averted for many years, simply that a church without discipline is fair prey for every woe that comes upon it.

One could likely find incident in every state in the Southern or American Baptist Convention territory to support the contention that the administration, or lack of administration, of Baptist discipline is a serious problem. The constant reiteration of emphasis on local-church autonomy which comes from the higher echelons causes one to wonder. It is to be hoped that hypnotic sleep is not being induced. One remembers that the dentist is want to say, "It isn't going to hurt," even as he prepares to almost yank your brains out.

# Tennesseans Planning Graduation from Southern Seminary



Nineteen Tennesseans are among the students expecting graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, at the May 20 Commencement. The above Tennesseans are included in this number who are applicants for the Bachelor of Divinity, the Bachelor of Theology, and the Master of Sacred Music degrees. Not included are any candidates for doctoral degrees as it is not possible to list these at the present time. No pictures are available for Hugh L. Callens, BD; Savannah, and James L. Gilliland, THB, Mercer. Shown from left to right are: Henry C. Atkeison, Jr., BD, Nashville; Wesley R. Cook, THB, Hartsville; Mark W. Fairless, BD, Trenton; Alexander N. Hollis, BD, Lawrenceburg; Clint A. Oakley, Jr., THB, Dyersburg; Albert B. McClanahan, MSM, Springfield; H. Jerold Palmer, Jr., BD, Memphis; Grady L. Randolph, BD, Goodlettsville; Jack R. Kennedy, BD, Chattanooga; Ralph E. Galyon, BD, Knoxville; Geo. L. Starke, MSM, Chattanooga; Harvey H. Harper, Jr., BD, Franklin; David A. Smith, BD, Memphis; E. V. May, BD, Rutherford; Ira P. Singleton, Jr., BD, Memphis; Oscar Stephenson Brooks, BD, Chattanooga; and Lloyd T. Householder, Jr., BD, Maryville.

## Where Do We Go?

If Baptist congregations continue in their refusal to assume the responsibility of self-discipline (and there is little reason to feel that they will take up their cross at this late hour), and if we agree that such authority must be administered in some manner by some one, it appears that there are only three courses open to us as a denomination.

First, we can develop a *hierarchical* system of church discipline, with full authority resting in the Southern Baptist Convention and administered by its appointed delegates. It goes without saying that such a course would be highly pleasing to many who have not been guiltless of already pulling at the tow-lines. As to its advantages and disadvantages, that is a matter for another paper, another time, and perhaps another writer.

Secondly, we can develop a *senatorial* system of church discipline, with full authority resting in the State Convention or General Association and administered by its delegates who would hold elective office. Such a system could work through the various associations to the local church. That this course would likewise be highly

pleasing to many is also evident as one watches the power-hungry opportunists whose every move is calculated in light of their objective. The advantages and disadvantages of this course are likewise a matter for another paper, another time, and perhaps still an additional writer.

Thirdly, we can develop a *dictatorial* system of church discipline, with full authority and responsibility resting in the local minister and administered by him on a local basis. Such a system would not be too-foreign to some congregations who already have such a situation in fact if not acknowledged. That such a course would be highly pleasing to some is likewise evident.

The entire situation is one that should be cause for concern. No ship can long hold its course without a rudder and its like the "blind leading the blind" if we seek to by-pass this question with the evasive statement that Christ is our rudder, for such He is not. He is our chart, He is our destination, He is our Captain, but with all of these advantages the ship is unable to hold course without the rudder of discipline. Think on these things.

## 40,000 Hear Graham In Hyde Park

LONDON—(RNS)—Some 40,000 persons jammed Hyde Park to hear an open-air sermon by Dr. Billy Graham, American evangelist.

Many of them came to London from the provinces in chartered buses. So large was the crowd that some fainted and it was impossible for other worshippers to open their hymn-books and Bibles.

Dr. Graham told the throng that he had listened to a debate in the House of Commons on the hydrogen bomb and "came away with the feeling that civilization is doomed unless we can find a solution to our problems in the next few months or years."

"The hope of the world at the present time," he said, "is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Since his three-month London crusade began on March 1, the American evangelist has spoken before 714,000 persons, it was announced here by the Billy Graham organization.



# Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY MILLS, Executive Sec'y-Treas.

## Points of Emphasis for W.M.U. April-October

Mrs. M. K. Cobble

Reports are due and past due. Send them on, let us hear from every Union.

\* \* \*

Do you plan to arrive in St. Louis in time for the opening session of the W.M.U. Convention at 3 o'clock May 30? Would you like to be a delegate? If so, write to the president of your division at once. Each division may name six delegates and six alternates. All delegates will claim their cards in St. Louis. These cards admit them to the reserved section for Tennessee delegates upon registration in St. Louis. Cards unclaimed by the close of the first session will be made available to other Tennessee women who are present. We may have sixty delegates and are anxious that our quota be filled. Never have we been faced with more matters of great importance. May all women join in earnest prayer for the meeting.

\* \* \*

## Schools for Preachers And Their Wives

- June 7-11—Belmont College, Miss Mary Mills will teach the wives
- June 14-18—Union University, Mrs. W. A. Farmer, president of Northwestern Division, will teach the wives
- June 14-18—Carson-Newman College, Mrs. C. T. Bahner, trustee of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, will teach the wives

## OLD BOOKS FOUND

### WHAT BOOKS DO YOU WANT?

We specialize in searching for OLD AND RARE BOOKS. Prompt service. Lowest prices. Any subjects.

### SOUTHERN BOOKHUNTERS

Dept. L1

Decatur, Georgia

## New Hearing Aid Without Tubes

Costly B-Battery eliminated! All battery costs slashed 80%! Powered by 3 genuine Raytheon Transistors! Vacuum tubes banished forever! For full information, use handy coupon below. No obligation whatsoever. A postcard will do.

Electronic Research Director  
Belton Hearing Aid Co., Dept. 2415  
2900 W. 36th St., Chicago 32, Ill.  
Please rush complete facts on new miracle all-transistor tubeless hearing aid.

Name .....

Address .....

City..... State.....

## Attention All Officers of W.M.U. in the Local Churches

- June 17-18—Efficiency School at Camp Carson
- June 18-20—B.W.C. Conference Camp Carson
- July 23-25—B.W.C. Conference Camp Linden
- Aug. 18-19—Efficiency School at Camp Linden. Watch for further information, but plan now, to be there!

\* \* \*

Let us help our office staff to do their work more efficiently by electing all associational officers in July; local officers by August and send the lists with correct addresses (printed) to Miss Mary Mills, Belmont at 16th Ave., South, Nashville, by September 1.

\* \* \*

Tennessee W.M.U. voted in Chattanooga to encourage each member to give \$1.00 a year to the United Tennessee League Against Beverage Alcohol for the promotion of its work, in and through the schools. Such money should be sent to Mr. J. C. Furman, 167-Eighth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn.

\* \* \*

News from our missionaries on the fields help to make us see the needs as our opportunities. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt Jaguaquqra, Brazil write: "We have just returned from a thirty days vacation on the coast. Mr. Lingerfelt is busy with the finances and construction work in the Taylor-Egidio School, visits to churches and the planning of church buildings. Mrs. Lingerfelt works in the organizations of the local church, serves as state W.M.U. secretary, teaches in the school as well as caring for her family. The greatest need is more workers. Pray for us."

\* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. William Medling, 356 Shinyashiki Machi, Kumamoto City, Japan, write: "The church here in Kumamoto has grown both in numbers and in strength. We have in our hearts a desire to start a mission work in Yatsushiro, a town one and one-half hours by train from Kumamoto. There are 85,000 people there with no Baptist witness. Please join us in prayer that this may be accomplished in His name and for His sake."

\* \* \*

The Dan Carrolls, San Jose, Costa Rica, Central America write: "We are in our second term in the language school. Last week we had our first opportunity to be of service with our Spanish. We both taught in a Sunday school study course here. Of the 52 new officers and teachers there was an average attendance of 47 each night. This shows the eagerness of the people to work. We know the job is greater than we are, but with His help and your prayers we go forward."

## Brotherhood Conference Set For Ridgecrest, July 29

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (BP) — Laymen from twenty-three Southern Baptist states will gather at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., July 29- August 4, for the annual Brotherhood Conference.

Among the outstanding Baptist laymen who will appear on program are Jesse Johnson, lawyer and member of the Brotherhood Commission from Richmond, Va., Keener Pharr, educational director, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., Edwin Parson, executive secretary of the American Baptist Brotherhood, W. J. Isbell, state Brotherhood president of Alabama, and Donald Adcox, North Carolina business man. R. Jack Robinson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., will also appear on program.

First Church, Union City, has purchased a home for the use of its minister of education and music, E. Doyle Chatham. The Union City Church and Pastor Daniel Baker Cameron seem to be in the lead among the churches in this state in providing a home for those of the church staff dealing with education and music.

Miss Flodell Appleton, a Union University senior, has been awarded a Carnegie Fellowship in Teaching by George Peabody College, Nashville, according to Dr. Felix C. Robb, dean of Instruction at Peabody College. This award carries unusual distinction and is made only to outstanding liberal arts college students who compete from all over the south. Miss Appleton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Appleton of Milan.

Sylvan Heights Church, Memphis, Freeman W. Gillespie, pastor, was assisted in revival services by W. R. Storie, pastor of First Church, Ocean Springs, Miss., as evangelist. There were 21 additions to the church. J. R. Blakeney, minister of Music and Education, directed the music. In the seven years Brother Gillespie has been pastor at Sylvan Heights the church has grown from 60 to 800.

With Pastor W. Leonard Stigler of Grace Church, Nashville, doing the preaching there were 96 additions to the Highland Heights Church, Memphis. Fifty-three of these additions were by profession of faith. Four surrendered to full time Christian service and one young man surrendered to preach the Gospel. Slater A. Murphy is pastor.

G. Kearnie Keegan, Southwide Student Secretary, Nashville, was guest speaker at Union University B.S.U. banquet which was held at West Jackson, Church, April 16. Students on the program were Jimmy Walker, Frances Lyons and Glenda Whittle with Dick McCutchen as master of ceremonies. Another feature of the evening was the installation of the new offices.



## Church Speakers' Tournament

When is Your Church Speakers' Tournament to be held?

Speakers' Tournaments are **PRIMARILY** church affairs. The purpose of the Tournament is to provide opportunity for several young people to speak before their own church membership.

When young people compose and deliver an original message to those who know them best, it becomes to them a means of real spiritual growth, often not found in speaking before a strange audience. It gives them added experience and training in public witnessing not available in the smaller groups of their own unions and departments. It gives them a new incentive for spiritual growth and witnessing. It is an inspiration and a challenge to all who hear them.

Young People should be encouraged to participate in Church Speakers' Tournament regardless of their immediate capacity to become an Associational, or Regional or State winner. Participation this year may pave the way for acquiring that capacity! And, more important is the fact that one *can win* the real value of the Tournament without ever becoming an Associational winner. Many young people have testified to that truth!

The influence of those speeches by young people is incalculable! A young girl was won to Christ through the influence of her older sister's speech! Here is a quote from a letter received by a participant: "There's something I want to tell you, but since I can't say what I want, I'll put it down on paper! Remember that speech you gave on 'If You Love Me'. That just did something to me. For over a year I had been refusing to surrender my life to fulltime service. I knew that God was calling me, but more than anything else I wanted to be an algebra teacher. Then that night when you gave that speech it started me thinking. In July I went to Ridgecrest. That poem kept coming back and finally I walked down the aisle in surrender to Christ's way. So I want to thank you."

## EAST TEXAS BAPTIST COLLEGE

Marshall, Texas

Summer School: June 7—August 25  
Fall Semester Begins September 13

**REASONABLE RATES  
HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS  
SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE  
FRIENDLY CAMPUS  
WELL-TRAINED FACULTY**

For information contact **H. D. Bruce,**  
President

## Let's Promote a Church Speakers' Tournament

Order these materials from your State Training Union Office: 1954 Speakers' Tournament leaflets, Speakers' Tournament Commitment Cards, Helps for Participants. Put them into the hands of your young people and give them individually the challenge and the courage to participate for Christ's sake.

### Let's Set the First Date for

**Church Speakers' Tournament  
Associational Speakers' Tournament**

### Regional Speakers' Tournaments

Southwestern—June 14—First, Jackson  
Northwestern—June 15—First, Paris  
South Central—June 17—First, Fayetteville  
Central—June 18—Greenbrier  
North Central—June 21—West View, Cookeville

Southeastern—June 22—First, Etowah  
Northeastern—June 24—First, Elizabethton  
Eastern—June 25—Gatlingburg

**July 2 State Speakers' Tournament,  
Belmont College, Nashville**

**July 17 Southern Baptist Tournament  
Ridgecrest, North Carolina**

## People and Things

... David V. Jamison, Selma, Ala., for 13 years president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and president emeritus since the 1953 session, died February 20.

... "Operation Easter Chicklift," the shipment by air of 35,000 baby chicks to Egypt, is a relief project in which the American Baptist Convention co-operates. A shipment of 65,000 chicks was flown to Iran.

## VIRGINIA INTERMONT COLLEGE

Fully accredited—Baptist—Four-year Junior College for women. Excellent equipment, 2000 ft. altitude. Let us help you make plans.

Write

**R. L. Brantley, President**

Box 35

Bristol, Virginia

**Church Furniture**  
SOUTHERN DESK COMPANY

Tubular steel folding chairs . . . with molded plywood or form-fitting steel seats — noiseless, compact, very comfortable. For free illustrated literature, write.

SOUTHERN DESK CO.  
HICKORY, N. C.

## East State Echoes

Speakers for the John L. Campbell Association of Ministers at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, are John Edmund Haggai, Chattanooga, May 4; Clay Jennings, Decherd, May 11; and George E. Williamson, Chattanooga, May 18.

Carson-Newman College Alumni of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, held their annual banquet April 9, with Professor J. C. Brashear of Carson-Newman College currently studying at the University of North Carolina, as speaker. The group was proud to recognize the fact that among the student body officers for next year were three Carson-Newman graduates: Robert Nation ('44), president of the Co-ordinating Council; James Taylor ('52), middle class representative; and Don Strother ('52), devotional chairman. Officers elected for the coming year are Elmer Crosby ('50), president; Everett Marion ('52), vice-president; Mrs. Jerry Tilman ('50), secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Everett Marion ('52), corresponding secretary.

Pastor Francis Marion Warden of First Church, Jefferson City, reports a fruitful revival in which J. Leo Green, professor of Old Testament, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., did the preaching, and Professor Charles H. Jones of Carson-Newman College directed the music. There were eight additions by baptism, three by letter; five mission volunteers and 17 definite re-dedications.

Charles W. Shirley became pastor of Little Doe Church in Watauga Association, March 1. Brother and Mrs. Shirley, both graduates of Southwestern Seminary, plan to go as missionaries to South America after a few years experience in the pastorate according to Mrs. Karl Pleasant of the Little Doe Church. Mrs. Shirley is the former Lois Parsons of Elizabethton. The Shirleys, who are living in the church parsonium in Doevoile, have a son, Mark, one and half years old.

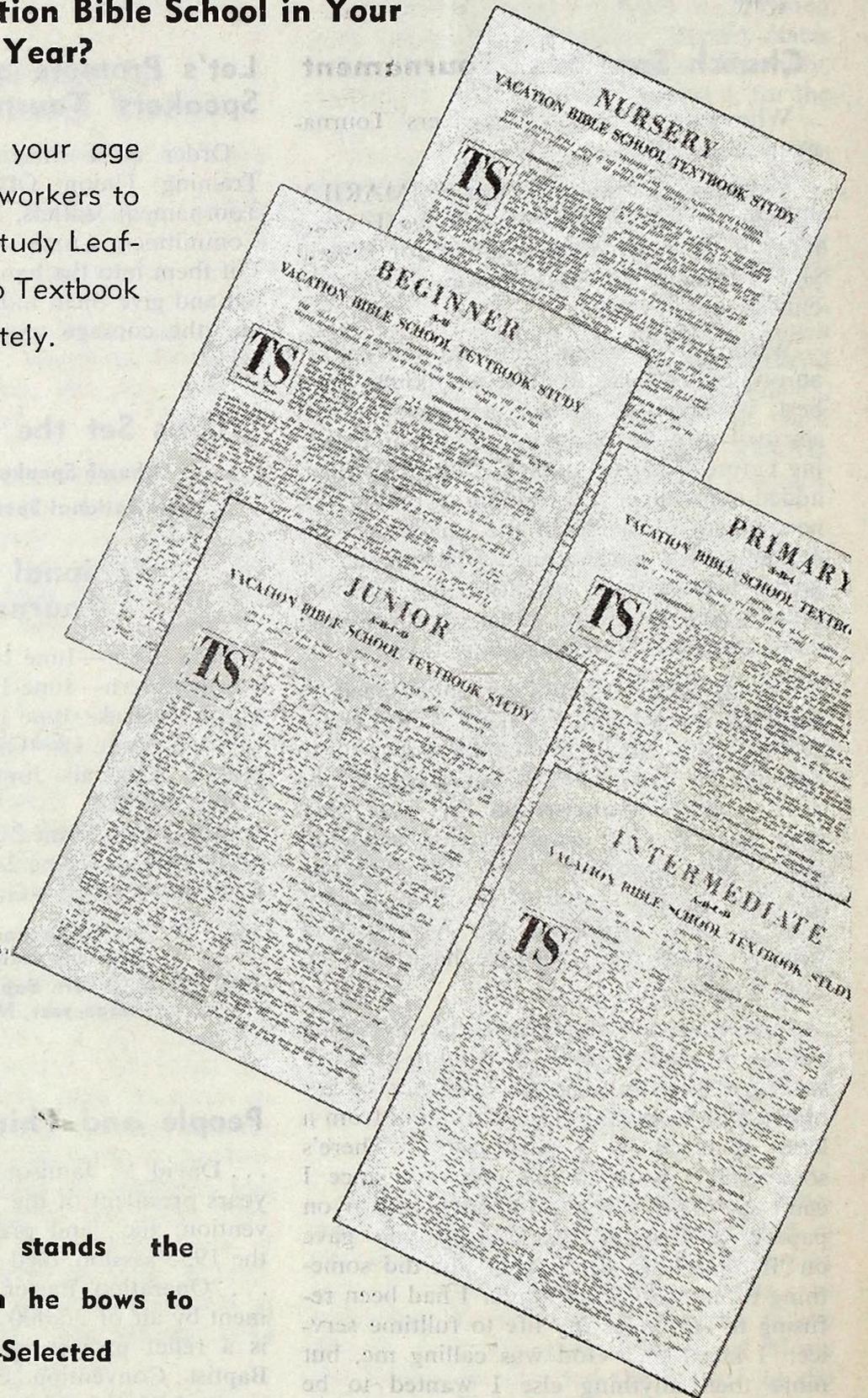
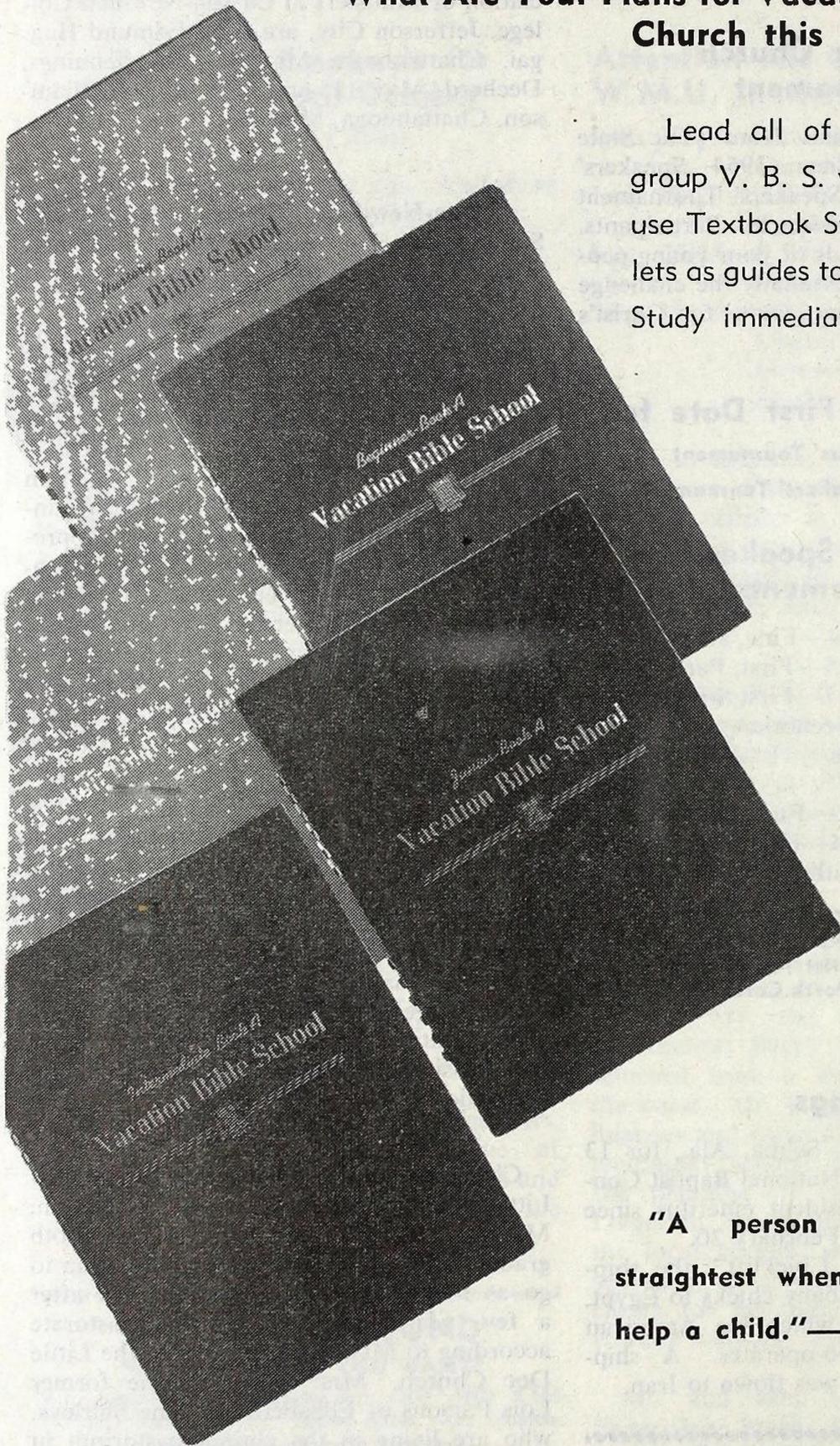
Hoyt Vassar leaves the pastorate of Second Church, Chattanooga, to become missionary for the Madison-Liberty Association in Alabama. He will be located at Huntsville. Before his two and half year pastorate in Chattanooga he served pastorates in Bedford County and as missionary in Giles Association in this state.

Miss Floryne Miller, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan who has been in the States on furlough, has left for her field of service and may be addressed at Seinan Jo Gakuin, Itozu, Kokura, Japan. She is a native of Elizabethton, Tenn., and makes her permanent American home in Johnson City.

# PLANNING PRECEDES PROGRESS

## What Are Your Plans for Vacation Bible School in Your Church this Year?

Lead all of your age group V. B. S. workers to use Textbook Study Leaflets as guides to Textbook Study immediately.



"A person stands the straightest when he bows to help a child."—Selected

## The Purpose of the Textbook Study Leaflets

The purpose of the Textbook Study Leaflets is the guidance of prospective workers in all the departments of the Vacation Bible School in the study and mastery of all five Textbooks; Nursery A; Primary B; Junior A; Intermediate A.

A certificate (or award) (Section VI of the Sunday School Worker's Diploma) may be earned individually or as a class member by meeting the requirements. (See detailed instructions on each sheet of guide materials).

Secure Textbook Study Leaflets from Associational V. B. S. Leader of your age group, or they may be secured from your State Sunday School Department, Belcourt at 16th Ave., So., Nashville, upon request.

The study of the *Vacation Bible School Guide* will greatly stimulate interest.

**Help every boy and girl 3-16 years of age to reap some of the benefits of Vacation Bible School work.**

## Wage a War on Inefficiency

*Use the V. B. S. Standard as Guide to Improvement.*

Secure a copy of the new V. B. S. Standard for each department superintendent. The principal should call the department superintendents together and lead them in the study of the standard—

1. Check with red pencil things each department superintendent should do before school begins.
2. Check with green pencil things each department superintendent should do during school.
3. Check with blue pencil things each department superintendent should do after school is over.
4. Determine what your grade can be before school begins.
5. Make out V. B. S. report (give grade) and rush two copies of report to Jesse Daniel, Secretary, State Sunday School Department, Belcourt at 16th Ave., So., Nashville, Tenn.

# ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

## SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1954

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo, First	267	84	---	West Eastland Mission	72	41	---
Alcoa, Calvary	311	106	---	Gleason, First	202	48	---
Central	265	65	---	Goodlettsville, First	333	107	2
First	391	173	10	Grand Junction, First	103	57	---
Ashland City, First	148	46	1	Greenbrier	345	95	7
Athens, Antioch	166	33	9	Harriman, South	480	194	1
Bethsadia	50	25	---	Trenton Sreet	703	156	1
East	660	173	2	Hendersonville	157	---	5
First	806	251	---	New Hope	125	65	---
West End Mission	114	86	---	Hohenwald, First	146	53	---
North	307	84	---	Mission	34	---	---
Calhoun	86	36	---	Humboldt, Antioch	368	125	---
Cambria	29	27	---	First	723	207	1
Clearwater	163	48	2	Jacksboro, First	211	100	1
Coghill	120	60	---	Jackson, Calvary	749	246	---
Conasauga	10	---	---	North	425	196	2
Cotton Port	139	83	---	West	1182	372	---
Double Springs	37	31	---	Jamestown, First	404	84	---
Eastanalle	62	25	---	Jefferson City, Northside	224	122	2
Englewood	254	70	---	Jellico, First	289	72	---
Etowah, East	94	---	---	Johnson City, Central	890	117	4
Etowah, First	445	176	2	Fall Street	160	47	---
Etowah, North	602	219	3	Unaka Avenue	335	119	3
Etowah, West	74	---	---	Kenton, Macedonia	120	89	---
Good Field	130	68	---	Kingsport, Cedar Grove	219	70	12
Good Springs	106	68	---	First	1007	152	8
Idlewild	87	37	---	Glenwood	507	176	1
Lake View	117	88	3	Lynn Garden	521	130	2
McMahan Calvary	105	41	---	Knoxville, Alice Bell	292	87	4
Mt. Harmony No. 1	105	36	---	Arlington	683	177	2
Mt. Harmony No. 2	59	16	---	Bell Avenue	1126	340	8
Mt. Verd	54	33	---	Broadway	1631	447	5
New Bethel	119	---	---	Central (Bcarden)	460	121	7
New Zion	105	64	---	City View	579	126	---
Niota, East	187	66	---	Fifth Avenue	1143	254	3
Niota, First	151	52	---	First	1346	176	8
Oak Grove	131	---	---	Gillespie Avenue	323	97	5
Old Salem	42	---	---	Inskip	759	219	2
Pond Hill	215	44	---	Lincoln Park	1214	260	7
Riceville	128	50	---	Mt. Olive	444	92	---
Rocky Mount	54	34	7	North	592	154	2
Rodgers Creek	97	---	---	Oakwood	487	213	26
Sanford	97	48	---	Sevier Heights	851	336	2
Shiloh	94	59	---	South	869	217	---
Short Creek	116	61	---	LaFollette, East	153	28	---
South Liberty	50	33	---	First	466	132	1
Union Grove McMinn	104	47	---	Lake City, Main Street	292	72	6
Union McMinn	103	---	---	Lawrenceburg, First	367	130	1
West View	52	33	---	First Avenue	38	---	---
Wild Wood	123	45	---	Hoover Street	46	---	---
Zion Hill	63	29	---	Lebanon, Fairview	365	146	3
Auburntown, Auburn	124	62	---	First	582	157	---
Prosperity	207	113	1	Southside	187	97	2
Bells, Woodland	173	97	3	Immanuel	274	115	---
Blaine, Block Springs	157	88	---	Rocky Valley	96	69	---
Bolivar, First	395	145	5	Lenoir City, First	772	195	16
Bristol, Calvary	567	145	---	Kingston Pike	94	58	---
Tennessee Avenue	704	187	7	First Avenue	297	61	2
Brownsville	617	---	3	Pleasant Hill	290	119	---
Carthage, First	249	112	---	Second	146	43	---
Charleston	164	56	---	Lewisburg, First	608	158	---
Chattanooga, Avondale	1366	172	16	Lexington, First	620	66	4
Brainerd	1049	330	19	Loudon, Blairland	250	127	1
Brainerd Mission	35	7	---	First	415	101	8
Brainerd Hills	140	48	---	Mission	115	34	---
Calvary	530	96	---	Prospert	183	64	---
Concord	365	151	---	Martin, First	514	116	3
East	404	75	---	Maury City	156	50	1
Eastdale	626	159	6	McKenzie, First	473	124	2
East Lake	849	180	2	McLemoresville	81	46	---
East Ridge	706	5	---	McMinnville, Magness Memorial	451	117	---
First	1272	310	17	Madisonville, Chestua	99	48	---
Northside	472	89	4	Martel, Midway	219	93	---
North Market	188	69	---	Maryville, Broadway	642	223	---
Oak Street	221	50	---	Everett Hills	525	198	9
Philadelphia	217	---	1	First	1108	427	---
Pleasant Grove	164	58	---	Mission	111	17	---
Red Bank	979	309	11	Madison Avenue	166	49	8
Ridgedale	721	173	---	Mt. Lebanon	170	76	---
Ridgeview	286	67	---	Medina	209	77	---
St. Elmo	437	99	23	Memphis, Airview	97	31	---
Second	213	49	2	Barlett	280	113	---
Spring Creek	443	208	5	Barton Heights	264	130	17
Whitvell	253	67	---	Bellevue	3507	1211	43
Clarksville, First	768	217	49	Berclair	1020	317	9
Cleveland, Big Spring	297	158	---	Beverly Hills	370	94	3
Calvary	215	123	1	Boulevard	1213	305	14
First	739	178	---	Breedlove	106	44	3
Gallilee	33	---	---	Brooks Road	116	54	10
North	283	150	2	Brunswick	186	78	1
Watertown	192	90	1	Calvary	298	91	2
Clinton, Bethel	189	75	---	Central Avenue	1294	525	6
Second	552	103	---	Collierville	305	109	---
Columbia, First	650	164	6	Colonial Mission	143	26	2
Godwin	65	---	---	DeSota Heights	226	103	4
Highland Park	301	184	4	Eads	62	37	---
Cookeville, First	548	176	---	Eastland	96	59	10
Cowan, First	209	61	2	Egypt	232	81	---
Crossville, Cumberland Homestead	205	91	---	Fisherville	217	---	2
Dandridge, Dumplin	94	58	7	First	1577	263	19
Piedmont	129	88	---	Flynn Avenue	67	15	---
Dayton, First	345	128	1	Frayser	735	216	1
Dyersburg, First	823	21	---	Glenview	132	57	2
Elizabethton, Doe River	140	56	---	Graham Heights	131	71	---
First	837	150	9	Greenlaw	295	106	4
Immanuel	333	114	1	Highland Heights	1706	646	4
Siam	289	227	2	Immanuel	175	68	20
Fountain City, Central	1250	293	11	LaBelle	967	339	19
Hines Valley Mission	80	31	---	LaBelle Mission	80	47	---
First	511	246	---	Leawood	763	169	11
Smithwood	1014	280	5	Linden Avenue	51	39	1
Fowlkes	151	100	7	Levi	333	---	5
Friendship	185	---	---	Mallory Heights	303	100	5
Gallatin, First	669	140	3	Malcomb Avenue	353	103	1
Bethpage Mission	34	---	---	McLean	660	210	2
Cedar Grove Mission	24	---	---	Millington	514	186	2
				Millington Mission	72	28	1
				Mt. Pisgah	204	119	---
				Mullins Station	122	66	5
				Park Avenue	659	234	4
				Parkway	871	250	5
				Poplar Avenue	538	142	8
				Prescott Memorial	862	173	9
				Raleigh	701	188	9
				Riverside	73	51	---
				Rugby Hills	257	---	---
				Seventh Street	596	192	3
				Southland	241	126	---
				Southmoor	220	79	7
				Speedway Terrace	1066	322	4
				Sylvan Heights	587	165	---
				Temple	1583	425	3
				Union Avenue	1390	343	10
				Wells Station	341	79	4
				Whitehaven	639	113	3
				Whitten Memorial	104	45	---
				Milan, First	571	141	11
				North Side Mission	151	41	8
				Morristown, Alpha	118	40	---
				First	864	175	---
				Hillscrest	95	35	2
				Murfreesboro, First	700	125	23
				Calvary	76	---	---
				Mt. View	224	62	1
				Powell's Chapel	119	85	5
				Wards Grove	115	59	---
				Woodbury Road	195	70	---
				Nashville, Antioch	134	46	---
				Belmont Heights	1218	325	9
				Jordonia	54	---	---
				Madison Street Mission	121	41	---
				Bordeaux	160	30	1
				Calvary	225	86	6
				Cricewood	62	---	3
				Donelson	635	---	14
				Eastland	811	111	---
				Edgefield	819	207	2
				Fairview	96	33	---
				First	1643	394	14
				T.I.S.	230	---	---
				Freeland	155	73	---
				Maplewood Mission	85	60	18
				Glendale	217	65	3
				Glenwood	183	71	---
				Grace	1598	379	5
				Grandview	459	119	4
				Harsh Chapel	186	80	4
				Immanuel	463	101	2
				Inglewood	1207	244	5
				Judson	889	154	5
				Lockeland	703	123	2
				Madison, First	507	141	---
				Madison Heights	167	83	---
				Mill Creek	145	72	---
				North Edgefield	315	68	2
				North End	235	57	---
				Park Avenue	1076	211	10
				Radnor	611	160	---
				Richland	181	69	---
				Riverside	337	66	1
				Saturn Drive	304	88	1
				Scottsboro	158	---	---
				Seventh	365	119	4
				Seventh Mission	33	---	---
				Shelby Avenue	588	126	2
				Tabernacle	122	52	---
				Una	206	86	5
				Walker Memorial	130	48	---
				West	96	33	---
				Westwood	249	115	---
				Woodbine	300	72	---
				Woodmont	563	209	24
				New Market	144	56	---
				Pleasant Grove	123	101	---
				Newport, Bethel	244	---	---
				English Crcek	72	61	---
				First	548	154	---
				Second	323	90	---
				Oak Ridge, Central	526	95	20
				First	852	122	---
				Robertsville	707	188	5
				Old Hickory, First	659	243	2
				Rayon City	125	60	1
				Temple	297	189	18
				Paris, First	667	110	---
				West	296	102	18
				Parsons, First	326	77	---
				Philadelphia	202	58	---
				Portland, First	337	99	12
				South First	25	---	---
				Ripley, First	481	136	3
				Rockford, Central Point	141	62	---
				Rockwood, Eureka	152	55	---
				First	599	204	1
				Whites Creek	113	42	---
				Rogersville, First	600	175	---
				Henard's Chapel			

# Mid STATE Briefs

Herman J. Ellis, 211 Oak St., Springfield, Tennessee

April 4, completed seven years for James F. Brewer as pastor of First Church, Columbia. Highlights of these years are: 680 additions, 400 by letter, 280 by baptism, Church Budget advanced from \$18,000.00 to \$44,866.00, Sunday school enrolment went from 675 to 1020 and Training Union from 125 to 260.

Park Avenue Church, Nashville had a Youth Revival April 11-18. John Wood, student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, was the evangelist and John Breland, Southern Seminary, directed the music. Pastor Roy W. Hinchey is doing the preaching for a revival at First Church, Morristown, which began April 21. L. S. Ewton, Nashville, supplied the pulpit April 25.

James C. Furman of the United Tennessee League Against Beverage Alcohol, Nashville, was speaker at First Church, Pulaski, April 4.

C. Spurgeon Pascall of Charlottesville, Va., evangelist, and Dee Wayne White of Woodmont Church, Nashville as music director, are leading First Church, Hendersonville, in a revival, April 25-30. James C. Austin is pastor.

First Church, Pulaski, voted Chapel unit as next step in building program at an estimated cost of \$44,000.

Roy F. Starmer, Missionary to Italy, was the speaker at First Church, Cookeville, April 18, in the absence of Pastor John M. Sykes. James L. Sullivan of the Sunday School Board supplied the pulpit April 25.

E. L. Williams, Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville, will lead First Church, Cookeville in revival services May 8-19, John M. Sykes is pastor.

Guard Green conducted a revival for Third Church, Murfreesboro, Wendell Price, pastor. Brother Price recently underwent surgery which revealed a deeply imbedded tumor behind the jaw bone. A. C. Miller of the Sunday School Board supplied the pulpit April 11.

Jack Altman of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was speaker for the evening service at First Church, Jamestown, April 4. Wade L. Carver is pastor.

W. Henderson Barton for 17 years pastor of Edgefield Church, Nashville, brought the 87th anniversary message of this church, April 11. Reception and fellowship followed the evening service. J. T. Spurlin is pastor.

First Church, Lawrensburg, H. J. Rushing, pastor had S. R. Woodson, Columbus, Miss., as evangelist in a revival. April 4 was a record breaking day for all time. Richard Moyers led the music.

Richard B. Sims, pastor of Joelton Church, led a revival at Leoma Church, Lawrence County, April 4-11. J. Homer Brown, pastor.

Mt. Hermon Church, Hickory Point, observed annual Home Coming Day April 11. L. G. Frey preached at the morning hour and E. H. Greenwell, pastor of New Providence Church, brought the afternoon message. Special offering received for pastorium amounted to \$1,285.00. Fulton Robertson is pastor.

Laurin Suiter, pastor of Little Hope Church, did the preaching in revival for Mt. Hermon Church, Hickory Point, April 4-10.

Richard N. Owen, editor of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, supplied the pulpit at First Church, Lewisburg, April 18 in the absence of the pastor Carl B. Allen, who was conducting a revival at First Church, Portland.

Miss Evelyn Schwartz, Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, has moved from Bandung to Djakarta. Her address is Djalan Gunung Shari VI, House 23, Djakarta, Java, Indonesia. She is a native of Winchester, Tenn.

## Inter-Racial Student Group to Broaden Organization Scope

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—The Convention-wide Conference of Baptist Theological Students will strive for more effective operation and set up a permanent office in the Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville. Action was taken at the ninth annual meeting of the group in session at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary early this spring. The group also voted to change the name of the organization to the Fellowship of Baptist Theological Students.

John Harris, a second-year student at Southern Seminary, was elected executive director. Harris succeeds Victor T. Glass, dean, American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., who served as chairman of the steering committee of the Conference.

The 1955 meeting was set for March 23-24 at the American Baptist Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.

Tom Madden, pastor of Greenbrier Church, is with First Church Shamrock, Texas for a revival.

## LEISURE

The Only  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST  
Periodical Devoted Wholly  
to  
PARTIES . . . BANQUETS  
FELLOWSHIP HOURS  
STUNTS . . . GAMES  
DRAMA  
CREATIVE CRAFTS and  
CHRISTIAN RE-CREATION

Edited By

JACK B. and

EDITH FELLOWS

Two of Southern Baptists'  
Foremost Re-creation Authorities  
and Producers of  
Social Materials

For

SAMPLE

Write

Southwide  
Leisure Service

P.O. BOX 222

RIDGECREST, NORTH CAROLINA

**GOWNS**  
• Pulpit and Choir •  
Headquarters for  
RELIGIOUS SUPPLIES

Church Furniture • Stoles  
Embroideries • Vestments  
Hangings • Communion  
Sets • Altar Brass Goods

WRITE DEPT JL FOR CATALOG

**National** CHURCH GOODS  
SUPPLY COMPANY  
821 - 23 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

**PRINTING**  
of Every Description  
at Money-Saving Prices

• Write us at 412 Demonbroun Street—or  
call 42-6594 . . . Nashville 3, Tennessee

**CURLEY PRINTING COMPANY**

# BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

CAMP LINDEN, JUNE 25-27

*Theme: "Men in Evangelism and Stewardship"*

## Friday Evening

- Registration  
 6:30 Supper  
 7:30 Singing by congregation  
 7:40 Scripture Reading and Prayer  
 7:45 Special Music  
 8:00 Speaker—Leonard Sanderson  
 Film: "Men on the March"

## Saturday Morning

- 7:00 Sunrise Service  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 Conferences:  
 9:00- 9:20 How to Organize a Brotherhood by—E. N. Delzell  
 9:20- 9:40 Brotherhood Programs by—R. C. Thornbury  
 9:40-10:20 The Associational Brotherhood by—David Mashburn  
 10:20-10:40 The Brotherhood and Evangelism by—Leonard Sanderson  
 10:40-11:00 The Brotherhood and Cooperative Program—Joe L. Wells  
 11:00-11:20 The Brotherhood and Stewardship by—E. C. Sisk  
 11:20-11:40 The Brotherhood and Boys' Work—Jimmy Allen  
 12:00 Lunch

## Saturday Afternoon

Recreation: Swimming, Horseshoes, Baseball

## Saturday Evening

- 6:30 Supper  
 7:30 Singing by congregation  
 7:40 Scripture Reading and Prayer  
 7:45 Special Music  
 8:00 Speaker—G. D. Creasman  
 Film: "Evangelism"

## Sunday Morning

- 7:00 Sunrise Service  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 9:30 Sunday School—A. Roy Greene  
 11:00 Message—C. W. Pope  
 12:00 Lunch  
 Adjourn

## BROTHERHOOD OBJECTIVES

1. EVANGELISM
2. COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
3. STEWARDSHIP
4. BOYS' WORK

We have beds for two hundred and fifty. The first come will be the first served. Send your reservations now to E. N. Delzell, Belcourt at 16th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee. These reservations must be in by Wednesday, June 23rd. The cost for six meals and two nights lodging will be \$5.00 or \$1.00 per single meal. There is no registration fee. Bring your linens and soap.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- |                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Brotherhood Night, S.B.C.    | June 3           |
| Brotherhood Week, Glorieta   | July 1-6         |
| Brotherhood Week, Ridgecrest | July 29-August 3 |

Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas, a layman, will speak Monday night, May 31, on the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference program at St. Louis. His subject, "The Layman Undergirding the Church."

## Evangelism and Stewardship Conferences

Association	Pastor	Church	Date
Fayette	Jonas Stewart	Somerville, First	April 29
Hardeman	Floyd Cates	Bolivar, First	April 30
Western District	O. E. Turner	Paris, First	May 3
Weakley	Lacy Freeman	Dresden, First	May 4
Union	Hoyte Huddleston	Sparta, First	May 6
Tennessee Valley	R. E. Lee	Dayton, First	May 7
Big Emory	Wallace Carrier	Rockwood, First	May 11
Cumberland Co.	Sheilds Webb	Crassville, First	May 10
Bledsoe	John Huffman	Gallatin, First	May 13
Duck River	Roy Babb	Winchester, First	May 14
Beech River	E. E. Deusner	Lexington, First	May 17
Indian Creek	J. L. Robertson	Philadelphia	May 18
Riverside	James L. Adkins	Livingston, First	June 14
Stone	John J. Sykes	Cookeville, First	June 15
McMinn	Fred Dowell	Athens, First	June 17
Sweetwater	Harold Malone	Madisonville, First	June 18
Sevier	J. O. Carter	Gatlinburg, First	June 21
Chilhowee	Brooks Ramsey	Maryville, First	June 22

These conferences are led by Leonard Sanderson, Secretary of Evangelism and Promotion; E. N. Delzell, Secretary of Brotherhood and Stewardship; and Dr. Norris Gilliam, Secretary of Foundation.

## . . . The Pastoral Prayer . . .

One of the great periods in a church service is the pastoral prayer. This is a time when the true pastor tries to gather up from his own heart and from the hearts of his members all the failures, disappointments, sins, suffering and sorrows, as well as the joys, hopes and aspirations of all, and to present them to God, asking that His healing presence may banish from all hearts everything that is displeasing, and sanctify and confirm all that is good in His sight.

That service is both a pastoral duty and a blessed privilege. As a pastor I always tried to perform it, but many times it was done with holy fear, and always with a sense of inadequacy.

This prayer rightly delivered, the Bible rightly read, great hymns and a great anthem sung in the Spirit and with the understanding, and great preaching of the New Testament gospel which is the power of God unto salvation will make an hour of worship that people cannot forget.

One was in a service not so long ago when the pastor stepped to the pulpit after the first hymn to lead the prayer. Even as he began and throughout the prayer the organ was droning and interfering to the

### **Tape Recording Facilities At Southern Baptist Convention**

The Radio and Television Commission will again furnish recording facilities at the Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis, June 2-5, for those who wish to record portions of the meeting, it was announced this week by Henry S. Bowling, engineer.

By special arrangement those desiring to record messages from the Pastors' Conference will be able to do so at the regular recording position in Kiel Auditorium.

A new feature of this year's service will enable messengers to the Convention to order the convention sermons on duplicating tape and have them mailed to their homes for \$3.75, plus postage.

This will allow pastors and other interested persons to obtain addresses without bringing their equipment to the Convention. Tapes will be duplicated and mailed out the week following the Convention.

If interest is great enough to warrant it, long playing vinylite records will be made of the entire proceedings of the Convention and made available one month after the Convention. These would be put in albums and sold for approximately \$30.00.

If you plan to record, the usual \$3.00 registration fee must be paid. This money goes to offset cost of rental of tables and chairs, etc. You should mail a card to: Henry S. Bowling, Engineer, the BAPTIST HOUR, Box 8, Station E, Atlanta, Georgia, for your recording reservation.

evident confusion of the pastor who was trying to lead the people to the throne. My own heart felt the need of such service for I was there to begin a meeting, and I wished that that woman would quit so the pastor would not be hindered, and so I could follow him. But no, she kept on spoiling both the prayer and the music.

Am I more dumb than everybody else because I cannot hear and attend to two things at the same time? I cannot carry on a telephone conversation and get much of what someone standing by says to me, unless I stop the telephone conversation long enough to hear what the one by me is saying. We all have one track minds when it comes to listening to two things at once. Nothing is more absurd and disturbing to concentration in worship than trying to carry on two things at once.

Music is wonderful at the right time and place. I love it. But music when the Bible is being read, when prayers are offered, when preachers are trying to teach the people the word of God is an "abomination of desolation standing in the place where it ought not."

Baptists had better remember that they are not high church folks; and they had better read Church History if they have not done so and learn that where ritualistic formalities increase spirituality declines.

Jesus did not do it that way. When he was instituting and administering the Lord's supper and talking to the disciples they did not sing. AFTER He had finished they sang a hymn and went out. The only way really to enrich a church service is to stay with the spiritual simplicity of the New Testament. Pastors would do well to take a hand in such matters and not let the musicians "take over."—L. E. Barton, Montgomery, Ala.

### **Reservations Open for Rural Church Conference**

Atlanta, Georgia—Requests for reservations are coming in for the first convention-wide Rural Church Conference, May 11-14, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, with Missouri having the largest number, 76.

There is still room for reservations and it is imperative that they be sent immediately to Rural Church Conference, Home Mission Board. Those who have reservations will be directed to their rooms from First Baptist Church, Decatur.

According to S. F. Dowis, C. A. Holcomb, Music Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead the singing. Others to appear on the program will be Courts Redford and Louie D. Newton, Atlanta; C. C. Warren, Charlotte, North Carolina; Merrill Moore, Nashville, Tennessee; Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Alabama; Porter Routh, Nashville; George Schroeder, Memphis, Tennes-

### **I Do the Best I Can**

"I do the best I can." It may be so, for not many preachers are actually lazy. Of course you will find some now and then who, for some pathological reason or another, have the characteristic of inertia, but most Baptist preachers are energetic. Many of them would do far more than they are doing now if they had the "know-how." When the "know-how" is lacking in matters which require energy also, someone will mistake the form for the substance. It is not always fair to refer to a preacher as a lazy preacher, unless he is actually an addict of enertia.

But when a preacher announces that, "I am doing the best I can," and the best that he is offering is not enough; or when he says, "I do the best I know," and what he knows is not adequate; is he correct to state that he is doing the best he can, or that he is doing the best that he knows? Not too long ago I talked to two pastors in one of the deep South's states. These pastors were within fifteen miles of a college extension center. The associational missionary was giving his time directing the center. Pastors were taking time out from their busy schedule to share their experiences in learning which they had while in the seminary. Yet these two men who were less than thirty minutes from a golden opportunity failed to accept it. Both expressed their desire for more knowledge. Both stated that under the present circumstances they were "doing the best they could." I replied to them, "You may be doing the best that you know, but you are not knowing all that you will be held responsible for knowing. Your denominational college has placed in your very door an extension center, and if that were not enough, the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Seminaries will place in your mail box, the "know-how" for developing and growing a better church and a better program, a more intelligent people and a better community.

It might be well to point out that we can never say that we are doing the best we can when we know there is a better way, or that we can learn a better way. The Seminary Extension Department offers a course of study, a plan for study, materials for study, designed and developed for the purpose of helping the pastor and church leader to grow into a better worker. You owe it to yourself to be a better worker for the Lord. For further information writes Lee Gallman, Director, Seminary Extension Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

see; James Sullivan, Nashville; Honorable Herman Talmadge, Georgia; Dan Russell, College Station, Texas; and J. W. Sargent, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Russell and Sargent are specialist in agriculture.

A highlight of the entire program will be Wednesday when Four Star Churches, those having the four church organizations—Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood—will be the theme.