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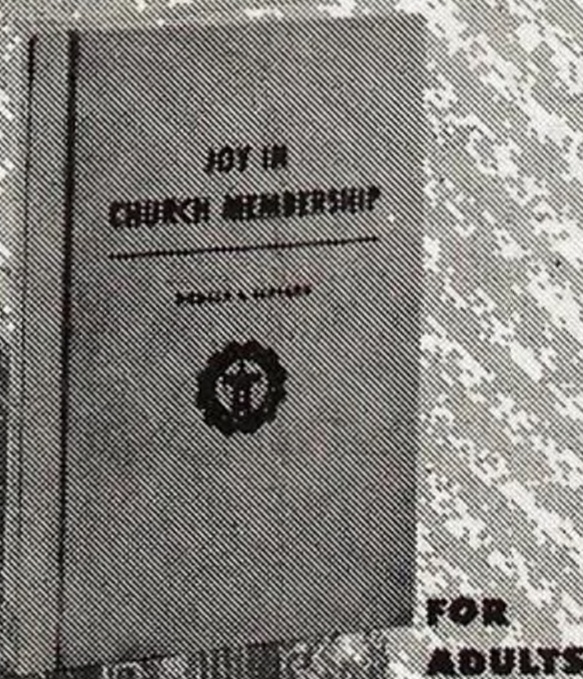
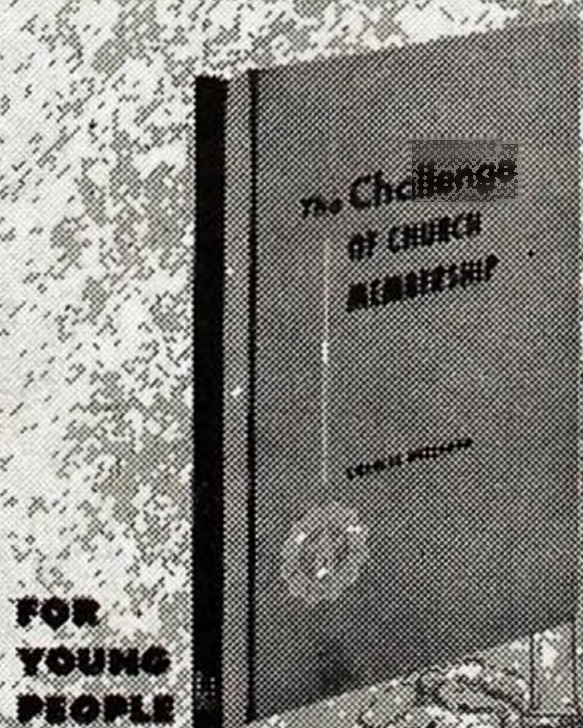
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When Evil's Rule Is Threatened

Oklahoma's good people have attempted to do something practical about the alarming situation created through alcohol. To the number of 137,000 qualified, registered voters they have signed petitions to initiate county option elections on outlawing 3.2 beer in Oklahoma. They believe the people of Oklahoma themselves ought to have the free opportunity to vote on this.

The reaction of the beer industry to this petition is the usual defensive tactic of evil when its rule is threatened or questioned—a violent attack on those who oppose it. Such happened in Oklahoma. M. R. Dykema who heads up the brewers' organization in that state said, "It is our moral duty to examine closely this dry petition because it attacks one of Oklahoma's greatest basic industries, but goes even further to attack one of our few remaining precious liberties." Then, as if beer had built Oklahoma and the state owed its very life to the beer business, this beer baron cried out, "The drys want to wipe out our industry, the jobs we supply, the school salaries we pay, the highways our taxes build, but they never, never have the forthright honesty to say how they will replace the lost revenues, the lost jobs, the missing road, and I now challenge them to do so."

Mr. Dykema, who's going to replace the lives lost on the road because of your beer you have been selling in Oklahoma?

Our Missionaries Are Cared For

We do not want Baptists, either Tennessee or Southern, to suppose that their missionaries in times of sickness or emergency in their families must meet such situations out of their own limited financial resources. Such is not the case we have learned on reliable authority. The Foreign Mission Board has a policy of bearing the brunt of such added financial cost when illness hits a missionary or his family. Our fine Baptist hospitals generously extend to our missionary personnel provision to care for them in these institutions, in most instances without charge for hospitalization or for physical examinations.

The Foreign Mission Board has been mindful of the needs of our missionaries, both while they are on the field and when at home on furlough. The Board extends help to the missionaries taking care of

one-half the cost in meeting medical expenses, and stands ready to go beyond that should the remaining half of the expense prove to be more than the missionary himself can meet. This we are glad to pass on to solicitous friends who possibly have not known the settled policy of the Board nor the customary practice of our Baptist hospitals concerning the medical needs of our missionary personnel and their families.

The Ministry of Silence

For those who long to escape the blaring of the juke box, the suggestion has been made that it ought to be possible to drop a nickle in the coin-slot of the juke box and "buy a period of silence" for those who desire it in a crowded restaurant as it is now possible to drop in the coin and in return hear some hot music.

Silence indeed is a beautiful thing. This is true if it is written into a score by a composer. When that occurs it is a part of the music and it ought to be heard. This is what Mr. Uecke, who is called "the world's authority on silence", has to say upon that topic. He is on the job with one of the recording companies to see to it that every bit of silence in every bit of the music is heard. He tells us that the arch-foe of silence on the recording is "background noise" which can utterly destroy the composer's most meaningful silences. All this he tries to ferret out. He wants to get rid of "electrical distortion", "muddy separation", "musical imbalance" and produce high fidelity to such an extent that you hear the silence as part of the music.

The great Creator is saying to us that we must *be still*, and then in the meaningful silence that we experience come to a deeper understanding of God. "Be still and know that I am God".

I wish to use this method of thanking those friends who remembered me during the period and the recovery from the operation the latter part of November which removed my larynx and vocal chords. I am back at work again. And I am hoping and expecting to be able in due time to talk again by a new method. Your cards and messages greatly helped me. God bless all of you.

O. W. TAYLOR

The Hurry Call of Youth

W. R. White, President
Baylor University, Waco, Texas

I have seen a significant change in youth the last five years. They are more serious about vital issues than I have ever witnessed. This can be a great asset or a disastrous liability. It certainly requires immediate action.

Many are turning to various escape devices. Their inner seriousness due to the impact of world tensions drives them into either good causes or false ideologies or dissipation. Churches, radicalism, crime, immorality and drinking are all being augmented.

The advocates of communism, false religions, and dangerous philosophies are losing no time. The pilfering profiteers in vice, liquor, and gambling are letting no grass grow in their tracks. All are hot after youth.

Our churches must speed up their quest. We are doing much but not enough and certainly not fast enough.

Our approach needs to be deepened and elevated. Its message and activities must have substance and significance. It must not be watered down. We dare not accommodate our challenge to the ordinary concept of youth. It must be more profound than that which we usually beam at adults.

Youth is interested in the great doctrines of the Word of God such as theology, Christology, eschatology, and providence. They are very much interested in the injustices and inequalities among men and the best way to resolve the tensions in society.

Youth can reach youth. The right kind of adults can teach and lead them. They are ripe now. They can be rotten tomorrow if they are not garnered today. The time of the crises is exceedingly short.

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WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Dear Editor:

Saw a good little gathering of quotations the other day which I thought you'd enjoy having; so, here goes.

The Police say: "Alcohol and gasoline cause accidents."

The murderer says: "I don't know what I did. I was drunk."

The judge says: "Alcohol makes for crime, but doesn't excuse it."

The psychologist says: "Alcohol robs a man of his reason."

The doctor says: "Alcohol weakens resistance and shortens life."

The moralist says: "Alcohol and morals never keep company."

The lady says: "The breath of alcohol is repulsive."

The mother says: "Alcohol robs the home of its security and its peace."

The children say: "When father is sober we run to meet him; when he is drunk we run away."

The undertaker says: "Alcohol speeds up my business."

The liquor dealer says: "Give youth a sample, and we have a customer for life."

The wet voter says: "I voted for this."

The dry voter says: "I'd rather oppose my constituency than my conscience."

The pastor says: "Alcohol has robbed many a life of peace."

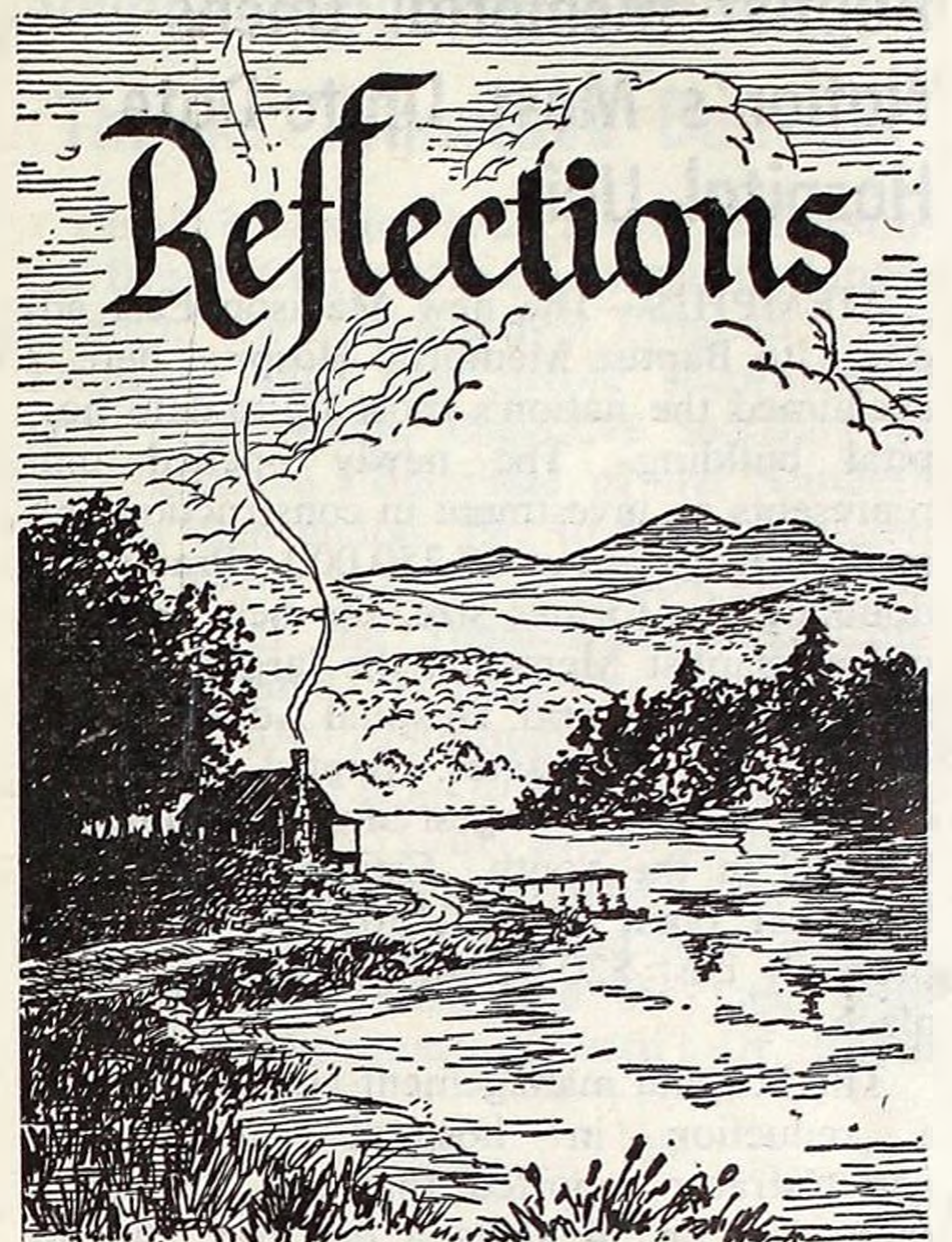
The Bible says: "A drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven."

What do you say?

Well, let me close with another little paragraph I ran across.

"If you cannot refrain from drinking, why not start a saloon in your own home? Be the only customer and you will not have to buy a license. Give your wife \$55 to buy a case of whiskey. There are 240 snorts in a case. Buy all your drinks from your wife at 60 cents a snort; and, in 12 days when the case is gone, your wife will have \$89 to put in the bank and will have \$55 to start up in business again. If you live 10 years and continue to buy all your drinks from your wife, and then die in your boots from snakes, your widow will have \$27,085.47 on deposit—enough to bury you respectfully, bring up the children, pay off the mortgage on the house, marry a decent man and forget she ever knew you."

Refrainingly yours,
G. AVERY LEE



Our great grandfathers called it the holy Sabbath; our grandfathers, the Sabbath; our fathers, Sunday, but today we call it the week end. We have substituted a holiday for the holy day.—*Wesleyan Methodist*.

A visitor to the Grand Canyon reported some time ago that a spectator, looking down at that amazing display of color and landscape, exclaimed with a sigh: "This would be marvelous in Technicolor!" A good example of the insidious conditioning of many people to prefer secondhand living to firsthand experience! —Halford E. Luccock.

One nation cannot defeat another nation today. That concept died with Hiroshima. War is like fire; you prevent a fire or you try to put it out, but you can't "win" a fire, because fire is destruction.—Gen. H. H. Arnold, *New Outlook*.

It is a great deal better to sit in the back row and be discovered than to sit in the front row and be found out.—*Tid-Bits*.

We should love the church for the things for which it stands: world peace; the dignity and sanctity of man in a world of dictatorship; the human life as a great miracle; a life free from fear and worry; the building of happy homes; a right direction for youth; victory over sin; and eternal life.—*Sunshine Magazine*

Crime costs every U. S. family an average of \$459 per year. The estimated annual bill is \$20 billion. This equals \$1.82 for every dollar spent on education, or \$10 for every dollar donated to churches.—*Signs of the Times*.

A missionary had labored patiently with a group of Indian boys in an attempt to teach them the twenty-third Psalm. When Little Eagle's turn came to repeat it he said proudly: "The Lord is my shepherd. I've got all I want."—Rae Cross, *You*.

COMPARISON 1954 AND 1955 RECEIPTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

JANUARY-DECEMBER, 1955

	Cooperative Program 1955	Cooperative Program 1954	Designated 1955	Designated 1954
Specials	3,145.28	10,365.12	5,578.63	13,201.90
Alabama	546,767.93	522,737.92	311,142.48	293,575.54
Alaska	6,508.99	3,280.77	4,196.54	3,181.09
Arizona	39,932.99	35,476.44	27,318.83	20,281.37
Arkansas	419,306.56	410,505.81	153,251.80	146,127.21
California	91,942.80	47,328.61	43,489.09	41,372.88
District of Columbia	38,835.65	33,347.37	37,337.42	34,755.30
Florida	616,923.68	524,075.62	236,860.76	216,294.11
Georgia	910,384.15	782,947.74	468,604.03	443,190.08
Hawaii	2,776.11	—	8,718.85	—
Illinois	183,245.53	166,074.85	57,634.89	52,118.95
Kansas	15,522.88	12,419.21	11,253.03	10,475.21
Kentucky	568,481.38	555,732.64	262,808.98	244,083.19
Louisiana	526,949.69	488,965.16	280,403.01	274,581.90
Maryland	113,174.46	101,314.89	5,383.07	5,732.94
Mississippi	503,957.19	480,764.86	284,888.62	275,352.23
Missouri	591,128.98	577,540.72	269,698.83	259,076.02
New Mexico	97,934.35	91,208.71	57,480.04	62,035.00
North Carolina	922,599.22	842,840.00	673,824.02	609,050.97
Ohio	8,106.94	2,636.55	4,688.77	3,604.59
Oklahoma	731,244.29	699,455.28	253,433.69	240,822.05
Oregon-Washington	11,869.82	8,873.62	10,086.62	6,596.06
South Carolina	982,070.60	947,299.44	387,189.12	362,099.97
Tennessee	914,049.19	823,402.19	293,470.90	286,168.90
Texas	2,170,815.02	1,945,127.42	2,002,930.74	1,824,862.37
Virginia	631,167.41	625,776.58	439,841.32	427,236.18
Totals	11,648,841.09	10,739,497.52	6,591,614.08	6,155,876.01

Baptist Memorial Opens Nation's Most Up-to-Date Hospital Unit

MEMPHIS—The new Madison East addition to Baptist Memorial Hospital here is acclaimed the nation's most up-to-date hospital building. The newly opened unit represents an investment in construction and equipment of about \$8,250,000. Practically doubling the former size, the new addition makes Baptist Memorial the largest Baptist hospital in the world, Hospital Administrator Frank S. Groner states. Baptist Memorial, he added, is the largest non-governmental hospital in the South. Estimated worth of the total plant is \$14,150,000. It would probably cost \$20,000,000, however, to replace.

The hospital management also announced a reduction in hospital rates. The administrator reported that the cost of a room will be 54 cents a day less, due to efficiency of the new building.

Formal opening is scheduled for the week of February 12, during which the public may tour the new Madison East building.

Baptist Group Submits Immigration Statement

WASHINGTON—(BP)—United States immigration policies should not be written on the basis of religious or party interests, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said here.

The Committee filed a statement with the U. S. Senate subcommittee on immigration and naturalization, which is receiving testimony to determine public opinion in this field.

Religious groups submitted statements upon invitation of the committee. The statement of the Baptist organization, approved by its executive committee, and by the relief agency of the Baptist World Alliance, said further:

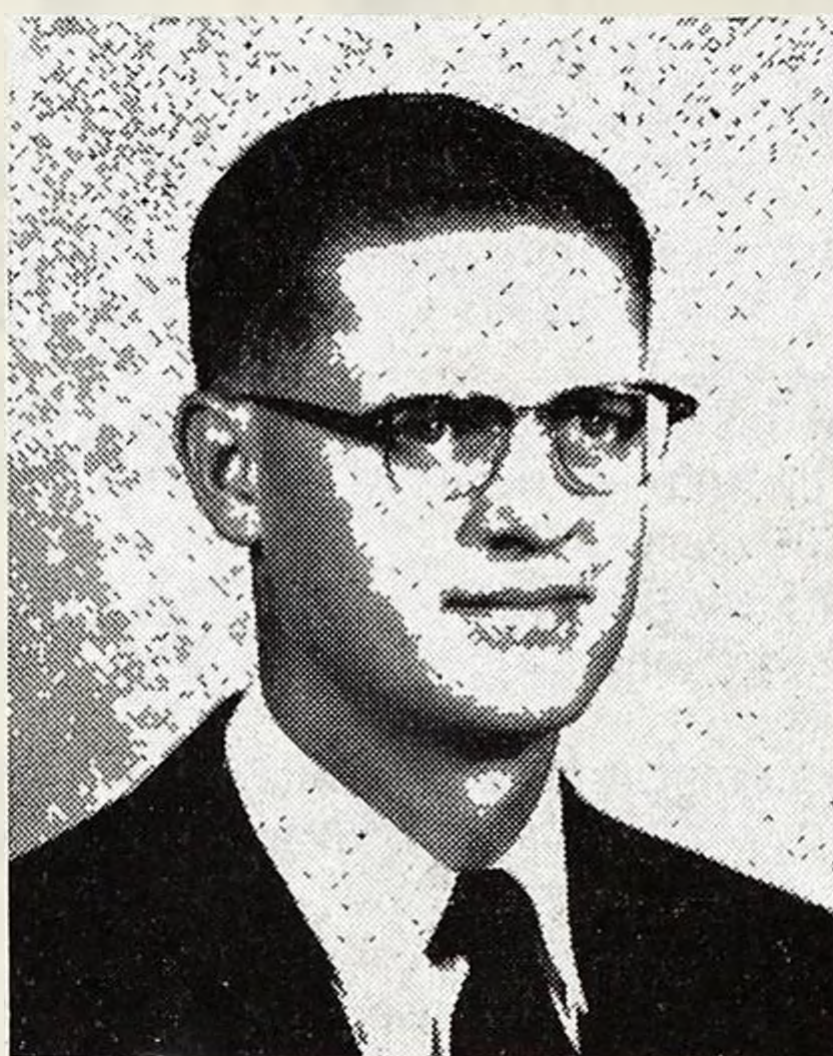
1. There is apparently a need to revise the immigration quota system to give Oriental countries equal status with the western family of nations;

2. "We do not view adjustments in the United States immigration policy as being the solution to the population pressures that now exist in some parts of the world;"

3. "We do not favor unrestricted immigration, but we do favor active assistance to foreign governments in programs of technical assistance, education, loans, and welfare;"

4. The Committee hopes that future immigration legislation can establish a pattern for aid to persons victimized by disaster, oppression, or war. "Special legislation seems to be an unsatisfactory manner of handling emergency needs."

James Glisson Ordained



James Glisson, who has been called as pastor of Clear Creek Church, was ordained to the ministry December 4 by the New Bethlehem Church in Gibson County. The request for ordination came from Clear Creek Church, which is also located in Gibson County.

Bro. Glisson is 31 years of age and is married. He surrendered to the call to preach August 14, 1955, preaching his first sermon the following Lord's Day at Huntingdon. Glisson is a student at Union University, Jackson.

Eight ministers and 22 deacons constituted the council, whose moderator was Pastor Ray Cavness of New Bethlehem Church. Pastor Henry Wooten, of Kenton, was clerk. More than 12 churches were represented in the service, with the pastor of the host church directing the questioning of the candidate and Dr. Jerry Glisson, brother of the candidate, and pastor of First Church, Huntingdon, preaching the sermon on "Winning the Lost to Christ." Pastor R. J. Cooper of First Church, Dyer, led the prayer of ordination, following which members of the council laid their hands upon the new minister. Clarence Cunningham, chairman of deacons, presented the Bible. Charges to the candidate and church were delivered by Gibson Association field worker, W. H. Pitt and Pastor W. W. Shanklin of Mt. Pisgah Church. The candidate led in the benediction.

College Breaks Tradition Has Woman Vice-President

BELTON, Tex.—(BP)—For the first time in its 110 years, Mary Hardin-Baylor College will have a woman in a top administrative position.

Trustees of the Baptist school for women have elected Miss Fair Brown vice-president. Miss Brown has served at the school as publicity director and assistant professor of journalism since the fall of 1954.

She has a B. A. degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor, 1936, and a master's in journalism from Northwestern University, 1940.

Convention Given Record \$18 Million During 1955

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Members of about 30,000 Southern Baptist Convention churches gave \$18,240,455 during 1955 to support missionary, educational, and benevolent work of the Southern Convention, Porter Routh, Convention treasurer, announced here.

This record-making sum for Convention work is \$1½ million greater than the amount contributed in 1954, Routh continued. These figures do not include contributions for activities of local Baptist churches and state Baptist groups.

Were the local and state contributions figured in also, total contributions would very probably exceed \$300 million, according to Routh. The exact amount of all contributions will be tabulated later.

Fifty-six per cent of the money given last year to support the Southern Baptist Convention (both Cooperative Program and designated gifts are included) went into its world missionary program through the Foreign Mission Board, Routh declared. This agency received \$10,377,575.

Another 17 per cent went to the Home Mission Board, which carries on missionary work in the United States, Alaska, Cuba, and the Canal Zone. Its receipts were \$3,172,714.

Seminary Contributions

Members of the Convention gave \$2,943,226 to support its five seminaries which train ministers and full-time religious workers.

Routh reported that each of the 25 states in the Convention contributed more to the work of the Convention in 1955 than it did the year before.

One of the newest states in the Convention, Ohio, contributed 207½ per cent more in 1955 than in 1954—\$12,794 compared with \$6,240. Texas, largest state within the Convention, has the greatest monetary increase from 1954 to 1955 according to Routh, jumping from \$3,769,989 to \$4,173,745.

More than 10 per cent of the Foreign Mission Board funds and more than a fifth of those for the Home Mission Board came in after October 1, when the Convention entered the Advance portion of its annual budget.

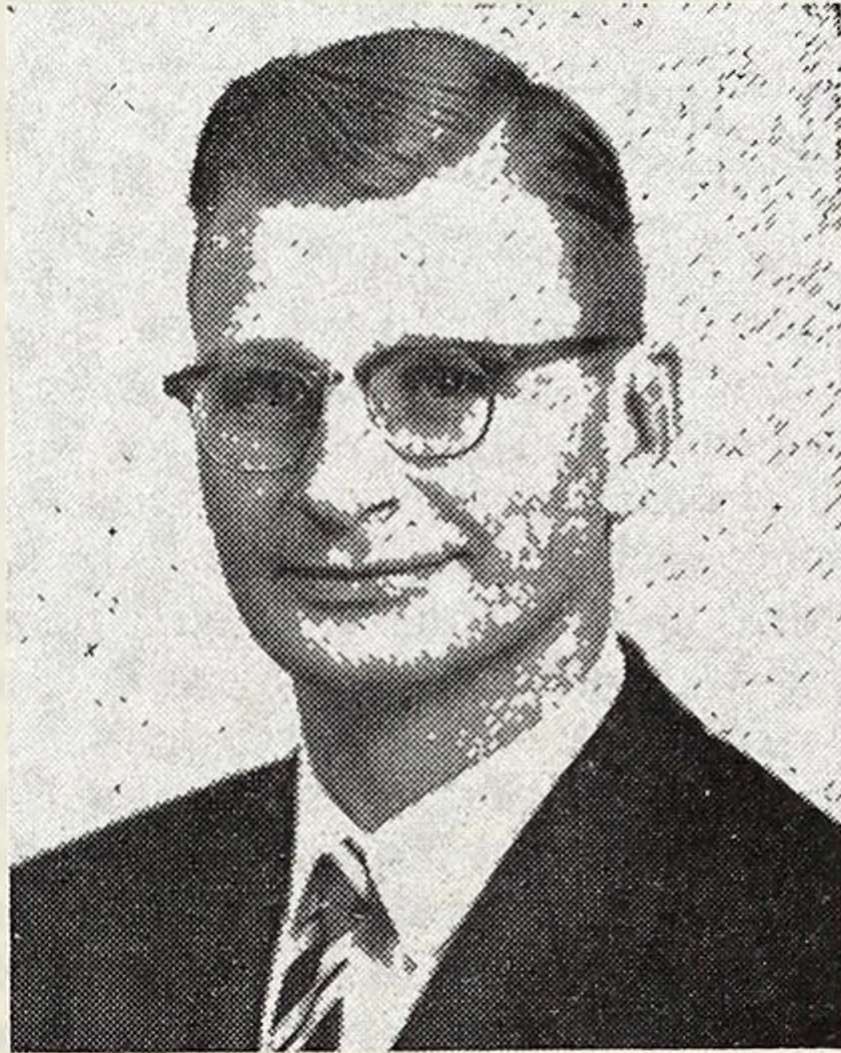
During the Advance—which the Convention enters after meeting its regular budget obligations for the year—money received in non-designated, or Cooperative Program, gifts goes only to the two missionary boards.

Advance funds for 1955, a record, provided the Foreign Mission Board with \$1,836,630, and the Home Mission Board with \$612,210.

Secretaries of the two boards said "We are encouraged because Southern Baptists are strengthening a world ministry. Support of the Cooperative Program is vital to sustained advance."

Tennessee Baptists Elect New Staff Members

REV. F. M. DOWELL, JR., of Athens, has been elected by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to serve as Secretary of Evangelism, and Joseph B. Kesler, Jr. to fill the position of Business Manager. Dr. C. W. Pope, Executive Secretary, announced that these men will assume their new work by February 1.



REV. DOWELL comes to the State Board from the pastorate at First Baptist Church, Athens. He is a native Tennessean, graduate of Carson-Newman College and holds a Th. M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. Before going to Athens he served as pastor of churches in Madison and Cleveland, Tennessee.

Mrs. Dowell was the former Edith Gentry of Cookeville, Tennessee.

The office of Secretary of Evangelism was formerly held by Dr. Leonard Sanderson, who resigned recently to accept the position as Secretary of Evangelism with the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board, with headquarters in Dallas, Texas.

MR. KESLER, of Nashville, is a native of North Carolina where he attended the University of North Carolina. He is a graduate of the Bowling Green (Kentucky) College of Commerce. Since coming to Nashville he has been employed as printing estimator for Stoddard's, Inc., and as sales manager for Nicholstone Book Binding Company.

Mrs. Kesler is the former Martha Jenkins of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Both are active members of Belmont Heights Baptist Church.

The Business Office became vacant when Gene Kerr was promoted to Administrative Assistant in charge of Promotion. Mr. Kesler will also serve as Business Manager of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

Southern Executive Secretary

Thanks Tennessee Baptists

Final reports for 1955 reveal that Southern Baptist Convention causes received more through the Cooperative Program from Tennessee than ever before according to Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Routh in a letter, Jan. 6, 1956, to Dr. C. W. Pope, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention stated Tennessee's contributions were \$914,049.19 through the Cooperative Program and \$293,470.90 designated for a total during 1955 of \$1,207,520.09 "On behalf of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, please thank Tennessee Baptists for their stewardship and for their compassionate missionary concern" Dr. Routh added.

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Baptist Imprisoned, Banished for Preaching in New York

FLUSHING, New York, March 20, 1657 —William Wickenden, a Baptist minister who has been imprisoned here, has been ordered released and banished from the province. Wickenden was found guilty of preaching here without permission of civil or church authorities.

Wickenden came here several months ago from Providence, Rhode Island, and began preaching in private homes and elsewhere. He won a number of converts and took them to the river for baptism as is the practice of Baptists.

As soon as authorities discovered that the newcomer was conducting unauthorized worship services, a constable placed him under arrest and the minister was ordered fined one hundred pounds and banished. Wickenden was to be held until the fine and court costs were paid.

Authorities held Wickenden until they had determined that he was too poor to pay the fine and then ordered him to leave the province. He was warned that if he returned he would be jailed until the fine was paid.

Probably the first minister to preach the Baptist doctrine in this area, Wickenden did not suffer alone as a result of the meetings. William Hallett, Flushing sheriff, also was arraigned for participating in the services.

Hallett was charged with permitting unauthorized meetings in his house and allowing Wickenden "to explain and comment on God's Holy Word, and to administer sacraments, though not called thereto by any civil or clerical authority."

For his part in the Baptist services, the sheriff was fined fifty pounds and dismissed from office.

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The \$64,000 Question

By Porter Routh
Executive Secretary, SBC Executive Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of articles from the Baptist Press on the Crusade for Christian Morality.

There are many people who are in a position every day to obtain \$64,000 just by giving an answer to a very simple (?) question:

To steal or not to steal?

To lie or not to lie?

To be honest or dishonest?

The answer may deal with the change received at the grocery store, or the amount spent for lunch money at school.

The answer might involve a house allowance.

The answer might become involved in the arithmetic of an expense account, or a daily sales report.

The answer might involve a figure on a tax return.

Recently, the treasurer of a small church in an eastern city shared with me his disturbed mind over the fact that some of those who indicated they planned to tithe were lying when they marked their card. He felt, with some reason, that the decision to lie was much worse than the decision not to tithe would have been—especially, since it did not seem to be in good faith.

The white lie has seemingly become so much a part of daily living that it has gotten dirty, and has almost turned black.

The decision to be honest, to be truthful on every occasion is a significant decision. It will bring far greater riches than any \$64,000.

The Bible has a great deal to say about letting the words of our mouth be acceptable in God's sight. "Thou shalt not bear false witness," is one of the 10 Commandments. Jesus certainly believed and taught honesty and truthfulness.

This Crusade for Christian Morality should give all of us an opportunity to re-examine our dedication to truth.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Luke 14 (Larger)—Luke 14:7-11, 16-24 (Printed).

PARABLES ON DISCIPLESHIP

The three parables on discipleship found here in this chapter selected for our study are introduced by the account of Jesus' going to the home of one of the chief Pharisees for what we would call late breakfast or early dinner where He found a man sick of the dropsy. It was on the Sabbath and Jesus' critics watched closely to see if He would heal the man as He had done similarly on a previous occasion. The healing took place with Jesus justifying His action by suggesting that an act of mercy would be done on the Sabbath even for a dumb brute, and without finding of fault by anyone. Should not the same be done for a human being in distress? His critics made no reply. This is found in the first six verses. Three main concepts appear in the three parables on discipleship. What are they and how do they apply to our own day?

Humility Precedes Exaltation (vv. 7-11)

The principle, briefly stated here, is that the way up is down. So it is far better to take a place of discipleship at the very bottom of the scale and be asked up than to take a high place and be asked down. This is true even in secular life but it is even more so in the spiritual realm, for the characteristic mark of a person in His kingdom is that of humility. Indeed, one must possess this attitude to enter His kingdom and become His disciple in the first place. This is glimpsed in the make-up of a little child that has been allowed to develop in the proper manner. For the child is humble, dependent and trustful; willing to be loved and cherished with no thought of seeking special recognition or exaltation.

One sees the principle violated all too often, however. For instance, the same persons used to sit on the platform at the meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention year after year although they were not listed on the program nor did they ever speak before the group. Were they looking for some one in the audience or did they in this way want to be noticed? In other instances men, and good men at that, often seek preferment and show a desire to be exalted rather than waiting for the Lord to exalt them through the efforts of the brethren.

Beneficence Disregards Compensation (vv. 12-14)

To do good for Christ's sake means that the one who is thus beneficent has no thought of compensation. But if the thought of compensation enters in, it is a sure

sign that the one who renders the service does so for selfish reasons rather than for Christ's glory. This does not mean that the servant of Christ should go without adequate compensation, both materially and spiritually, but it does mean that he serves with an eye single to helping in whatever way he can and that he does so in Christ's stead.

Again, the principle is all too often violated by us as His disciples. For instance, the first question that often arises in the mind of one who is a prospective employee of a church is how much does the job pay and if it is less than the amount he then receives it is not even considered. His refusal to consider the new situation is often rationalized by such "pious phrases" as "present work not completed" or "doesn't feel led".

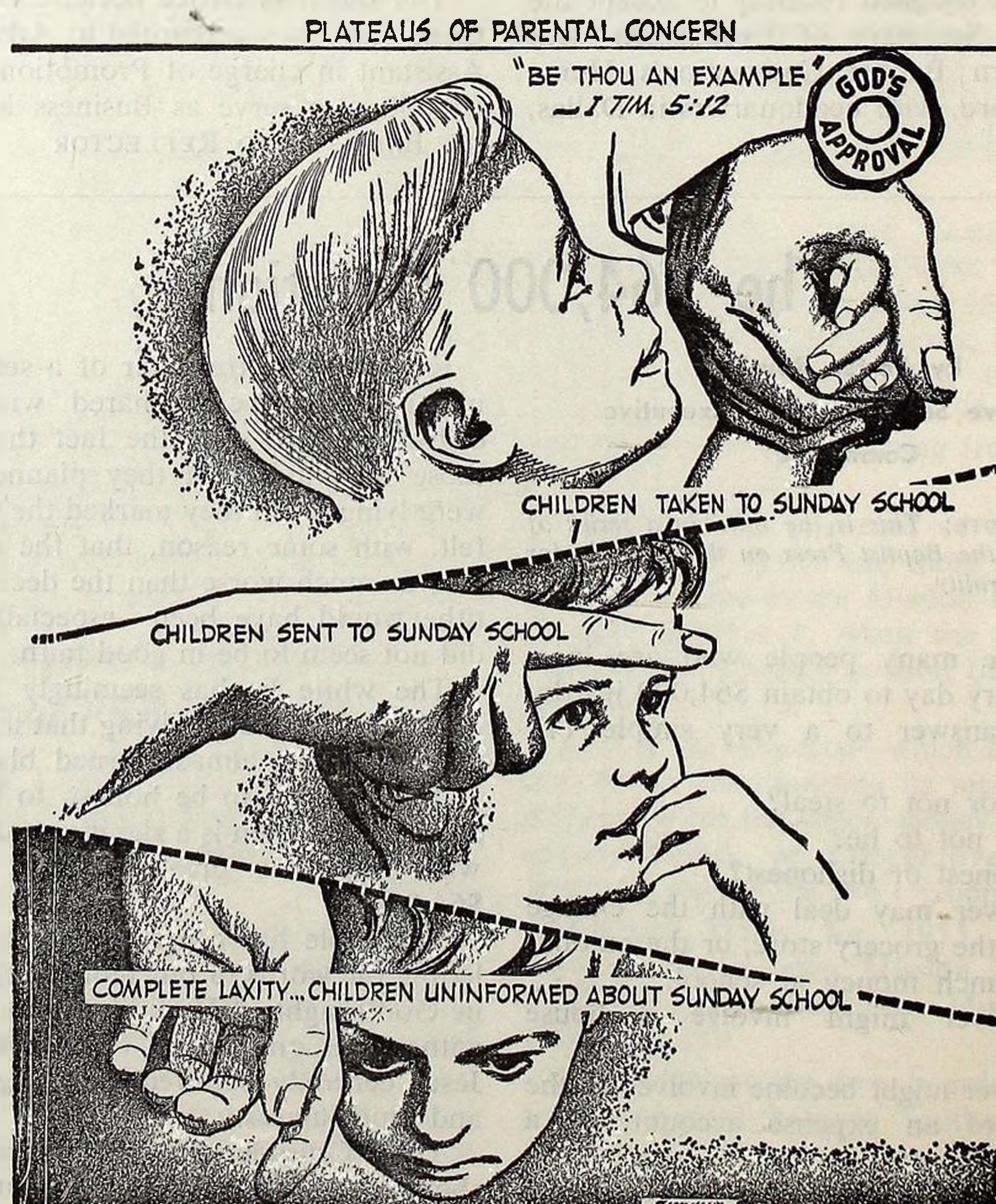
Rejection Brings Condemnation (vv. 15-24)

The King has made a great Feast, in-

viting all men to partake, and He expects them to accept His marvelous bounty which has been provided at terrific cost. When men refuse and reject His invitation, cloaking their refusal in ridiculous excuses such as given here in the parable it not only saddens Him but in the end will bring His condemnation. After He says, "Come, for all things are now ready", He also later says, "For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper."

Some men imagine that they can trifle with God's invitation, offering paltry excuses and alibis. But such is not the case. To be invited to become His disciple is a rare privilege and a high honor, and must not be pushed aside lightly. Rather it is to be accepted with appreciation.

The concluding teachings of the chapter (found in verses twenty-five to thirty-five) point out the hazards of being a genuine disciple of Christ. Jesus warns that one should count the cost and weigh the consequences before entering such a relationship. He claims first place in the life of His disciple and promises a cross rather than a crown. He wants the disciple to go through the completion of the task assigned, regardless of the cost, rather than quit in the middle. He compares the lost usefulness and influence of the disciple who forsakes Him and His way to saltless salt—fit for nothing and thus to be thrown away. What an appeal to the heroic!



The first letter in today's column contains a special request. Read the letter and see if it mentions you.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write. I would like to ask a favor. While on my vacation in Panama City, Florida, I had the pleasure of meeting a fine Christian girl. We were together about ten hours, but I have forgotten her last name. Her first name is Betsy and she lives in Memphis, Tennessee. She told me she took the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR and that she liked the Young South very much. I am fifteen years old and attend DuPont High School. I attend the First Baptist Church where Brother Lucius W. Hart is pastor. I hope that through the Young South I can correspond with Betsy and any other pen pal who would like to write to me. Thank you for putting my letter in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

CARRIE KELLER

Robinson Road
Old Hickory, Tenn.

Now read these other letters and find in them invitations to you.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am ten years old and my birthday is October 10. I would like to have some pen pals. I hope you will publish this. I will answer all who write to me.

ELEANOR WILLIAMS

Route 1
Norma, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am thirteen years old. My birthday is December 18. I belong to the First Baptist Church and my pastor is Dr. Fred Kendall. I am in the Intermediate G.A., working on my Queen-with-Scepter step. This is my first time to write to you. I would like to have pen pals ages twelve to fourteen. I will answer every letter I get.

JUDY CRAVENS

142 Dupree
Jackson, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

How are you? I am just fine. I hope you had a very nice Christmas. I did. . . . Some Christmas carolers came to our house and sang carols. I want plenty of pen pals. Please put my letter in the Young South column.

CINDY DOTSON

Route 9
Maryville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am twelve years old. I am a Christian and belong to Immanuel Baptist Church. I go to Peabody High School. My favorite hobbies are singing and riding a bicycle. I will answer any letter I get.

BRENDA WADDLE

600 Brownsville St.
Trenton, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I was eleven years old January 2. I am a member of Ararat Baptist Church and am in the G.A.

I would like to have a lot of pen pals. I will try to answer every letter I get.

BETTY DERRYBERRY

Route 2
Jackson, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I would like some pen pals, so I thought I'd write to you. I am fourteen years old. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. I am in the eighth grade and go to Junior High School. My birthday is May 9. I'll answer all letters I get. I want pen pals ages 13-15.

DORIS BURDEN

1323 Green Street
Dyersburg, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I belong to Gates Baptist Church where I am President of my Sunday school class. I have one pen pal, but would like to have some more. I will answer every letter I get. I am nineteen.

GENEVA THURMOND

Route 2
Halls, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my second time to write you. I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade at Dayton City School where Mrs. Mayton is my teacher. She is such a sweet person.

I go to the First Baptist Church where I am a member. Brother R. E. Lee is pastor.

I am a member of the G.A. Just a short time ago we had a coronation and I was a Maiden.

I would like to have many girls write to me, as I enjoy writing, especially to girls. Thank you for printing my letter in the Young South.

MARY FRANCES RUDD

Bryan Hill
Dayton, Tenn.

I hope that Carrie Keller will get a letter right away from her friend Betsy, and that she and every other Young South friend whose letter was published today will have several new friends. Are you going to write to answer one of the letters?

AUNT POLLY

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



This is the way it was told to us . . .

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine
Prov. 17:22

The dining room is the place where the family eats while the painters are doing over the kitchen.

When you are arguing with a fool, make certain that he is not similarly occupied.

Rabbi Solomon N. Bazell, formerly of Louisville, Ky., tells of the man who complains that modern society suffers from "Ph Deism."

Life must really be hard in Milwaukee. One tot already feels the weight of time pressing on his 23-month shoulders. It seems that recently a family friend politely asked Jeff how old he was.

Jeff sighed and said wearily, "Pushing 2."

Mrs. Newcomer had recently employed a gardener. She supervised him and his work most of the time and the man was getting restive under her constant surveillance.

One day after she had given him detailed instructions regarding some transplanting, her patience evaporated. "John," she exclaimed impatiently, "in the time it takes me to tell you what to do, I could do it myself!" He removed his pipe from his mouth and nodded his head gravely. "Yes, ma'am," he replied. "And in the time it takes me to listen, so could I!"

Penny-wise and pound-foolish means running out of gas while looking for a parking place with time left on the meter.

Three little boys were talking. The first remarked, "I have my father's nose and my mother's eyes."

The second: "I have my grandmother's forehead and my father's chin."

The third didn't reply, so they asked him what he had. Sadly he answered, "Well, I have my grandfather's pants. . . ."

"How did you like the bishop's sermon?" Mrs. Smith asked her husband on the way home from church.

"Well, frankly," he confessed, "I like our own minister better."

"Why is that?" his wife wanted to know.

"It's the words they use," explained Mr. Smith. "Our minister says 'In conclusion,' and then he concludes. The bishop says 'Lastly,' and he lasts."

One of my ninth graders defined electricity as "a stream of electricians running through a wire."

The only relaxation some people get these days is waiting for the car ahead to make a left-hand turn.

West

Tennessee Topics

by EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington

In recent weeks we have lost some fine laymen by death. W. D. Baxter, a member of First Church, Jackson, passed away following a heart attack. Sherman Johnson, Sardis, Tenn., a fine Baptist layman, was buried on Christmas Eve. Jim Thompson, oldest Deacon in point of service at First Church, Humboldt, also passed away. May God comfort the families of these fine Christian men.

C. H. Warren, a retired pastor, died at his home in Fulton, Ky. just two days after observing his Golden Wedding Anniversary. He was formerly pastor at West Jackson Church, Jackson, and First Church, Lebanon.

New Bethlehem Church in Gibson Association recently paid its indebtedness on an eight-room educational annex constructed about a year ago at a cost of \$5,500 Ray Cavness, Jr., is the pastor.

Charles Millard Tapp was ordained to the gospel ministry by Highland Heights Church, Memphis, on November 27. The pastor, Slater A. Murphy, preached the ordination sermon. Brother Tapp has been called as pastor of Mt. Moriah and Hales Point churches in our state.

First Church, Milan, has a new \$20,000 pastorium and it's paid for. This beautiful and commodious dwelling was dedicated on November 27. E. L. Smothers is the pastor.

The Church at Medina, Barney Flowers, pastor, is planning a new educational building. Bids were opened December 30 and it is hoped that construction can get underway by early spring.

Northside Chapel, Milan, Dan Lawler, pastor, had its greatest day on December 4 when the heroic group of people raised \$3,870.24 to pay on its building debt. This work will be constituted a Church in the near future.

Kennedy Church, Memphis, Charles A. Wingo, pastor, has taken another progressive step by purchasing another piece of property adjoining their present buildings. The Church is looking ahead and planning wisely. This new property is located on the corner of Park and Goodlet.

R. E. Guy, Jackson, was one of the speakers in a Bible Conference held in December at Calvary Church, Evansville, Indiana, Albert H. Cullen, pastor. Dr. Guy spoke on the Book of Romans. This great Church is a congregation of Southern Baptists and is affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

G. Kearnie Keegan has supplied the pulpit of Union Avenue Church, Memphis, for several Sundays. He is a great favorite among the people there.

W. Fred Kendall, Jr., a student at Southern Seminary, was guest speaker at First Church, Jackson, on the night of December 25. He is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Kendall.

Pastor Jerry Glisson, Huntingdon, was with Pastor L. H. Hatcher and the McKenzie Church in a revival recently. There were 26 additions.

Southland Church, Memphis, recently broke ground for the first unit of a proposed three unit structure. The present phase will cost around \$75,000 and the overall cost of the proposed program will run in the neighborhood of \$300,000. The first unit will be an educational building with facilities for 375 in Sunday School. Later another educational building and an auditorium will be built. Keith Wilson is the pastor.

Friends of S. S. Borum, a former pastor at Kenton, will be interested to learn that he has led his people at Red Star Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in a great building program which represents an investment of \$500,000. Dedicatory services were held recently with Pastor T. W. Nelson, First Church, Jefferson City, Mo., delivering the message. Pastor Borum has been at Red Star five years.

From the *Dyer Baptist Messenger*, monthly bulletin prepared by Missionary Riley M. Jones, we learn that Curve Church has called Frank Wigginton, of Kentucky, as pastor. Jones report to the churches shows that he is staying busy.

In Madison-Chester Association: Parkburg has called W. R. Prince, Booneville, Miss., as pastor; Wards Grove has called H. B. Burrell; and Antioch Church, Warren Banks, pastor, is building a new pastorium; Douglass Brewer is the new pastor at Unity; and James Williams at Pleasant Plains.

Here's news, and we wonder if it isn't a record. Every church in Carroll-Benton Association observed Church and Denomination Night. Congratulations to Missionary Edwin R. Alexander! (P.S.—There are 22 churches in the association).

James H. Morgan, Sharon, Tenn., has accepted the care of Liberty Hill Church. Russell Rogers, Dresden, has accepted Concord. Both churches are in Carroll-Benton Association.

Work is progressing nicely on the new dormitory for girls at Union University. The building will be on the Lexington Avenue and Hayes Avenue corner. The sports center is now being used and adds much to the Union campus.

William B. Anders, concert soloist, was heard in a program of sacred songs at Cherokee Church, Memphis, Mack Douglas, pastor, and at West Jackson Church, David Q. Byrd, pastor. Douglas Briggs was the accompanist. Mr. Anders is minister of music at East Grand Church, Dallas, Texas.

On November 20, there were 3,117 in Sunday School at Bellevue Church, Memphis, and 1,508 in Training Union. The love offering for that day amounted to \$50,000.

Calvary Chapel, a mission of Brownsville Baptist Church, James F. Yates, pastor, was constituted a Church on December 4. It will be known as Calvary Baptist Church. Henry J. Huey, Nashville, speaker for the occasion was also guest preacher at Brownsville Church.

On February 5, Cherokee Church, Memphis, will observe the third anniversary of Pastor Mack R. Douglas' ministry there,—and this will also be the third anniversary of the organization of the Church. The story reads like a fairy tale. It began with a membership of 100. Now there are over 700 members with a Sunday School enrollment of 1,200 and Training Union enrollment of 700. The church budget is around \$85,000. Your reporter has lost count of the number of missions this church has started, but at last report it was eight or nine. A marvelous work.

Center Hill Church, (Mississippi) has called H. W. Harris, of Memphis, as pastor. He served for about eleven years as a Deacon in Winchester Church, Memphis, and several years as Sunday School superintendent. More recently he has been a member of Leawood Church. He is married and has two children, Bessie 14 and Henry 12. He plans to enroll in the Union University Extension Class at Memphis.

H. H. Boston, vice-president of Union U., is serving as interim pastor at First Church, Parsons.

Calvary Church, Parsons, has called Coy Thurston as pastor and he has accepted. Formerly, he was pastor of West Shiloh Church, Stantonville.

J. E. Tanksley, Supt. of the Memphis Branch of our Childrens Home, supplied the pulpit of Union Avenue Church, Memphis, on December 25.

Spring Creek Church, located between Jackson and Huntingdon on U.S. Highway 70, is building a new meeting place. Melvin Williams is the pastor.

Harry Lelan Martin, for many years a prominent Baptist minister in North Miss., died at Senatobia on December 12. He was a native of Stanton, Tennessee, and his body was returned there for burial.

18 Foundations Provide \$9½ Million to Agencies

NASHVILLE— (BP) —Baptist foundations in 18 states have paid out more than \$9½ million to schools and agencies operated by the Southern Baptist Convention and state conventions.

The money has been paid to the schools and agencies over a period of almost 40 years. The first state foundation came into existence in North Carolina in 1919, but 14 of the 18 state foundations have been created since 1940.

The report on state Baptist foundation work was prepared by Herschel C. Pettus, of Alexandria, La., who is president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives.

The dozen and a half state foundations have had total receipts during their existence of more than \$31 million. Their present assets are approximately that amount also.

Foundations receive their funds from administering trusts, wills, annuities, and bequests in which Baptist work is benefitted.

It is not generally known that years ago there was a Baptist Academy in Lexington. Principals of this institution were A. J. Barton, A. L. Todd, James L. McNabb, W. R. Phillips, and E. W. Essary. Of these six, Mr. Essary is still living and serves as a trustee of First Church, of which your reporter has the honor to be the pastor. Joe A. Deere, Route 3, Lexington, is anxious to get in touch with all former students of this institution in order to plan for a reunion. Mr. Deere was a student at Lexington Baptist Academy many years ago.

Preston Street Church, Jackson, expects to have a new building ready by early spring. L. H. Canada is the pastor.

Dan B. Cameron observed his second anniversary as pastor of First Church, Union City, on January 1. E. Doyle Chatham observed his third anniversary as minister of music and education on that Sunday.

Antioch Church near Humboldt, Walter M. Martin, pastor will ordain Guy Milam to the ministry on the afternoon of January 22. His ordination has been requested by Oakfield Church to which he has been called as pastor.

Seventh Street Church, Memphis, T. J. Tichenor, pastor ordained as Deacons on January 15: J. O. McMillen, Kenneth Coleman, W. D. Roberts, Jr., J. V. Crook, Sr., H. W. Patzsch, Curtis Lemmons, Ray Brewer, Homer Cannon, W. M. McCain, Bennie Wolfe, and Dan Currie.

Mrs. Helen Glover, a sister of Dr. Walter Warmath, passed away after a lingering illness in a Tyler, Texas, hospital. The funeral and burial were at Humboldt on December 21. Mrs. Glover was a talented organist and had served in that capacity in several Texas churches. She was 44 years of age.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1956

Southern to Confer Degrees on Nine from Tennessee



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY—These nine students from Tennessee will be among the graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Jan. 19. They will hear a commencement address at 8 p.m. in Seminary Alumni Memorial Chapel to be given by Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Church Charlotte, N. C. and president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Graduates with their degrees from Tennessee are (left to right beginning at top): Howard Ralph Bryson, B.D., Cleveland; Loyce Orbin Franklin, B.D., Kingsport; J. Arnold Porter, B.D., Spring City; Wade Lesley Carver, Th.B., Memphis; George Houston Douglas, Jr., B.D., Memphis; L. Vernon Sisco, B.D., Trezevant; Robert Austin Young, B.D., Chattanooga; Hugh Bernard Deakins, B.D., Chattanooga; and DePriest Norman Deering, B.D., Knoxville.

Texas' 1956 Goals

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—These are the goals of Texas Baptists during 1956: 75,000 persons won to Christ, 120 new churches established, and a \$9 million budget to be raised. During the comparative figures were 70,110 converts, new churches, and \$8,993,924 to Baptist work beyond that carried on by local churches themselves.

Frank Tatum, recently discharged Army officer, will serve as Baptist Student Union secretary for Oklahoma City University and will be part-time director of recreation at Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Missouri Association Chooses Two Leaders

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—(BP)—The Missouri Baptist General Association (state convention) has elected a new director of promotion and publicity and a new secretary of evangelism.

Lloyd W. Collins, former pastor in the state who has served as director of public relations at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., for six years will assume the promotion-publicity post Feb. 1.

A state pastor, Marshall Boroughs, of College St. Baptist Church, Springfield, became secretary of evangelism on Jan. 1.



Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY MILLS, Executive Sec'y-Treas.

A-1 W.M.U. Organizations

(Continued)

Hardeman Association—Grand Junction, Y.W.A., Jr. and Int. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Hornsby, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A.; Middleton, Int. G.A.; Whiteville, Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band

Holston Association—Beulah, Jr. G.A., Int. R.A.; Bristol, Calvary, Int. G.A.; Bluff City, First, Y.W.A., Jr. R.A.; Erwin, First, Y.W.A., Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. R.A., Sunbeam Band; Fall Branch, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A., Jr. R.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Greeneville, First, Jr. G.A.; Johnson City, Central, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A. Sunbeam Band; Johnson City, Temple, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A. Sunbeam Band; Kingsport, Calvary, Int. G.A.; Kingsport, Glenwood, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Kingsport, Litz Manor, Jr. G.A.; Kingsport, Lynn Garden, Int. G.A.; Oak Hill, Y.W.A.; Snow Chapel, Sunbeam Band; Virginia Avenue, Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band

Holston Valley Association—Hernard's Chapel, Int. G.A.

Indian Creek—Waynesboro, First, Int. G.A.

Knox County Association—Arlington, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Belmont Heights, Jr. G.A.; Broadway, Y.W.A., 2 Jr. G.A.s and 2 Int. G.A.s, 1 R.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Calvary, Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. R.A., Sunbeam Band; Central, Bearden, Y.W.A.; Central, Fountain City, Jr. and Int. G.A., 2 Jr. R.A.s, 6 Sunbeam Bands; Corryton, Jr. G.A.; Deaderick Avenue, Sunbeam Band; Fifth Avenue, 2 Sunbeam Bands; Fountain City, First, Y.W.A.; Gillespie Avenue, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Immanuel, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A.; Inskip, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Lincoln Park, Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band; McCalla Avenue, Sunbeam Band; Meridian, Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Mt. Olive, Y.W.A., Sunbeam Band; New Hopewell, Jr. G.A.; Oakwood, Sunbeam Band; Smithwood, Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. R.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; South Knoxville, Jr. G.A.; Wallace Memorial, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A., 2 Jr. R.A.s, Int. R.A., Sunbeam Band

Madison-Chester Association—Calvary, Jr. G.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Parkburg, Jr. G.A., Jr. R.A.; Parkview, Jr. R.A., Sunbeam Band

Maury Association—Highland Park, 2 Sunbeam Bands

McMinn Association—Athens, East, Y.W.A.; Etowah, First, Jr. R.A.

Nashville Association—Donelson, Y.W.A., Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. R.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Eastland, Int. G.A.; Edgefield, Y.W.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Goodlettsville, First, Y.W.A., 2 Jr. G.A.s and 1 Int.

G.A., Int. R.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Grace, Sunbeam Band; Ivey Chapel, Int. G.A.; Judson, Jr. G.A., 3 Sunbeam Bands; Madison, Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. R.A.; Seventh, Y.W.A., Sunbeam Band; Temple, Jr. G.A.; Westwood, Sunbeam Band; Woodbine, Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band.

New Duck River Association—Lewisburg, First, Y.W.A.; Shelbyville, First, 2 Jr. G.A.s, 2 Sunbeam Bands

Providence Association—Lenoir City, First, 2 Jr. G.A.s.

Robertson County Association—Barren Plains, Jr. G.A.; Mt. Carmel, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A., Jr. R.A.; Pleasant Hill, Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. and Int. R.A., Sunbeam Band

Salem Association—Carthage, First, 6 Sunbeam Bands; New Middleton, 2 Sunbeam Bands

Sequatchie Valley Association—South Pittsburg, First, Jr. G.A.

Shelby County Association—Bellevue, Jr. G.A., 2 Jr. R.A.s; Berclair, 2 Jr. G.A.s, Sunbeam Band; Big Creek, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Boulevard, Jr. and Int. G.A.; Calvary, Jr. and Int. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Central Avenue, Y.W.A., 2 Jr. G.A.s and Int. G.A., Jr. R.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; East Park, Sunbeam Band; Frayser, Jr. G.A.; Graceland, Y.W.A., Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. and Int. R.A., Sunbeam Band; Highland Heights, 2 Y.W.A.s, Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. and Int. R.A., 3 Sunbeam Bands; Kennedy, Y.W.A., Jr. G.A., Jr. and Int. R.A., Sunbeam Band; LaBelle, Jr. G.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Lamar Heights, Jr. and Int. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Leawood, Y.W.A., 2 Jr. G.A.s and 1 Int. G.A., Jr. and Int. R.A., Sunbeam Band; Memphis, First, Y.W.A., 2 G.A.s, Jr. R.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Merton, Jr. G.A.; Millington, Jr. G.A., 4 Sunbeam Bands; McLean, Y.W.A.; Park Avenue, Y.W.A., Jr. and Int. G.A., 2 Jr. R.A.s and 1 Int. R.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Prospect, Jr. G.A., Jr. R.A.; Raleigh, Jr. G.A. and Int. G.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Southland, Jr. R.A., Sunbeam Band; Southmoor, Jr. G.A.; Speedway, Jr. and Int. G.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Thrifhaven, Y.W.A., Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. R.A. Sunbeam Band; Wells Station, Jr. G.A.

Stewart County Association—Big Rock, Jr. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Dover, Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. R.A., Sunbeam Band, Model, Jr. G.A., Jr. R.A., Sunbeam Band

Tennessee Valley Association—Dayton, First, Jr. R.A.; Spring City, Int. G.A., Sunbeam Band

Union Association—Sparta, First, Jr. R.A.

Watauga Association—Immanuel, Y.W.A., Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. R.A.

Foreign Board Gets \$1,836,630 Advance Program Receipts

The advance section of the Cooperative Program brought to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board \$1,836,630.83 for the year just ended, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, announced to the home office staff in a daily chapel service Jan. 3. This amount represents 75 per cent of all money received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention since the first week in October.

(The Southern Baptist Convention's annual budget of \$9,200,000 to support its seminaries, boards, and agencies was met the first week of October. All Cooperative Program funds from then through December 31, called Advance Program funds, were shared exclusively with the Foreign and the Home Mission Boards. Under the Convention's 1955 budget, the Foreign Mission Board received \$3,475,000.)

"We enter 1956 highly encouraged because of the growing missionary vision of Southern Baptists," Dr. Cauthen told his co-workers in Richmond. "From the standpoint of missionary volunteers, financial support, and intercessory prayer there is every reason to believe our world mission undertaking will be expanded beyond anything that has yet been proposed.

"This large amount of money indicates the growing determination of Southern Baptists to expand a program of world missions. It is nearly twice as much as the \$998,520.73 received in 1953 and is \$539,507.69 more than the amount received in 1954.

"Every dollar will be spent for advance. It will go to provide funds for evangelism, operation of schools, hospitals, publishing houses, and seminaries. It will make possible the construction of church buildings, hospitals, and schools.

"The Foreign Mission Board expresses appreciation to Southern Baptists for the support of the Cooperative Program. This money indicates that our opportunities for advance are largely dependent upon support of the Cooperative Program."

Weakley Association—Dresden, Y.W.A., Jr. and Int. G.A., 2 Jr. R.A.s, 2 Sunbeam Bands; Sharon, Y.W.A., Jr. and Int. G.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands

Western District Association—Maplewood, Jr. and Int. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Paris, First, Jr. G.A., 2 Sunbeam Bands; Puryear, Jr. G.A., West Paris, Jr. G.A., Jr. R.A.

Wilson County Association—Alexandria, Int. R.A.; Mt. Juliet, Jr. and Int. G.A., Jr. and Int. R.A., Sunbeam Band; Prosperity, Jr. and Int. G.A., Sunbeam Band; Round Lick, Jr. and Int. G.A., Shop Springs, Sunbeam Band

Middle

Tennessee Topics

by ROY W. BABB, Winchester

Associational Banquets for Belmont College:

Jan. 19, Robertson County Ass'n at Springfield Church.

Jan. 23, Duck River Ass'n at First Church, Tullahoma.

First Church, Lewisburg, of which Carl B. Allen is pastor, has appointed a permanent missions committee composed of George Ketchum, Chm., Carl McCullough, Charles Barham, Folk Lambert and Monroe Carter. This committee will lead in establishing and providing a building for a mission on property recently purchased by the church.

Woodmont Church, Nashville, of which G. Allen West, Jr. is pastor, is planning a week-end Youth-Led Revival for Feb. 3.

First Church, Murfreesboro, of which Robert L. Palmer is pastor, recently observed Annual Deacons Dinner at which all deacons and their wives were honored.

Dr. and Mrs. William S. Mathis of Belmont College are the proud parents of Nancy Nunnery Mathis who arrived on Christmas day.

Hohenwald Church has experienced one of its best years. There were 37 additions to the church membership, 16 by baptism and 21 by letter. A recognition service for these was held Jan. 1. Fred T. Evans is pastor.

Christian sympathy is extended to J. Lowell Knupp of First Church, Mt. Pleasant, because of the death of his father.

Smyrna Church in New Duck River Ass'n awarded five-year Training Union attendance pins to Mrs. Ellis Mealer, Sr., her son, Newton, her daughter, Bessie.

The Men's Club of Immanuel Church, Nashville, had as recent guest speaker, Mr. Greenburg, an engineering missionary, from Africa studying at Vanderbilt and Scarritt.

Cumberland Ass'n News:

Memorial Church has moved into the first unit of their new building. The first services were a week-end revival with Gardner Burden, Marvin E. Hines, L. G. Frey and Fulton Robertson as speakers.

Little Hope Church decorated their Christmas tree with money designated for the Building Fund.

Little West Fork Church designated their Christmas program offering to Foreign Missions.

Pastor and Mrs. Wm. A. Foote held "Open House" for the members and friends of Greenbrier Church on Jan. 1.

Springfield Church reports that several Sunday School classes and 4 departments have already applied for Standard Recognition. 4 other departments are expecting to make application in the near future.

Richland Church, Nashville, awarded 97 attendance pins Sunday, Jan. 8. Six are three-year awards, to Mrs. H. J. Kirkpatrick, Madge Chunn, Ewing Taylor, Billy Hoover, M. H. Hawkins, and Pastor Adam Gebhardt.

W. R. Yearwood has completed 6 years perfect attendance at Inglewood Sunday School, Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmin Howell are the proud parents of their first daughter, Kimberly Ann, who was born Jan. 3. Mr. Howell is recreation director for Nashville Ass'n.

Recent Guest Speakers:

Charles Norton at First Church, Carthage. W. L. Howse of B.S.S.B. at First Church, Fayetteville.

Richard N. Owen at First Church, Portland.

R. G. Strickland of United Tenn. League at Grubbs Memorial Church, Nashville.

Jerry A. Songer, Belmont College Ministerial Student, is now serving as Youth Director at First Church, Winchester. Roy W. Babb is pastor.

Frank Milton resigned Hurricane Grove Church, New Duck River Association effective January 1, 1956. Moody Arnold is chairman of the pulpit committee.

"We at Scottsboro Baptist Church (Nashville, Route 6) are grateful to God for having made it possible for us to build a parsonage on the church property. We thank God for some who donated money, some who donated material, and some who were so faithful to work day after day."

"Our Pastor, Robert J. Daugherty, is the only pastor living in the Scottsboro community. He means a lot to us and we thank God for sending him our way. He is a man of God and has great talents, and we know he will do a marvelous work here in our community. We are backing him 100%. Our prayer is for every lost person in Scottsboro to be won to Christ this year."
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A Rural Church Provides For Young People

Joe Anglin, Pastor
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.

Young people are available and can be reached by every church. Our church is located nine miles from Huntsville in open country. Even though the church is in the country, we have all of the departments of Sunday school, including Cradle Roll and Extension departments. Our total enrollment is 552.

In 1945 there were no classes for Young People. The few young people that were enrolled were either in the Intermediate or Adult classes.

In 1947 we began two classes for Young People, one for girls and one for boys. Today, we have one single Young People's department made up of four classes with 32 enrolled and two classes for married Young People with 22 enrolled.

Each year we try to provide two classes for seventeen-year-olds. We have found that we can hold the Intermediates who are promoted to the Young People's department much better if we provide separate classes for them.

In April we will move into our new educational building which will have space for one single Young People's department with six classes and one married Young People's department with four classes. We are planning to continue enlarging our organization for Young People.

At the present time we are enlisting more prospective young people than any other age group to whom we minister. We believe that it pays to reach young people in a Sunday school. One evidence of this is that we have more tithers in our Young People's department than in any other department in our Sunday school on a percentage basis.

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Promote Magnify-Church-Membership Week

C. Aubrey Hearn

In a survey made last year by the American Institute of Public Opinion it was found that 6 out of 10 American adults (61 per cent) had not read a book, other than the Bible, in the preceding twelve months. Only 26 per cent of the college graduates reported that they had read a book in the last year.

If this survey was accurate it is a sad reflection upon America's mental habits. Books provide the main course in an educational diet. That is true in the public schools. It is also true in the churches.

Just now Southern Baptist associations and churches should be thinking about and planning for Magnify-Church-Membership Week. This is a special week set aside for a Training Union study course using four new graded books on the church. The books are shown on the cover of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. In addition, a new book for the leaders of Primary children, Primary Leadership Material, Unit 2, *To Church We Go*, by Jane Williams, is available.

It is hoped that every church in the Southern Baptist Convention will have a study course this spring using these books.

This week should constitute a challenge to associational Training Union officers. They should give much time in the next two months to promoting this week in their churches. Here are some suggestions:

Plan to have an associational clinic for teachers in the association who will teach the new books. Get a list of those who are to teach these books, and send them all an invitation to attend the clinic. The question, What is the best way to teach these new books? may be answered in the clinic. There should be a conference on how to teach each of the new books. The clinic, which may be held on one night, or may last five nights, should be held a month before the schools are held in the churches.



MEMPHIS—Trinity Church observed the fifth anniversary of their pastor, Otto Sutton, Sunday, December 4. Shown in the picture are the Suttons and the new Chrysler which was presented him.

Distribute the posters to all the Training Union directors. Copies may be obtained from the state Training Union secretary.

Read the article "Plan Now for Magnify-Church-Membership Week" in the January issue of the *Baptist Training Union Magazine* for suggestions about how to promote this week.

Set goals for awards for the association and for each church. Provide teachers where they may be needed.

Floods Almost Ruin California Church

YUBA CITY, Calif.—(BP)—Recent floods practically destroyed the church building and homes of most members of Calvary Baptist Church, Yuba City.

It is believed there were no casualties among the membership, though water from the Feather River lacked only 18 inches of submerging the church building and came within six inches of the top of the doors in Pastor Robert N. Stapp's home.

Some other homes were completely submerged while a few suffered only minor damage.

The pastor and his family have taken refuge in the home of Pastor James Watters in Gridley, 17 miles away. Other members are either in the homes of friends or else taking refuge in public shelters.

James H. Drake, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in nearby Oroville, and moderator of Sierra Butte Association, announced that churches in the area are responding to a call for clothing, bedding, furniture, and cash to meet the unprecedented emergency.

An early survey indicates that the church in Yuba City will suffer about 90 per cent loss. Two buildings floated away and haven't been sighted yet. Some buildings remain but are ruined. It is almost the same story in the homes of members.

The church was unable to meet on Sunday following the flood but arrangements will be made to meet in temporary quarters as soon as members can return to their homes.

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Ford Foundation Reports These Hospitals Eligible

These Southern Baptist hospitals will be eligible for the sums indicated under the recent Ford Foundation grants, according to a Baptist Press survey.

Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, \$168,000; Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, \$228,100; North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, \$162,200; Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, \$246,700; Southwest Baptist Hospital, Mangum, Okla., \$13,300; Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, \$73,600; Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Tex., \$65,900; Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baton Rouge, La., \$132,100; Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Ky., \$33,200; East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, \$142,100; Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., \$250,000; Bristow Memorial Hospital, Bristow, Okla.,; Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Muskogee, \$37,600; Enid General Hospital, Enid, Okla., \$51,600; Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky., \$32,900; Memorial Hospital, Perry, Okla., \$10,000; Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, Tex., \$97,100; Grand Valley Hospital, Pryor, Okla.,; Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La., \$93,400; Memorial Hospital, Houston, Tex., \$207,500; Beauregard Memorial Hospital, DeRidder, La., \$12,000; Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, \$157,000; Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Tex., \$250,000; Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Tex., \$152,400; Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco, Tex., \$81,200; Stillwater Municipal Hospital, Stillwater, Okla., \$32,400; Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami, Okla., \$22,400; Homer Memorial Hospital, Homer, La., \$12,000; Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., \$138,500; Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, Va., \$56,800; South Carolina Baptist Hospital, Columbia, \$134,500; Birmingham Baptist Hospital, Birmingham, Ala., \$163,300; Baptist Memorial Hospital, Gadsden, Ala., \$49,800; Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, \$193,000; Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, \$208,900; Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.,

Mr. and Mrs. H. Terry Parker, of Jacksonville, Fla., have announced they will begin construction of a \$75,000 addition to Baptist Home for Children in Jacksonville early next year. The Home also recently received \$10,000 from Mrs. John H. Pace to build a combination auditorium and gymnasium. Parker is president of the children's home.—B.P.

The Caruth Foundation has given Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Texas, \$17,400 to buy scientific equipment to diagnose and treat disease. Five pieces of equipment can be bought with the funds and will be placed in the departments of radiology, pathology, physical medicine, and rehabilitation.—B.P.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1956

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alamo, First	265	71	---
Alcoa, Calvary	295	94	---
Madison Ave.	163	40	1
Athens, Antioch	165	42	---
Bethsaida	30	24	---
East	461	156	3
First	636	221	---
West End Mission	71	46	---
North	264	78	1
Calhoun	106	21	---
Calvary	26	17	---
Cambria	43	32	---
Clay Hill	34	---	---
Clear Springs	58	45	---
Clearwater	89	46	---
Coghill	84	57	---
Conasauga	26	---	---
Dixon Ave.	92	---	---
Decatur, First	84	55	3
Double Springs	41	18	---
Eastanalle	96	50	---
Englewood	183	69	---
Etowah, East	60	27	1
Etowah, First	400	131	3
Etowah, North	422	138	---
Etowah, West	63	24	---
Good Springs	91	57	---
Hiawassee	71	---	---
Idlewild	61	35	---
Lake View	65	27	---
Lamontville	39	40	---
Liberty, South	39	57	---
Manila Chapel	23	---	---
Marshall Hill	68	---	---
McMahan Calvary	70	---	---
Meadow Fork	28	---	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	99	40	---
Mt. Harmony No. 2	57	---	---
Mt. Pisga	64	---	---
Mt. Verd	53	36	---
New Bethel	65	25	---
New Hopewell	43	---	---
New Zion	103	57	---
Niota, East	113	55	---
Niota, First	118	35	---
Oak Grove	71	---	---
Old Salem	47	---	---
Pond Hill	144	37	---
Riceville	101	33	---
Rocky Mount	60	42	---
Rodgers Creek	67	55	---
Sanford	35	---	---
Shiloh	68	40	---
Short Creek	114	93	---
Stephensville	10	---	---
Union Grove McMinn	89	63	---
Union Grove Meigs	44	---	---
Union McMinn	96	---	---
Union Hill	35	---	---
Valley Road	40	---	---
Valley View	22	8	---
Walnut Grove	34	20	---
West View	68	34	---
Wild Wood	72	45	---
Zion Hill	67	23	---
Auburntown, Auburn	88	---	---
Prosperity	148	87	1
Big Springs	264	129	---
Blaine, Richland	83	27	---
Bolivar, First	364	123	1
Bristol, Calvary	411	104	5
Mission	27	31	---
Tennessee Avenue	560	192	---
Byrdstown	95	42	---
Chattanooga, Avondale	922	109	---
Brainerd	1024	375	7
Chamberlain Avenue	201	67	3
East Lake	642	144	10
East Ridge	740	234	2
First	1160	290	---
Northside	440	128	---
North Market	178	69	---
Red Bank	1047	343	---
Ridgedale	638	204	2
Ridgeview	266	111	---
Second	174	66	---
Spring Creek	450	228	6
Clarksville, First	777	231	6
Grace Avenue	227	100	2
Cleveland, Calvary	201	72	---
First	626	217	---
North	247	142	6
Waterville	149	79	---
Clinton, South	194	69	---
Columbia, First	542	179	4
Highland Park	352	183	---
Riverview	69	39	---
Cookeville, First	531	131	2
Cowan	201	77	1
Crossville, First	215	101	2
Mt. View	28	18	---
Pleasant Hill	20	---	---
West View	197	84	1
Dandridge	119	63	1
Antioch	18	13	---
French Broad	46	---	---
Deep Springs	121	---	---
Piedmont	129	76	---
Swans Chapel	75	---	---
Dyer, New Bethlehem	157	65	---
Dyersburg, Hillcrest	286	143	3
Elizabethton, First	569	22	207
Oak Street	128	88	---
Siam	247	116	---
Fountain City, Central	1195	356	1
First	470	240	---
Fowlkes	131	83	---
Gallatin, First	626	142	---
W. Eastland Mission	57	24	---
Gleason, First	209	66	---
Goodlettsville, First	327	117	1
Grand Junction, First	114	64	---
Harriman, Trenton Street	513	152	---
Hendersonville	197	61	---
New Hope	140	73	---
Humboldt, Antioch	231	75	---
Emmanuel	196	49	1
First	568	165	1
Jackson, Calvary	715	224	2
First	1026	221	---
Midway	34	21	3
North	346	152	---
West	1032	438	---
Woodland	127	8	---
Jefferson City, Buffalo Grove	60	24	---
First	652	306	---
Mansfield Gap	72	---	---
Mill Spring	97	62	---
Mountain View	72	---	---
Northside	245	---	---
Jellico, First	342	247	---
Johnson City, Central	837	151	4
Fall Street	127	74	---
Pine Crest	205	114	---
Unaka Avenue	296	107	4
Kenton, Macedonia	135	103	---
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	216	96	---
First	877	230	---
Glenwood	417	140	---
Lynn Garden	450	145	---
Mission	23	---	---
Kingston, First	498	178	---
Knoxville, Arlington	535	182	---
Bell Avenue	900	239	---
Broadway	1222	401	4
Fifth Avenue	783	240	3
First	1118	263	---
Inskip	704	179	2
Lincoln Park	1122	318	---
Meridian	350	93	7
North	443	127	2
Sevier Heights	828	280	1
Smithwood	789	279	4
LaFollette, First	336	97	---
Lebanon, Fairview	329	92	---
First	563	206	---
LaGuardo	114	79	---
Immanuel	314	103	3
Rocky Valley	98	49	---
Southside Chapel	122	302	---
Lenoir City, First	550	196	---
Dixie Lee	148	70	---
Pleasant Hill	245	110	1
Lewisburg, First	554	196	2
Lexington, First	381	65	---
Loudon, Blairland	240	96	---
McEwen	105	44	---
Malesus	166	84	---
Martin, First	442	105	1
Maury City	128	61	---
Madisonville, Chestnut	92	38	---
First	317	157	---
Mission	54	39	---
Maryville, Broadway	574	176	1
Everett Hills	529	190	1
Memphis, Airview	132	50	---
Ardmore	619	236	1
Baptist Center Mission	48	23	---
Bartlett	301	135	3
Barton Heights	242	132	3
Bellevue	2838	1109	16
Berclair	1118	390	---
Berclair Mission	78	40	---
Beverly Hills	439	211	2
Boulevard	863	261	---
Brooks Road	122	74	2
Central Avenue	1031	509	4
Charjean	552	190	5
Cherokee	712	375	8
Cherokee Mission	72	---	---
Cherry Road Mission	134	56	3
Collierville	256	114	1
DeSota Heights	187	105	---
Eads	117	22	---
East Park	131	45	2
Egypt	169	101	---
Elliston Avenue	239	70	2
Fairlawn Mission	263	138	4
First	1355	324	11
Frayser	924	298	9
Germantown	98	46	---
Graceland	332	122	11
Graham Heights	128	70	4
Highland Heights	1413	709	4
Hollywood	472	154	---
Kennedy	423	121	2
LaBelle	631	241	2
LaBelle Chapel	209	70	1
LaBelle Mission	35	32	---
Lamar Heights	833	310	7
Leawood	914	313	2
Levi	326	99	---
Lucy	114	44	---
Malcomb Avenue	265	89	1
McLean	537	207	3
Merton Avenue	468	122	---
Millington	466	221	4
Mt. Pisgah	85	71	---
Mullins Station	96	68	---
Park Avenue	650	176	---
Parkway	740	275	3
Poplar Avenue	422	147	6
Prescott Memorial	670	251	3
Riverside	470	120	1
Old Seventh Street	562	239	4
Southland	267	103	2

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Thrifthaven	358	113	1
Trinity	599	227	8
Vanuys	47	27	7
Wells Station	409	114	6
Whitehaven	576	96	4
Winchester	256	90	4
Milan, First	511	196	---
North Side Mission	149	68	---
Morristown, First	813	198	1
Murfreesboro, Belle Aire	65	21	1
First	626	140	2
Calvary	70	---	---
Powell's Chapel	102	64	---
Third	290	120	---
Wards Grove	96	41	---
Nashville, Belmont Heights	1276	447	4
Jordonia	50	---	---
Madison Street Mission	82	---	---
Bending Chestnut	82	41	---
Brook Hollow	163	52	5
Dalewood	384	123	---
Donelson	703	165	3
Edgefield	705	180	4
Fairview	136	69	---
Fifth Avenue	12	9	---
First	1439	553	20
Cloverdale	28	19	---
Crievewood	244	98	4
Grace	1012	324	3
Grubbs Memorial	251	110	---
Houston St.	180	84	3
Immanuel	371	108	2
Inglewood	1283	398	6
Lockland	716	162	1
Mill Creek	147	74	---
Park Avenue	770	228	1
Parkview	498	147	1
Rayon City	114	51	---
Saturn Drive	303	106	3
Scottsboro	128	70	---
Seventh	274	108	---
Una	302	147	---
West End Chapel	53	17	---
Westwood	306	106	---
Woodbine	328	106	---
New Market	87	48	---
Dumplin	93	58	---
Good Hope	34	35	---
Nances Grove	81	42	---
New Hope	83	40	---
Pleasant Grove	93	63	---
Rocky Valley	79	56	3
Newport, Wilsonville	54	20	---
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	752	233	---
Oliver Springs	192	78	---
Paris, Fairview	176	89	3
Philadelphia	189	47	---
Pigeon Forge	198	75	---
Rockwood, Eureka	105	71	---
First	518	206	1
Rogersville	468	150	---
Rutledge, Helton Spring	113	55	---
Oakland	125	40	---
Sevierville, First	640	149	1
Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	274	120	---
Shop Springs	132	71	---
Strawberry Plains, Pleasant Grove	150	52	---
Sweetwater, First	451	85	---
Talbott	63	46	---
Tullahoma, First	465	91	2
Union City, First	812	294	1
Second	216	116	---
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A BAPTIST CHURCH NEEDS MONEY

By Harry N. Hollis, Director of Church Activities
First Baptist Church of New Orleans

A Baptist church has but one program. It is a specific program, set forth by Jesus many years ago when He said to go to the uttermost parts of the world "...and teach all nations... baptizing them... teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." To finance such a glorious and challenging program a Baptist church needs money. From what source is it to come?

There is but one source. *A church program is to be financed by members through the gifts of tithes and offerings.* On this point, Bible teaching is explicit. Too often, however, a church is forced into a drastically reduced program because of a low member-giving-record. Surveys reveal that many members, especially in large churches, give nothing at all through the church. Still others, although giving, fail to give "as God hath prospered them." Corrective measures, based on the Scriptures, need to be taken, where such conditions exist.

Faced with a less than good member giving record, our church—the First Baptist Church of New Orleans—determined to revise this record upward, for Jesus' sake. The time for adoption of the annual church budget was chosen to put this determination into operation. Therefore, immediately following adoption of a total giving goal of \$295,000 for 1956, a comprehensive analysis of member giving habits was begun. Already in the file were pledges to the budget that read "until further notice" and pledges to the Building Fund that extend through 1956. This meant that a major portion of the total giving goal was already subscribed. But subscribing the budget was not, in itself, our objective. It is wise for church leaders to always bear in mind that a church budget should reflect the ability of the people to give. We soon discovered that many of our members were not pledgers of record. Evident, also, was the fact that others, although pledgers of record, needed to "take a step up" in their giving because of increased incomes and increased faith. Thus, our task was clearly defined—to get non-pledging members to subscribe their financial support and to encourage still other members to "take a step up." How to accomplish this task then became the question.

This, we believe: *A church is not in the "money raising" business. Rather, it is in the business of getting people to dedicate themselves to principles of stewardship of life—all areas—according to the teaching of God's Word.* It was logical therefore, to assign this task to the Sunday School, since our immediate objective was to get people to become faithful stewards of their possessions. Historically, the Sunday School has met the church's need for an organized plan of Bible study. It was also logical to ask Sunday School teachers to lead in this task, for "next to the minister, the Sunday School teachers are the most destiny-determining persons in the church."

The Sunday School accepted the assignment and the teachers accepted leadership responsibilities.

In the pulpit—the Pastor-Teacher is the first teacher in the church—and in class rooms, Bible truths concerning stewardship of possessions were shared. Then at a given time and in possession of personalized pledge cards, teachers and class members went afield for the purpose of securing: A budget pledge from every member; a building fund pledge from every family. Age basis grading, a church policy, worked to a distinct advantage in the distribution of assignments. Non pledging class members simply became the responsibility of their teacher and fellow class members. It was reasonable to assume that such a method would produce better and more permanent results. However, we quickly discovered that a vast majority of the non pledging members were not on Sunday School class rolls. Here again, age basis grading proved invaluable. Instead of assignments being made according to geographic location, assignments were made according to age. Thus, warm hearted visits were made for a two fold purpose: (1) to enlist members, according to their age, in a systematic program of Bible study with people who had the same interests and needs, and (2) to enlist them in the financial support of a world-wide church ministry.

Results were glorious. Victory Sunday found our total giving goal substantially oversubscribed. Hundreds of members were new pledgers of record, and an almost equal number had determined to "take a step up". Another measure of success in this effort to get people to realistically apply stewardship principles in their giving, was the increase in the number of tithers.

Total results are not available, for the task is not finished, will never be finished. It is a year-round task, every year until Jesus comes. Sunday School teachers possessed with the essential qualities of a world teacher—a world view, knowledge of his subject matter, knowledge of his pupil, aptness at teaching, and a character worthy of imitation in all respects—are the key persons in getting people to become faithful stewards of their possessions. A Baptist church needs money, all the money that is within the ability of members to give. And that is all the money a Baptist church needs.

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Missionaries Present Needs To Texas Medical Students

The pressing need for the highest caliber doctors and nurses on Southern Baptist mission fields was presented to 150 medical students from five schools during a two-day medical missions conference held in December at Camp Allen, near Baytown, Tex.

This, the first such conference held for Texas Baptist students, was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the student directors of the five institutions represented. The program was designed not only to explore the need for medical personnel but also the call of God for this generation to respond to that need—now.

The students came from Baylor University College of Medicine and Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, both in Houston; University of Texas Medical Branch; and Lamar State College of Technology and Baptist Hospital School of Professional Nursing, both in Beaumont.

Southern Baptist missionaries present shared their experiences: clinics under the mango trees; early morning hospital staff devotionals; the testimony of a man, when a pagan religious leader was trying to lure him away from Christianity: "I don't understand what you are saying about these people who have healed my body; but this is the first time I have ever seen love put into practice."

Missionary Doctor Jack E. Walker, of Nigeria, told the students of "early morning hospital rounds with the Great Physician." Dr. William Skinner, missionary to Paraguay, told of passing a required oral medical examination in Spanish—made up of 36 separate tests—after arriving on his field of service, although he was already a medical doctor. Missionary Nurses Aletha Fuller, of Nigeria, and Virginia Miles, of the Philippines, revealed the needs in other lands by telling of the blessings which have come to them as protagonists in a "real-life drama of complete dependence on God."

"From the injection of such personal experiences by those who are qualified in medical missions, the students received an intensified vision and a wealth of practical techniques which will be of immense value to them in facing up to the call of God to meet this day's world and its need," commented Rev. Bill B. Cody, the Foreign Mission Board's assistant secretary for missionary personnel and student representative.

At the close of the program, Dr. W. F. Howard, state Baptist student secretary for Texas, made an analysis of the call of God and the challenge of doing God's will.

The medical missions conference was so successful that others are being contemplated, Mr. Cody said.

Witty Accepts Johnson City Position



FRED WITTY

Fred Witty, now of Louisville, Kentucky, will assume the direction of the Baptist Student Union at East Tennessee State College in Johnson City on February 1. He comes to this position after serving four years as the Director of Baptist Student Work for the City of Louisville, with the major portion of his work at the University of Louisville.

A re-organization of the Baptist Student program in Johnson City has been under way for some months. Increased support of the work has come about because of the progressive outlook and cooperation of the Holston Association of Baptists and the Student Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Within the Association some time ago a committee was appointed to study the student need. Mr. Harold McCroskey of Johnson City was elected Chairman. McCroskey and his committee met with immediate cooperation from pastors, the missionary, and churches within the Association. Showing a commendable

spirit, the Central Baptist Church of Johnson City offered to turn their sponsorship over to the Holston Association. The Association adopted the final program in the August meeting.

Although Witty was born in Oklahoma, he was reared in New Mexico, and attended New Mexico A & M College at Las Cruces. During his senior year of college he served as part-time Student Director. He was in the military service four years, three of which were in Europe as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. Upon his graduation from New Mexico A & M, he entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, where he received his B.D. degree in the spring of 1953. He served as Student Director in Louisville on a part-time basis while he was in the Seminary, and on a full-time basis since his graduation.

Royal Ambassador Camp work is another area in which Witty has had considerable experience, having done this type of work for two summers for New Mexico Baptists.

Witty was asked what he enjoys most for recreation, and his immediate reply was, "Fly fishing and gardening."

Mrs. Witty is the former Joy Weeks of McComb, Mississippi. They have two children: Freddie, 3 years, and Joy Elaine, 16 months.



Why Make a Will?

Baptist property owners are urged to make their wills and include Baptist causes and institutions because:

1. We need to save the waste and dissipation of a lifetime's accumulation caused by the failure of the individual to make a will. The Bible teaches conservation.
2. God expects His children to "lay up treasures in Heaven" and here is an opportunity to make possessions immortal.
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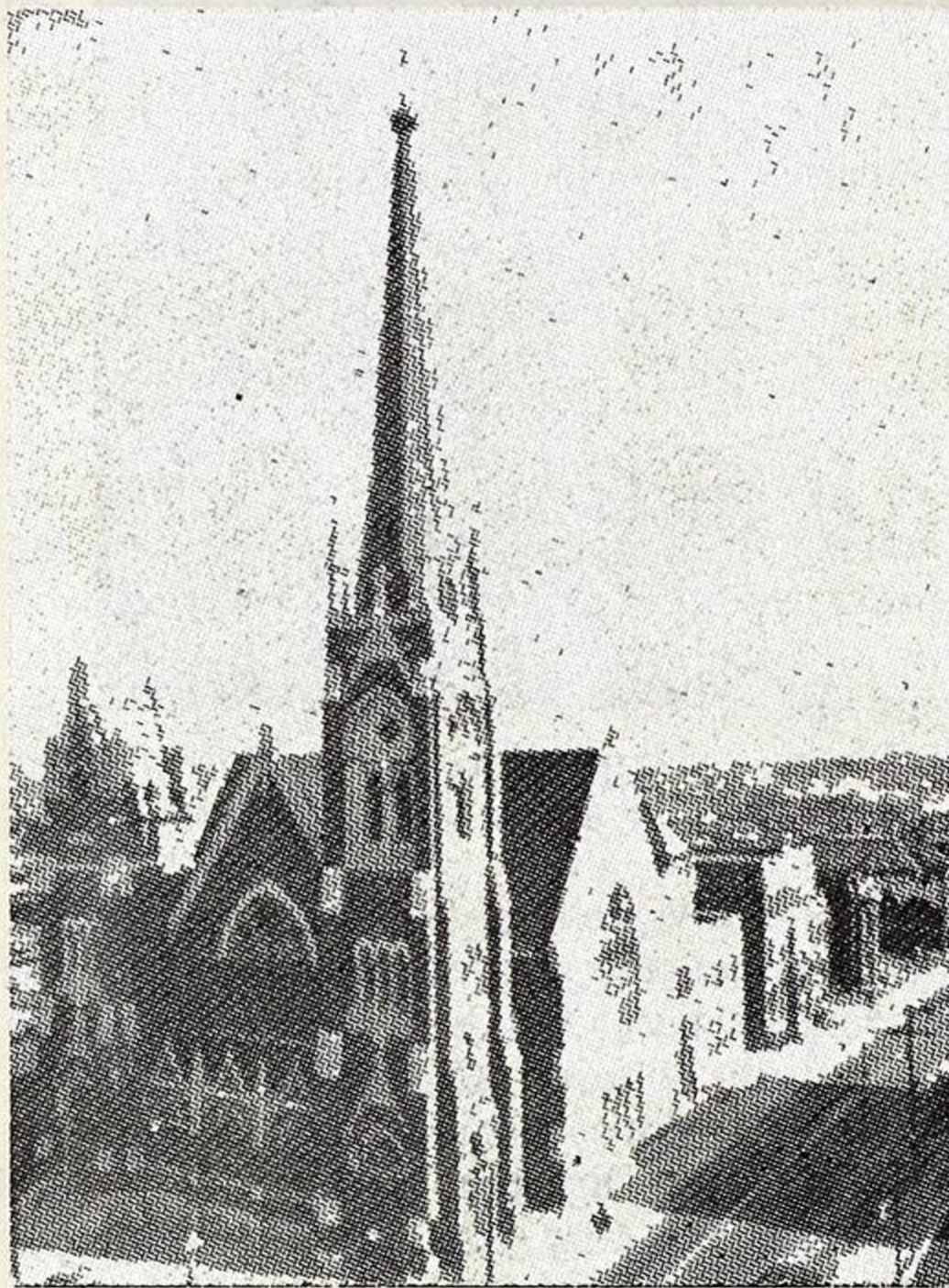
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