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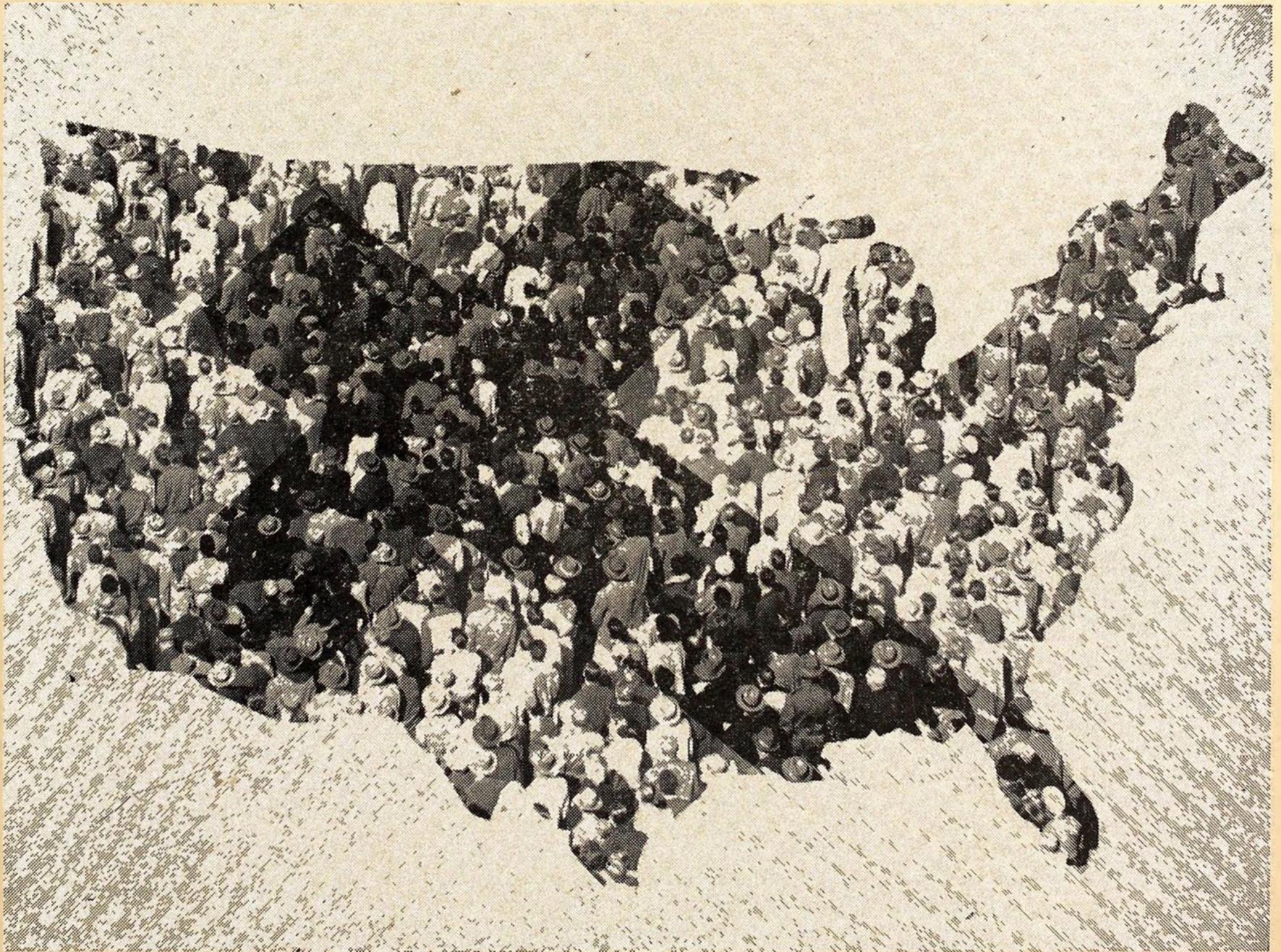
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Every Baptist Witnessing For Christ

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ALL AMERICA is included in this year's Baptist evangelistic program with six conventions cooperating. Evangelistic clinics have been held in all 65 associations in Tennessee to further plans for a two-phased, soul-winning crusade in Tennessee Baptist churches those in the western part conducting revival meetings March 15-29, and those in the eastern scheduled for April 12-26. The aim is, "Every Baptist Witnessing For Christ."

. . . Tremendous Challenges in Nigeria

● It is always a pleasure to receive each issue of the paper and I do greatly appreciate your fine editorials and the articles as well as the news of Tennessee Baptists, who are much in my thoughts and prayers, especially since I served nearly five years among them.

The work here grows; there are tremendous challenges to deep spiritual living and convictions for our national Christians as well as for us. Nigeria is fast approaching political independence. There is great development technically and in material ways. The preaching of the gospel in all its simplicity and power is ever needed. We appreciate the prayers of all at 'home base.' I am presently sitting in the compound of our Baptist Hospital at Eku. A large building program is in progress as the Mission plans to open a nurse's training school here next year—Ruth Walden, Private Mail Bag, Asagba via Sapele, Nigeria, West Africa.

. . . Invite Your Jewish Friends

● In practically all of our states, April 20-26 will be the last week of the simultaneous revivals. This is also Jewish Fellowship Week and offers a good opportunity to invite our Jewish friends to our churches. Not only that, but our Sunday school lessons in April, May, and June are taken from the Old Testament.—William B. Mitchell, Superintendent, Jewish Department, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

. . . Concerned Citizens, Join

● The Woman's Christian Temperance Union urges that all concerned citizens join in a wide-spread observance of Youth Temperance Education Week, April 12-18, 1959. We shall appreciate sincerely any announcement or recommendation which may appear in your publication concerning the observance of this week, and the value of abstinence education for youth.—Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, President, National WCTU



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The Ecumenical Council or A Papal Parable

Once there was a very happy family. They thoroughly enjoyed being together in the richness of family fellowship.

One day the father was called away for awhile. Before he left he gave specific instructions to the family as to what they were to do while he was away.

Unfortunately one of the children made up his mind that he knew more about how things should be done than the father who had gone away. He began to change everything the father had said. This activity caused a complete family mixup—there was disharmony and dissatisfaction everywhere. The only source of the trouble, this wayward son who changed the original orders from the father, constantly blamed everyone else for the misunderstanding.

All of a sudden this son became upset about the problems which he created. So, he called all the family together to seek to iron out the difficulties. The only problem was that this son refused to admit any error on his part and told the family that there would be peace and harmony again if only they would agree with him.

This is the end of the story. It is also the end of any possibility for family harmony.—Jess Moody, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky

Molding World Opinion For Peace

A. C. Miller

World peace can be achieved by the growth and development of world public opinion. But we must be warned that we cannot depend on public opinion just because it is public opinion. Human emotions must be balanced by intelligence. As Ross puts it, "To the ignorant, unlikeness is an affront, nonconformity an outrage, and in-

novation a crime." These are they who form the intolerant multitude eager to stretch all who disagree with it on its Procrustean beds. One recalls that it was such a multitude that banished Aristides, poisoned Socrates, stoned Stephen, and crucified Jesus. At a later time it was such a multitude that mobbed Priestly and beat Garrison; and in our day it turns its pastors out of its churches and its noble statesmen from the halls of Congress. Mere public opinion, therefore, too often meddles when it ought to abstain and blesses when it ought to condemn.

Nominations For Most Outstanding Minister's Wife

Is the most outstanding minister's wife in the Southern Baptist Convention your own pastor's wife?

If so, the Awards Committee of the Conference of Ministers' Wives wants to hear about her. Nominations are now being received for the Minister's Wife most qualified to receive "The Distinguished Award." She might be a musician, a writer, a teacher, or any Southern Baptist minister's wife you feel has made the most outstanding and worthwhile contribution to the denomination during the past year. She must be the wife of an ordained Southern Baptist minister now serving in a pastorate and her service must have been performed or extended through the past year.

Mail your nomination *now* to Mrs. Marse Grant, Thomasville, North Carolina, Awards Chairman. Be sure to include all qualifications of the Wife you feel should receive this award. Your entry will then be sent to a panel of judges who will select the one they feel is most deserving. Presentation of the award will be made at the annual meeting in Louisville on May 20.

In view of the fickle and dangerous character of public opinion, let us ask how it may be turned into a respectable agent for the righteous protection of society and the promotion of world peace? World public opinion can become an effective agent for world peace in the following ways.

First, by the development of Christian character through the spread of the gospel and its teachings throughout the world. This is God's plan for rebuilding men in his image to be motivated by his spirit.

Second, by the general acceptance of world law and order. The principles of world law and order appear throughout the Bible and are the truths that light the way for the conduct and destiny of nations.

Third, by the cultivation and direction of a world intelligence in social and economic relations. In this we must begin at home. But in each of these channels there is room for God to take the lead.

Dr. Miller is Executive Secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the SBC.

Is Blindness A Handicap?

Is blindness a handicap? not to George McDermott, a totally blind graduate student at Boston University, who has adjusted so well to a world of darkness that he has no desire to regain his sight.

"If I knew that an operation would restore my sight, I don't think I would have it," he says. "I don't feel I need my sight."

Looking at McDermott's active life, you would have to agree with him. A Corning, N. Y., resident, who lives with friends in Arlington, Mass., during the school year, McDermott carries a full schedule of graduate work in the University's School of Education. Accompanied only by his "seeing eye" dog, Lucky, he travels to and from Boston University's Charles River campus by bus and trolley.

In addition to his academic work, he finds 25-30 hours a week to devote to youth work at the Trinity Baptist Church, Arlington, Mass. Until recently, he also served as scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop, leading his sighted scouts in all the normal scouting activities, including overnight hikes.

McDermott considers this work excellent preparation for the career in school or church counseling he intends to pursue when he receives his Master of Arts degree in guidance counseling in 1960.

McDermott, blind for the past eight and a half of his 25 years, says, "I seem to get along this way as well as when I had my sight. Sure, there are times when I miss seeing, but there are compensations."

Some of the compensations he has found include "the awareness of things around me that I didn't have before. I found I'm in much closer touch with people. It's a different kind of world. I feel so much closer to life itself."

As, though to prove his blindness is no handicap, McDermott in the summer of 1953 toured Germany, Belgium and Austria for three months, with only his devoted guide and companion, Lucky, for company. Through friends in Germany, he was able to attend the Salzburg Music Festival in Austria, which he recalls as a highlight of the trip.

How could a blind person "see" Europe? McDermott's secret is imagination. Wherever he went in Europe people described the surroundings for him and his imagination did the rest. "I could go to the Bavarian Alps and imagine what they looked like," he says. "Through blindness I have begun to use those faculties that I never used before."

"My attitudes have changed since I've been blind. For instance, I've enjoyed camping twice as much." For two summers he served as a chaplain at a Boy Scout camp in Rhode Island. While at the camp he became a "big brother" to a blind boy from Rhode Island, whom he has helped through the many problems of adjustment.

When one reviews the 25-year-old graduate student's interests, it is difficult to believe he is blind. He enjoys television, movies and concerts. A recent weekend found McDermott and Lucky, a nine-year-old German shepherd, on top of snow-covered Mt. Cranmore in New Hampshire.

A native of Penn Yan, N. Y., McDermott was graduated from Colgate University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education, and subsequently studied for two years at Andover Newton Theological School. At Boston University he studies through readers, long-playing records and "talking" books from the regional library for the blind at the Perkins School for the Blind.

Some blind persons harbor the secret hope that one day they may be able to regain their sight. For tall, curly-haired George McDermott, there is no such hope for a miraculous cure. "I can never be cured," he states simply. "I've checked on it."

Having long since accepted his impediment, McDermott has marshaled faith, optimism and determination into the quest for a full and productive life. He looks forward with confidence to a future in the counseling field, helping others find their way to fulfillment.

Children's Homes Enter New Fields Of Service

OKLAHOMA CITY—(BP)—Southern Baptist children's homes are carrying on far more services than they did a few years ago, according to discussions at the annual meeting of Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists here.

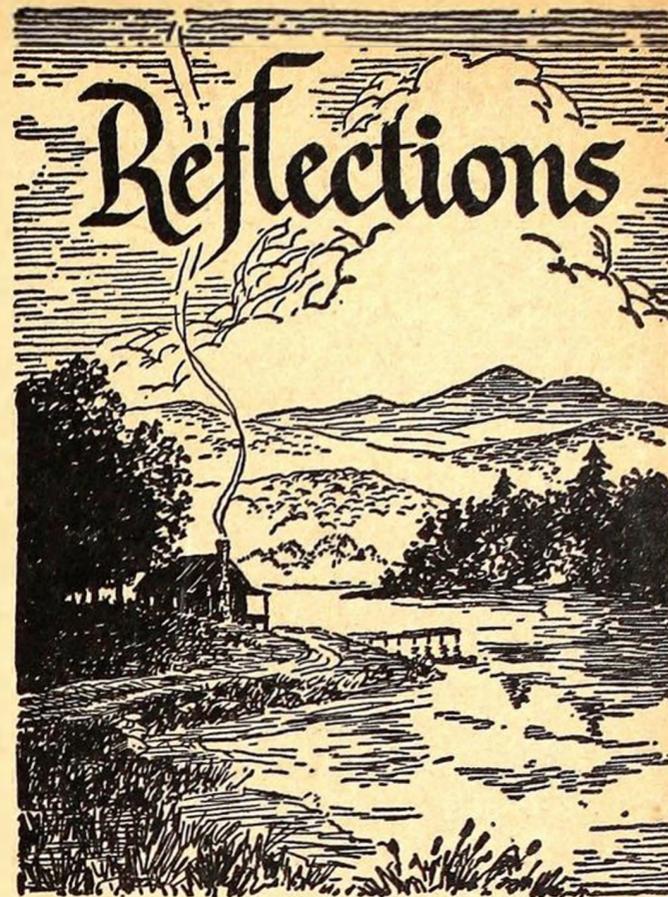
The child care executives also said that because of the greater demand for services, the homes must constantly keep Baptist people aware of the homes' financial needs.

During the past few years, there has been a trend for more children's homes to receive a portion of their funds from the state's Cooperative Program or undesignated gifts. These homes formerly depended entirely upon designated gifts.

The Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists is an organization of leaders in this field in Southern Baptist life. The officers meet each year to consider common problems.

Eugene E. Cox, superintendent of Alabama Baptist Children's Home, Troy, Ala., was elected president of the child care executive group succeeding Wade B. East of El Paso, Tex. Silas M. Bishop of Jacksonville, Fla., was elected vice-president and James M. Browning of Oklahoma City, secretary-treasurer.

The executives voted to meet in January, 1960, in Troy.



Fear isn't cowardice. Cowardice is failure to fight fear. The weakling feels fear and quits. The man of courage feels fear and fights.—Arnold H. Glasgow, *Thoughts for Today*.

Over the years, the tools of war have become deadlier. Now for better or for worse, we have dynamite, TNT, cordite, nuclear fission and nuclear fusion. What then is the most explosive thing in the world?

Actually, it is none of these. The most explosive thing in the world today is printer's ink. Why? Because a little of it, tossed into the alphabet, can detonate ideas that will move the minds of men with a force infinitely greater and more lasting than the whirlwind loosed by splitting an atom.—*Dun's Review and Modern Industry*.

Some of the multiple services now rendered by Baptist children's homes reflect the shift from their former status as orphanages. Once they offered only residential care and a large percentage of the children were true orphans.

Today, they must offer services outside the home itself and orphans—children with both parents dead—are a definite minority.

Baptist children's homes, the leaders said, are now engaged in social work, placement of children in foster homes, providing mother's aid to widows so that a child may be kept in his own home, and providing for adoption of children.

One of the chief concerns in this broadening field is securing workers who are both professionally qualified and Baptists. Nathan C. Brooks, president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., visited with the child care leaders and told them Carver School is stressing this need for workers in its courses.

Handling Controversy

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (BP) — “Compassionate objectivity.” That’s how controversial news of his denomination should be handled by a Southern Baptist editor, one of the editors told his fellow here.

The speaker was C. R. Daley of Louisville, Ky. As editor of the Western Recorder, weekly newspaper of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, Daley has found it necessary to cover one of Baptists’ most controversial stories during the past year.

Louisville is site of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, oldest of six seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. During the last year, it has been center of a controversy surrounding dismissal of 12 professors of theology.

“Pure objectivity” in handling controversial news “is not possible nor desirable,” Daley said. “Too much compassion, on the other hand . . . can result in painful generalities. Deal with the facts; help rather than hurt; exalt the Lord rather than expose his servants of clay.” This was Daley’s definition of “compassionate objectivity.”

Daley’s remarks were to the winter meeting of Southern Baptist Press Association here, representing editors of Baptist newspapers in 26 states and editors of Baptist magazines.

“Controversy, like the poor, is always with us. . . . The question is not whether we have controversy, but whether we will handle controversy,” he said.

Daley cited progress that has come through controversy, adding that controversy does not necessarily have bad results only.

“Baptists can not be safe without information,” according to Daley, who added that in treating controversy within Baptist life, the denominational editor is “reporter and interpreter.”

But the question is: “How much interpretation should he attempt . . . and how does he separate the relevant from the irrelevant, the purely sensational from that which should be interpreted.”

In addition to “compassionate objectivity,” Editor Daley said there are other “healthful attitudes” an editor should have toward coverage of controversy.

“He should work as if he considers himself expendable,” the Kentuckian said. “Handling controversy may make the editor controversial.”

“The Baptist editor should be as fair as possible to both sides of the quarrel. The temptation is to stay on the official side, but the editor should remember that denominational programs are made for man and not man for the programs,” Daley stated.

“The Baptist editor should also maintain confidence of both parties in the controversy,” according to Daley.



Observations

By
OWEN

Looking Ahead

Within a little more than a month Tennessee Baptists have six statewide Conventions on the calendar:

Monday, February 23, the State Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held in Nashville. It will be in session three days.

Immediately following this is the State Training Union Convention at First Church, Paris, scheduled for February 26-27.

Then the State Sunday School Convention will meet at First Church, Knoxville, March 12-13.

Three weeks later the State Royal Ambassador Congress will convene at Springfield April 3-4.

At the same time the State Student Convention is to be held at First Church, Knoxville, April 3-5.

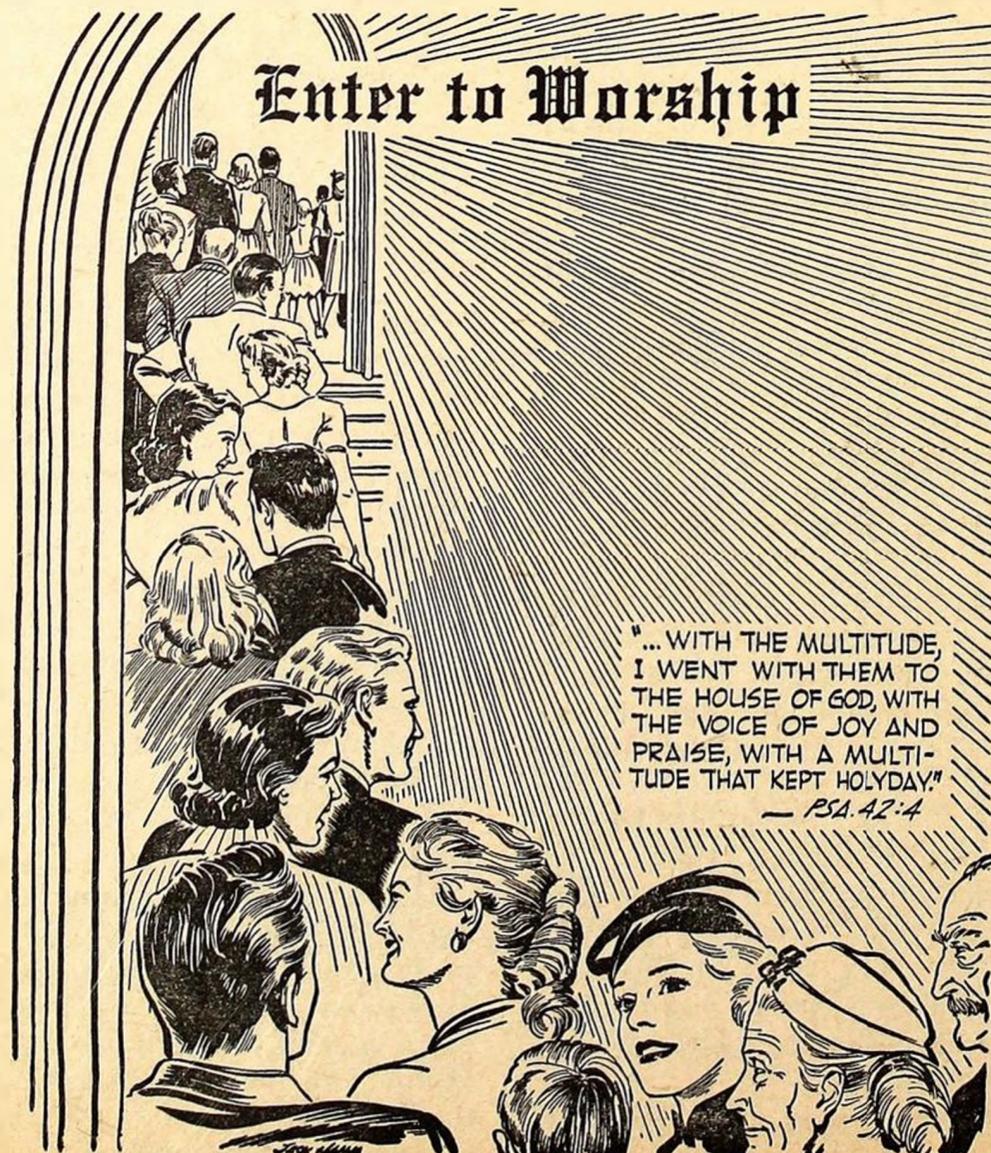
The State WMU Convention will be held at First Church, Chattanooga, April 6-8, preceded by the State BWC Convention on April 4-5.

These are busy ahead. These are all important state-wide meetings. They are the annual gatherings of the different organiza-

tions which we have mentioned. Also during this period, the first phase of our simultaneous evangelistic crusade will open on March 15, for all associations from Shelby to Nashville. This will be a two-week period culminating Easter Sunday, March 29. The second phase of the simultaneous evangelistic crusade will open April 12 for all associations east of Nashville. It will conclude on April 26. Associational evangelistic clinics have been held in the last few weeks. All tie in with the evangelistic crusade, which will be the high point of soul-winning endeavor for Tennessee Baptists during 1959.

In addition to all of these gatherings we have mentioned, the regional music festivals are opening tomorrow and will be running through all of next week, covering Tennessee from one end to the other.

These are indeed important days for Tennessee Baptists. All of these meetings are significant. They have been planned to set forward the work of the Lord Jesus Christ in the churches that He may be made supreme in every area of life.



A Testimony To Victory Over Death

When a woman in her early forties dies of cancer, it is not unusual. But when that woman's husband preaches her funeral, it is unusual indeed.

Mrs. Charlotte Ousley, wife of the pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Cross Plains, passed away on January 30 after an extended illness. She might have been called the ideal pastor's wife, for she was talented and tireless, working cheerfully and happily as long as her ebbing strength permitted. Her husband's message was the ultimate final gift to his beloved partner, a perfect expression of the great love that bound them together. More than that, it was a glowing testimony to the saving power of Christ and His victory over death. No one who was present will ever forget it. Because it is indelibly etched on my mind, and because I feel that it should be shared with others, I am attempting to recall his simple, eloquent words.

He began with a prayer, praising the name of the Lord for His goodness. "Thou hast promised that Thou wilt never fail us, and we know that Thou wilt not fail us now. . . . We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

He related how his wife had planned the service as they were returning to their home from Nashville where she had received treatment. "This is her service," he said. "I am trying to the best of my ability to carry out her wishes. . . . In 1936 we stood at the marriage altar and promised 'till death us do part.' I am grateful that I was able to stay by her side till the very end. Charlotte lived close to the Lord. One day when she had just returned from surgery, she said to me, 'I am remembering one verse of Scripture. It is "What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee." She lived by that verse.

"She was one whom the Lord had endowed with many talents," he continued. "She was a musician and worked with the choir. She wrote and directed Christmas pageants. She had a great ability to work with young people, in Training Union, in the G. A. and Y. W. A., and on and on. She was also an artist. She designed and drew plans from which the architect worked for two educational buildings. She gave of her talents and time untiringly. We read in the Scripture, 'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace.'

"The life of a Christian is a beautiful thing. But the death of a Christian is even more beautiful. Charlotte walked with the Lord in the evening. He said to her, 'Charlotte, you are tired. Come home with me.' And she went. What she has done will not die. Her influence will live on and on in the lives of others. Praises be to the name of the Lord."

We left the funeral home with a feeling of deep inward joy. The faith and power that sustained Bruce Ousley and enabled him to witness so positively in his hour of greatest heartbreak can be the possession of every Christian. He gave us the assurance that death has no sting, the grave no victory. He carried out to the greatest degree the dearest wishes of his wife's heart. As Charlotte Ousley witnessed for Christ so clearly and completely in her life, she witnessed even more strongly in her death.—Evelyn Carter Foote, Greenbrier, Tennessee.

Texan, Floridian Head Baptist Organizations

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (BP) — A Texan and a Floridian will head organizations of Baptist state executive secretaries and editors of Baptist papers during the coming year.

Forrest C. Freezor, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, was elected president of the secretary group.

W. G. Stracener, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, Jacksonville, heads the Southern Baptist Press Association, which represents 26 state Baptist papers and other Southern Baptist periodicals.

Freezor succeeds Harry P. Stagg of Albuquerque, N. M., and Stracener succeeds Floyd Looney of Fresno, Calif.

Other officers of the secretary organization are Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Columbus, vice-president; and N. J. Westmoreland, executive secretary of Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, Wichita, secretary.

Southern Baptist Press Association vice-president is W. C. Fields, editor of Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss. Association secretary is Erwin L. McDonald, editor of Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock.

The elections took place at the winter meetings of the two groups here. The groups will hold simultaneous meetings Feb. 15-17, 1960, in New Orleans,

1,363,925 Circulation

SAVANNAH, Ga.—(BP)—The circulation of 26 state Baptist newspapers has reached a combined total of 1,363,925.

The total includes the newspaper published in Alaska under auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Alaska Baptist Convention. It does not include Hawaii.

The new circulation total was given by the editors of the newspapers at their mid-winter Southern Baptist Press Association meeting in Savannah.

Three papers have exceeded the 100,000 mark. They are the Baptist Standard, Dallas, Tex., with 349,000 subscribers, the Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga., with 103,000, and the Alabama Baptist, Birmingham, Ala., with 100,036.

CONSIDER



by David E. Mason

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Louisiana

CONSIDER the arguments of the Ox-puller and the Bridge-builder. The Ox-puller gave his side of the argument. "People's oxen are forever falling into the ditches around here. The service I perform is one of honor and it requires strength, wisdom, and valor. And the pay is also good—because people with oxen in ditches are willing to pay a handsome price to rectify the situation. It is not just every Thomas, Richard, or Harold, who can pull an ox out of a ditch. That is why my work is appreciated so much and that is why I get a premium price."

The Bridge-builder listened attentively, then presented his side of the argument. "True—People's oxen formerly fell into the ditches around here. Either the oxen were too stupid to avoid the ditches, or the people were to pre-occupied to guide them along the road. My job is building bridges over the most frequently fallen into ditches. It doesn't receive much acclaim, because the oxen move along in a routine manner, and the people go to and from the markets and fields—unexcited, when there are bridges over the ditches."

The Ox-puller was still convinced that his was the most valuable job. But the Bridge-builder knew that his work was of that greater and more longlasting value. Wisdom and time will reveal that though there will always be Ox-pullers, the preventative work of the Bridge-builder far outweighs the temporary remedy of the Ox-puller. It is the age-old question posed by the philosopher ages ago: "Is it better to build a fence at the top of the cliff, or to keep an ambulance down in the valley." Vote for the Bridge-builder.

Pastor's Conference Program

May 18-19, 1959

Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky.

Theme — "Committed to the Commission"

Matthew 28:19-20 RSV

Monday, May 18

Morning Session

- 9:00—Song and Praise—Paul McCommon
- 9:10—Scripture—Keener Pharr
Prayer—Charles McLaughlin
- 9:15—Welcome to Louisville—Duke McCall
- 9:25—Response to Welcome—Sterling Price
- 9:35—Presentation of Program—Chas. C. Bowles
- 9:40—"Our Common Task"—W. L. Howse
- 10:05—Song and Announcements
- 10:15—"Doctrine of Christian Growth"—Grady C. Cothen
- 10:40—"Teach—Baptize—Teach"—James L. Sullivan
- 11:05—Special Music—Miss Joe Ann Shelton
- 11:15—"Religious Education in Foreign Missions"—Baker James Cauthen
(Introduced by James Morgan)
- 11:50—Prayer—R. Archie Ellis
- 11:55—Adjourn

Afternoon Session

- 2:00—Song and Praise—Elmer F. Bailey
- 2:10—Scripture—Gerald Walker
Prayer—J. C. Segler
- 2:15—"The Futility of Religion"—Wayne Dehoney
- 2:40—"Baptists and Religious Freedom"—Leon Macon
- 3:05—"The Christian Basis for World Peace"—Brooks Hays
- 3:30—Song
- 3:35—"Peace, the Prize and the Price"—Jess Moody
- 4:00—Special Music—Ramsey Pollard, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Cliett
- 4:05—"The Prince of Peace"—Ramsey Pollard
(Introduced by J. T. Ford)
- 4:30—Prayer—Grady Randolph
- 4:35—Adjourn

Evening Session

- 7:00—Song and Praise—Asa Couch
- 7:10—Scripture—Walter Mitchell
Prayer—John Robert Stiff
- 7:15—"The Preacher's Personal Praying"—Bruce Price
- 7:35—"The Messenger's Message"—John Bob Riddle
- 7:55—"The Herald's Heart"—Marshall Craig
- 8:15—"Effective Evangelism"—Max Morris
- 8:35—Song
Prayer—W. O. Vaught, Jr.
Offering
- 8:45—Howard Butt—Karl Stell—Fague Springman
- 9:30—Prayer—Loyal Prior
- 9:40—Adjourn

Tuesday, May 19

Morning Session

- 9:00—Song and Praise—Bill Souther
- 9:10—Scripture—Henry Allen Parker
Prayer—Byron Wilkinson
- 9:15—"Man's Ruin—The Reasons and Results"—Douglas Hudgins
- 9:40—"The Promised Saviour"—W. D. Wyatt
- 10:05—"The Virgin Birth"—J. D. Grey

- 10:30—Song
Prayer—James Wesberry
Offering
- 10:45—"The Crucified Christ"—Monroe Swilley
- 11:10—"The Living Lord"—Ralph Langley

Tentative Program for 3rd Annual Session of

Religious Education Association

May 18-19, Louisville, Kentucky

Monday Morning, May 18

- Joint Session With Pastors and Music Workers—To be held in Freedom Hall
- 9:00 Song and Praise Paul McCommon
 - 9:10 Scripture Keener Pharr
Prayer Charles P. McLaughlin
 - 9:15 Welcome to Louisville Duke K. McCall
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 - 11:50 Prayer R. Archie Ellis
 - 11:55 Adjourn

Monday Afternoon —Keener Pharr, Presiding Southern Seminary Campus

- 2:30 Devotional-The Worker-His Dedication Allen W. Graves
- 2:45 Program Preview and Announcements Keener Pharr
- 2:55 Trends in Christian Recreation..... Robert M. Boyd
- 3:20 Our Church Camp Robert Myers
- 3:40 Song
- 3:45 Guidance in Christian Vocation John M. Tubbs
- 4:10 Meeting Youth's Needs Philip B. Harris
- 4:40 Adjourn

Monday Evening—James Ivey, Presiding Southern Seminary Campus

- 7:00 Devotional-The Worker-His Education R. Othal Feather
- 7:15 More Effective Administration Howard Foshee
- 7:40 Preview of Primary Correlation-S. S. B. Panel-Primary Age Group Workers
Moderator W. L. Howse
Panel Members Miss Dolores Baker
Miss Nettie Lou Crowder
Robert Dowdy
Miss LaVerne Ashby
Mrs. Doris Monroe
- 8:05 Song

- 11:30—Special Music—Al and Ivy Walsh
- 11:40—"The Redeemer's Return"—W. A. Criswell
(Introduced by Ed Brooks Bowles)
- 12:05—Prayer—Paul Roberts
- 12:10—Adjourn

Afternoon Session

- 2:00—Song and Praise—Forrest Herren
- 2:10—Scripture—James Monroe
Prayer—Bob Barker
- 2:15—"Positive Preservation"—A. B. VanArsdale
- 2:40—"The Flame of Power"—Carl Bates
- 3:05—Election of Officers
- 3:15—Welcome to Miami in 1960—Homer Lindsay, Jr.
- 3:20—Special Music—Sam Allen
- 3:30—Annual Sermon—"The Diety of Jesus"—R. G. Lee
(Introduced by Herman Cobb)
- 4:20—Prayer of Benediction—Earl B. Edington
- 4:25—Adjourn

- 8:10 Quality vs. Quantity Ernest J. Loessner
- 8:35 Flying Down to Rio G. S. Dobbins
- 9:00 Adjourn

Tuesday Morning, May 19

Charles L. Norton, Presiding

Southern Seminary Campus

- 9:30 Devotion-The Worker-His Witness Denton R. Coker
- 9:45 The Staff at Work Improving Teaching Ray Rozell
- 10:10 A Panel-Baptist Jubilee-1960
Emphasis W. L. Howse
- 10:45 Sectional Conferences:
Ministers of Education (More than 5 yrs. experience) S. C. Ray
Ministers of Education (Less than 5 yrs. experience) James A. Ivey, Jr.
Youth Directors Miss Rebecca Tune
Children's Workers Miss Elizabeth Hutchens
Teachers Findley B. Edge
Sunday School Field Workers Roy E. Boatwright
Training Union Field Workers..... Charles L. Norton
B. S. U. Workers G. Kearnie Keegan
Workers' Wives Mrs. Martha Boone Leavell
- 12:00 Adjourn

Tuesday Afternoon—John K. Durst, Presiding Southern Seminary Campus

- 2:00 Devotion-The Worker-His Challenge J. M. Price, Jr.
- 2:15 The Ministry of Interruptions Harold Dill
- 2:45 Emotional Health of the Worker Richard K. Young
- 3:15 Business Session-Election and presentation of officers-
- 3:30 This World—A Christian's Workshop Brooks Hays
- 4:00 Adjourn

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Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention

Freedom Hall, May 18-19
Louisville, Kentucky

Theme: "Thy Will Be Done In Earth"

Monday Morning 9:30 A.M.

Hymns of Praise—Director, Mrs. H. H. Grooms, Birmingham, Alabama
 Pianist, Mrs. Elizabeth Gill White, Louisville, Kentucky
 Organist, Mrs. Forrest H. Heeren, Louisville, Kentucky

I will Call to Mind the Deeds of the Lord—Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, Mississippi

Our Father Which Art in Heaven
 Special Music—Miss Audrey Nossaman, Louisville, Kentucky

Business
 Presentation of Hostess Committees—Mrs. Carl W. Liebert

The Woman's Hymn
 Memorial Service—Mrs. Lester L. Knight, Richmond, Virginia

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
 Building God's World—Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, President, American Baptist Convention

After This Manner . . . Pray
 Platform Guests—The Executive Committee of the North American Women's Union, Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board, WMU Professional Personnel, WMU State Executive Secretaries, WMU State Youth Secretaries

Monday Afternoon 1:30 P.M.

Hymns of Praise
 I Will Call to Mind the Needs of the Lord—Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler

Hallowed Be Thy Name
 Special Music—Miss Audrey Nossaman
 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

The Triumphs of His Grace—Courts Redford, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board

And I Will Tell What He Has Done
 Mrs. E. J. Combs, California
 Miss Edna Woofter, Washington, D. C.
 Mrs. Lonnie Iglesias, Panama
 Miss Elizabeth Perez, San Blas Indian

We Will Give . . . The Annie Armstrong Offering
 After This Manner . . . Pray

Platform Guests—Officials of the Home Mission Board, Officials of the Sunday School Board, Officials of the Relief and Annuity Board

Monday Night 7:30 P.M.

Hymns of Praise
 I Will Call to Mind the Deeds of the Lord—Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler
 Thy Kingdom Come

Special Music—Men's Chorale and Brass Choir, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Russell A. Hammar, Director

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
 To Spread Through All the Earth . . . His Grace—Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board

I Will Tell What He Has Done
 Miss Marjorie Jones, Ghana
 Miss Pearl Johnson, Taiwan
 Dr. James M. Young, Jr., Gaza
 Paul C. Bell, Jr., Guatemala

We Will Give . . . The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 Special Music—Miss Audrey Nossaman

After This Manner . . . Pray
 Platform Guests—Officials of the Foreign Mission Board, Administration and Faculty of Southern Seminary

Tuesday Morning 9:30 A.M.

Hymns of Praise

I Will Call to Mind the Deeds of the Lord—Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler
 Thy Will Be Done

Special Music—Miss Audrey Nossaman
 Thy Will Be Done In Earth—Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union

CHRISTIAN WITNESSING

Special Music—Chapel Choir Georgetown College, Roy Baker, Director

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
 Righteousness Exalteth a Nation—W. R. White, Waco, Texas

After This Manner . . . Pray
Tuesday Afternoon 1:30 P.M.
 Hymns of Praise

I Will Call to Mind the Deeds of the Lord—Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler

Lead Us . . . For Thine Is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory . . .

Special Music—Carver School of Missions and Social Work Choir, Mrs. Hugh McElrath, Director

Business
 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
 I Will Tell What He Has Done—For Me

Miss Jean Wu, Taipei
 Miss Georgette Jeries, Israel
 Joseph Idowu, Nigeria
 Don Garcia, Argentina

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"—Mrs. H. H. Grooms

The Baptists of the World—Together
 Youth Department of the Baptist World Alliance—Robert S. Denny, Secretary

Woman's Department of the Baptist World Alliance—Mrs. George R. Martin, Chairman

How Big is Your World?—Theodore F. Adams, President of the Baptist World Alliance
 After this Manner . . . Pray

Adjournment
 Platform Guests—President of Southern Baptist Convention Brooks Hays and Mrs. Hays, Officials of Baptist World Alliance, Officials of Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Administration and faculty Carver School of Missions and Social Work

Tentative Program

SBC Church Music Conference

The Righteous Doth Sing and Rejoice

Monday, May 18

Morning Session—Freedom Hall (Joint with Pastors' and R. E. Conference)

9:00—Song and Praise—Paul McCommon
 9:10—Scripture—Keener Pharr
 Prayer—Charles McLaughlin
 9:15—Welcome to Louisville—Duke McCall
 9:25—Response to Welcome—Warren Hultgren
 9:35—Presentation of Program—Charles C. Bowles
 9:40—"Our Common Task"—W. L. Howse
 10:05—Song and Announcements
 10:15—"Doctrine of Christian Growth—Walter Moore
 10:40—"Teach—Baptize—Teach"—James L. Sullivan
 11:05—Special Music—Joe Ann Shelton
 11:15—"Religious Education in Foreign Missions"—Baker James Cauthen (Introduced by James Morgan)
 11:50—Prayer—R. Archie Ellis
 11:55—Adjourn

Afternoon Session—Carver School Edmund D. Keith—Song Leader

2:30—Devotional Period—Southern Seminary Choir
 2:55—Presentation of Program
 3:00—Report of Membership Committee—Dwight Phillips
 3:05—"Forward through Teaching and Training"—W. L. Howse
 3:30—Song
 3:35—Organ Building and Installation—Panel Discussion
 4:15—Miscellaneous Business
 4:25—Song
 4:30—President's Address
 5:00—Meditation Solo

Evening Session

Gene Sutherland—Song Leader

7:15—Devotional—Cumberland College Choir
 7:40—Report of Registration Committee—Nettie Lou Crowder
 7:45—Music in Evangelism—Edwin McNeely
 8:10—Song
 8:15—The Musician as a Spiritual Leader—J. Thurmond George
 8:45—Meditation—Solo
 9:00—Education Directors and Music Directors Fellowship—Fellowship Hall, Carver School

Tuesday, May 19

Morning Session

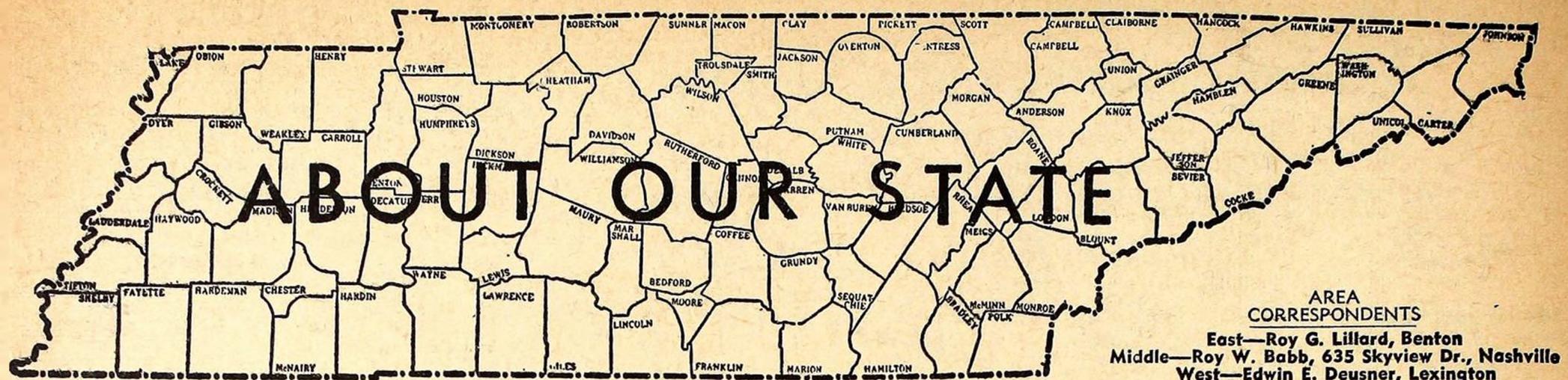
D. Neil Darnell—Song Leader

9:30—Devotional—Bison Glee Club
 9:55—Budget Committee Report—Malcolm Edwards
 10:00—Matters from Executive Council—Joe Santo
 10:10—Departmental Conferences
 10:25—Song
 10:30—Nominating Committee—Eugene Bartlett
 10:45—Seminary Workshop—James McKinney
 10:55—Song
 11:00—Teaching Music to Children—Panel Discussion
 12:00—Meditation—Seminary Male Chorale

Afternoon Session

Robert Burton—Song Leader

2:00—Devotional—Belmont Glee Club
 2:25—Departmental Conferences
 3:40—Introduction of New Officers
 4:45—Meditation—Southern Seminary Brass Choir
 "In the Midst of the Congregation I Will Praise Thee"



AREA CORRESPONDENTS
 East—Roy G. Lillard, Benton
 Middle—Roy W. Babb, 635 Skyview Dr., Nashville
 West—Edwin E. Deuser, Lexington

Buddy Boston, Union University student, is the new pastor of Wynnburg Church. He will succeed Robert Saunders, who resigned to accept a call to Arm, Miss. Rev. and Mrs. Boston have already moved to Wynnburg. Mrs. Boston will teach in the Wynnburg school.

J. J. McSween, chairman of the Deacons at First Church, Gatlinburg, died of a heart attack while on a business trip to Statesville, N. C. He was also a teacher in the Adult Department of the Sunday school.

Charles McElhaney was ordained by Fellowship Church, Chickamauga, Ga., January 18. He is the new pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Pikeville, Tenn. Marvin Youngblood is the pastor of Fellowship Church.

Belmont College's annual campus revival is scheduled for February 23-27. Dr. Woodson Armes, pastor of Polytechnic Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, will be the evangelist.

Dale Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Young, Maryville, has been chosen to represent Tennessee Baptist students as a summer missionary in the Wisconsin-Minnesota area.

John L. Tillery, missionary for Sweetwater Association, reports that John M. Smith has celebrated his third anniversary as pastor of Chestua Church. He has led in the building of a three bedroom brick veneer home valued at \$15,000 which includes a study for the pastor. There have been 28 additions to the church by baptism and 25 by letter. Total mission expenditures for 1957 and 1958 were \$1,002. Total expenditures for this year were \$7,575.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Hartmon Sullivan, missionaries to Nigeria, have moved from Oyo to Warri. Their address is Box 83, Warri, Nigeria, West Africa. Mr. Sullivan is a native of Bolivar, Tenn.

New pastors in Sevier Association include: William C. Boling, Dripping Springs; Al Smith, French Broad Valley; Earl Wilhoit, Gists Creek; and Charles Crawford is serving as interim pastor of Oak City.

Harrison-Chilhowee Academy last month welcomed two new members to its board of trustees: C. A. McKenzie, pastor of Ridgeview Church, Chattanooga, and J. B. Cross, pastor, Northside Church, Jefferson City.

On last Sunday, Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville observed "Mrs. J. V. Rymer Day." Mrs. Rymer has served Fifth Avenue for the past 41 years and for five years before that was organist at Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville.

A revival team from Carson-Newman College conducted a youth revival at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Feb. 6-8. Members of the team were: Bill Calamas, Ed. Smith, Norman Whisnant, and Howard Ellington.

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Dr. Bill Piper will assist Arlington Church, Knoxville, in a revival with Melvin G. Faulkner, pastor.

Frank Yoder of Athens, has accepted the pastorate of the Chestue Church, Polk Association.

The loss by death on Jan. 25 of Jerry G. Saddler was sorrowfully recorded by the Executive Committee of Concord Association. "He was a sincere, humble pastor, faithful to his flock and denominational duties he was called upon to perform. In his passing all of us who knew him have sustained a loss," writes the Rev. Jack Altman, Jr., Secretary of the committee. Before being called to his last pastorate in Cookeville, Bro. Saddler served the Barfield Church in Concord Association.

Cherokee Church, Memphis, continues its spectacular growth. Pastor Jarry Autrey's second anniversary was noted Feb. 17. There have been 684 additions during the past two years, 186 being by baptism, bringing membership now to a total of 1548. The church will be six years old in May. Seven missions have been begun, with five of these having been organized into churches. The total Sunday school enrollment in these churches now tops the 1850 enrolled in Cherokee Sunday school.

W. W. Stockman has resigned as pastor of Green River Church, Waynesboro, to accept the Walnut Grove Church near Ripley. The Ripley Church is in the process of building a pastor's home.

Rev. C. M. Dutton, age 76, retired Baptist minister, died February 7 at Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, following a short illness. He was a member of Calvary Church, Lenoir City, where funeral services were held February 9 with A. A. Carlton and D. C. Kerley officiating.

After more than a quarter of a century as pastor of the Church at Whitehaven, W. C. Furr has resigned. He has done a monumental work.

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Chattanooga Alumnus Heads HCBA Board

It was a matter of "coming back home" with Lewis Ferrell when he was elected to head the Board of Trustees of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour.

Dr. Ferrell, pastor of Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga and Moderator of the Hamilton County Baptist Association, graduated from the Academy in 1936, along with a number of others who have since become prominent in the work of Southern Baptists. He is a graduate of Union University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, with the Doctor of Divinity degree received when he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Paragould, Ark. He was an army Chaplain during World War II.

The new board leader succeeds the Rev. Homer A. Cate, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Knoxville, who will be a member of the Board's Executive Committee.

The new board Chairman states that "More than anything I know, I would like to see Harrison-Chilhowee continue to grow and to greatly enlarge the service she has given to Tennessee and Southern Baptists since I have known the school."

Other officers elected were Paul R. Phelps, car dealer of Lenoir City and East Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood President, Vice Chairman; Wendell "Cotton" Johnson, business leader of Cookeville and deacon of First Baptist Church there. Miss Gertrude Atchley continues as Assistant Secretary.

George J. Burnett, outstanding Baptist layman, died February 7 at Waco, Texas. He served as President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention three years (1915-1917), and as President of Tennessee College for Women. He had the distinction of serving as deacon in every church where he held membership. He was about 83 years of age.

First Church, Lexington, had a G. A. Coronation service on the night of February 1 at which time Karen Clark Chambers received her crown. The thing that makes this of special significance is that Karen is just ten years of age and accomplished her work in the minimum time permitted.

Pastor Dewey Metts observed his tenth year with Mallory Heights Church, Memphis, and was the recipient of many gifts from the congregation. During his ministry a \$150,000 building has been erected.

James A. Canaday observed his tenth anniversary as pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, on February 1. The visible results of the past decade are encouraging to both the pastor and his fine people.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1959



Memphis—Mary Bell Holman, student nurse in the University of Tennessee from Mayfield, Ky., and Charles Emerson, student in the UT School of Medicine from Hernando, Miss., look over the property at 879 Union Avenue to be used as a Baptist Student Center.

Shelby Baptists in cooperation with the Tennessee Baptist Convention purchased the property to be renovated by April into a chapel, prayer room, lounges, recreation room, conference room and an office for student director Russell E. Bridges.

Crawford Howell Receives Promotion At Baptist Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Crawford Howell has been promoted to the position of superintendent of training in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department. He succeeds Allen B. Comish, who has accepted the pastorate of the Hilton Street Baptist Chapel, Columbus, Ga.

A graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Howell held pastorates in Alabama and Kentucky and was formerly minister of education at Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Alabama, and at First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

After two years in the United States Army Air Force, Howell served two years on the staff of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Howell came to the Sunday School Board March 15, 1957, as secretary of Vacation Bible school expansion. As superintendent of training he will be responsible for developing and promoting effective methods of discovering, enlisting, and training Sunday school officers and teachers.

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Earl Waldrup Assumes Miami Pastorate

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Earl Waldrup, secretary of the audio-visual aids department of the Baptist Sunday School Board since 1946, will become pastor of the Northeast Baptist Church, Miami, Florida March 15.

Under Waldrup's direction, Broadman Films of the Board has completed 69 films and 133 filmstrips.

He wrote the book "Using Visual Aids in a Church." Waldrup is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Training Union State Convention

First Baptist Church, Paris

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM

Don Dendy, Presiding

Theme: "Thou Art the Christ"

Opening Session

Thursday Afternoon

"Thou Art the Christ of My Life"

- 1:30 Meditation
- 1:45 Song Service
Devotional Thought
- 2:10 Welcome
- 2:20 Announcements
Introduction of Workers
- 2:30 "Thou Art the Christ—My Personal Saviour"—Rev. F. M. Dowell, Jr.
- 3:00 Conferences
- 4:30 Adjourn

Thursday Evening

"Thou Art the Christ My Possessions"

- 7:00 Meeting by Departments
- 8:15 Assemble in Auditorium
Meditation
Song
Appointment of Committees and Announcements
- 8:30 Special Music
- 8:45 "Thou Art the Christ of My Possessions"—Dr. W. Fred Kendall

Friday Morning

"Thou Art the Christ in My Church"

- 9:30 Meditation
- 9:45 Song Service
Devotional Thought
- 10:00 Department Conferences
- 11:45 Assemble in Auditorium
Song Service
Announcements
Special Music
- 12:00 Message: "Thou Art the Christ in My Church"—Dr. J. E. Lambdin
- 12:30 Adjourn

Friday Afternoon

"Thou Art the Christ in My Vocation"

- 2:00 Meditation
Song Service
Devotional Thought
- 2:30 Our 1959 Training Union Program by Departments
Adult
Young People
Intermediates
Juniors
Children
- 3:30 "Thou Art the Christ in my Vocation"—John M. Tubbs
- 4:00 Adjourn

Friday Evening

"Thou Art the Christ for the World"

- 7:00 Meditation
- 7:15 Song Service
Devotional Thought
- 7:40 Election of Officers
Announcements
- 7:45 Testimonies:
Speakers' Tournament
Sword Drill
Camps
- 8:05 Song
- 8:10 Special Music
- 8:30 Message: "Thou Art the Christ for the World"—Dr. H. F. Paschall
Choral Benediction

Regional Music Festivals

Twelve Regional Music Festivals scheduled in churches from Memphis to Johnson City, February 19-28, reflect the growing interest and enthusiasm among Tennessee Baptists for better church music. In 1958 more than 5000 choir members sang in nine Regional Festivals; this year, with three additional festivals and many new churches participating, more than 7000 are expected to register with still another 3000 coming as "spectators."

Festivals provide opportunity for directors and choir members to see and hear what others are doing. The element of competition is eliminated in every way possible. Competent judges give suggestions for improvement, and each group is rated individually, according to a standard—with special attention given to size and facilities.

Schedule for the Regional Festivals is as follows: (Time 7 p.m. except where indicated).

- Feb. 19—First Church, Columbia
- Feb. 20, 21—Fifth Ave. Church, Knoxville (Sat. 9:30 a.m.)
Highland Hgts. Church, Memphis
- Feb. 23—Central Church, Johnson City
First Church, Dyersburg
- Feb. 24—First Church, Morristown
West Jackson Church, Jackson
- Feb. 26—First Church, Loudon
- Feb. 27—First Church, Cookeville
Red Bank Church, Chattanooga
- Feb. 27, 28—Belmont Hgts. and Inglewood Churches, Nashville (Sat. 9:30 a.m.)

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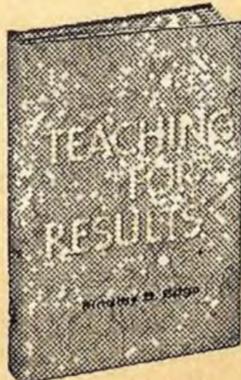
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March 12-13, 1959



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Mrs. John Sisemore

Mrs. Sisemore will lead the Young People's conference at the Sunday School Convention. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Nashville.

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Preparing for—

Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting

April 6-8

Business Woman's Circles Federation Convention

April 4-5

First Baptist Church, Chattanooga



Chairmen Of Local Arrangements

First Row, left to right: Mrs. Fred Sterchi, General Chairman; Mrs. W. H. Follette, Co-Chairman; Mrs. John Day, Executive Board Luncheon; Mrs. E. C. Bailey, Information; Mrs. G. M. Dean, Young People; Mrs. Roy Passons, Transportation and Parking.

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Third Row, Mrs. Luther Phillips, Prayer Room; Mrs. Earl Campbell, Decorations; Mrs. W. H. Austin, Registration; Mrs. W. S. Chapman, Ladies Parlor; Miss June White, Book Store; Miss Vaughtie Rowland, Associational Carver School Alumna Dinner; Miss Martha O'Kelly, Business Woman's Circles Federation. Mrs. O. J. Espy, Publicity Chairman; Mrs. V. Wayne Tarpley, Chairman of the Carver School Alumna Dinner; and Mrs. Ethel Wann, First Aid, were not present.

What is meant by early and adequate preparation?

1. Elect your V. B. S. principal in the fall along with the other Sunday school officers and teachers. As soon thereafter as possible the principal should enlist his department superintendents, and they should begin to enlist the teachers and helpers for their departments. The V. B. S. Faculty should be virtually completed by the first of February.

2. Conduct a class in *Better Vacation Bible Schools*, the V. B. S. handbook written recently by Sibley Burnett. All faculty members should participate in this study led by the pastor, or the V. B. S. principal.

Regular Sunday school credit can be obtained for the completion of the study of this book. February is a good month for the study. March is next best.

3. Every department should have a Textbook study, using the guide sheet in the textbook for the department. Each department should complete its own study separately under the leadership of the department superintendent. This study should be completed approximately a month before the beginning of the V. B. S.

Early and adequate preparation for Vacation Bible school makes V. B. S. work more pleasant for the workers and more rewarding for the boys and girls.

Attendances and Additions, Sunday, February 8, 1959

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alcoa, Central	204	112	2
First	479	209	
Ashport	72	54	
Athens, Antioch	195	95	
East	508	156	2
First	727	273	1
Avalon Heights	72	42	
West End Mission	79	51	
North	288	166	
Calhoun	103	36	
Cotton Port	74	46	
Hiwassee	101	49	
Idlewild	73	40	
Lake View	62	50	
McMahan Calvary	99	38	
Mt. Harmony	99	20	
Mt. Verd	55	39	
Niota, First	136	48	
Parkway	34		
Rodgers Creek	71	31	
Union Grove Meigs	54	41	
Valley Road	64		
Valley View	24	12	
West View	68	30	
Wild Wood	116	56	
Zion Hill	44	37	
Bemis, First	331	118	
Blaine, Block Springs	134	46	4
Bolivar, First	397	141	
Mission	42		
Bradford, First	105	52	
Brighton	222	118	
Munford	72	38	
Bristol, Calvary	392	81	
Tennessee Avenue	661	229	1
Mission	42	30	
Brownsville	453	126	
Brush Creek	80	50	
Camden, First	279	104	
Chattanooga, Avondale	640	214	3
Concord	432	163	3
Daisy, First	284	100	1
Eastdale	561	125	
East Lake	552	169	1
East Ridge	779	283	2
Northside	427	139	
Red Bank	1176	392	6
Ridgedale	549	177	1
Ridgeview	314	123	2
White Oak	480	137	4
Woodland Park	421	189	
Clarksville, Blooming Grove	97	58	
First	744	208	
Little West Fork	118	47	7
Pleasant View	245	106	
Cleveland, First	674	261	1
Macedonia	114	29	
Maple Street	101	56	
Clinton, Second	503	185	
Columbia, First	586	213	
Riverview	75	47	
Highland Park	334	177	
Cookeville, First	548	157	4
West View	251	79	
Friendsville, First	165	98	

Grossville, First	207	64	
Mt. View	45	16	
Pleasant Hill	71	74	
Dyer, First	212	84	
Dyersburg, First	661	238	3
Hillcrest	231	122	
Elizabethton, First	613		
Reservoir Hill	19		
Immanuel	265	120	2
Elk Mills	37	45	
Oak Street	157	98	1
Siam	205	93	
Etowah, First	398	126	
Fountain City, Central	1266	374	7
Smithwood	760	272	3
Gladeville	125	64	
Gleason, First	163	62	1
Grand Junction, First	91	54	
Greeneville, First	388	103	2
Second	189	69	
Harriman, South	376	169	
Terton Street	549	173	3
Walnut Hill	305	107	1
Henderson, First	205	83	
Hixson, Memorial	181	67	2
Middle Valley	143	65	
Humboldt, Antioch	234	106	
First	516	150	2
Huntingdon, First	306	177	
Jackson, Calvary	608	258	1
First	880	277	
Parkview	450	207	6
West	925	520	6
Johnson City, Central	759	130	2
Clark Street	222	61	
Northside	46	14	
Temple	369	114	2
Kenton, Macedonia	91	70	
Kingsport, Colonial Heights	170	53	2
First	844	165	
Litz Manor	222	107	
Kingston, First	616	264	3
Knoxville, Arlington	546	149	
Broadway	1155	494	6
Central (Bearden)	682	234	1
First	815	295	1

Cherokee	953	427	5
Lamar Terrace	86	46	4
Cordova	91	41	3
DeSota Heights	181	86	1
Egypt	175	76	
First	1252	352	1
Fisherville	121	42	
Forest Hill	91	51	5
Frayser, West	400	160	
Georgian Hills	190	79	
Graham Heights	281	100	
Highland Heights	1325	640	7
Hollywood	475	234	1
Kennedy	424	134	
LaBelle	135	228	2
LaBelle Chapel	474	208	14
LeaClair	302	132	
Leawood	810	312	2
Levi	303	101	
Longcrest	136	72	1
Longview Heights	372	201	6
Malcomb Avenue	190	101	2
Mallory Heights	243	90	1
McLean	520	216	2
Merton Avenue	437	127	5
Mullins Station	101	89	
Oakville	364	125	4
Prescott Memorial	603	210	
Richland	225	119	
Rugby Hills	193	66	2
Scenic	156	57	2
Seventh Street	512	186	3
Southland	228	137	2
Southmoor	260	130	8
Speedway Terrace	746	245	6
Temple	1139	394	2
Thrifthaven	607	347	4
Mission	52	35	9
Union Avenue	1148	378	3
Wells Station	628	298	4
Whitehaven	684	161	15
Mission	134	64	11
Murfreesboro, First	650	167	1
Calvary	91		
Mt. View	156	53	
Third	278	101	2
Woodbury Road	184	65	
Nashville, Antioch	102	44	4
Belmont Heights	1068	375	2
Kingston Springs	24		
Madison Street	103	48	
Bethany	44	29	
Charlotte Road	68	34	
Criewood	271	111	4
Dickerson Road	352	132	
Fairview	193	90	
Jordonia	46	27	
County Hospital	12		
First	1271	510	3
Cora Tibbs	96	46	
T.P.S.	364		
Freeland	119	52	
Gallatin Road	348	144	3
Glenwood	231	67	
Harsh Chapel	183	58	
Immanuel	328	118	
West End Chapel	56	26	
Inglewood	1001	356	4
Cross Keys	65	61	
State School	110		
Trinity Chapel	149	70	
Ivy Memorial	424	138	
Lakewood	465	221	5
Lincoya Hills	344	89	1
Madison, First	646	220	5
Madison Heights	194	87	
Neelys Bend	130	53	
Park Avenue	736	258	1
Radnor	574	204	1
River Road	58	58	3
Riverside	437	120	
Saturn Drive	296	143	1
Seventh	276	116	1
Haywood Hills	88	53	
Shelby Avenue	497	141	3
Tusculum Hills	197	71	
Woodbine	324	127	
Woodmont	670	238	2
Newport, English Creek	89	42	
Oak Ridge, Central	638	218	1
Robertsville	765	283	2
Old Hickory, First	592	206	
Rayon City	196	94	
Temple	211	107	
Oliver Springs, First	196	68	
Parsons, Calvary	38	39	
Philadelphia	175	51	
Portland, First	363	120	1
Rutledge, Oakland	84	22	
Sevierville, Alder Branch	110	85	
Antioch	135	66	
Beech Springs	190	91	
Boyd's Creek	99	35	
Dupont	132	52	
First	544	151	2
Knob Creek	125	82	
Zion Hill	123	60	
Shelbyville, First	402	95	
Smyrna, First	225	78	9
Somerville, First	271	157	
Stantonville, West Shiloh	125	135	14
Sweetwater, First	433	95	
Tullahoma, First	521	148	3
Lincoln Heights	72	49	
Union City, First	681	250	
Samburg	63	53	
Second	295	123	
Watertown, Round Lick	196	68	

"commit thy way
 unto the Lord."
 ... Psalm 37:5

Inskip	749	240	4
Lincoln Park	1089	362	2
Lonsdale	284	135	1
South	615	272	2
Wallace Memorial	504	189	1
Washington Pike	367	91	
LaFollette, First	377	99	
LaGuardo	148	86	
Lawrenceburg, First	267	95	1
Meadow View	51	27	
Highland Park	229	117	1
Lebanon, Fairview	307	104	
First	529	218	1
Hillcrest	127	91	
Immanuel	324	113	
Rocky Valley	118	80	1
Lenoir City, Calvary	248	86	3
First	579	250	
Kingston Pike	64	27	
Lewisburg, First	573	164	5
Lexington, First	359	93	1
Loudon, First	302	85	
Madisonville, Chestua	93	43	
First	282	136	
Mission	59	41	
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Martin, Central	252	72	3
First	366	88	2
Southside	66	39	4
Maryville, Broadway	743	411	
Madison Avenue	172	79	
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Mt. Pleasant, First	191	104	
Sandy Hook	31		
Scott Town	12		
Swan Creek	20		
Memphis, Baptist Center	74	55	
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Barton Heights	237	117	3
Bellevue	2538	970	19
Berclair	1064	374	3
Beverly Hills	521	208	1
Boulevard	716	227	8
Brooks Road	179	99	1
Brunswick	179	79	
Calvary	250	90	
Central Avenue	860	290	
Glen Park	148	82	4
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Consensus: Baptists Need More Hospitals

ST. LOUIS—(BP)—The consensus of opinion among Baptist hospital administrators is that Southern Baptists should operate more hospitals.

This feeling was evident at sessions of the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association here, attended by administrators of Southern Baptist-related hospitals.

The association includes administrators of hospitals operated by the Southern Baptist Convention directly, by affiliated state Baptist conventions, by associations of Baptist churches, and by community Baptist groups not directly and formally related to a church or denominational agency.

The administrators apparently felt, however, that new hospitals should be established along lines of recommended policy—that is, that new hospitals are the responsibility of state and local Baptists rather than the Southern Baptist Convention directly.

Reasons why new hospitals are needed generally were given as these:

1. Population growth and the need for increasing medical services means that more hospitals, whether denominationally-affiliated or not, must be built.

2. Baptists have a duty to render medical service to the poor in keeping with Christ's teachings.

3. Baptists need to train dedicated young people in a Baptist setting in fields related to medicine (medicine itself, nursing, hospital laboratory operation, therapy, etc.) These young people are needed both in Baptist and non-Baptist hospitals.

4. Religious groups can operate better hospitals for the people than can people themselves through government or other auspices.

5. Healing and Christianity are inseparable. The Baptist hospital can prove that man has access to the power of God.

6. Through the service of a Baptist hospital, its patients and the residents of the hospital community will see the compassion of Christ and the denomination.

John Gilbreath of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, was elected president-elect of the association. This means that normally he will become president next year.

Freeman May of Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La., came into office of president for the year ahead.

Emmett Johnson, assistant administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., is the association's secretary and treasurer.



Ex-All-American Inks Brotherhood Contract—E. M. McCance, Brotherhood Commission Building Committee chairman signs a building contract for the Commission. Watching are Carl Heyer, architect; George W. Schroeder, Commission executive secretary; R. L. Sherrick, chairman of the Brotherhood Commission, and P. W. Jameson, contractor.

McCance is agricultural sales manager of the Memphis branch of Allis-Chalmers. The 250-pound former left tackle of the Tulane football team was named on the Associated Press 1930 all-American team. "We had an eleven-man squad with a few scrubs," he said when asked about the Green Wave of his day. "It was like the early days of Brotherhood—rough," he laughed. "This is a great occasion for us and I'm proud to have a part in it," he concluded.

Whom Should Hospital Chaplain See Each Day?

ST. LOUIS—(BP)—The chaplain's relationship to patients in the hospital was subject of a case study during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Hospital Chaplains' Association here.

The hospital chaplain can't see every patient admitted to the hospital, so how does he select those whom he should visit?

According to the discussion at the association's meeting, these are some of the factors in choosing those to visit:

- (1) Patients whose names are given the chaplain by doctors, nurses, or others on the hospital staff as needing spiritual counseling;

- (2) Patients who do not have a local pastor;

- (3) Patients who have emotional problems apparently inter-related to their physical illness;

- (4) Patients listed on the critical-illness bulletin issued each day (in cases where the patient cannot be seen, the chaplain often counsels with the patient's family);

- (5) Patients whom the chaplain has seen before, and who, in his opinion, should be re-visited.

E. A. (Gus) Verdery, chaplain of Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, was elected president. President-elect, who customarily becomes president next year, is J. Don Corley of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

D. A. Brabham of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, was elected vice-president and Charles D. McKnight of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, secretary.

Verdery succeeded Everett Barnard of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

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Ready For Christ's Return

TEXTS: Mark 13:1-37 (Larger)—Mark 13:1-7, 32-37 (Printed).

Two coming events are dealt with by Jesus in the printed text of our lesson. They are the destruction of Jerusalem and the second coming of our Lord. The discourse was delivered to the disciples on Tuesday afternoon of Passion Week. Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives as He spoke. The language was apocalyptic or of the nature of a revelation. Robertson writes concerning it as follows. "This great discourse has as its background the death of Christ. Further on as part punishment for this crime lies the destruction of Jerusalem. This catastrophe is itself a symbol of the end of the world and in one sense a coming of Christ in power and judgment. But Christ boldly predicts his own personal return to earth, though the time is not revealed. But he does exhort an expectant attitude toward the promises of his coming and readiness for his return which will be at an unexpected hour." The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. at the hands of the Roman general, Titus, is a matter of history. The end of the world, together with the return of Jesus to the earth, is a prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled. The same Person foretold about both of them in the same utterance. Why be ready for Christ's return? At

least three answers can be given in the light of the printed text.

HIS RETURN IS INEVITABLE

It cannot be avoided or escaped or shunned. It is bound to happen. He said He would return. "I will come again" (John 14:3). At His ascension, the two dressed in white promised that He would return. "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11b). Just as surely as Jerusalem was destroyed by Titus so will Jesus come back to earth. Let us remember the admonition given here, "Take heed lest any man deceive you." The Devil has seen to it that many good Christians have become so involved in trying to figure out the time of His return (an impossible accomplishment) so as to momentarily lose sight of its inevitability. Of one thing we may be sure, that old Deceiver does not want people to be ready for Christ's return. If he could have his way, neither the unsaved nor the saved would be prepared when Christ returns. The Christian is to be busy in witnessing (Acts 1:8). The unregenerated person must first of all prepare his heart and life by accepting Christ as his Saviour and Lord. For there will be no repenting, in terms of salvation and regeneration, after He returns.

HIS RETURN IS IMMANENT

The second coming of Jesus is inherent in His first coming. The world saw Him for the last time as He was hanging on a cross. He was dying the death of a criminal, although He was without sin within Himself. He came to institute a new, a divine, order of human society. It must start, first of all, within the heart of an individual. Jesus said that His kingdom would last forever and that it would ultimately absorb all other orders and kingdoms. This would be accomplished by spiritual means. If He does not return, there must be bitter delusion and shattering disappointment for those who follow Him. All that they have known of Him, in personal experience, ends in complete frustration and blackest darkness. The life of spiritual freedom, ever growing and expanding, suddenly comes to an end. And this is utterly unthinkable, to put it even mildly. The New Testament teaching is that each Christian should regard His return as immanent, also.

HIS RETURN IS IMPORTANT

It is important for every human being. Its importance for Jesus is glimpsed in its immanence, mentioned above. Jesus' return will usher in the judgment before which all human beings will stand. God's plan for humanity is a redemptive plan. His return will be its consummation. As has been observed, God has entered into human

Baptists Given Liberty To Preach To Soldiers

RICHMOND, Va., August 16, 1775—(BP)—In response to an appeal from Virginia Baptists. The Virginia Convention has sent an order to officers of troops fighting England for American independence to allow Baptist ministers to preach to the soldiers.

The order will allow Baptists and other "dissenting clergyman" to preach "from time to time as various operations of the military service may permit." The resolution was passed "for the ease of such scrupulous consciences as may not choose to attend divine service as celebrated by the chaplain" of the state church.

In their petition to the Virginia Convention the Baptists pointed out that many of their number already had enlisted and that many more were likely to follow. Because these Baptists wanted their ministers to preach and to minister to them during the campaigns, the Convention was asked to allow Baptist ministers Elijah Craig, Lewis Craig, Jeremiah Walker, and John Williams "to preach to the troops at convenient times without molestation or abuse."

As the Baptist pastors recommended for appointment to the troops "have a strong attachment to American Liberty" as well as soundness in principles on religion and usefulness in the work of the ministry, the Convention was invited to examine them thoroughly to prove their qualifications.

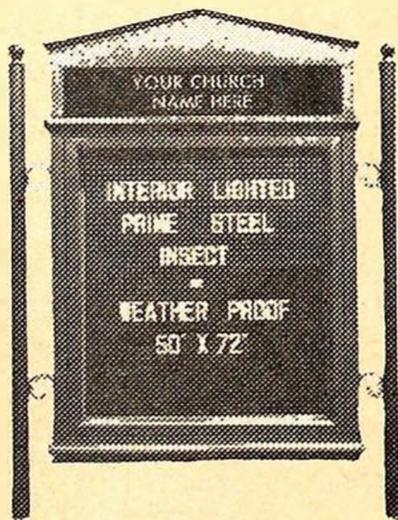
The petition explained that Baptist had carefully considered "what part might be most prudent for Baptists" in the revolution. It was agreed that "in some cases it is lawful to go to war" and that military resistance against Great Britain is justified because of their "unjust invasion, tyrannical oppression, and repeated hostilities against America." The petition added that the question of enlistment by Baptists was decided individually, however.

Baptists have been falsely accused of disloyalty because they threatened to take their appeal for freedom of worship to the king. The measure was to be only a last resort, however, after Baptists had exhausted every hope of just treatment from the colonies.

Now Baptists have thrown their full weight into the fight against England, hopeful that out of the struggle for civil liberties will come freedom of religion. Perhaps no other group in America as strongly supports the revolution today.

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affairs at two stages thus far, with a third yet to come: creation, incarnation and consummation.



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The Young South

Do you like to write letters? I wish I could hear your answer to that question. I imagine that several of today's readers are saying, "I like to get letters, but I sometimes have difficulty writing them. I can't think of interesting things to write."

Others who are reading today's column will be answering with a loud "Yes!" These are the boys and girls who have discovered that letters are like "talking on paper"—they do not worry about *what* to say but simply imagine that they are *talking* to the friend for whom the letter is intended. They tell of things that have happened; sometimes they ask or answer questions; often they write about something which is about to happen.

Letters are one way of sharing happy times. Boys and girls who are interested in the same things usually have no difficulty talking about those interests. If they play on ball teams, they like to tell of recent games and they enjoy reading about games. If they have hobbies, they like to learn how somebody else enjoys the same hobbies. Friends who live in different towns like to compare neighborhood activities, school activities, and so on. GA's or RA's like to tell of their meetings, of special plans, or of problems on which they need help.

The form which was printed here recently was one suggestion of information needed to help Young South readers make clear word pictures and choose pen pals from the letters they read in our column. I am glad many boys and girls found the letter form helpful—and I am especially glad that many friends have filled in the form or copied parts of it and sent me up-to-date word pictures of themselves!

From Margaret Mills, Box 174, Sneedville, Tenn.:

I have been wanting to write to you for some time. When I saw the letter form in a recent issue of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, I knew this was my opportunity. I have been wanting to write but did not know what kind of information to give.

I am 13 years old. My birthday is January 11. I have no brothers or sisters. I have a dog. Usually I also have a cat—but I don't have one at present.

My father is a dentist and my mother is a housewife.

My favorite leisure-time activities are listening to music and reading magazines.

I play the piano and the drum in our school band. My hobbies are writing letters, sewing, cooking, collecting records, and collecting photographs.

I attend the Sneedville School and am in the seventh grade. I am a Christian and attend Sneedville Baptist Church. In the GA I am working on my Princess Step.

I have two pen pals. One lives in Loudon, Tenn.; the other lives in Melbourne, Australia. I would like to have more pen pals. I hope I will get letters from both

boys and girls, ages 12-13 and in the sixth or seventh grades.

From Barbara Ann Holman, Route 4, Springfield, Tenn.:

I am 9 years old, will be 10 on June 11. I have never written to you before. I live on a farm with my mother and father, my brother Jerry and my sister Janice. My father is a farmer. My mother is an "assembly worker." I enjoy helping to keep the house clean. My hobby is watching TV.

I am in the fourth grade at Barren Plains School.

I am a Christian and attend Barren Plains Baptist Church, where I am also a member of the GA, the choir, and Sunday school and Training Union. I attend Wednesday evening prayer services too, but the GA and choir practice meetings are my favorites.

Sometimes our family travels together to visit Grandfather, and we have lots of fun.

I have no pen pals and would like to have some, especially 9-13 years of age.

From Mary Frances Blankenship, Flag Pond, Tenn.:

I have no pen pals yet, but would like to have many—any age. I am a member of Flag Pond Baptist Church. I also belong to the GA of which I am president. Our leader is Mrs. Victor Wallace. I am secretary and a Group Captain in my Training Union. I go to Erwin High School and am in the tenth grade. I promise to answer every letter I get, so I hope many Young South readers will write to me.

From Brenda Kaye Beck, 1825 Clemmer St., Cleveland, Tenn.:

I want to help you make an up-to-date picture of me. I am 14 years old. My birthday is January 6. I have written to you before.

My father works at a Sports Shop and my mother is a housewife. My favorite job at home is helping mother cook. The job which I find hardest to do cheerfully is washing dishes.

In my leisure time I like to watch TV, bake, write letters, collect important clippings, and play records.

I attend Maple Street Baptist Church and am a Christian.

I have ten pen pals and would like to have more—boys and girls. Thank you for sharing this note with Young South readers.

* * *

If you have not sent in your own up-to-date word picture, will you try to get a letter in the mail for me this week? Use the patterns in some of today's letters—or make your own pattern—but give enough information to make your word picture clear to someone who is waiting to meet you!

AUNT POLLY

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

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

One night, a hungry man awoke, and went to the kitchen for a midnight snack. Upon opening the refrigerator door he was surprised to see a cute little rabbit leaning on its elbow calmly smiling up at him.

"Howdo," said the rabbit.

"What on earth are you doing there?"

"This a Westinghouse, itn't it? asked the bunny.

"Why, yes."

"Well, I'm westing."

The accompanist had done his best to help the beginning soloist, but after an hour of practice, he was weakening.

"Mademoiselle," he said, shaking his head sadly, "we can't go like this. I give up. I play on the white keys. I play on the black keys. But you always sing in the cracks!"

A gentleman we know remarked to his maid one warm day last summer that it certainly looked as if the summer was going to be a scorcher. "These summers are getting hotter all the time," the maid replied. "It's been that way ever since they opened that Gulf Stream."

A Cockney was trying to make himself heard over the phone: "This is Mr. 'Arrison, No, 'Arrison . . . haitch, hay, two hars, a hi, a hess, a ho, and a hen . . . 'Arrison!"

Fisherman: "I tell you it was that long. I never saw such a fish."

Friend: "I believe you."

Financial Wizard: "Where in heaven's name does all that grocery money go that I give you?"

Wife: "Stand sidewise and look in the mirror."

"Im sorry that other engagements prevent my attending your charity concert, but I shall be with you in spirit."

"That's fine! Where would you like your spirit to sit? We have tickets for half a dollar, a dollar, and two dollars."

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Leadership Or Headship

In this article let me talk to the pastor. The question in my mind is: What type of leadership principles do you use in accomplishing your purpose with your church? Are you using principles which have been proven to be successful and useful or are you blundering through the best way you can? As the pastor of the church, I know you are vitally interested in leading your church to a progressive and effective program.

Leadership

Leadership has been defined in so many different ways that it seems rather useless to attempt to present another. However, there are some areas involved in principles of leadership which will define what we mean by leadership.

Leadership is always relative to a situation. If one is a leader of a group it means he is in relationship to that particular group at that particular time. One group will be different from another. A church will be different from a business. In fact, one church will be different from any other church. A pastor must be conscious of the situational factors involved at his particular place of service. He needs to be conscious also of the timeliness of his leadership effort. That is to say, there are favorable moments in which a new effort may be attempted. Other moments may be unfavorable and it would be unwise even to suggest a forward step.

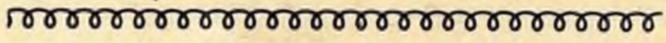
Leadership also has to do with a definite objective goal. A pastor who is perfectly satisfied for his church to move along from month to month without significant planned change is not the leader. He must have a definite goal in his own mind and he must be working toward this objective. Leadership involves an effort at a deliberate change and at planned progress. Good leadership always involves something in the nature of a challenge.

Leadership also involves a process of mutual stimulation. Leadership is not one person doing the work for a group. It does not conceive of the pastor doing the work of the church. Usually the pastor feels the stimulation of the people just about as much as the people feel a stimulation from the pastor.

These principles involved in good leadership automatically exclude such activities as



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business management, teaching and what we shall call headship. It means rather that a leader is one of the group who is helping to set the pace for the group.

Headship

The term headship has been used to imply a more authoritative type leadership. This type involves some degree at least of domination, authority and control.

Headship usually involves an organized system. This means that an institution is developed along traditional patterns and the process follows established customs. The leader then becomes the head of this organized system.

Headship implies that the leader is the one who arbitrarily chooses the goal for the group to achieve. Group participation in the choice of the goal is at a minimum. It is more authoritatively and independently made by the head.

Headship implies that we are dealing with an institution and not with an informal group.

Headship usually implies social distance between the head of the organization and the members. That is to say, the leader assumes a place of high prestige and maintains some bit of isolation from the members of the organization. The members look up to the head and are agreeable to accepting directions from him. The social distance frequently prevents two way communication between the head and the members.

The Pastor

The pastor sustains a rather unique relationship in relation to the above definition of terms. Officially he is the head of an organization, since he is the pastor of the church. On the other hand, unofficially, he is a leader working with and through the members of the group.

As pastor of the church he is automatically the head of an organization. In this position as the head of an organization, he naturally assumes the role of headship and

in some measure at least will direct his program from that viewpoint. There are some areas in which the pastor should have a measure of authority and control. A man must be very astute if he understands clearly the limits of this headship and stay within proper bounds.

From an unofficial standpoint, however, the pastor is the leader of the people who constitute the membership of his church. He works as the leader of small groups as deacons, committees, etc. In many of these areas he does not have the role of headship but only the influence and persuasiveness of his own personality and thought. Thus as an official leader of the group he must use his personality for the lifting of the level of the program of the church.

It must be recognized then that as these principles apply to the pastor of a Baptist Church, the idea of headship and the idea of leadership are not necessarily mutually exclusive. At one point in his ministry he may act as the head of an organization, whereas at another point, he is strictly an informal leader. In one particular area of the church he may be the leader; in another he may be the head.

It needs to be recognized then that a person may be the leader of a church and not be the head of the organization, or on the other hand, he may be the head of the organization and not be an effective leader.

A good example was the case in which one layman in a church was actually the leader of the church, and the people did mostly what this layman suggested they do. The pastor was the head of the organization but his personal influence was so small that he had little influence regarding the work of the church. The pastor was the head of the church but not the leader. The layman was the leader of the church but not the head.

Occasionally a man has been the pastor of the church but people lost confidence in his leadership and he continued as pastor but was no longer the actual leader of the congregation.

The particular point of difficulty here is probably the fact that the more the pastor depends upon authoritarian type domination, the less likely he is to be the official leader of his people. The tight rope he must walk is in continuing his influential position as an official member of the congregation, yet at the same time, continuing to hold the office as pastor of the church. Knowing when to use one technique and when the other is his particular dilemma.

The pastor who can continue as the official head of the organization but at the same time maintain his personal influence in the church is fortunate.

Each of us must be sensitive to this problem. Church members can help the pastor by a sympathetic understanding of the pastor's dilemma. The pastor can help by maintaining proper balance. After all, Christ is the head of the church and we are members of His body.