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WHAT WOULD GOD HAVE YOU DO WITH YOUR LIFE? On Life Commitment Sunday, April 9, in Southern Baptist churches, young people will be confronted with opportunities for service in church-related vocations.—BSSB Photo by Bob Churchwell.

# Jubilee Advance Group Plans Pulpit Exchange

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Baptist Jubilee Advance leaders here made plans for helping all the Baptists of North America know each other better.

Representatives of six major Baptist groups in the United States and Canada were present for their semi-annual session here. The group:

(1) Initiated plans to encourage pulpit exchanges between pastors and other leaders of the several conventions.

(2) Forwarded plans for a joint meeting of major U.S. Baptist Conventions in Atlantic City, May 22-24, 1964.

(3) Planned for church extension projects throughout the nation in 1962.

(4) Encouraged the reading of a biography of Adoniram Judson, the First Baptist missionary sent from North America.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance is a cooperative five year program by all North American Baptists, climaxing in 1964. This date marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the General Convention of the Baptist denomination in the United States for foreign missions.

The 1814 group, the first national organization of Baptists in America and known as the Triennial Convention, was formed to finance mission work by Judson in Burma. He had sailed in 1812 as a congregational missionary but accepted the Baptist faith on shipboard. He was thus left without support in Burma.

An editorial by E. S. James in the *Texas*

*Baptist Standard* prompted the motion by Albert McClellan of the Southern Baptist Convention that the jubilee committee encourage pulpit exchanges between pastors of the various conventions. J. K. Zeman of the Baptist Federation of Canada suggested that the plan be enlarged to include exchanges by professors in seminaries and young people in youth camps.

A special committee, yet to be named, is instructed to encourage pulpit exchanges immediately and to project a coordinated plan for exchanges on a broad scope the next few years. The committee will be named by Frank H. Woyke of the North American Baptist General Conference, Jubilee Committee chairman.



## ... Named Or Numbered Churches

● From a report of the Tennessee Baptist Convention of several years ago I read: "This committee shall be made up of members of the First Baptist Churches of the places listed below." It was an item that I did not enjoy reading. It has remained as a sharp pointed instrument of disquiet on my shelf of memories.

I became familiar with and recognized the importance of the phrase "by the numbers" in the army for the purpose of drill. Generally, the "numbers game" is distasteful to me in things spiritual if it suggests some higher plateau of prestige, some added degree of privilege or honor, per se.

Most of the years of my ministry have been in the service of "first" Baptist Churches. I think that I discovered in each of them some slight tinge of pride in being designated as a "first." I can say in kindness that that tinge was no help in inter-church relationships. Actually, it was a handicap.

I do not know what (un)psychological person began the custom of numbering rather than naming churches. I have no expectation that any of them will be (un)numbered and renamed (named). I do hope that of the thousands of new churches envisioned in the great expansion that each may have a name.

The only "first" church that I find in Scripture is: "the church of the first born" mentioned in Hebrews 12:23. All others either have a name or are in a place. Not one is "by the number". From now on I fervently trust that the naming not the numbering of the baby will be the order for the new churches.—Joel H. Ponder, Morristown, Tenn.

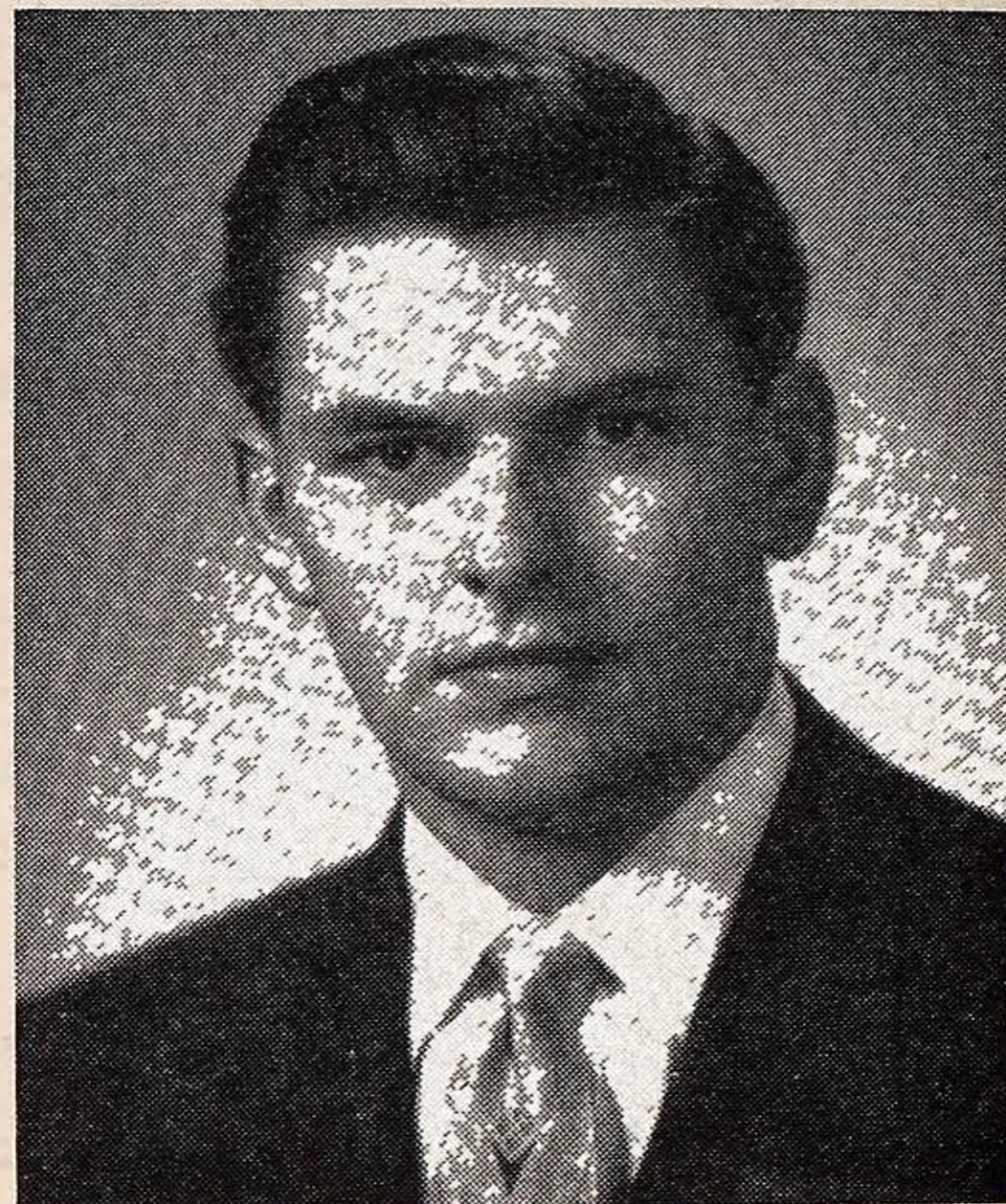
## ... Favor Opening To All Regardless Of Color

● The Chilhowee Baptist Pastors' Conference met in regular meeting on February 27, 1961 and after prayerful consideration approved the following resolution to be sent to the presidents of our four Baptist schools and the chairmen of the Boards of Trustees, the directors of our three Baptist Hospitals, and the chairmen of the Boards of Trustees, the State Baptist Paper, and the local newspapers in Maryville and Knoxville, Tennessee.

"Be it resolved that the Pastors' Conference of the Chilhowee Baptist Association go on record as being in favor of opening the doors of all our Baptist Schools and Hospitals in the State of Tennessee to all qualified people without regard to race, creed or color."—Chilhowee Baptist Pastors' Conference, Rev. J. W. Hopper, Recording Secretary

Devotional

## It Takes An Effort



Gene Turner  
Orlinda, Tennessee

We have all known something of the joys of life, its quick loveliness, its deep satisfactions. God has made it so. But we also know that life is a struggle. Salvation, life's sweetest joy, was not earned by struggle, but leads to it. Effort is essential both to personal spiritual growth, and representing Christ to others. The joyous gift of grace involves us in the struggle to overcome all obstacles barring our accomplishment of the will of God.

Jesus said, "You must struggle on to get in through the narrow door, for I tell you, many will try to get in, but will not succeed . . ." (Luke 13:24, Williams)

It takes real effort and determination to grow; real discipline to strive victoriously in God's war against evil. A casual approach to Christianity will never produce radiant Christian living.

We must strive, however, not simply for personal improvement, but for usefulness in helping others. We must learn to conquer in order to help others conquer.

Hear a parable. The grandfather wakes amid cries and the smell of smoke. Quickly sizing up the situation, he manages to escape by use of small strength and considerable knowledge. On the porch he breathes a sigh of relief at seeing the family safe. Then a small quavering voice cries from within, "Gran-daddy, I'm afraid." He doesn't stand there congratulating himself on having escaped. He goes back into the perilous conflagration. His ability to cope with danger must be used for a frightened little boy.

Our world is like a house on fire, and humanity a frightened little boy. We must struggle to get through the narrow door—and not forget those who, without our help will struggle in vain.



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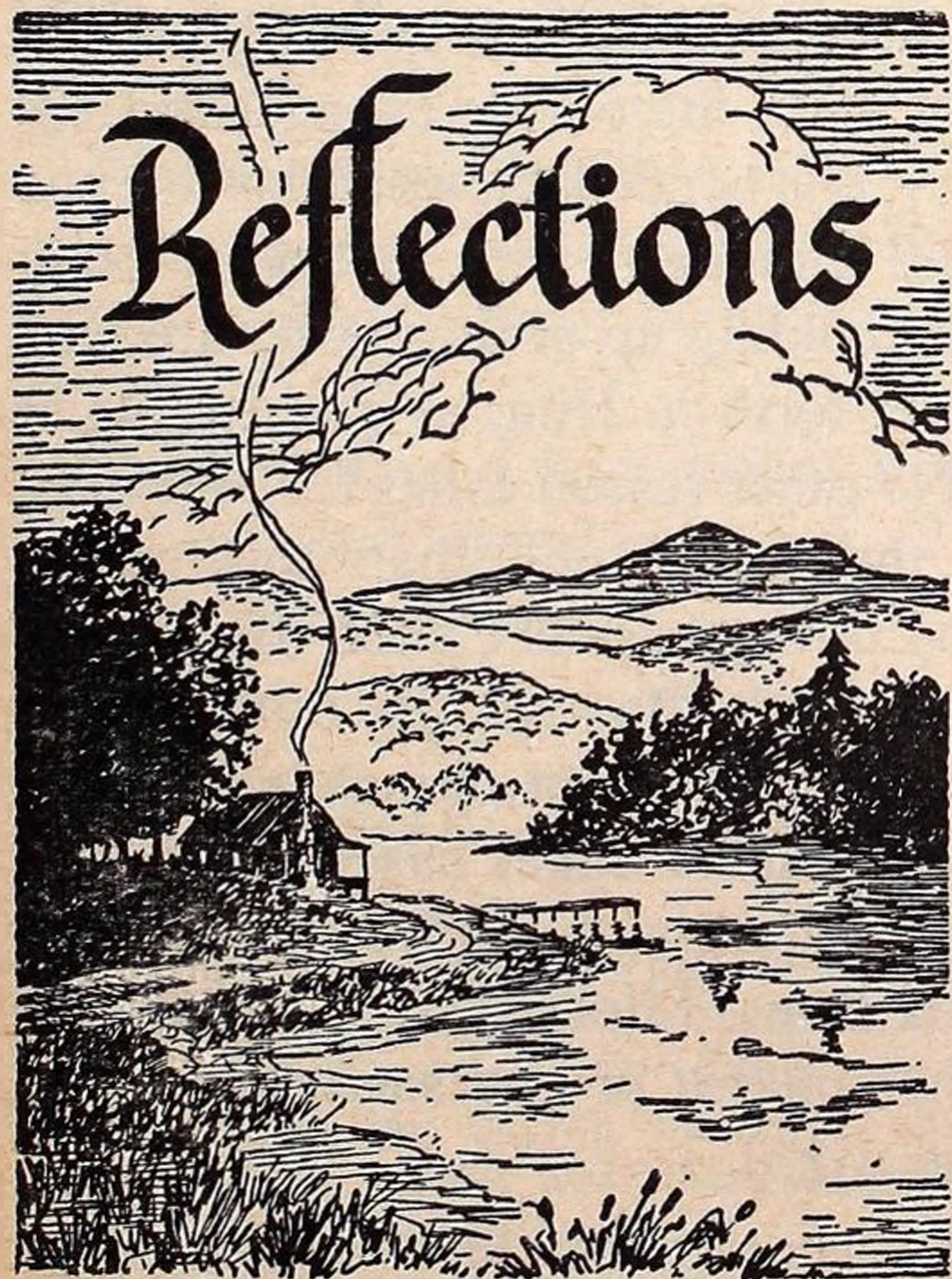
## Fights Tobacco Use

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—(BP)—A prominent Christian doctor here has joined with three other persons to educate young people about the health dangers from smoking tobacco.

Dr. Perry A. Sperber, a deacon in First Baptist Church, is a specialist in allergies and skin diseases. He feels tobacco is the cause of an increasing number of cases of lung and throat cancer.

The others on the team with him are also local residents, Mrs. Lorimer Coons, Miss Irene Schwarzbeck, and William A. Tyler. Miss Schwarzbeck is the teen-age member of the group and its moderator when it appears before groups of young people.

The team decided to direct its appeal to young people from junior high school age through college age, an age where for many tobacco smoking begins.



A code for the use of television in the home has recently been published in six British newspapers. . . The highlights of the code are: (1) Children should not watch TV more than 2 hours a day. (2) Horror programs should be forbidden at any age. (3) The idea should not be promoted that all members of a family have equal rights to watch all programs. Children should be taught that some programs are for adults. (4) No TV during meal time. (5) Parents should agree beforehand on programs they consider suitable for their children. (6) Parents and teachers should protest objectionable programs and commend producers on worthwhile ones. (7) Parents should demand program times for children that respect the order of family life and are shown before normal bedtime hours.—*These Times*.

## Declare Church-State Separation Best

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Separation of church and state is best both for education and religion, declared a Baptist group here.

The Baptist Joint Committee on public affairs in semi-annual session made a pronouncement on fringe benefits for aid to education in harmony with previously established Baptist positions on religious liberty. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director of the committee.

The firm position of the Kennedy administration for Separation of Church and State and the efforts of the Roman Catholic bishops for Federal Aid for parochial schools gave rise to the necessity for the Baptist pronouncement.

In its pronouncement the Baptist committee defended the public school system and condemned the welfare philosophy of education that is being advanced as the basis

for tax aid to religious schools.

"The public schools were never designed . . . as pauper relief, nor as 'child welfare aid,'" the committee said. "The original vision of an informed people who can think for themselves is still a valid basis of democracy and freedom."

The committee denied that the G.I. Bill giving government grants to returning military personnel for further education is a proper constitutional precedent to give grants for parochial school pupils.

"We hope," said the committee, "that the application of the welfare concept of 'aid to the person' would be judged as unconstitutional by the administration, by the law makers, and by the courts, as a device for distributing public educational funds."

The committee made a clear distinction between loans to church institutions that are only banking operations and loans that are clearly "aid" to religion. The pronouncement called upon congress to settle the question of loans on the basis of the desirable extent of the government's participation in the banking business.

"Churches and church operated institutions can be free only if they carry forward their programs on the basis of their own concern," the committee pointed out. This warning was issued in the face of many proposals for the government to aid church institutions indirectly through the means of tax deductions and credits.

"Historically, a spiritual powerlessness has come upon churches when they have become tools for the use of public policy or government," the committee cautioned.

The committee further pointed out a "strange inconsistency" in the recent plea of the Roman Catholic bishops for aid to their schools.

"Having stated their viewpoint regarding aid to the person for Roman Catholic parochial students, they used this premise as grounds for asking institutional loans. This self-contradiction indicates that they are really aiming not at bona fide 'loans' but at credit relations which involve immediate or future 'aid.'"

## Plans Concerning Next State Convention Announced

Arrangements concerning the Tennessee Baptist Convention have been announced by the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, Rev. J. Ralph McIntyre of Chattanooga. The Convention will meet at First Church, Memphis Nov. 14-16, beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday and closing at noon on Thursday.

In a statment made to the *Baptist and Reflector* Mr. McIntyre announced:

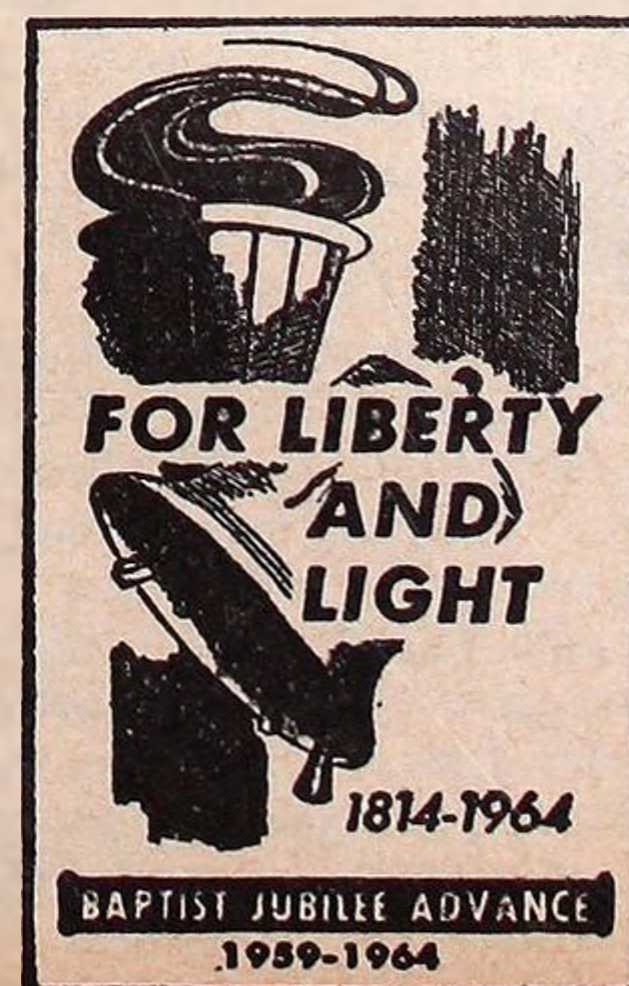
"The State Convention will meet with the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Nov. 14, 15, and 16 with the first session starting promptly at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday morning, Nov. 14, and closing seven sessions later at noon Thursday afternoon, Nov. 16.

"Thomas P. Lane, Minister of Music of the Bellevue Church, Memphis will serve as Director of Convention Music.

"The Arrangements Committee announces that each of the seven sessions will feature ample time for devotionals, reports, miscellaneous business and close with an inspirational message."

"Arrangements Committee has appointed Don Morrie, Educational Director of Seventh Street Church, Memphis (724 No. Dunlap) as co-ordinator of all alumni meetings during the convention. The presidents of all state alumni groups (seminaries and colleges) are asked to get in touch with Mr. Morrie before scheduling times and places of meetings to avoid conflicts. It is suggested that all seminary alumni groups have breakfast meetings Wednesday, Nov. 15, and college alumni groups meet for luncheons that day.

"Mr. C. L. Parchman, deacon of the Bellevue Church, will serve as chairman of the local Transportation Committee.



# Editorially .....

## Your Trustees

Your Tennessee Baptist institutions are owned by the State Convention. The Convention of itself, however, does not directly manage the affairs of its four schools, four children homes, three hospitals, and foundation. These are operated by Boards of Trustees. These trustees you select. This you do annually through your State Convention. What the local church cannot do alone it cooperates with other churches through the channel of the Convention to effect, this is why we have our Conventions and our institutions.

Trustees have broad discretionary powers. They are in places of leadership to determine policies. They lay down lines for guiding within which the administrative heads of the institutions operate the affairs of the institutions day by day. Thus, details of management are left to executives and their staff officers while policies are shaped by the elected body of trustees who in turn are responsible to the Convention.

The Convention, however, is the creature of the affiliated churches. The Convention does not control the

churches but is controlled by the appointive messengers from the churches.

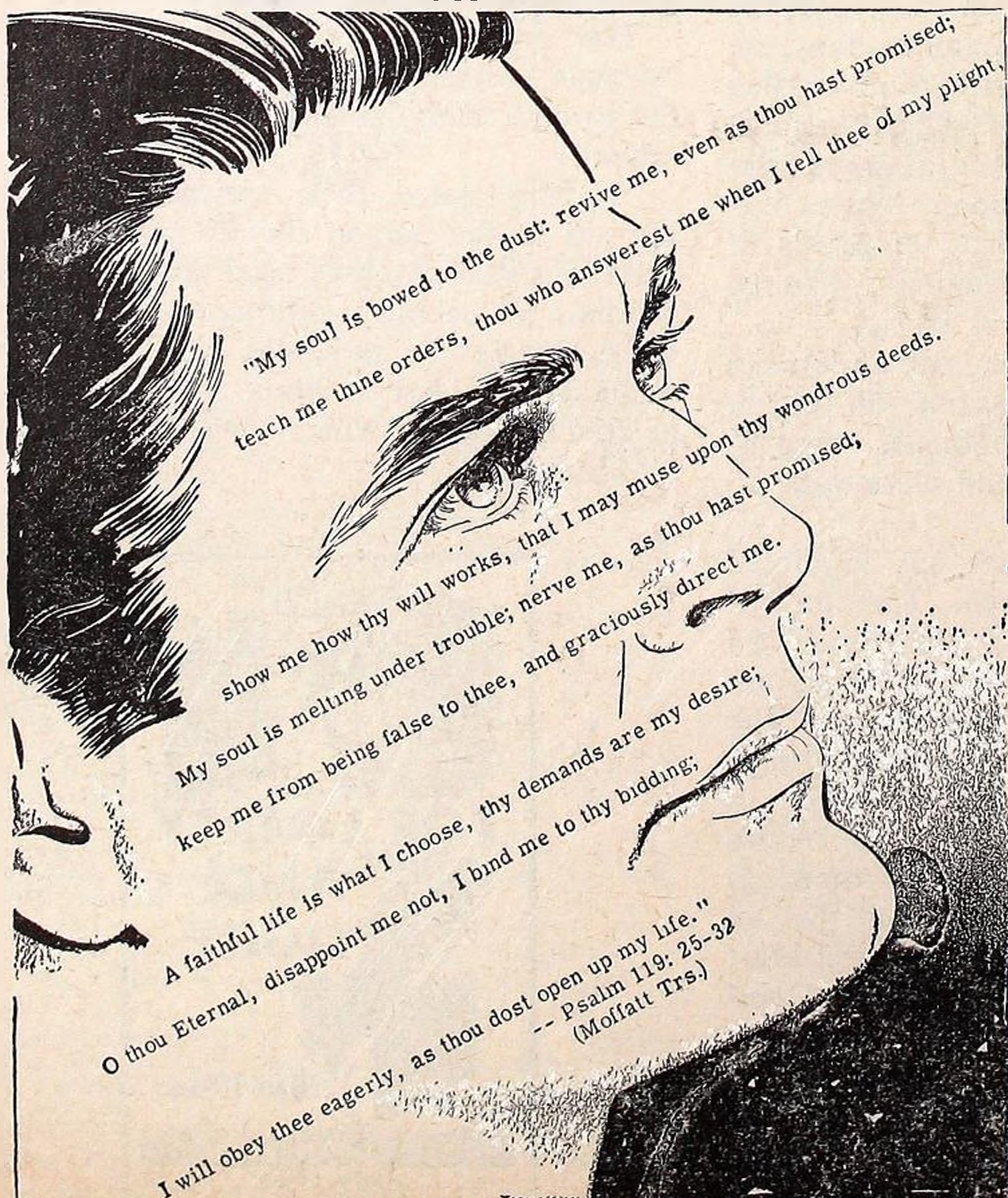
Such briefly is how our Baptist democracy operates. There are no edicts or mandates supposedly handed down from some ecclesiastical superiors. In fact, there are no higher or lower levels of authority among Baptists. The only human authority is that of an informed spiritual democracy. This democracy is called upon to maintain the fellowship of the spirit. This fellowship to be effective in worship, in witnessing, and working depends upon knowledge. It is empowered through love.

The purpose of the Convention is to bring men to God through Jesus Christ. State-wide evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent work has this one objective in view: the winning of men to God through Jesus Christ and the building up of those who are won in the faith that is set forth in Him, as given to us in the Word of God. No other reason exists for any work to be fostered by the Convention than this, which serves to glorify God through Jesus Christ. Baptists in Tennessee cooperate with Baptists in other states through the Southern Baptist Convention (practically every state now in the United States has work in it of the Southern Baptist Convention). This they do to promote Foreign and Home Missions, theological education, and the other phases of our southwide work reaching around the world.

A large group of trustees from our Tennessee Baptist institutions met recently in Nashville. They spent three hours on Friday evening and three hours on Saturday morning thinking and praying together through the matter of how they can best fulfill the trust placed in them. These are dedicated men and women. They sincerely want to honor the Lord in what they do. In our opinion, as we met with them and observed their discussion, there is no finer group among Tennessee Baptists, than these who have been elected as trustees of our schools, hospitals, children's homes, and foundation.

Two great problems took much of their thought. One is the critical issue of tax-support for private and religious institutions. We are faced with a noose around our neck. We can only expand our Baptist hospital facilities through voluntary gifts while Catho-

### Meditation In The Psalms



lics and some others multiply their facilities with the aid of federal funds. You can note what has happened in the past fifteen years. Looking ahead you are disturbed by the effect of federal aid on hospital construction. There should be separation of Church and State so the government does not directly or indirectly promote nor aid the expansion of any religion through public moneys.

If the Catholic hierarchy breaks down the door of the US treasury against which it is hammering at the present time and secures funds for its schools also, Baptists will be saddled with paying for the instruction of children in a faith they cannot approve. At the same time Baptists will be desperately trying to save their own voluntarily-supported schools from being forced to close their doors. Our people should be alert to the peril confronting their work in measures being pushed in Congress today to give federal funds to parochial schools.

We must save our public schools. These alone ought to be supported by tax money. But we must save religious schools from being destroyed through tax money.

Trustees have a tremendous responsibility in these times of great social upheaval. They have to learn

accurately and fully all that is involved in the social changes. They must ever keep in mind the reason for being of their institution. Also its relation to the total kingdom progress as well as to the local church. Baptists must make no defense of discrimination. God is no respecter of persons. Trustees of Baptist institutions today will have to have sound judgment to determine what changes ought to be made, and when. Some voices clamor for change ahead of time. Others, behind the times, bewail all change. It is not easily understood how to meet a vastly changing era and make the changes serve spiritual and eternal purposes.

We cannot retreat today to a comfortable, undisturbed status quo. It doesn't exist. In fact, it never has, except in wishful thinking. We have problems we must live with. We must face the fact that racial prejudice, wherever it is, is wrong. This is the clear teaching of the Word of God. We must also face the fact that opening the doors of our institutions to anybody and everybody is of itself no guaranteed end to prejudice. Each one of us in his own heart must seek the grace of God to be free of all forms of discrimination and all attitudes which hinder or hurt, in any wise, any other person from the fullest expression of his God-given life.

## *What Do You Mean "Concern"?*

A. V. Washburn

Christians are beginning to ask themselves many searching questions these days. We look around us and see large church memberships, imposing church buildings, expansive church budgets, and other evidences of prosperity in the churches.

We look further and see the exploding population of our land, which continues to outstrip the outreach and ministry of our churches. We see crime continue to extend its blighting influences. We see continued international unrest and anxiety. We are reminded again and again of the desperate need of mankind for the message of salvation committed to our churches. We wonder why, in the face of this need, in the light of the clear commands of Christ, and in the assurance of his continuing, empowering spirit, we do not extend our ministry farther and faster.

We stand face to face with the threat of a slowing rate of growth in Sunday school enrolment, in Training Union membership, in baptisms, in giving, and in practically every other measurable phase of our stock. Our Southern Baptist churches, as well as all churches, need to take stock, assess our strengths and weaknesses, evaluate our efforts, and come to terms with our divinely

assigned tasks.

Do we not need a special kind of revival in the hearts of our church members? Do we not need a depth of understanding of the mission of our churches? Do we not need a rebirth of a sense of concern in our hearts for people? Mark records an experience in the life of Jesus which must become the experience of more Christians everywhere: "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things" (Mark 6:34).

Too often, our churches have conceived of their task in an inadequate way. Nowhere is this problem better stated than by Dr. Smartt in his book *The Teaching Church*. He tells the story of some of the new branches of churches which were opened up in our great Northwest. Many of the members did not like the idea of being called a mission. They felt that this was some way derogatory. Dr. Smartt points out the fact that every church should be honored to be considered a mission. Actually, that is

exactly what a church is—a mission. We are an organized mission to fulfil the divine assignment of Christ in the world.

The Sunday school program for our denomination seeks to highlight the responsibility of outreach for the unreached. It is more than a theme or a phrase; it is concept, a dedication, a philosophy of approach to the task of a church. What does outreach for the unreached say to us? It says that Bible study is basic for Baptist advance in evangelism, missions, stewardship, and membership training. All good Sunday school work builds a solid foundation for the entire church program.

Church members who are enrolled in Sunday school account for approximately 90 per cent of the church budget and for the vast majority of the baptisms from year to year. Church members not enrolled in Sunday school contribute only about 10 per cent of the budget and win few people to Christ. And few of these church members not enrolled in Sunday school are in preaching services, Training Union, WMU or Brotherhood, or any other developmental or Christian service activities.

Before outreach for the unreached becomes fully articulate and effective, some deep soul-searching will be necessary. The place we must begin is with our own attitudes toward our task and opportunity.

Concern must be genuine in our hearts.  
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# Tennessee Topics

Sam Parks accepted a call to Second Church, Millington, and preached his first sermon there March 12. He came to Millington from Tunica, Miss., where he pastored Flagg Lake Church, Sarah Church and the Little Texas Church. Parks served in Mississippi six years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parks, Sr. of Capleville. The minister and his family moved into the church parsonage on Shelby Drive.

Miss Shirley Bradley is the new church secretary at Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga. She was formerly a member of Clifton Hill Church before moving her membership to Ridgedale.

New pastors have been recently welcomed in Big Hatchie Association: Rev. Lowell Hock, Rt. 1 Ripley, at Walnut Grove Church; Rev. W. W. Bunyard at Mason, Rev. Jack Naylor at Charleston; Rev. Coolidge Coley, new pastor for the Choctaw Indians, who are soon to constitute their church. They are meeting temporarily in the pastor's home four miles below Golddust on the banks of the Mississippi. Four fellow pastors, brethren Rains, Morris, Stinson and Landrum, shared in painting the largest room in the home for Bro. Coley two days after he arrived for his work with the Indians. The Association's missions committee is looking into the matter of a building site for the Choctaw Indian Church.



**INSTITUTE PLANNING**—Chaplain Charles D. McKnight, left, of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, and Dr. E. A. Verdery, Chaplain of Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, make plans for the second annual Institute of Health and Religion to be April 3, in Memphis. Dr. Verdery is principal speaker for the day-long institute designed for both pastors and physicians.

## Rev. J. H. Oakley Dies

Rev. James H. Oakley, a Baptist minister for more than 50 years and former pastor at three Memphis churches, died March 10 at his home at 675 North Perkins. He was 78.

Services were held March 12 at National Funeral Home with burial in Memorial Park, Memphis.

A native of Commerce, Tenn., he attended Union University and served as pastor at Bolivar Church.

Before moving to Memphis in 1920, Oakley was pastor at churches in Somerville, and Jackson. From 1920 to 1929 he was pastor of Prescott Memorial Church.

He left Memphis in 1929 to become pastor of First Church, McKenzie. He returned to Memphis six years later as pastor of Berclair Church, a position he held nine years.

Rev. Oakley's last pastorship was a Egypt Church in Shelby County. He retired in 1957 after serving as pastor there 12 years.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Sarah Oakley; a daughter, Miss Evelyn Oakley of the North Perkins address; a son, James H. Oakley, Jr., and a grandson.

The new pastor of Theta Church in Maury Association is Malcom Shouse.

## Gallatin Road Church To Build Sanctuary

Gallatin Road Church, Nashville, plans to begin construction if possible April 15, its 10th anniversary, of a new sanctuary seating 1,000.

The project including conversion of present sanctuary to educational use is estimated to cost between \$225,000 and \$250,000. The church hopes to finance this project without going into a bond drive according to James Dearing, general chairman of the building committee.

This church which was constituted April 15, 1951, with some 70 members now has a membership of more than 750. The church has the *Baptist and Reflector* in the budget. Two morning services have been necessary each Sunday to take care of the congregation. Rev. W. W. Harrison, pastor, is the only pastor the church has had. Donnie Adams is minister of music, George Huddleston is superintendent of the Sunday school, Henry Turner, director of the Training Union, Mrs. Robert C. Schutt, president of the WMS, R. G. Weiler, Brotherhood president, and Lloyd Pate is chairman of deacons.

## Interest Grows In Work With Deaf

A little more than a year ago a Sunday school class for the deaf was organized at Central Church, Oak Ridge, by Don England. Don had been a life guard at the Oak Ridge swimming pool and had become acquainted with several of the deaf people in Oak Ridge.

Interest in this group soon began to grow and in a short time the enrolment climbed to 15. As the group grew in number additional church activities were added to this program until now you will find deaf people attending any regular church activity.

Worship services on Sunday and Wednesday are interpreted for the deaf, separate Sunday school classes for the children and adults are provided, and Baptist Training Union each Sunday evening is a regular activity, as well as various social gatherings.



Ed Davis (left) and Don England (right) are shown above teaching Rev. Kenneth B. Combs some of the signs used in teaching the deaf at Central Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Those in the church interested in the beautiful and fascinating language of the signs come each Sunday afternoon at 4:15 for instruction. This class is open to the public.

The present staff is made up of Ed Davis, Don England and Mrs. Betty Ellis.

Future plans will include reaching into neighboring counties and deaf people are invited to attend all activities regardless of church affiliation. Several churches of Oak Ridge are represented in this group.

## Ex-Nashvillian Book Author

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BSSB)—An ex-Nashvillian is the author of the 1961 Southern Baptist Foreign Mission book for young people.

"Your Guide to Europe," to be released by Convention Press, Nashville, May 1, was written by Rosalind Allen Barker. Mrs. Barker is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clifton J. Allen of Nashville, and lived most of her life here. Dr. Allen is editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mrs. Barker is a graduate student at Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

The book takes readers on a tour of the continent of Europe with young Baptist Europeans and missionaries as guides. Returning home, Southern Baptist youth are urged to stand up and be counted as Christians.

## Life Commitment Sunday

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BSSB)—Life Commitment Sunday will be observed in Southern Baptist Churches Sunday, April 9.

This special day has been established by the convention as a special occasion for churches to "call out the called," Lloyd Householder, counselor, Church-Related Vocations at the Baptist Sunday School Board, said.

He pointed out the need for the observance of such a day has been highlighted by a recent study revealing that only one-fifth of the young people who commit their lives to church or denominational service do so in their home churches. Most such decisions are made at camps and assemblies.

"During the past year, Southern Baptist seminaries have evidenced decreased enrollments," Householder said.

"Church related vocation volunteers in our colleges have diminished. Fewer persons were ordained. Thus, pastors and church members must help young people to understand God's call and respond to it as never before," he urged.

Householder pointed out that "1961 is a significant year in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The emphasis on stewardship and enlistment gives impetus to the need for total life commitment, and subsequent response to God's call."

R. C. Walker of Oral Community, Route 2, Lenoir City, has been extended a call from South Harriaman Church to become pastor of its Woody Street Mission. Dedication services was held Feb. 19 at Woody Street Mission and E. H. Howard, associational missionary, delivered the dedication message. The first Sunday school and worship service was held Feb. 26.



Carlos Owens, Southern Baptist Missionary to Tanganyika, will be the featured speaker at our Royal Ambassador Congress in Maryville, Tennessee, March 31-April 1. David Hoy will not be able to attend.



MEMPHIS—Mayor Henry Loeb (right) is being welcomed to Central Avenue's new \$150,000 Activities Building by Dr. George Stewart, pastor, before dedication ceremonies. The Memphis mayor cut the white satin ribbon to mark the official opening of the structure which houses a full-size collegiate basketball court. Located next door to the church at 3084 Southern, the building also has four bowling lanes, a stage for play production, a lounge, youth counseling room, skating facilities and an office for the new minister of activities, Sam Haskins.

*Dyer Association*—Lenox has called C. L. Garrison as pastor. He was formerly at Mary's Chapel Church. Talmage Kelly is the new pastor of Parrish Chapel which has gone to full-time. He is a student at Union. Beech Grove has gone full-time under the leadership of Max Cannon.

A note received in BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR office March 14 stated: A revival is now in progress at Oral Church, Lenoir City. Homer A. Cate of Immanuel Church, Knoxville, has been the evangelist and the week he preached there were 14 professions of faith, eight of whom came for baptism; also five additions by letter and 19 rededications. The revival will continue with the pastor, Gilbert Adams, bringing the messages since Brother Cate could not continue with us.

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## Youth Week

*"Whose son is this youth" 1 Samuel 17:55*

Let's challenge all our sons—and daughters through YOUTH WEEK the first week in April or some other convenient time. As young people carry the responsibilities of all the official positions of church life, they get first-hand understanding of the work and thought and planning that goes into the operation of their church. With this understanding comes increased appreciation and cooperation. This is a laboratory project in which they learn to do by doing.

Youth Week is suggested for the week of April 2-9. Thus the first youth-led worship service is the evening service on Easter Sunday. It is valuable for churches of an association to hold Youth Week simultaneously and make reports at Associational Youth Night on April 8. But churches frequently find some other week suits their calendar better. Some churches find summer a good time. Some churches have already observed Youth Week this year. Whenever churches plan Youth Week they find it is a blessing to their church and they continue the observance yearly.

These churches have reported this:

Mrs. T. E. Craper of Greenway Baptist Church, Knoxville, writes: "We had the best Youth Week ever. Our morning service was conducted by a fine future preacher. Our young people and intermediates had various offices and we had a young people's choir."

Herbert Wice of Leadvale Baptist Church, White Pine, writes: "We feel that Youth Week is very essential to our young people and our church. We value this program very highly because we realize the youth play a very important part in the churches of today."

These are typical of the reports that come in yearly from about 400 of our Tennessee churches. Will your church be among those to give the youth this opportunity this year? Write your State office, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, for descriptive materials.

Pictured below is a group of Young People who participated in Youth Week in the Westside Baptist Church, Madisonville.



## Adult Teaching Methods Change

Adult education methods in the secular field have influenced our methods of teaching adults in Sunday School, faculty members of the Adult Institute recently held at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, agreed.

John Sisemore said that while there has been no noticeable change in Baptist Sunday school curriculum or organization, the recent trends in adult education have brought about a change in our teaching methods.

Sisemore, superintendent of adult work in the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, said, "The greatest trend in adult work today is toward informal

teaching and involving the pupils themselves in Bible study. Teaching is viewed as guiding learners while they discover truth, making the pupils part of a learning team, not just listening members."

Ray Rozell of Fort Worth, author of Rozell's Commentary, also commented on the new trend in teaching methods for adults. He said, "There is a movement from the mere 'sit still while I instill' or lecture approach to activity-principle teaching, the idea that this information is a tool which I (as a teacher) will use to bring about changes in character. Our teaching has become pupil centered instead of material centered. We have not abandoned the Bible; we are using it for the specific purpose of changing the pupil in the direction of the likeness of Christ."

Rozell, who teaches a class of men himself and is author of "Talks on Sunday School Teaching," "The Sunday School Teacher as Counselor," and other teaching helps, mentioned class discussions, and question and answer period as examples of learning activities. He said his class members sit in a circle and he sits with them, whereas a few years ago all adult Sunday school teachers stood at the front of the room and lectured.

Not only is the teacher's role changing, but according to C. Winfield Rich, pastor's associate at Temple Church, Memphis, the role of the adult department superintendent is also changing. Rich, who led workshops for superintendents during the Institute, said, "The adult superintendent is more than a 'glad hand-shaker' and a delegator of responsibility. He must become a teacher of teachers, leader of leaders and builder of builders. The leadership of the adult superintendent is paramount in the growth of attendance and in the improvement of work within a department."

According to Lacy Freeman, superintendent of adult work, state Sunday School Department, about 350 people registered for the March 1-3 meeting. This was the sixth Adult Institute held in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sisemore told those attending, "About 80% of all our Sunday school prospects are adults. We have 40 prospects for every adult now enrolled in a Southern Baptist Sunday school." Sisemore said the Institutes were begun in 1959 to help focus attention on the large number of adults not in Bible study in any church.

Program stressed new techniques of Bible study, better understanding of adult learners, better use of class organization and studies in the field of motivation. Underlying the program was the feeling expressed by Rich,

## At Congress In Maryville



Cecil McGee, recreation-drama consultant, Church Recreation Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, will be in charge of the dedication service at the Royal Ambassador Congress in Maryville, March 31, 1961.

McGee, a native of Oklahoma, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He did six months of graduate study in Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and taught English and Speech in Oklahoma schools before entering religious work. He served for three years in over-seas duty in the Pacific area during World War II.

Before coming to the Sunday School Board, April 1, 1956, McGee did education and youth work in churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, and Illinois.

McGee has written numerous articles on recreation and youth work, which have appeared in Southern Baptist publications. His most recent contribution is a pamphlet, "Church Drama" and a recreation song book, "Songs For Fun and Fellowship."

# 18 New Missionaries Bring Total To 1,491

In its March meeting the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 18 new missionaries, the first of 160 expected this year. They bring the number of active missionaries to 1,491.

The new missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are: E. Preston Bennett and Audie Ercanbrack Bennett, both of Texas, appointed for Japan; Robert S. Franks, Oklahoma, and Sallie Dollins Franks, Arkansas, for Mexico; James C. Muse, Jr., and Patsy Slabaugh Muse, both of Oklahoma, for Ecuador; Marshall E. Phillips and Dorsie Murphy Phillips, both of Kentucky, for East Africa.

Also, Murray C. Smith and Dixie Sills Smith, both of Louisiana, for Uruguay; Paul S. C. Smith, Mississippi, and Virginia Walker Smith, Missouri, for Jordan; J. William Trimble and Vivian Paulk Trimble, both of Louisiana, for Lebanon; Kenneth R. Wolfe, Kansas, and Glenda Burke Wolfe, Missouri, for South Brazil; and Jack N. Young, Missouri, and Jean DeVore Young, Texas, for South Brazil.

## *Lottie Moon Offering* \$6,367,731 on March 9

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, announced that the amount of money received from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering stood, as of March 9, at \$6,367,731. This is \$360,577 more than the amount of the offering on the same date last year. It is too early to estimate the full amount of the offering as the books will remain open until May 1. Dr. Cauthen said that at the April meeting of the Board recommendations will be made for appropriation of all the money which will have been received up to that time.

"It is impossible to state the gratitude with which this money is received at the Foreign Mission Board," Dr. Cauthen said. "Without it mission work across the world would be greatly reduced. We are dependent upon this money for \$3,000,000 of the operating budget of the Foreign Mission Board for 1961. We are also dependent upon it for most of the money that will be used to construct buildings across the world—churches, missionary residences, schools, theological seminaries, hospitals, and others."

"A church should do more for children and youth; and the way to do this is to do more for adults today."

According to Jesse Daniel, secretary of the state Sunday School Department, the Institute was jointly sponsored by the Sunday School Departments of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Sunday School Board; and the Nashville Baptist Association.

## *Caribbean Survey Planned*

Dr. Frank K. Means, Latin-American secretary, outlined plans for a three-week survey of the Caribbean area which will be conducted the last of March and first of April to bring up to date information on evangelical work and opportunities in the area and to find ways to expand Southern Baptists' outreach and witness there.

Dr. Means and Rev. Charles W. Bryan, field representatives for that section of Latin America, will begin the survey on March 17; Dr. Cauthen will join them a few days later. They will visit the Bahams, Jamaica, Haiti, and Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, islands in the Leeward and Windward groups (including part of the French West Indies), Trinidad, British Guiana, and Bermuda, though the latter is

not in the Caribbean area.

Because of the unique relationship of Puerto Rico to the United States and the resulting growing feeling that the Home Mission Board should take responsibility for any Southern Baptist undertaking there, Dr. Courts Redford, its executive secretary-treasurer, will accompany the Foreign Board representatives on their visit to that island.

## *Europeans Enthusiastic*

"Across Southern Europe I sensed a cautious optimism that Baptists may stand on the verge of a new era of opportunity," Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said in his report airmailed to the Board shortly after he reached Italy on his current month-long visit to Europe and the Near East. He is conferring with missionaries and national Baptist leaders on plans for strengthening established work and beginning new projects.



**EASTER GIRL**—Paula Webber (left with braces on leg) is the 1961 choice for the national Easter Seal picture display, along with her twin, Patricia, who is not crippled. The National Society for Crippled Children has provided treatment for Paula. Patricia encourages her twin sister every step of the way, even taking treatments with her. The 8-year-old girls, shown here with other members of the Webber family, are being greeted at the church door by their pastor, Knox Lambert of Grace Baptist Church, Sumter, S. C. Their father, an Air Force captain, is stationed at Sumter. The twins sing in the junior choir and take part in other church activities. (BP) Photo.

# Consider The Nursery Work In Your Church

March is suggested as Nursery emphasis month in the Sunday school calendar of activities. It is a good time to take a look at the provision being made in your church for those of the youngest age-group—birth through three years of age. Is it adequate? Are you happy with the results? In what areas are improvements needed? Let this be an appraisal of the quality of your Nursery work as you consider the following three questions:

## IS NURSERY WORK IMPORTANT

A conviction as to the worth of a program is a necessary first step and an important motivating factor in making worthy provision in any field. A vision of the value of Nursery work is an important prelude to the actual provision for this important age-group.

It is the privilege of a worker with Nursery children to help lay the right foundation for spiritual growth. The over-all purpose of Nursery departments, "To help each child feel comfortable and happy, loved and wanted, secure and unhurried" seeks to lay important ground-work in shaping the child's feelings about God, Jesus, the Bible, church, other and self.

Are the attitudes formed during Nursery years important? Can we help the child develop desirable attitudes toward God, Jesus, the church, the Bible, himself, and others at this early age? Yes? Then, Nursery work is important.

## CAN WE TEACH NURSERY CHILDREN?

Yes, even the tiniest baby, when given the proper physical attention and made comfortable by those who love him, will learn that the world is a friendly place and that he is wanted and secure.

As he develops, he begins to associate God, Jesus, the Bible, and church with feelings of wonder, love and happiness. There are certain avenues through which he learns: (1) Through the senses—touching, hearing, seeing, tasting, smelling; (2) Through curiosity—experimenting, asking questions, taking an interest in things around him; (3) By doing—through play, although the play is serious business to him; (4) By imitation—copying the actions, attitudes, languages, tones of voices of those around

him; (5) Through imagination—living in an imaginary grown-up world.

Yes, a Nursery child learns. But he learns best and what he learns is more meaningful when we recognize *how* he learns and plan for his learning experiences accordingly.

## WHAT PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE?

For the best learning atmosphere for Nursery children, these provisions are important:

1. *Adequate space:* Separate rooms, even in the smallest churches, for the babies, the toddlers, the two-year-olds and the three-year-olds. Enrolment of a baby department should not be more than twelve children; toddlers, not more than fifteen; two-year and three-year-olds not more than twenty each. Large rooms (16 to 25 sq. ft. for each person, preferable 25) properly planned and located to meet a child's needs are important factors in good teaching.
2. *Adequate equipment:* Nursery children learn through experiences. Equipment that provides opportunity for activity type teaching is important in making learning experiences possible. Good Nursery equipment is durable and safe and is carefully selected based on the needs of the children. It may be purchased or "hand-made." The book, *Improving Nursery Departments* by Dillard, available in Baptist Book Stores, lists, discusses, and gives diagrams of desirable equipment for each Nursery department.
3. *Adequate Guidance Materials:* There should be a Bible in each Nursery room. (The Bible 1450BP, which has been designed for use with children, is available in the Baptist Book Stores. *The Church Nursery Guide* and *The Sunday School Builder* give specific teaching helps for the Nursery worker. *Living with Children* is a periodical planned for parents, to be taken into the home by the workers each quarter. There should be a set of 20 *Church Nursery Pictures* provided for each room.
4. *Enough Good Workers:* The most important single factor in giving the Nursery child the right kind of Sunday teaching atmosphere is provision of the right kind of workers—workers who have the ability to understand how a child sees, feels, thinks, and interprets his everyday experiences; who

are Christlike in daily living and are seeking to grow spiritually; who will study each individual child; who is willing to work and plan for more effective use of his teaching opportunities.

There should be at least two workers in each room and at least one worker for every four children, with at least one man elected for each Nursery department.

5. *Workers Who Train:* Good teaching sessions on Sunday morning are dependent on good planning sessions through the week. Guidance for these planning sessions is available in *The Sunday School Builder* on the Nursery page of the section, "Planning for Effective Bible Teaching Through the Weekly Officers and Teachers' Meeting."

The Church Study Course offers good training opportunities. Every Nursery worker should hold credit for the book, *Improving Nursery Departments*.

The Standard of Excellence for Nursery Departments is an excellent guide, not only in outlining training for the workers but in providing a guide in building a good department.

6. *Cooperation with the Home:* Good Nursery workers realize that the most influential factor in the religious growth of a child is his home. The church seeks to strengthen the guidance the child receives at home. Sometimes it is necessary to give guidance to the home, and always, for best results, there must be close co-operation.

Visitation in the home, conferences at church, parent-worker meetings, social periods together, all offer opportunities for knowing how better to work with the home. *Living with Children*, brought quarterly to the home by the workers serves both as an entree to the home and as a guide to the parents in the home.

Let us make our Nursery work more meaningful! Maurine Elder

## New Books

*All the Kings and Queens of the Bible* by Herbert Lockyer; Zondervan; 253 pp.; \$3.95. The life and times of Biblical Royalty.

*Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible in One Volume* edited by Dr. Leslie F. Church; Zondervan; 784 pp.; \$9.95. A Wealth of Usable Outlines, Thought-provoking Exposition, Vivid Interpretation and Devotional Comment.

*Prayers for All Occasions* (Minister's Handbook Series) Baker; 80 pp.; \$1.95.

*Selected Poetry for Sermons and Addresses* (Minister's Handbook Series); 112 pp.; \$1.95.

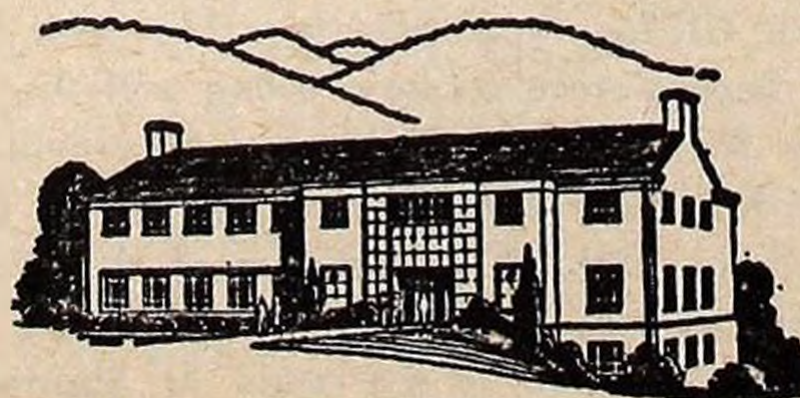
*Bunyan's Christian's Progress for Devotional Reading*; simplified by Clara E. Murray; Baker; 84 pp.; \$1.50.

*Effective Christian Witnessing* by Nelson F. Tull; published by Brotherhood Commission, Memphis; 62 pp.; paper; \$1.00 at Baptist Book Stores. One of a series in the Brotherhood Leadership and Service Training Program.

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# Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting

First Baptist Church, Knoxville

April 10-12

This important meeting will be composed of delegates and visitors from all of Tennessee's Woman's Missionary Unions. Every Woman's Missionary Society and each Young Woman's Auxiliary in each Tennessee Baptist Church is entitled to elect one delegate to the Annual Session for every ten members, or fraction thereof. Each of the other youth organizations are entitled to have one adult delegate. It is important that these delegates be elected to serve as voting members at the Annual Meeting. All others attend as visitors.

Hotel Andrew Johnson will be headquarters.

The opening session will be at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, April 10. The final session will close at noon on Wednesday, April 12.

The officers and members of the Executive Board of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union will be luncheon guests of the Knox County WMU at 12:00 noon, April 10, in the Multi-purpose Room, First Baptist Church. This is in the new building.

The Executive Board will convene for its spring meeting at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the church.

The Monday evening session will feature the 75th Anniversary of Sunbeam Bands. A beautiful pageant, "Pages from the Past," will be presented by Miss Cosette Baker, Director of Elementary Education at First Baptist Church, Knoxville with the leaders and Sunbeam Band members of that church participating. Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will be the featured speaker that evening.

Any church which was organized by or before 1886 should check to see if it had a Sunbeam Band 75 years ago! Remember, these groups were not only called Sunbeam Bands at that time, they were also called "Children's Societies," "Rose Buds," "Ivy Bands," etc! Please notify Miss Mary Mills Executive Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville 5, at once if your church had a children's mission band—Sunbeam or otherwise, in 1886. These churches will be recognized at the Monday evening session. Do send your notice in today.

The memorial service will be conducted on Tuesday morning. The three Honor Woman's Missionary Unions will also be recognized at that same session. Tuesday afternoon at 5:45 the YWA Banquet will



Ruth Walden

be held at First Baptist Church in the Multi-purpose Room. Tickets are \$1.50, and should be ordered before April 4 from Miss Frances Sullivant, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville 5, Tennessee. The four girls selected as "YWA's of the Year" will be presented at the evening session, and Miss Ruth Walden, Missionary to Nigeria and former Young People's Secretary in Tennessee, will speak. Miss Alma Hunt will close the Tuesday evening session by moderating a panel discussion among nine missionary guests, each from a different country. Watch the *Baptist & Reflector* for further information.

Wednesday morning will be highlighted by the election of officers; presentation by Rev. Leslie Baumgartner, Secretary of Associational Services, Tennessee Baptist Convention, of some of the causes of State Missions supported by the Golden State Mission Offering; and the 1960-61 Jubilee Emphasis. "Sharing Possessions" will be presented by Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Secretary of the Stewardship Commission, SBC.

Music will be under the direction of Mrs. Roger Lockhart, Knoxville. Miss Dorothy Nelson, Jefferson City, will be at the organ and the State Woman's Missionary Union President, Mrs. Roy W. Babb, Nashville, will be presiding.

Elect your delegates, make your reservations, fill up your car, and plan to be present for this inspiring, challenging program from the first to the last amen.

A series of special meals will be held during the Annual Meeting. A schedule of these appears below. If you have a special

## Routh, Berry Speaking To Orient Missionaries

NASHVILLE (BP)—The chairman and executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee were to take part in the Orient Missions Conference in Hong Kong March 24-31.

Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary, planned to visit Baptist Missions in Japan before going to Hong Kong. At the conference, he would speak on Baptist polity relating to relationships between churches, associations of churches, and conventions.

At another occasion, Routh was to discuss the financial support of Southern Baptists through their Cooperative Program. Stewardship principles and promotion methods were subject for a third address by Routh.

Kendall Berry of Blytheville, Ark., would lead devotionals and give a layman's testimony. Berry, a banker, paid his own expenses for the conferences. Routh was sent by the SBC Foreign Mission Board, whose area secretary for the Orient, J. Winston Crawley of Richmond, would direct it.

"The Orient today, along with Africa, offers a terrific challenge to Christian missions. Southern Baptists are now in many more countries of the Orient than before World War II despite the closing of China," Routh said. It was his first visit to this part of the world.

The Foreign Mission Board reported the Orient Mission Conference would be attended by representative missionary and national Baptist leaders. It was not an official conference with power to determine policy.

interest, or many interests, make your plans to attend. The Carver School of Missions and Social Work alumni breakfast is not limited to alumni. Visitors will be welcomed.

April 11-7:30 a.m.—

*Prayer breakfast* at the S&W Cafeteria.

Go through the line to room 5.

*Stewardship Breakfast* at the Andrew Johnson; Price \$1.75 (tip included)

April 11-12:30 p.m.

*Community Missions Luncheon* at the Andrew Johnson. Price \$1.75 (tip included)

April 11-5:30 p.m.

*Mission Study Supper* at the S&W Cafeteria. Go through the line to room 3.

April 12-7:30 a.m.

*Carver School of Missions and Social Work Alumni Breakfast* at the Andrew Johnson.

Dr. Nathan Brooks, Carver School President, will be the guest spaker.

# Attendances and Additions

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alamo, First	256	68	1
Alcoa, Calvary	255	87	
Central	225	82	
First	516	208	
Athens, East	465	179	1
First	636	238	1
West End Mission	66	35	
North	333	147	
Central	137	49	
Lake View	66	42	
McMahan Calvary	74	42	
Niota, First	147	53	
Riceville	127	48	
Rodgers Creek	62	26	
South Liberty	45	16	
Zion Hill	68	52	
Bemis, First	396	87	2
Blaine, Block Springs	126		
Bolivar, First	472	174	3
Mission	59	33	
Bradford, First	102	26	
Brighton	246	112	6
Brownsville	549	117	1
Cedar Hill	106	26	
Chattanooga, Avondale	648	221	
Brainerd	1037	336	9
Calvary	336	106	5
Concord	488	190	
Eastdale	481	139	
East Lake	524	199	2
East Ridge	777	282	4
First	1088	304	1
Chapel	53		
Morris Hill	266	142	
Northside	406	100	
Red Bank	1198	325	4
Ridgedale	529	201	
Ridgeview	317	93	
Second	157	60	3
White Oak	673	182	9
Woodland Park	470	213	
Clarksville, First	853	152	5
Grace Avenue	270	101	1
New Providence	322	140	6
Pleasant View	248	84	2
Cleveland, Big Spring	362	202	
Calvary	197	71	
First	622	252	
Galilee	43	27	
Westwood	142	60	2
Clinton, First	691	191	1
Second	551	102	
Columbia, First	577	255	1
Highland Park	414	174	
Cookeville, First	498	114	
Hilham Road	94	50	
Steven Street	153	79	
West View	200	72	1
East Side	53	45	1
Corryton	207	130	
Crossville, First	235	81	
Dayton, First	217	53	
Cove Mission	61	46	
Morgantown	28	12	
Decatur, Pisgah	70	57	
Dyer, New Bethlehem	225	91	
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	113	26	
First	731	188	3
Hillcrest	242	103	2
Spring Hill	178	88	
Elizabethton, First	548	205	1
Immanuel	288	147	
Elk Mills	47	48	
Oak Street	131	70	
Siam	195	78	
Englewood, First	164	52	
Etowah, First	331	92	
Goodspring	135	69	
North	428	139	3
Fayetteville, West End	117	40	
Fountain City, Beaver Dam	267	102	
Central	1288	394	3
Smithwood	812	278	1
Friendship, South Fork	57	29	
Friendsville, First	194	92	1
Gleason, First	215	74	1
Goodlettsville, First	419	149	1
Grand Junction, First	113	52	
Greeneville, First	447	160	
Second	205	59	1
Guild, First	48		

## Sunday, March 12, 1961

Harriman, Caney Ford	115	41	
South	439	160	1
Woody Street Mission	47		4
Trenton Street	468	126	
Henderson, First	207	74	
Hendersonville, First	254	101	
Rockland	44		
Hixson, Central	256	148	5
First	328	122	
Humboldt, First	548	142	
Huntingdon, First	300	146	2
Jackson, Calvary	596	216	
East Union	76	50	3
First	1068	315	5
Nashway	81	50	
Parkview	361	144	
West	873	407	1
Jellico, First	263	64	2
Johnson City, Central	736	164	5
Clark Street	261	113	4
Northside	47	17	
Pine Crest	203	82	
Temple	308	105	
Unaka Avenue	399	128	1
Jonesboro, First	206	64	
Limestone	31	21	
Second	135	51	
Kenton, First	222	52	
Macedonia	98	74	
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	163	54	1
First	842	198	6
Glenwood	400	176	5
Litz Manor	215	110	
Knoxville, Arlington	583	170	
Bell Avenue	1010	369	28
Broadway	1162	432	2
Central (Bearden)	743	308	
Fort Hill	264	86	3
Glenwood	415	198	5
Grace	351	166	
Lincoln Park	1059	410	
Lonsdale	348	98	
Mt. Olive	394	92	3
Meridian	655	226	6
New Hopewell	321	126	
Tennessee Avenue	154	64	
Wallace Memorial	909	313	3
LaFollette, First	366	102	
Lawrenceburg, First	268	78	
Meadow View	65	21	
Highland Park	268	138	4
Lebanon, First	570	161	
Hillcrest	137	101	
Immanuel	283	103	5
Rocky Valley	115	62	
Lenoir City, Calvary	221	81	2
First	493	145	
Kingston Pike	113	53	
Oral	189	105	
Lewisburg, First	461	107	
Loudon, Blairland	276	90	7
New Providence	199	129	
Madisonville, First	354	149	
Mission	45	30	
Manchester, First	303	120	
Martin, First	448	119	
Southside	100	42	3
Maryville, Broadway	775	400	3
Grandview	197	106	
McGinley Street	165	85	
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	422	112	
Forest Park	82	36	
Shellsford	220	133	
Mt. Pleasant, First	189	91	
Mission	65	60	
Memphis, Ardmore	574	253	
Ridgegrove	62		
Barton Heights	218	98	
Bellevue	2306	1001	6
Belwood Heights	182	72	3
Berclair	1004	440	3
Beverly Hills	188	113	
Brunswick	155	77	1
Central Avenue	892	282	4
Charjean	438	180	7
Cherokee	1122	428	9
Mt. Terrace	71	56	1
Colonial	897		6
Egypt	168	94	
Ellendale	144	63	
Elliston Avenue	325	167	10
Fairlawn	440	213	7
First	1382	359	2
Forest Hill	83	53	
Frayser, First	786	394	3
Georgian Hills	296	149	4
Glen Park	830	159	1

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## What Do You Mean "Concern"?

(Continued from Page 5)

Why is it that we are now becoming disturbed about the failure to reach people and win them to Christ and enlist them in a program of spiritual growth?

Alarm about unfavorable church statistics is not concern. When the Sunday school enrolment does not show the gains we expect, when we do not have many baptisms to report, when the church budget becomes more difficult to subscribe, or when any other measurable aspect of our work seems unfavorable and creates alarm within our hearts, this is not necessarily concern.

Pride in and concern about the welfare of an organization within the church is not concern. We can apply that statement to the Sunday school as well as to any other organization. We believe in the essential ministry of a Sunday school in the life of a church. We are convinced that it can be the strongest and most fundamental ministry of a church. But pride in the Sunday school is not concern.

Disturbance about the income of our churches and denomination is not the concern we are talking about. I ask myself these questions:

Do I love people as people? Do I love people because Christ loves them? Am I truly motivated in my efforts by the compassion for people?

Do the unreached feel our concern or do they feel that they are considered as a "statistic"? Before we can expect response from the multitudes, we must be permeated by a fellowship of concern.

A. V. Washburn is secretary of the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. His editorial here was published in the March, 1961, Sunday School Builder.

Graceland	689	289	
Havenview	179	64	6
Hickory Hills	262	130	
Highland Heights	1507	651	4
Kennedy	418	160	6
Kensington	387	107	2
LaBelle Haven	635	222	
Lamar Heights	752	357	11
LeaClair	366	157	2
Leawood	912	311	4
Levi	354	149	
Longview Heights	450	230	
Lucy	99	43	
Malcomb Avenue	189	83	2
Merton Avenue	458	114	1
Millington, First	487	191	6
Mt. Pisgah	152	88	4
Mullins Station	143	88	
National Avenue	318	147	
Oakhaven	422	146	
Oakville	239	59	1
Peabody	168	120	4
Prospect Park	191	90	7
Raleigh	504	246	1
Range Hills	103	70	
Scenic Hills	187		
Seventh Street	406	164	6
Southland	171	66	6
Southmoor	200	105	1
Temple	1139	351	1
Union Avenue	980	293	3
Parkway Village	197	52	1
Wells Station	780	263	2
West Frayser	384	183	2
Whitehaven	594	141	1
Woodstock	121	76	5
Milan, First	514	150	

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# Planning for the Future?



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By Oscar Lee Rives

# Jesus Gives His Life

**TEXTS: John 18 and 19 (Larger)—John 19: 17-24, 28-30 (Printed)—John 10:11 (Golden).**

Jesus, in the Golden Text, calls Himself the good shepherd. We call Him the perfect shepherd. The test of His goodness, or perfection, rests in the fact that He actually gave Himself to make possible the salvation of all mankind. The printed text of our lesson clearly sets forth this glorious fact. His death was voluntary. It was motivated by love. When a person is properly related to it by faith in Him as personal saviour he is given eternal life. Such a life begins at the moment of exercise of faith which involves complete turning away from sinning. It is primarily a spiritual experience. The death of the Shepherd, then, becomes our study.

## The Place Described (vv. 17, 18)

The Crucifixion took place on Golgotha or Calvary, probably on the northern edge of Jerusalem. The formation of rock, when viewed from a distance, resembles a huge skull; hence is not difficult to identify today. Broadus tells of visiting the scene where it occurred. John further describes the place of His death by mentioning the three crosses, with that upon which Jesus was placed as being in the center. The spot was a public one, making it possible for the multitudes to behold. Vast throngs were in and around Jerusalem during the season of the Passover, the time of His death. Josephus mentions the number of visitors at such times as running to three million or more. Instead of stoning or assassinating Him, the enemies of Jesus contrived in having Him killed by the cruel crucifixion at the hands of Roman soldiers.

## The Proclamation Written (vv. 19-22)

Pilate, in keeping with custom, proclaimed to all viewers the so-called "crime" for which Jesus had been put to death. In addition to the name and residence of the "culprit" the title bore the inscription "The King of the Jews." Upon being pressed to change the wording by adding, "He said", Pilate refused to do so. And thus the proclamation became in reality the ultimate truth. For He was indeed the King of the Jews, but in a spiritual sense. It has been

noted that there is possible significance in the title's being written in the three languages: Hebrew, Latin and Greek. The first being the language of religion, the second being the language of government and commerce, and the third being the language of culture and learning. In any case, the proclamation concerning Jesus' death does have meaning in the three areas indicated by these three languages. Pilate wrote more than he realized.

## The Prophecy Fulfilled (vv. 23, 24)

The soldiers, accustomed as they were to human suffering and cruel brutality, divided among themselves Jesus' garments and then gambled for His coat rather than tearing it into four parts. One wonders who had made it for Him in the first place. It could have been His mother. Their procedure was a fulfillment of prophecy (see Ps. 22:18). The scene was a pathetic one. Here was the Lord of creation giving His life in behalf of sinful men and having His very clothing divided by His executioners

as if He were a vile criminal. We do not gaze too long at the sordid picture. But in it we glimpse "man's inhumanity to man" which is always possible but for the grace of God.

## The Plan Completed (vv. 28-30)

"It is finished" is John's account of His final word before dying. The words are filled with meaning. Jesus had come to earth not only to show men how to live but also in order to die in their behalf. The Plan of Redemption was as old as the universe. The Lamb of God had in a very definite sense been slain "before the foundation of the world" (see Rev. 13:8). Now it had become a historical fact. To try to add anything, therefore, becomes presumption. God's part in salvation's plan was perfectly completed in Jesus' death on the Cross. Man's part is to prostrate himself in spiritual surrender before that One who died but who arose again from the dead, as we shall see next Sunday.

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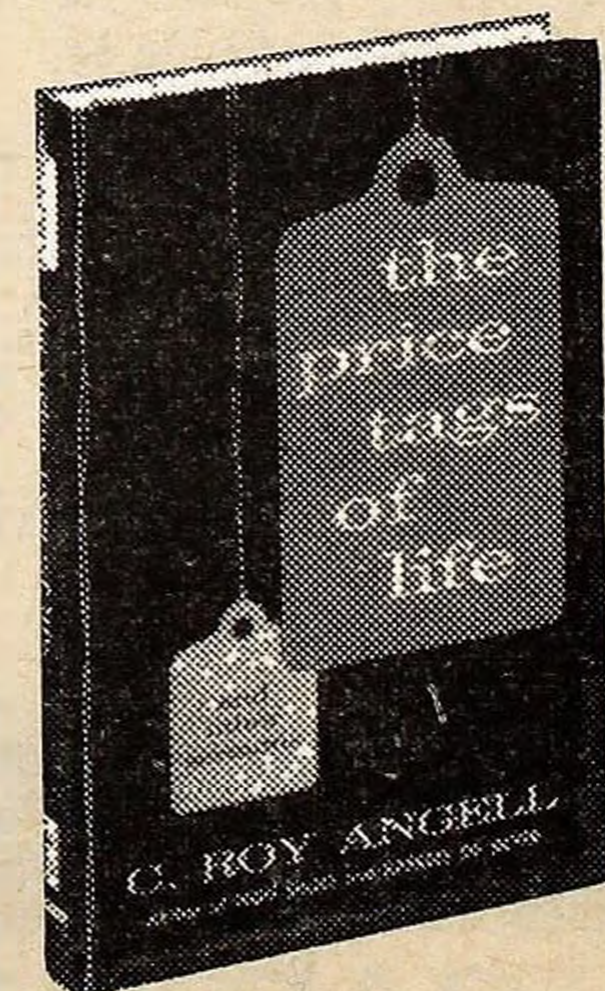
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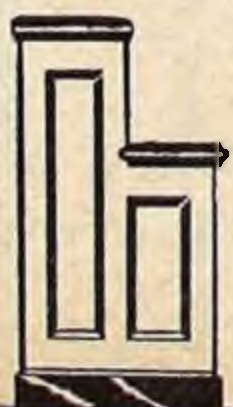


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## The Little Voice\*

By Bernadine Beatie

One Saturday morning Mr. Collins offered Larry a job delivering handbills. Larry was thrilled. With just a little more money, he would have enough to buy a baseball glove. He followed Mr. Collins into the grocery store.

"Here are five hundred handbills, Larry. Put them in all the cars around the square and then in the mailboxes of the houses on Main and Center Streets." Mr. Collins' blue eyes twinkled, "I'll pay you now, and you won't have to come back to the store. Here's a dollar. Now, mind—just one handbill to each car and house!"

"Yes, sir!" Larry took the stack of bright yellow handbills and pocketed the crisp new bill. A whole dollar! That was more than he had expected.

In no time at all, Larry had placed a handbill in every car around the square. But when he started up Main Street, the stack of handbills seemed as thick as ever. It was getting heavy, too. Five hundred handbills were a lot!

Just then, David and Jonny Cooper passed David on their way to the playground in the park.

"Come with us, Larry!" called Jonny. "We're going to play baseball!"

"Later!" Larry called waving a handbill. "I have a job."

"Oh!" Jonny was disappointed. "Hurry, we need you to play shortstop."

"O.K.!" Larry grinned. He guessed everyone knew that he would rather play shortstop than anything else. He hoped sometime that Mr. Jenkins, coach of the little league

team, would choose him to play on the regular team.

Thirty minutes later, Larry paused to rest. He was only halfway up one side of Main Street and the stack of handbills still seemed as thick as when he had taken them from Mr. Collins. At this rate he would never finish in time to play baseball.

Larry heard the town clock strike. He listened and counted aloud, "Seven, eight, nine, ten!"

At the park only a block away, Larry could hear the happy shouts of his friends. Suddenly, he decided to go by the park and watch for just a few minutes. Mr. Collins had not told him to hurry.

At the corner of the park, Larry saw a big metal trash can. He looked around. No one was in sight. Larry very softly lifted the lid. Almost before he knew what he was doing, plop! in went the handbills. Larry's heart was in his throat as he quickly covered the can.

A little dull ache came into Larry's heart as he turned and started for the baseball diamond.

"Mr. Collins won't know!" he whispered.

"But you will know, Larry; you will always know!" a little voice deep inside of Larry whispered.

Larry paused. The little voice was louder now. He turned and ran as fast as he could back to the trash can. Very carefully, he lifted out the handbills. Suddenly, he felt ever so much better.

The work went faster now. Before long, he left the last handbill in a mailbox on Center Street. Larry heaved a big sigh, turned, and fairly flew toward the park.

"Hey Larry, hurry up!" David called from the pitcher's mound. "Mr. Jenkins is here. He wants to see you play!"

Larry grinned. His feet seemed to sprout wings as he hurried to shortstop position. He would play well today; he knew he would. The little voice that lived way down inside of him told him so.

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## Rhyming Bible Words\*

By Ida M. Pardue

1. Aged prophetess (Luke 2:36)
2. Food from heaven (Exodus 16:15)
3. Pagan goddess of Ephesus (Acts 19:24)
4. Word used by the people of Jerusalem to acclaim Jesus (Matthew 21:9)
5. Samuel's mother (1 Samuel 1:20)
6. One of the women who found the tomb empty (Luke 24:10)

Answers

1. Anna, 2. manna, 3. Diana, 4. hosanna,
5. Hannah, 6. Joanna

## God's Wondrous World\* A Crippled Boy's Blessings

By Thelma C. Carter

Sometimes the most beautiful flowers bloom on a dwarfed, crooked tree. Many times the sweetest bird song comes from a bird with an injured wing or foot.

We are likely to forget the special blessings that God gives to those less fortunate than other people. A wonderful example is that of God's special blessings bestowed upon a deformed, hunchbacked child who later became a great man of science.

As a child, Charles Steinmetz was short in stature and so severely crippled that he was not able to enjoy an active life as other boys. Because he could not enter into games and outdoor activities with his friends, he began to read and to study. As a result, he determined to learn all he could about mathematics, chemistry, and electricity.

Eagerly, he learned of the great natural world about him. He studied how lightning was formed and what it had to do with the elements. Whether he knew it or not, this boy was applying a Bible verse to his life: "I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things" (Ecclesiastes 7:25).

Charles Steinmetz became a brilliant electrical engineer. He was one of the first to predict that electricity would one day be used as fuel for train locomotives instead of coal. He also predicted that electricity would become more and more useful to the human race as the years passed.

A friend wrote about Steinmetz, "This deformed hunchback had the mind of an angel and the soul of a seer."

Our Creator blesses beyond our understanding: the crippled bird with its delightful song, the crooked, shrunken tree with its beautiful flowers, a deformed but kindly and brilliant man who startled the world with his knowledge. Special blessings are all about us as well as in our own lives.

## Laughs

The Revenue Service knew this one had to happen sooner or later.

"Is this the office where I pay my income tax?" a woman asked on entering a Revenue office.

"Yes," replied an agent, "the cashier there will take your money."

"Oh, I never pay my bills in cash," said the woman. "I always use my credit card."

Ma: "Pa, I don't think the neighbors like the drum we got Johnny for Christmas." "Why?" said Pa.

Ma: "They gave him a knife and asked him if he knew what was in the drum."

# Attendances

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Northside	173	68	..
Morristown, Alpha	136	88	1
Bethel	207	140	..
Buffalo Trail	264	106	..
Bulls Gap	123	38	..
Cherokee Hill	112	47	2
First	832	175	..
Hillcrest	230	113	3
Kidwell's Ridge	88	..	..
Manley	91	..	..
Pleasant View	96	54	..
Witt	90	38	..
Murfreesboro, First	660	144	5
Calvary	96	..	..
Southeast	116	62	..
Third	401	134	..
Woodbury Road	232	81	..
Nashville, Alta Loma	265	119	..
Antioch	128	48	..
Bakers Grove	151	63	..
Belmont Heights	1072	341	..
Madison Street	134	45	..
Westview	92	40	3
Ben Allen Road	72	43	..
Brook Hollow	426	157	1
Crievewood	394	132	..
Dickerson Road	387	146	..
Donelson	839	175	2
Eastland	648	136	2
Eastwood	162	100	3
Elkins Avenue	120	63	6
Fairview	209	96	..
Jordonia	24	30	2
Lyle Lane	66	18	1
First	1408	464	15
Carroll Street	237	99	..
Cora Tibbs	58	35	..
T.P.S.	361	..	..
Freeland	113	33	..
Gallatin Road	334	132	..
Grace	983	366	3
Harsh Chapel	210	92	4
Haywood Hills	211	113	1
Immanuel	394	114	4
Immanuel Chapel	35	21	..
Inglewood	1011	277	..
Cross Keys	61	33	..
State School	156	..	..
Ivy Memorial	468	209	..
Lockeland	575	143	..
Hermitage Hills	122	85	1
Madison, First	687	198	1
Mission	79	32	3
Mill Creek	222	73	2
Neelys Bend	104	53	..
North Edgefield	318	108	2
Park Avenue	770	248	2
Radnor	538	190	9
Rosedale	172	81	..
Saturn Drive	324	150	..
Seventh	139	60	1
Spring Hill	420	160	..
Third	215	64	1
Una	292	134	5
Woodbine	471	190	1
Woodmont	735	296	5
Oak Ridge, Central	549	162	..
Glenwood	403	129	12
Robertsville	716	261	1
Old Hickory, First	570	248	..
Parsons, First	204	69	..
Pigeon Forge	309	140	..
Portland, First	347	116	..
Rockwood, Eureka	117	67	..
First	565	172	..
Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	150	95	..
Savannah, First	257	80	2
Selmer, Falcon	117	69	..
First	267	93	2
Shelbyville, Calvary	159	60	2
El Bethel	111	36	1
First	573	121	24
Shelbyville Mills	316	146	4
Sidonia, Pleasant Grove	108	38	1
Somerville, First	257	137	1
Spring City, First	193	103	..
Summertown	177	81	..
Sweetwater, First	431	107	..
Trezevant, First	245	98	..
Tulahoma, First	564	156	..
Hickerson Mission	58	29	..
Lincoln Heights	116	47	..
Grace	130	61	..
Highland	210	127	..
Spring Creek Mission	19	..	..
Union City, First	679	160	..
Samburg	71	47	..
Watertown, Round Lick	183	84	..
White House	152	56	1
Winchester, First	296	85	..
Southside	51	..	..

## Pastor Says Prayer Saved Small Girl From Death

In a story by Donald C. Tate, staff writer of *Press-Scimitar, Memphis*, the following was recounted:

The little girl lay with her eyes closed in the circle of people, apparently dead, said the minister.

"Three time we tried to bring her back. They were giving her mouth-to-mouth respiration. Nothing happened. Her face was blue-black. No breath. No movement. Limp. Cold.

"On the fourth attempt, someone in the back started praying. Now we were all praying very softly, but desperately.

"Instantly, I sensed that something was taking place. Something was going, moving thru the crowd. I felt an unseen presence. I do not hesitate to tell you it was His presence.

"On the floor suddenly the girl began gasping. We prayed. We prayed softly for five minutes. She moved her hands, her legs. The blackness went from her face. She was still very sick, but she was alive."

This is the account Rev. Billy J. Turner, pastor of Glen Park Baptist Church, 5340 Quince Road, gave of what happened at Wednesday night's prayer meeting at his church.

Beverly Estes, 4, had accidentally hanged

herself on a coat rack bar back in the nursery while the prayer meeting went on in the front.

The church's quiet had been shattered by the child's mother, Mrs. Silas Estes, 1412 Estate, screaming when she discovered the child hanging.

The prayer group, some 95 persons, had surged back toward the nursery.

Two of the prayer group, Bruce Conner of 1237 Wilbec, and Melvin Meeks, an off-duty fireman, alternated giving the mouth-to-mouth respiration.

Mrs. Estes stood in shock in the frozen crowd.

"Then I felt it," she said. "The prayer had started. It was simultaneous. This feeling, I can't describe it, coming over me. It came over me, and Beverly started moving."

"We witnessed a miracle," said Mr. Turner today.

"God was right there," said Mrs. Estes.

"All I know," said Conner, "is that girl was dead, or the last half-inch from it."

Yesterday, Beverly was in critical condition at Methodist Hospital.

Today, her condition is much improved. She's very much alive again, thank God, her mother said.

## Liberian Official Leads Women's Group

ST. LOUIS — (BP) — The vice-president of Liberia is one of several outstanding leaders appearing on the program of Woman's Missionary Union at its annual convention here May 22-23. The Woman's Union is an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. R. Tolbert, Monrovia, vice-president of Liberia, will discuss "The Hope For Changing Africa." In addition to his governmental responsibilities, Tolbert is one of the vice-presidents of the Baptist World Alliance.

John Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, and president of the Baptist World Alliance, will be another main speaker.

Church extension, the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis for 1961-62, will be a special feature of the two-day meeting. "Churches Reaching Out—Our Hope" is the subject of an address by Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board.

H. H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, will bring the closing message, "Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church."

Home and foreign missionaries have been invited to tell the stories of churches on their field.

Mrs. Gordon C. Ussery of Roanoke, Ala.,

will bring a series of four devotional messages based on her book, "Christian Sharing Of Possessions." This book will be released at the meeting for study in connection with the 1960-61 emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The 75th anniversary of Sunbeam Band will be presented by Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, executive secretary of the group, and by Miss Abbie Louise Green, Sunbeam Band director. This is a children's missionary group.

Foreign missionaries appearing on the program are Mrs. E. P. Doshier, West Africa; Robert C. Davis and Hannah Plowden, Hawaii; Carlos Owens, East Africa; Miss Anna Wollerman, Brazil, and Mrs. H. D. Olive, Philippines.

Home missionaries who will speak are Paul S. James, New York City, and Don Miller, East Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y.

Special music will be provided by the William Carey College (Baptist) Chorale directed by Donald Winters, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Miss Audrey Nossaman, Louisville, Ky., soloist, and Julia Louise Hermann, harpist for Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Dallas, Tex.

Mrs. H. H. Grooms, Birmingham, Ala., will direct the song services, assisted by Mrs. Charles H. Walker, Miami, Fla., organist, Mrs. Donald White, Louisville, pianist.

*"In all thy ways acknowledge him,  
and he shall direct thy paths."*

Prov. 3:6