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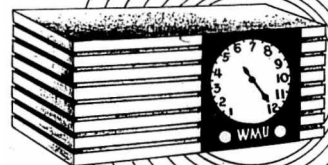
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## An EDITORIAL

MRS. F. W. ARMSTRONG, President W.M.U.

### June Jottings

"WHAT is so rare as a day in June? Then if ever come perfect days"—days for doing the things we should, for catching up lost opportunities, for devoting time and thought and effort to stimulating a missionary spirit in the minds and hearts of all the women and young people of the churches.

STUDY the missionary message of the Bible and world missions. Study also the statistical reports of W.M.U. for 1943. They may be secured from the state W.M.U. offices to quicken in service, giving information as to gains or losses, as to gifts and service. Such study should result in deeper consecration and steadfast purpose to make the records of 1944 worthy of the Lord whom we serve as we seek to advance His Kingdom in hearts and homes even to the uttermost part of the world.

PRAYER, individual and united to meet the needs of our world and His workers; prayer, the most potent influence committed by the Christian; prayer for each other as laborers together will enrich the service of societies and auxiliaries as they seek to make missions the paramount purpose of every member. Carry faithfully in your prayers the 1944 annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, September 19-21, Oklahoma City, Okla. Plan to attend as one to fill your state's quota of fifty delegates or as a vitally interested and warmly welcomed visitor. An inviting program is being prepared. Pray and plan that this unusual meeting may be blessed and a blessing.

STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS? A great deal of money is needed to meet the opportunities to witness and to minister to the physical needs of the world. Gains in gifts should not satisfy until the record of gifts indicates complete obedience to God's law of the tithe plus the outpouring of love in offerings. Summer days offer time for study and enlistment and for training and developing children and young people to recognize God's ownership and man's stewardship. It is yours to test, try and prove Him, sharing His promised bountiful blessing. Will you as a good steward share the march of missions to the ends of the earth?

MISSIONARY EDUCATION of YOUNG PEOPLE is the priceless privilege of summer days. Released from school, boys and girls are eager for auxiliary activities. Mission study classes by the lake-side, Forward Steps or advancing in the Ranking System, learned in the great outdoors at camps and conclaves, make a lasting impression on youthful minds and hearts. Life dedication and sustained missionary support result from such employment of summer days. Enrich your church life by the investment involved in sending some young woman to Y.W.A. Camp (Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 15-23). Repeated testimony of young people dedicated to Christian and missionary service show how lasting and productive is leadership of Sunbeam Bands. Be mindful of the child in the midst, teach and train him to be missionary minded.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS thrive in summer days with relative ease of contact with all classes and conditions of people. Vacation Bible Schools for less privileged children, helping Negro women and their young people to better methods of work in and through their churches, calling on careless Christians, endeavoring by every means to make your community Christian, are your opportunities to be missionary at home.

June days and all the days of summer are in the Father's keeping, for our use as His children. How better can we employ them than by seeking to enlist all the women of our churches and the young people to adopt as their chief aims these trusted and tried ideals of Woman's Missionary Union? Days so employed are perfect days that bring their own rare rewards.

## In Appreciation of Mrs. Carter Wright

### "Thou Hast Been Faithful"

Devotion and duty! Love and loyalty! Such words in their choicest and most constraining influence were lodestars in the personal and public life of Mrs. Carter Wright. Humanly speaking they account for her unexcelled influence among southern Baptist women as a student and teacher of the principles and practice of Christian stewardship, her steadfast work giving added weight to her words.

Born in Georgia, a graduate and speech teacher of Cox College, she went as a bride to Roanoke, Alabama, where for forty-five years she was a most cooperative member of the Baptist church. There on the golden morning of March 31 the community gathered to express its eternal indebtedness to her. Speaking in tender yet triumphant tones of her as a valued member of that church and community and also as a denominational leader through her work for Woman's Missionary Union, her pastor appropriately applied to her the praise of Jesus concerning the faithful steward: "Thou hast been faithful" (*Matt. 25:21*).

Many other Scriptures are highly applicable to Mrs. Wright, the 24th verse of the 73rd Psalm being especially so. It was the verse on the Calendar of Prayer the morning (*March 29*) that she went to be "forever with the Lord". That Scripture says: "Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory!" Steadily she sought to have and to follow God's guidance, even as countless coworkers will testify as to her eighteen years of W. M. U. leadership in Alabama and the south in addition to the many other years in her home church. Mrs. Wright was president of her state Union four years (*1926-30*) during which time she was Alabama's vice-president for the southern Union. For the following eleven years she was the Union's representative and traveled literally thousands of miles to speak in W. M. U. meetings all over the south. During those years her versatile talents and faithfulness as a Christian steward led to her appointment as chairman of the Union's Ruby Anniversary (*1928*), then to the position of Southwide Stewardship Chairman (*1934-44*) and finally to the rank of W. M. U. Promoter for a Debtless Denomination (*1940-43*). The records of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Union show that by God's guidance she led from victory to victory, the 1943 total being the largest ever contributed by her constituency.

As a trained speaker Mrs. Wright used with marked success stories from the Scriptures, from secular literature and from her own pen. Many of her writings, especially her stewardship articles in the Union's magazines, have gone around the world to help countless others know how to have Jesus say also unto each of them: "Thou hast been faithful!" One of her most appealing Christmas offering stories, "The Elder Brother", was translated into Chinese and widely distributed. A copy was given to a non-Christian woman who in her remote village was afterwards found sharing it with her neighbors as food for their spiritually hungry souls.

Writing concerning Mrs. Wright many friends have thus paid tribute:

"Surely her account with the Lord was in perfect balance. She was steward also of the mysteries of God, the highest stewardship."

"God has received that marvelous spirit of hers unto Himself. I feel that I can almost hear the angels singing, she among them."

"She has been an inspiration to thousands and will be missed not only by the W. M. U. but also by the denomination. However, we would be selfish to wish her back, when she can be with her Lord whom she loved and served so joyously and faithfully."

"What is our loss is triumph and victory for her and Heaven!"

"We rejoice over her abundant entrance into Heaven. How rich she now is with the treasures she has been amassing over there. Truly she could without shame give an account of her stewardship. So faithful was she—not just because it is required that a steward be faithful but also because out of her love for her Lord she rejoiced in the opportunity."

"Her radiant service was so implemented in the life of Woman's Missionary Union and its service to the Kingdom that of her it can truly be said that she lives eternally here and There."

"Her gallant spirit is a challenge to us all. Her rich gifts were so completely dedicated to her Savior that I don't know of any Christian who will enjoy and appreciate Heaven more. She had an eager, questing soul and 'ran swiftly to the stars!'"

—KATHLEEN MALLORY

## Calendar of Prayer June, 1944

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

COULD we judge all deeds by motives that surround each others' lives,  
See the naked heart and spirit, know what spur the action gives,  
Often we would find it better, purer than we judge we should;  
We should love each better—if we only understood.

—Rudyard Kipling

### 1—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Stanley, Miss Olive Lewellyn, San Antonio, 1Miss Mary Etheridge, El Paso, Texas, evangelistic work among Chinese

That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God —I Kings 8:60

### 2—FRIDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. L. B. Olive, Chinking, Misses xxFophie L. L. L. L., Shanghai, xxBlanche Groves, Soochow, China, educational-evangelistic work; also Emily Olive, Margaret Fund student

Be of good courage and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people and for our God. —I Chron. 19:13

### 3—SATURDAY

Rev. and 1Mrs. B. I. Carpenter, special rural work, Helen, Rev. and Mrs. D. Bejarano, evangelistic work among Spanish-speaking people, Artesia, New Mexico

He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. —Gal. 6:8

### 4—SUNDAY

Rev. Peyton Stephens, S.B.C. missionary to China, 1893-1924; Mrs. Peyton Stephens and Dr. W. D. Bostick, emeritus missionaries from China

For us there is but one God, the Father, of whom all things are. —I Cor. 8:6

### 5—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Morgan, educational-evangelistic work, 1Miss Alma Jackson, medical-evangelistic work, Sao Paulo, Brazil; also 1Virginia Morgan, Margaret Fund student

O Lord, there is none like Thee; neither is there any God beside Thee. —I Chron. 17:20

### 6—TUESDAY

Dr. T. J. Watts, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board; also all secretaries and state board members working with him

Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty. —Rev. 15:3

### 7—WEDNESDAY

1Miss Margaret Jung, evangelistic work among Chinese, Phoenix, Ariz., 1Miss Helen Lambert, East St. Louis, 1Mrs. Ruby McCebbe, Christopher, Ill., evangelistic work among many nationalities

That your grace may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment. —Phil. 1:9

### 8—THURSDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. J. C. Fowell, evangelistic work, Miss Amanda Tinkle, medical-evangelistic work, Shaki, Nigeria

To give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning. —Isa. 61:3

### 9—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. Rodriguez, Calabazar, Rev. and Mrs. A. Ramos, Santos Suarez, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Gertrudis Rodriguez, Margaret Fund student

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh my salvation. —Psa. 67:1

### 10—SATURDAY

xxRev. and 1Mrs. R. A. Jacob, educational-evangelistic work, Pingtu, China

I know also, my God, that Thou triest the heart and hast pleasure in uprightness. —I Chron. 29:17

### 11—SUNDAY

That the teaching and training in young people's camps may lead many to consecration of life unto service for the Lord  
The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself. —Psa. 4:3

### 12—MONDAY

Rev. R. G. VanRoven, Corpus Christi, Texas, Rev. G. R. Brooks, Baltimore, Md., Rev. D. C. Stringer, Albuquerque, N. M., special city missions

Offer sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord. —Psa. 4:3

### 13—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles, 1Miss Minnie McIlroy, educational-evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The bread of God is He which cometh down from Heaven and giveth life unto the world. —Jno. 6:33

## Calendar of Prayer for June

### 14—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. Aldape, Crystal City, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Pierce, Kenedy, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans  
The love of Christ constrains us.  
—II Cor. 5:14

### 15—THURSDAY

Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp, Ridgecrest, N. C., June 15-23; xxMrs. W. E. Salter, evangelistic work, Kaling, China  
The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patient waiting for Christ.  
—II Thes. 3:3

### 16—FRIDAY

Women's Missionary Union of Interior China  
Pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified.  
—II Thes. 3:1

### 17—SATURDAY

xxMiss Blanche Bradley, medical-evangelistic work, Misses xxPearl Caldwell and xxBonnie Jean Ray, evangelistic work, Ping-tu, China  
Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name? For Thou only art  
—Rev. 15:4

### 18—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Deter, Brazil, Misses Mary Moorman and Florence Jones, China, emerita missionaries  
Grace unto you and peace be multiplied!  
—I Pet. 1:2

### 19—MONDAY

Dr. J. W. Bacon, Rev. J. A. Brickley, Rev. R. I. McKinney, educational-evangelistic work to their own Negro race, Richmond, Va.  
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name.  
—Psa. 79:9

### 20—TUESDAY

Baptist believers in Jugoslavia  
O God, lift up Thine hand: forget not the humble.  
—Psa. 10:12

### 21—WEDNESDAY

Annual meeting of Women's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Mexican Baptist convention of Tama, Uvalde, June 21  
The people among which thou art shall see the work of the Lord.  
—Ex. 34:10

### 22—THURSDAY

xxMiss Leaa Lehr, Iwo, xMiss Isabella Moore, Oyo, xMiss Ruth Walden, Benin City, Nigeria, educational-evangelistic work  
The Lord is faithful who shall establish you and keep you from evil.  
—II Thes. 3:3

### 23—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Cabrera, Deming, Rev. and Mrs. C. Villarreal, Gallup, N. M., evangelistic work among Spanish-Americans  
The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us.  
—Rom. 8:26

### 24—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabree, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, xxMrs. D. P. Appleby, publication-evangelistic work, Belle Horizonte, Brazil; also Lydia Crabree, Margaret Fund student  
The Lord, He is God in Heaven above and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.  
—Deut. 4:39

### 25—SUNDAY

That the people of the Southern Baptist Convention may be loyal to the cause of Christian education  
The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life to depart from the snare of death.  
—Prov. 14:27

### 26—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Gomes, Quayon, Rev. and Mrs. M. Millan, Cartagena, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Eduardo Gomes, Margaret Fund student  
If any man's work abide which he hath built thereon, he shall receive a reward.  
—I Cor. 3:14

### 27—TUESDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, Kuanhsu, xxMiss Floy Hawkins, Hong Kong, Miss Ruth Pettigrew, Kwai Yang, China, evangelistic work; also Eugenia Johnson, Margaret Fund student  
To rejoice in his labor: this is the gift of God.  
—Ecc. 3:18

### 28—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and xMrs. E. DeVille, Roston, Rev. and xMrs. L. C. Smith, Pineville, La., evangelistic work among French  
The labor of the righteous tends to life.  
—Prov. 10:16

### 29—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Porter, Rio de Janeiro, xxMiss Blanche Simpson, Monaco, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work; also Celeste and Margaret Porter, Margaret Fund-student  
Ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
—I Cor. 1:9

### 30—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. I. Neptis, Crozes, Rev. and Mrs. F. Hernandez, Ranchuelo, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Eliseo Hernandez, Margaret Fund student  
The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to naught.  
—Psa. 35:10

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\*Attended Southwestern Training School  
\*Attended Baptist Bible Institute  
xxOn Furlough

## Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

### TOPIC: His Mighty Acts in Mid-America

"In Him was life".

1st Day—Jno. 1:1-18; Acts 19:33-41  
2nd Day—Jno. 1:19-34; Eph. 2:1-10  
3rd Day—Jno. 1:35-51; Eph. 3:14-19  
4th Day—Jno. 2:1-12; Psa. 90:12-17  
5th Day—Jno. 2:13-25; Phil. 1-3  
6th Day—Jno. 3:1-13; Phil. 4-7  
7th Day—Jno. 3:14-34; Phil. 8-22

"The earth is the Lord's".

8th Day—Psa. 19:1-14; Gen. 33:1-17  
9th Day—Psa. 24:1-10; Gen. 45:1-15  
10th Day—Psa. 34:1-10; I Sam. 20:27-33  
11th Day—Psa. 34:11-22; Eph. 4:31-5:2  
12th Day—Psa. 42:1-11; II Tim. 1:3-14  
13th Day—Psa. 64:12; II Tim. 2:1-13  
14th Day—Psa. 90:1-17; II Tim. 2:14-26

"And the life was manifested".

15th Day—I Jno. 1:1-4; 2:1-6;  
II Tim. 3:10-16  
16th Day—I Jno. 2:23-29; II Tim. 4:1-8  
17th Day—I Jno. 3:13-24; Amos 7:10-17  
18th Day—Jude 3-7, 17-24; Acts 4:13-22  
19th Day—Luke 6:20-31; Dan. 1:8-16, 19, 20  
20th Day—Luke 6:46-49; Jer. 35:1-10  
21st Day—Acts 8:1-6; James 5:1-6

"Ye are witnesses".

22nd Day—Luke 1:1-14; Isa. 23:1-8  
23rd Day—Luke 1:26-38; Prov. 23:1-3, 20, 21  
24th Day—Luke 1:39-56; Titus 2:1-3  
25th Day—Luke 2:1-7, 21-32; I Pet. 1:13-23  
26th Day—Luke 2:33-52; Josh. 1:1-9  
27th Day—Luke 24:48; Num. 27:15-23  
28th Day—Rom. 6:11-11; Deut. 31:1-8  
29th Day—Rom. 6:15, 16, 22; Josh. 1:12-18  
30th Day—Rom. 8:1-4; Josh. 23:1-8

Note: The above references in italics are furnished by the "Committee on Improved Uniform Lessons of the International Sunday School Lessons". The references in heavy type are in keeping with the month's missionary topic and with the denomination's emphasis on soul-winning.

## "Pray Ye"

In adoring thanks that from everlasting to everlasting "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth"

For widest possible use of S.B.C. and W.M.U. reports as published

In Christian humility yet assurance that we "can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth"

In earnest intercession that all Christians as "laborers together with God" will "serve their generation according to the will of God" through prayer, stewardship of tithes and offerings, missionary education of youth

For Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 15-23

In agony of soul for world-wide peace through allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ

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## Bible Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

### God the Righteous Judge—Psalm 96

**T**HIS is a psalm of joy and praise, sung on many an occasion in Jewish history. We even find it in I Chronicles 16, with David's jubilation over bringing up the ark to Jerusalem. How perfectly it expresses the thanksgiving of a later time, when Israel had returned from the captivity in Babylon, having learned thoroughly that Jehovah is the one God, that idols are nothing at all. Dr. McLaren calls it a grand coronation anthem of four strophes, which are like concentric circles around the throne of God. "In the first (vv. 1-3) Israel is the herald, proclaiming the enthronement of the King. The second (4-6) sets Him above the 'Nothings' which usurp the name of gods. The third (7-9) summons outlying nations to homage and flings open the Temple gates to all men. The fourth (10-14) calls on all nature to add its acclaim".

"Sing unto the Lord a new song"—a song over a new blessing. How natural it is, when we are deeply happy, to want others to share our joy—our satisfaction, our sense of deliverance, our ecstasy that fills the earth. We want to "show forth His salvation from day to day". Israel had rejoiced at the Red Sea but did not there learn the lesson of that great deliverance. "The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. . . . Who is like unto Thee, Jehovah, among the gods?" Yet Israel complained of Moses and complained of God in each new difficulty and worshipped a golden calf at the very foot of Sinai! But here there is a desire to "declare God's marvelous works among all the peoples"—yes, to do it daily, to "forget not all His benefits!"

Here, too, He is not simply "to be feared above all gods" but is contrasted with those. They are all idols—the word means "things of nought". "They have done nothing for the people who worship them, they can do nothing, they are in reality nothings". "But the Lord made the heavens". Surely the starry sky, the wonderful sunset, do speak. They "declare the glory of God", His "honor and majesty".

The desire to tell of God's goodness and greatness grows into a longing for other peoples to worship Him, to "give Him the glory due unto His name, to bring an offering and come into His court". It is a missionary impulse, according to the Jewish pattern with Jerusalem as its focus. "Worship in holy array" (Amer. Standard) may suggest priestly garb. The more familiar Authorized Version, "in the beauty of holiness", seems to go deeper. We must remember, says Matthew Henry, that whatever we give the Lord "it is debt, it is rent, it is tribute".

Then the thought widens: God is King of all the nations, and they can be brought to see Him as Lord and King. Whatever men may do to upset the world, God is a righteous judge, and in His own time He will bring righteousness to pass and a lasting peace (v 10). Then let all the earth rejoice indeed, the sea with its roar, the field in its abundance. Matthew Henry says artlessly, "How the trees can show that they rejoice I know not". Surely he had never seen the forest upon a mountain-side swaying and singing in the sweep of the winds. Isaiah says: "The trees of the fields shall clap their hands" (55:12). More than God's kindness to us, more than His power, is His eternal righteousness: "For He cometh to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth".

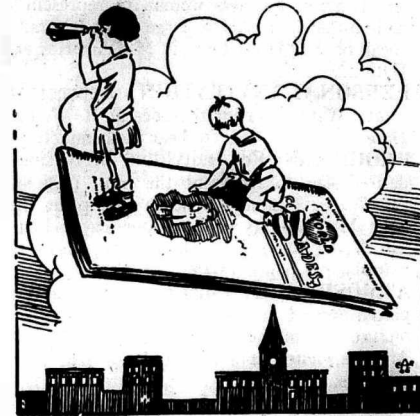
We see in this psalm two fore-gleams of the New Testament—the calling of the gentiles, the promise of "new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness". There is a Messianic quality here, which comes close to one of our favorite hymns.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall,  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.

"Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all".

## Circle Program

**EXPLANATORY NOTE:** The following program is submitted for use by the circles this month. Its suggested articles will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, 3, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 44 of 1944 W.M.U. Year book and page 10 of this magazine.)



### CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC:

#### Holding Fast to Youth in a Changing World

(Camps, Assemblies etc., W.M.U. Young People's Organizations)

**Devotional Theme:** "That they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God"—*Psalm 78:7*

"I Had the Best Time of My Life" (See article in June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

More Fun in Mission Study (See June issue of *The Window of Y. W. A.*)

Youth Products of Home Missions (See June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Making Disciples on Our Campuses (See June issue of *The Commission*.)

Our Young People (See page 20 of this magazine.)

Ticket to Ridgecrest (See June issue of *The Window of Y. W. A.*)

When They Come Home (See June issue of *The Commission*.)

Editorial (See page 3 of this magazine.)

## Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Mrs. Isaac Terrell, North Carolina  
Student in Missionary Education Course II  
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**POSTER:** On a piece of poster paper paste, on the left side, a picture of an attractive business woman to represent a newspaper reporter. Across the top and on the right print in large black letters: Hear the B. W. C. Times newsmen speak of their latest tours in Mid-America at B. W. C. Time. Place

Date .....  
**PERSONAL INVITATION:** Representing a want ad from the newspaper, print: Wanted—Your presence at B. W. C. Time ..... Place .....  
Date ..... to hear the complete story of His mighty acts in Mid-America.

**PROGRAMS:** For individual invitations use a single sheet of paper, any desired size, to represent the front page of a newspaper. Across the top print: "B. W. C. Times". Beneath that print the topic for the month as the headline, "His Mighty Acts in Mid-America". List those taking part on the program as "B. W. C. Reporters", giving their names and topics for discussion. For program material see pages 12-19.

**ATMOSPHERE:** Curious representative of each of the countries may be placed around in the room. Secure pictures of as many Baptist buildings and also pictures of missionaries from as many of the Mid-American countries as possible. Arrange chairs in a semicircle so that no one will have difficulty in seeing the speakers.

**PRESENTATION:** In presenting this program, use a flannelgraph map of the southern border of the United States especially the southern part of Texas, the Mid-American countries and South America. Use a different color flannel for each country and place on a light blue flannel background. This should be prepared and placed in the room before the meeting starts, being careful to place it so that it can be seen by everyone.

The program chairman will introduce the program and give the introductory part on Mid-America, pointing out on the flannelgraph map the part of America that we are calling Mid-America. Each B. W. C. reporter and the country of which she reports is then introduced. As each reporter speaks, she points out on the map the cities mentioned and places on the map a small strip of paper bearing the name of each large city and the important Baptist centers. In this way each person will become more familiar with the cities, the location of each and the kind of work Baptists are doing. Following "Serving Mexico from across the Border", each person should pray silently for the work in Mexico and for the work we are trying to do there. While heads are still bowed, "The Morning Light Is Breaking" is sung softly as a duet. The reporters from Colombia and Panama continue by telling of "His Mighty Acts" in each of those countries. The climax and a real challenge should be presented in "The Call of Central America". It should stir the heart of each person present to know that in six Central American countries there are no missionaries. In the closing challenge of the call from Central America the reporter will place on the map a narrow strip of white paper curved to represent the Inter-American Highway. This should be placed so that it will extend from the United States through Mid-America and to South America. At intervals along each side of the highway place small churches to represent the light of Christ shining, not just in our own nation, but throughout all of America.

Everyone will stand while all sing together "Throw Out the Life-line". In the closing prayer every one will join hands and pray as one person leads, thanking God for all of "His Mighty Acts" in Mid-America.

Careful preparation should be given by each one taking part on the program. Each speaker should familiarize herself with the country of which she speaks so there will be no hesitancy on her part in locating the places of importance in each of the countries and those in which southern Baptists have work.

## Program Plans

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**Poster-Announcement:** On a large black circle sketch in white ink the outlines of the Americas (*whole or in part*). Sketch a lighthouse on the southern coast of the United States. Let its rays slant so that they cause their light to fall in a circle on Mid-America. Color all inside this circle white, except the outlines of the countries and their names. Paste black circle in center of white poster board. At the top of the poster print in a curved line these words: "Light for Mid-America". At the bottom print date, time and place.

**Individual Programs:** On a black circle sketch in white ink the outlines of the Americas. Make a circle of white on Mid-America. Print with white ink the program on the other side.

**Preparation:** The program chairman may want to present this program in the form of an open discussion. As a basis for the discussion she may use some of the suggested "Questions for Review and Discussion", given at the end of the program material (*pages 12-19*). After careful study of material she should select some one to answer each of the questions as she asks them. Each participant in the discussion should be made to realize the importance of studying thoroughly the whole program material so that she may know her answer as clearly and as concisely as possible, in itself and in its relation to the whole. Those taking part in the discussion may be seated about a table. The announcement poster may be placed in an upright position on the table. Before the poster place a miniature lighthouse on a mirror. Between the poster and lighthouse place an unlighted candle. Give a small candle to each member as she enters the room. Have the chairs for the members not on the program arranged in a large semicircle about the table.

**Presentation: Music**—As a call to worship, have musician play on the piano and violin softly the hymn, "Thy Brother Calls to Thee". While the music continues have a short prayer that God would make all conscious not only of the people in far-away lands but also of those that are near. For the devotional thought use the suggested Bible study (*page 8*). It is suggested that the leader define the term Mid-America and give the introductory material about Mid-America before asking the following questions:

1. Who will tell us something of our missionary work in Mexico? (*See "His Mighty Acts in Mexico"*.)
2. How are we serving Mexico from across the border? (*Select the high points from "Serving Mexico from across the Border"*.)
3. Some one tell us of the beginning of Baptist work in Colombia and the growth of our work in Colombia since our first southern Baptist missionaries were sent there. (*Give briefly "His Mighty Acts in Colombia"*.)
4. Who will tell us why Panama is such a missionary opportunity? (*Give briefly most important reasons from "His Mighty Acts in Panama"*.)
5. Can some one tell what missionary work is being done to reach different groups in Panama? (*See "His Mighty Acts in Panama"*.)
6. What calls are coming to us from Central America? (*See "The Call of Central America"*.)

Let the last speaker present a challenge while the pianist plays "Send the Light", the speaker lighting her own candle, that of the discussion leader and that of the person nearest her. This person lights the one nearest her and so on until all candles are burning. The leader lights the one which reflects on the map. All stand with lighted candles and sing "Send the Light". Prayer is offered that all may do their best to send the light of God's love to all Mid-American countries.

## Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

**THEME for YEAR:** Make known His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom—*Psa. 145:12.*

**TOPIC for MONTH:** His Mighty Acts in Mid-America

Hymn—Come Thou Almighty King

Bible Study—God the Righteous Judge—*Psa. 96 (Page 8)*

Prayer praising God for His justice, His mercy and His love

Hymn—O Worship the King

Mid-America

—His Mighty Acts in Mexico

Serving Mexico from across the Border

Prayer for God's blessings on all of our work for Mexico

Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking

His Mighty Acts in Colombia

His Mighty Acts in Panama

—The Call of Central America

Hymn—Throw Out the Life Line

Prayer thanking God for all mighty acts that have been done in Mid-America and praying that many more mighty acts may be done as we respond to calls with an enlarged work

### MID-AMERICA

**O**UR program topic for the month, "His Mighty Acts in Mid-America", may need to be explained a bit, for the term "Mid-America" is one not often used in our missionary vocabulary. We are inclined to place the southern border of North America at the Gulf of Mexico and the Rio Grande River and to let South America begin with Brazil, forgetting Mexico, the countries of Central America and those of South America north of Brazil. It is this stretch of land that we are calling "Mid-America". This part of America, discovered by Columbus himself, was of greatest interest to early explorers and there they found the highest native civilization anywhere in the new world.

Mid-America is a very important part of America today and its political, industrial, commercial and social importance increases every day. It is the connecting link between the United States and South America. The Panama Canal, a priceless possession of our nation, draws our interests to this part of America. Our Good Neighbor Policy toward Latin America includes the nations of Mid-America. The airway system brings these countries closer to us every day. The completion of the long dreamed of Inter-American Highway, running from Washington to Buenos Aires, Argentina, will make the countries of Mid-America familiar paths of travel in the future. Doubtless within a few years we shall travel through Mexico, Central America and Colombia to reach Brazil just as Florida delegates will pass through Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas to reach Oklahoma City for our W.M.U. annual meeting this September, and we will become as familiar with the countries of Mid-America as we are now with states of our own Union. All of these things bind the nations of Mid-America with our own and with the South American republics. More and more as the American nations know each other better and better, the culture and religion of one American country will be felt by all and will have its influence from the northern boundary of Alaska to the tip end of South America.

This part of America, so near to our land, should be near to our hearts as a mission field of challenging opportunities. These countries so important to the welfare of our country are even more important in our program of Kingdom extension. So with the greatest of interest we enter into the discussion of our topic—*His Mighty Acts in Mid-America.*

### HIS MIGHTY ACTS in MEXICO

**A**T THE northern end of Mid-America lies Mexico—"a country of mysterious origin and vast antiquity; of noble scenery and impressive history; of picturesque costumes and a life half Spanish and half oriental; the dwelling place of Aztecs and of Spaniards; the battleground of Montezuma and of Cortez, the realm of sunshine and of silver". It has been called "the wonderland of the south".

In Mexico live about nineteen million people. They are needful of the Gospel as are all people of Latin American nations. The shackles of paganized Romanism have held them in bondage for over 400 years.

Mexico is our oldest Latin-American mission field. It was in 1880 that our first missionaries were sent to this neighbor nation. As in all Catholic dominated lands Baptist work in Mexico has been most difficult. However, for two generations our southern Baptist work there prospered and great churches and schools were established.

Beginning with the revolution of 1910 and through those other revolutions which followed, our work has been repeatedly disrupted. The new government established as a result of the revolution, seeing that the Roman Catholic Church was an enemy to progress and freedom, sought to destroy its power but made the mistake of believing that all churches were like the Catholic church and included them all in their destructive plans. When in 1917 a constitution was adopted declaring all churches to be the property of the nation and prohibiting any but Mexicans to exercise priestly or ministerial functions, it became necessary to withdraw our missionaries and to close our schools. However a strong, missionary Baptist leadership remained and our Foreign Mission Board has continued through the years even until now in helping with the support of some native pastors and has aided in the erection of a number of church buildings. Recently we have established in Guadalajara a student home to provide living quarters with a spiritual atmosphere for our Baptist students, many of them being sons of our pastors who are attending state schools there.

Today the attitude of the Mexican government seems to be more liberal toward religion and some of our missionaries have been able to return to their stations. At present we have only two missionary couples there—Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal and Rev. and Mrs. Orvil Reid. The Foreign Board hopes to send other couples in the near future.

Mr. Neal is director of the work in the northern field, while Mr. Reid supervises that in the central and west coast areas. Writing of his work Mr. Neal states: "We have tried to keep three things before the churches: first of all, evangelism; second, the great necessity of developing Christian character; and third, stewardship in finances". Mr. Neal is trying to lead the churches to be self-supporting and all are increasing their gifts. A number of the churches are raising money for church buildings. A number of missions could be organized with churches if only they had buildings.

Mr. Reid reports that a National Baptist Tithers' League has been organized and publishes a monthly bulletin. Already a third of the resident members of the churches of the west-coast field have become members of the league. He has also been instrumental in launching an anti-alcohol campaign in the republic, combining the movement with an evangelistic effort.

So we see that in spite of many difficulties and much opposition, the mighty acts of God can be seen in our work in Mexico. The work goes on but the needs are many and great. "There are pastorless churches and many large fields without even one worker. Evangelists likewise are needed and especially there is need for a full-time educational missionary to promote Training Union and Sunday-school work". Let us pray that through our increased interest and enlarged missionary gifts these needs may be met and that still greater "Mighty Acts" may be done by the Lord through our missionaries in Mexico.

#### SERVING MEXICO from across the BORDER

WHEN it was no longer possible for our missionaries to stay in Mexico much of the work was moved across the border to El Paso, Texas. So for some years we have been carrying on our Mexican work and trying to reach the Mexican people from this side of the border. The building in El Paso, formerly used by the Home Mission Board as a tuberculosis sanitarium, is now owned by the Foreign Mission Board and houses the seminary and publishing house which are great aids to Baptist work not only in Mexico but among other Spanish speaking people.

The publishing house in El Paso was once known as the Mexican Baptist Publishing House but the word "Mexican" has been dropped from its title because it supplies the southern Baptist Spanish literature needs not only of Mexico but of the United States, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Central America and of South America with the exception of Brazil where the language in common usage is Portuguese. Mr. F. W. Patterson, who is in charge of the publishing house, writes as follows of the scope of his work: "The publishing house is now in its fortieth year of continuous operation and only time and eternity can tell the blessings which have been derived from the vast amount of evangelical seed sown by this institution. In these forty years the number of publications has grown from two Sunday-school periodicals, *El Expositor Bíblico* and *Nuestros Niños*, with a few hundred total circulation to eleven publications with many thousands of circulation. In addition to providing a complete graded series of Sunday-school lessons and quarterlies for the various unions of the Training Union, the Baptist Publishing House has prepared and sent forth some 170 standard works of theology and other good religious books. The total number of books, quarterlies and monthlies published during the past year total approximately 1,400,000".

Mrs. Patterson, who assists her husband in the publishing house, writes of a new feature of the work:

"During the war we have made one notable contribution in the way of new literature to our mission work among the Spanish speaking people. That is the publication of V.B.S. literature. It is our plan to put out a four year course as is available in English. The first year series was completed and in use last year and the second year series will soon be ready. It would be hard to overestimate the good these books will do. V.B.S. work is growing in all of our Latin-American fields and has previously had to be carried on without adequate helps. With the publication of this literature we hope and sincerely believe that V.B.S. work will expand and that many children will be reached and won for Christ".

The building in El Paso housing the publishing house and seminary is built in Spanish style and a visitor is conducted across the patio from the publishing house to find the attractive quarters of the seminary. At the present time there are enrolled in the seminary and training school about forty students coming from South America, Mexico and many states of our own country. An encouraging fact is that there are more students from Mexico than there were last year and we are told that the prospects for new students next year from Mexico are good if the war does not keep them from crossing the border. Eight students will graduate from the seminary and training school this year and will go to carry the Gospel to their own people. Many limitations are placed on missionaries entering Mexico but these young people are free to go and work in their own country. They are our best hope for reaching Mexico for Christ.

An important part of the work of the seminary is the conducting of extension schools in Mexico. These are beneficial not only in training more workers for the Kingdom of God in Mexico but also in enlisting new students for the seminary. The first school was held last summer in Guadalajara. It lasted for six weeks and the faculty was made up of the faculty at El Paso. The school was a real success and through its influence three fine students are in the seminary this year and others plan to come when their preparatory school work is finished. Another school will be held at Guadalajara this summer, and it is the plan of the new seminary president, Rev. W. J. Webb, to establish several such schools in different parts of Mexico.

Of special interest to Woman's Missionary Union is the training school for young women which is a part of the Seminary at El Paso. Miss Viola Campbell, the missionary in charge of this part of the work, gives the following happy description of the life of the girls in the school: "We have eleven girls in our Training School and are indeed one big happy family. In our present building we cannot take more girls. Three will be graduating this year. We give them up very reluctantly but are thankful that they are ready to take up their work. Two of those who are graduating hope to work in Mexico, doing mainly W.M.U. work. They are lovely girls and have made splendid students. One of the girls is president of our Y.W.A. this year. We have a very active Y.W.A. and the girls are interested in the work. Many of them have organized G.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s, and R.A.'s, in the churches and missions where they are working. Our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions was indeed a high light in our work last December. We had a forty-five minute meeting each day in which we prayed for the needs in all of our countries and then the closing day we had a special program in chapel. Girls dressed in costumes appeared bringing the petitions of prayer from the different nations. The program was very effective. They presented the same program in one of the American churches here in El Paso. In March we observed the Home Mission Week of Prayer. Because we have so many students from Mexico we dedicated two days to pray for the needs there and two for our work here in the southland.

"One of the most sacred moments of our life in the Training School is our prayer circle in the evening. We join hands and hearts in singing a song and in praying. At this time we remember the requests which we have on our Calendar of Prayer. Many young women are looking forward to coming to our Training School and we need to pray for those as well as for those we have now. Some we have here now are from families where the parents are not Christians; these students face real problems in their Christian living and serving. They will probably have to make many sacrifices but with their lives placed in the Master's hands they can go forth with real assurance of success in their work and through them mighty acts will be achieved in Mexico or wherever they serve".

#### HIS MIGHTY ACTS in COLOMBIA

AS the southern border of Mexico joins North America with Central America, just so does the northern border of Colombia join South America with Central America. Therefore we are including Colombia among the countries of Mid-America. This land—the only one in the Americas named for the great discoverer of the new world—has nine million people which makes it third in size among the republics of South America. Dr. Everett Gill Jr., our Foreign Board secretary for Latin America, calls Colombia "The Gem of the Ocean" and again, "The Land of Promise". As a missionary opportunity Colombia is indeed a gem and a land of great promise.

The story of the beginning of Baptist work in Colombia is a thrilling one and connects in a wonderful way the work of home and foreign missions. It was from Cuba, one of our home mission fields, that the first Baptist missionaries went to Colombia.

Some years ago it happened that a young lawyer from Santa Marta, Colombia, who was compelled to leave the country because of a political situation, went to Cuba to hide out for a while. There he was employed in a private school which was conducted by the pastor of the Baptist church at Cardenas. This was his first contact with the Gospel and within a year's time he was converted. At once he announced his intention of going back to his own people in Colombia that he might share his new-found Gospel with them. His pastor in Cuba prepared him for the work as best he could and back to his homeland he went.

Dr. McCall describes the experiences of this Colombian Baptist as follows: "Arriving in Colombia he began to preach, opened a little school to help support himself and started a small religious paper. Persecutions began at once. The girl he had left behind him refused to marry him. Former friends turned away from him.

The priests began a persecution that at one time landed him in jail for a few days. But he stuck it out and in the course of time had three small congregations started—one each in Barranquilla, Santa Marta and Cordoba. The church at Cardenas had licensed him to preach and authorized him to baptize his candidates as members of the Cardenas church. The three little churches even formed the Baptist Convention of Colombia. But they had no means with which to keep the work going. The cities were widely separated and communications slow. They appealed to Cuban Baptists for help but there seemed little we could do except call the attention of our Foreign Mission Board to their need and the opportunity that seemed to exist.

Later when the Colombian Baptists again appealed to Cuba for help, Cuban Baptists raised the money to send a missionary to them. Two Cuban preachers desired to go, so they went—sharing the salary of one missionary. They served for a while and then it seemed expedient to drop the work.

In 1941 our Foreign Mission Board requested our missionary, Dr. J. L. Hart, to stop off in Colombia on his way back to his field in Chile to make a survey of the needs and of the possibility of establishing a Baptist work in that country. So favorable was his report that in November of that year our Foreign Mission Board appointed Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg as our first missionaries to Colombia. Since that time the growth of the Baptist cause in Colombia has been one of the marvels of our foreign mission work.

Dr. Gill tells of visiting the Schweinsbergs a short time after their going to Colombia and finding only a small group of believers, meeting for study in the front room of their home, and a little mission which had been started in a poor section of the city of Barranquilla. One year later he returned to assist in the dedication of two new beautiful church buildings. He wrote of the work: "The combined attendance at the Sunday-schools that day was 476, with an average weekly attendance of 300. That is a record in any country after a year and a half of work, but in a Catholic land it is nothing less than a miracle. A service seldom passes without someone responding to the call of Christ. The baptismal classes are full and the need for workers is urgent to take care of the tremendous spiritual opportunity".

Already other missionaries have gone to this land of wonderful opportunities. Miss Helen Meredith heads the primary school in Barranquilla. Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Dailey have gone to Bogota, high up in the Andes, the great capital of 300,000 inhabitants. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neely are in Cartagena on the sea coast, a city of over 90,000 people.

A great need is for primary schools. In the poorer section of Barranquilla are eleven thousand children with no prospect of receiving an education. Even in the better parts of the city the need for schools is great. Because of the expense of books and school equipment many children cannot afford to go to public school. Of course the Catholic influence is strong in all the schools which makes them undesirable places for Baptist children to go. Already we have one primary school to meet these needs. It meets in one of the rooms of one of the churches in Barranquilla and the attendance is growing. Sunday-school attendance is required of those who attend the school. Miss Helen Meredith, the teacher, says: "To see a little seven year old child come in clutching a bunch of flowers and a little slate presents a great challenge and to hear various children recite Scripture verses and sing songs is an inspiration. It is our hope through the school to reach out to bring people to the church and thus to a knowledge of Christ". Other schools similar to this are planned and Miss Darline Elliott has been appointed to assist in the development of these schools. (See article on page 23.)

The Colombian Baptists have a denominational paper, "The Baptist Voice", which is reaching a large constituency. A weekly radio broadcast, called "The Baptist Half Hour", furnishes opportunity for reaching thousands with the Gospel message. The churches are missionary in spirit. Ten per cent of their gifts are set aside for missions and they are hoping to open up missionary work in neighboring South American countries.

With such a marvelous beginning we can well consider Colombia a gem of missionary achievement and a land of marvelous missionary promise. Surely it is a jewel which we desire to add to the missionary trophies of our King.

#### HIS MIGHTY ACTS IN PANAMA

THE most interesting place in Mid-America is Panama. Here meet not only the American continents but many other nations of the world as their ships sail through the great canal connecting earth's two greatest oceans. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, writing of the strategic position of Panama, says: "Today the canal is making America a cross-roads of America and the world. Ocean liners cross the continent there in eight hours. Trains cross from ocean to ocean in an hour and a half. Planes fly across in a few minutes. The strategic nature of the canal as a military asset is no greater than the strategic nature of the possibilities there for spiritual conquest".

While the Panama Canal was under construction, southern Baptists began missionary work in the Canal Zone. Because the zone is a possession of the United States the work there has always been under the Home Mission Board. In 1941, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bell were sent to take charge of this work. They do general mission work in all the churches and are definitely responsible for pastoring two churches among the West Indians. With them work five other missionaries. Mr. Bell is laying foundations for a much enlarged work in the Canal Zone and in the Republic of Panama. This work is varied as effort is made to reach the diversified groups of people who live there.

First, there are the thousands of people from the United States who live in the Canal Zone. "These people are officials, engineers, doctors, nurses, construction men, teachers, commissary employees, stenographers, soldiers, sailors and air men". Early in the history of our work the Balboa Heights Baptist Church was organized to serve the white population of the Canal Zone. The building and pastorage are the property of the Home Mission Board but otherwise the church is self-supporting and has been a great aid in the missionary work in the Canal Zone. In 1943 another church was organized at Cocoli. Though there were only fourteen charter members, in just a few months they had contributed over a thousand dollars. Mr. Bell tells us that there are several other centers which should have churches. He says: "We need three or four strong Baptist missionaries to establish work among the American civilians in at least four places; they could be a great help in carrying on work in neighboring territory as well as on their own field of service. The people are very responsive to the Gospel message".

There is a great host of United States army and navy men stationed in the Canal Zone and great numbers of others pass that way from time to time. Our missionaries, with the help of the Balboa Heights Baptist Church, have tried to reach these with special services in the church building and in the missionary home. Mr. Bell writes: "The experiences we have had in these services have proven to us that we need two well provided service men's centers, one on the Atlantic side and one on the Pacific side to take care of our boys away from home and who pass this way. Panama City and Colon are regarded by seamen as two of the most wicked cities in the world".

Another group of people in the Canal Zone are the 40,000 West Indians. These are really Negroes who were brought from nearby Jamaica and other islands of the West Indies to work on the canal and have continued to live there. We have among them seven little churches. The Bells are trying to strengthen these and report real progress. Mrs. Bell has organized four missionary societies for the West Indian women. She hopes soon to have missionary organizations in all of the churches and mission stations and Full Graded Unions in several. Mr. Bell says: "We need more preachers for these people. We have organized a Bible class for those who aspire to the ministry. There are now seven young men who are studying".

In the Republic of Panama, as well as in the Canal Zone, are many Spanish speaking people. Some of these are native Panamanians, most of them of mixed Spanish,

Indian and Negro blood. Then in the labor camps are thousands of Spanish speaking laborers from all of Central America and some from South America and Cuba. Mr. Bell has started a work for Spanish speaking people in Panama City with a Sunday-school, Bible classes and other services. At the last report he had baptized six and had several awaiting baptism. He writes: "In the Canal Zone, we conduct services in the recreation halls and in the open air. In one camp there are about 250 men who attend regularly a Bible class. Much interest is shown. We have distributed approximately 30,000 copies of the Gospels and have sold over 400 Bibles and New Testaments. Many people who will not attend our services seem very eager to read the Scriptures". Two new missionaries, Rev. Jose Prado and wife, who were trained in the Baptist Seminary in Havana, Cuba, have recently been sent to work among the Spanish speaking people.

There is a fourth group of people in Panama — foreign-born folk from India, China, Japan and other countries. In fact, "there is a constant stream of people from every nook and corner of the world continually pouring through the canal". Some of these linger in the Canal Zone long enough to be reached with the Gospel if only we had the missionaries with which to reach them. As Dr. Leavell says: "The Canal Zone is a vital part of our Christian lifeline lying between the south and so many of our far-flung missionary fields. It is an extended frontier of conquest, a key position for conquest beyond". So while we are claiming some "Mighty Acts" in Panama, we must hope and pray for more as the work there progresses. It is doubtful if there is a place on earth with greater opportunities for mighty acts in Kingdom extension than this. Surely wisdom will have departed from southern Baptists if they fail to enlarge their work in Panama.

#### The CALL of CENTRAL AMERICA

**W**E see in this study of Mid-America that as southern Baptists we are touching only Mexico on the north, Colombia on the south and Panama in the center. For the rest of Mid-America we are doing nothing. That means that there are six countries of Central America, with a population of over 92,000,000 people among whom we have no missionary. Central America is calling to southern Baptists. By the needs of these millions of people, most of them unreached by the Gospel, Central America calls. By the opportunity of giving the Gospel to so many lost people, these countries right at our door call, "Come over into Central America and help us!"

In a recent issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, Rev. Paul Bell tells how a definite call has recently come from Costa Rica. Answering this call, our home missionary, Rev. Jose Prado, went to San Jose and preached for two weeks with the result that forty-two converts were baptized and a church was established with fifty-four members. A pastor, Rev. Aurelio Gutierrez, was called and a young man by the name of Manuel Garcia was ordained to act as assistant in the mission points which they plan to open. They bought a house and lot and raised in cash more than half enough to pay for it.

Costa Rica is only one of the Central American countries where Baptist work is beginning. We are told that there are seven churches in Guatemala which have sprung up similarly to the one in Costa Rica. In Nicaragua a former student of the Mexican Baptist Institute in Bastrop, Texas, has organized a church. Brother Bell tells us that there is a real movement to build up a Central American Baptist denominational spirit of cooperation which will be greatly facilitated by the completion of the Inter-American Highway. He writes: "I have always believed that a people who believe and practice the same doctrines are drawn together by the Holy Spirit, but I have never seen such a clear demonstration of the fact as we are witnessing in this vast field from the frontiers of Mexico to Panama. In order to take advantage of these opportunities it is imperative that we have more workers. Surely there is some one who can be found to come and help us".

As the calls from Central America come to us we wonder why it is that in all the ninety-nine years of our southern Baptist history we have never done any work in these countries so near to our own. Now that the doors of opportunity are open to

us, surely we will be glad to enter them, that throughout the stretch of Mid-America the "Mighty Acts" of the King may be achieved and the "majesty of His Kingdom" may be known. May it be our aim that the highway connecting the two Americas shall become a path of light with Baptist churches standing as lighthouses in frequent intervals along the way. Let our slogan be "America for Christ", meaning not just our own nation but all the American nations that make up the great Western Hemisphere.

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Define Mid-America.
2. Discuss the importance of Mid-America in world affairs today.
3. Tell of our missionary work in Mexico.
4. How are we serving Mexico from across the border?
5. Tell of the training school for girls in connection with the Seminary at El Paso.
6. Tell of the beginning of Baptist work in Colombia.
7. Discuss the growth of our work in Colombia since our first southern Baptist missionaries were sent there.
8. Discuss Panama as a missionary opportunity.
9. What missionary work is being done to reach different groups in Panama?
10. What calls are coming to us from Central America?

#### REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material is the chief source used in the preparation of foregoing program, and credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for material quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting help may be found in this listed material and in leaflets as suggested below.

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Southern Baptist Home Missions	
Last Reports of Home and Foreign Mission Boards	
State Denominational Papers	—The Commission
Christianity Our Citadel	Roland Q. Leavell
The Word Overcoming the World	E. C. Routh

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#### B.W.C. Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C.

August 16-22 Inclusive

Every Woman's Missionary Society that is so fortunate as to have one or more Business Women's Circles will be all the more fortunate if several of its B.W.C. members attend their southwide conference. Please encourage them to plan their vacations for that time and to write for detailed information to the state W.M.U. headquarters.

## Our Young People

Miss Juliette Mather  
W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

### Don't Lose Those Young Men

It's That Older Boy That Counts!

J. I. Bishop, Royal Ambassador Secretary

**F**OR SIX years "Jimmy" has been to a Royal Ambassador Camp. He is an Ambassador Plenipotentiary now and is sixteen years old. It is not a question of getting him interested in missions because he has lived with missionaries in camp, studied about them in chapter meetings and prayed for them all these years. The problem as to him is: "What have you planned to hold his interest and to give him a new experience in the romance of missions?" This has long been the cry of many intermediate counselors. That older boy is the one that counts because, if we lose him, all our work of other years loses much of its productive possibilities. Our job is not complete until we have missionary-minded men.

With this in view, a southwide Young Men's Mission Conference has been planned just for "Jimmy", August 9-15. This conference is for boys fifteen years and up. It will definitely be a new missions-enthusiasm experience for "him"—all the fun and fellowship of camp plus about fifteen times as much missionary-personality power as of other years. With this will go the inspiration of the hills of North Carolina and Ridgecrest.

The dynamic people engaged for this week include H. Cornell Goerner, associate professor of missions at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville; Maxfield Garrott, Japan; Leo Eddleman, Palestine; Everett Gill, South America; Bill Marshall, Foreign Mission Board; Joe Burton, Home Mission Board; Lawrence Thibodeaux, French in Louisiana; Clarence Jordan, Koinonia Farm in Georgia; and others. Counselors will be sent from each state and will include the young men who are serving as Royal Ambassador field workers in nine states this summer.

The Conference has reserved the Bird Huts for the week; and all boys attending as state delegates will stay together in these buildings. They are cabin style and each section will accommodate seven boys and a counselor. This means that there will be one man counselor for each seven boys, plus the speakers on the program. You see by this that each boy will have personal attention and an opportunity for individual development.

The program will be entirely new, integrating handicraft and mission discoveries. The boys will learn as they work with their hands. Mission interest projects will be carried out during the entire week.

The Brotherhood will be in session this same week and several features are being planned by the men for comradeship between the two groups. This will also be a good opportunity for our men to see the results of missionary education among boys as they meet choice Royal Ambassadors from the entire south.

Yes, just 150 can be allowed to attend. Because of the limited accommodations and the nature of the work to be carried out, this seemed wise. Your state has a quota. Make sure your very best young men make up the delegation from your state. If it is necessary, let your society make it possible for the choice boys from your church to attend. Be sure to send in his reservation at once to your state Royal Ambassador leader. For further information write: Ivyloy Bishop, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama.



Be sure that your young women come up to Ridgecrest on  
June 15-23, 1944

for Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp—the only special southwide Baptist gathering planned particularly for young women. In turbulent anxious days young women need the calm fellowship of Christian leaders and devoted missionaries who will help them develop ability to match the responsibilities of today and tomorrow.

Theme: God's Design for Today: His Pattern for Tomorrow

Write your state W. M. U. young people's leader for reservations and more detailed information.

## Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

According to Dr. Arthur Wesley, Methodist missionary leader in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the greatest rate of increase in missionary giving anywhere in the world during the years 1939-1941 came from the protestants of Latin America. "The facts are", he says, "that the people of Latin America are responding to a faith which does not impose but persuades. There are good Catholics here who deliberately say they covet for their own church the benefit that will come from a keen competition with the protestant churches in the United States, where the Catholic Church has reached perhaps its highest degree of liberal and truly Christian expression".

In an article, "Number One Protestant of Mexico", in the *Christian Herald* the writer speaks of Professor Gonzalo Raex Camargo as a Christian internationalist who stands high on the list of protestant world leaders and who certainly has no superior in the Latin American world; he quotes him as follows in answer to the question, "Is there a place for the protestant church in Mexico?"—"The real tragedy of Mexico is that it has not known Jesus". In enlarging upon this reply Professor Camargo is quoted as having said among other things: "The enormous transgression of the Catholic Church is that it has not guided nor does it wish to guide the people of Mexico to a direct acquaintance and personal contact with Jesus. Between Jesus and the people it has placed an intricate system of forms and ceremonies. . . . When Jesus is exalted, it is a dead Christ, not as a risen and living Lord. . . . This was one reason for the introduction of protestantism into Mexico seventy-five years ago. . . . Protestantism is here to stay. . . . Its function will continue to be to put a people who believe themselves Christian in contact with a living Christ whom they have never known".

*El Evangelista Mexicana* reports that a periodical, edited under the auspices of the Vatican, is shortly to be printed in Washington and is to be distributed gratis in all Latin American countries, expenses to be paid by (?) Holy See. It is thought in well-informed circles that the publication of this new Catholic organ will promote principles held by the Vatican in relation to the post-war period and will tend to create an atmosphere suitable for the establishment in Latin America of government systems, in accord with the doctrine of the Catholic Church.

In view of the fact that southern Baptists have practically no work in Central America except in the Panama Canal Zone, it might be interesting to note something of the work of other evangelical denominations in these seven countries which form the isthmus between North and South America. Of the Central American countries one, British Honduras, is a colony of Great Britain. The other six—Republic of Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama—are republics. In all these countries religious freedom is guaranteed but, as Dr. McLeish in his "Brief World Survey" says, "this in theory does not prevent discrimination". Evangelical work was begun in British territory by the Anglicans and Methodists for English-speaking people and later by the Moravians (1849). Spanish work was started in 1882 by Presbyterians and in 1899 by the Central American Mission. In 1843 there were 24 missions in these countries with 399 missionaries, 738 native workers, 610 organized churches and an evangelical community of 161,834 in a total population of 8,370,027.

"The Voice of the Andes", the Christian Radio Station installed in Ecuador twelve years ago, has a twenty-five year contract with the government of Ecuador to "preach the Gospel". Its powerful transmitter can be heard not only in Latin and North America but all over the world. The station now broadcasts in nine languages.—*The World To-Day*

## Book Review and Study Suggestions

Miss Wille Jean Stewart, Tennessee

**We Who Are America:** Kenneth D. Miller, New York, Friendship Press, 1943: Pages 181; Price, Boards \$1, Paper 60c

**WHAT IS AMERICA?** What is the American spirit? Where did it come from? Who made it? How shall we preserve and propagate it? What part has religion played in it, and what shall we do to interpret and foster it?

These are some questions with which Dr. Miller, formerly of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions and now president of the New York City Missionary Society, is peculiarly well fitted to deal. His experiences with numerous foreign-born elements of our population, both here and in Europe, have been wide and varied. And although he is an Anglo-Saxon, he has a warm appreciation of the contributions of other peoples to American life and a just sense of the problems growing out of the difficulties of their assimilation.

Dr. Miller's first chapters deal in some detail with the problems of the various races and minorities in achieving unity and with the successive waves of immigration which have gone into the making of America as it is today. His fifth chapter gives an enlightening treatment of the religious affiliations and practices of the major elements of the American population. His last chapter undertakes to point out some ways of ministering to all Americans through neighborhood houses, Christian centers, frontline and institutional churches and Christian friendliness.

His book borders on the scholarly type and will not appeal to every group. However, for those who are interested in real study it offers the reward of better understanding of America and some American problems.

Plan to use this book in the circles or other small informal groups. Study the book carefully to get the author's main thoughts and to see them in relationship to our own work. Pray for light to grasp the implications of the book and to teach it with power.

Think out a practical outcome of the study which will further the cause of Christian Americanization in your own community. Make assignments for the various discussions at least a week in advance of the first class session.

### First Class Session—American Backgrounds (Chapters 1-3):

*Devotional Period*, including "America the Beautiful" and Psalm 33:12

*Introductions*—Use the questions at the beginning of the above book review. Have also a brief discussion of the objective stated at the close of the first paragraph beginning on page six of the book from the word "appraising" on.

*Assignments*—Let three persons report on the three outstanding waves of immigration: (1) from early days to 1830, pages 33-37; (2) 1830-1880, pages 37-53; (3) 1880-1942, pages 55-86. Use a map to show the main settlements and, if there is an artist in the group, ask her to make a series of posters illustrating the races and nationalities involved.

*Closing Discussion*—Bring out the implications for national unity and for religion of this mixed heritage.

### Second Class Session—America Today (Chapter 4):

Display the flags and national costumes of the various nationals who make up our American population.

*Devotional Periods*, including Matthew 7:24-29 and "America"

*Review*—Give high points of last lesson, using maps and posters.

*Introduction to New Lesson*—Have brief resumé of the section, "Our Population in 1940". Interpret the chart on pages 88-89.

*Assignment*—Report on the amalgamation and assimilation of the various peoples in the unity we call America (pages 91-94).

*Group Discussion*—What is an American?

*Panel Discussion*—Show some readjustments necessary for foreign-born persons and their immediate descendants to become Americans. Include naturalization.

*Closing Question*—What can our churches do?

### Third Class Session—America's Religion (Chapter 4):

*Devotional Period*, applying Romans 10:2-4 to Racial Groups and Their Religions: The "Recessional"

*Assignments*—Have reports on religious conditions described in first ten sections of chapter with brief discussion of what southern Baptists are doing in connection with each group.

*Group Discussion*—The future of the foreign language church. Keep the discussion realistic and practical with reference to organic union. It is rather unity of worship and appreciation for which we must now work.

*Closing Query*—What can our church do to meet the religious needs of our community?

### Fourth Class Session—What We Can Do (Chapter 6):

*Devotional Periods*, including Romans 10:11-17 and "America the Beautiful"

*Assignments*—Have reports on the various types of organized activity through which some have tried to meet the religious need of American groups, with some discussion of what southern Baptists are doing for each group.

A *Personal Appeal* for each member of the class to assist in organized ways and by personal Christian friendliness in meeting the needs of all groups

A *Definite Plan* for some organized service in your own community. Make immediate plans for getting it under way.

*Closing Devotional Thought and Prayer* for our soldiers and for all Americans

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## From Our Missionaries

### They Also Serve

THE TERM "Bible Woman" immediately brings to mind a picture of a Chinese woman, meeting people in various places and going from home to home explaining Scriptures. Although this custom is more characteristic of women in China, it is not entirely limited to them, for there is a woman in Colombia whose work is of just such a nature.

Dalila was converted during the first few months of our work in Colombia and belonged to the first class that received preparatory teaching before baptism. She would not rank very high in a social scale nor does she possess a great quantity of this world's goods, but these conditions do not seem to dampen her habitual cheerfulness and enthusiasm. Hers is the unaffected joy of the Christian.

The section of the city in which this humble servant of Christ lives is fairly thickly populated but situated at quite a distance from the center of the city of Barranquilla. The fact that she voluntarily took this section as her field of service is proof of the fact that her faith is not a dead one without works. She cannot be content without telling other people of the Gospel that means so much to her heart and life. It was due to her influence that a Sunday-school was organized in that section and has now grown to such an extent that a lot has been bought by the Colombian Baptists and plans are being made to erect a simple building.

She can be seen talking with animation in some one's home with an open Bible in her hand, distributing tracts or other materials, bringing new people to the church services or gathering a group of children for Bible stories. Her efforts are spontaneous. Truly the joy of service in the Master's vineyard is her reward.—Miss Helen Meredith, Barranquilla, Colombia, S. A.

## Statistics as to W.M.U for Calendar Year 1943

Woman's Missionary Societies .....	12,887
Young People's Organizations .....	26,308
<b>Total Organizations</b> .....	<b>38,695</b>
Membership of Women .....	388,814
Membership of Young People .....	327,119
<b>Total Membership</b> .....	<b>715,433</b>
Tithers among Women .....	109,338
Tithers among Young People .....	39,099
<b>Total Tithers</b> .....	<b>148,437</b>
100% Stewardship Churches .....	698
A-1 Full Graded Unions .....	176
Other Full Graded Unions .....	2,587
<b>Total Full Graded Unions</b> .....	<b>2,763</b>
A-1 Woman's Missionary Societies .....	1,196
A-1 Young People's Organizations .....	3,942
<b>Total A-1 Organizations</b> .....	<b>5,138</b>
Mission Study Classes for Women .....	28,630
Mission Study Classes for Young People .....	19,537
<b>Total Mission Study Classes</b> .....	<b>48,167</b>

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