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## CHURCH COVENANT

**H**AVING been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour,

And on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,

We do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church . . .

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love;

To remember each other in prayer; . . .

To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay. . . .

# 1964 WNU ANNUAL MEETING

Atlantic City, New Jersey

MAY 18-19, 1964

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## ADVANCE in the "SOUTH FIELD"

by Hoke Smith, Jr.

ARGENTINA  
THE planning committee for Our Decade of Advance would like to invite you to visit our meeting tomorrow night." said the voice at the other end of the line. I recognized it as belonging to Santiago Carolini, revered leader among Argentine Baptists. Expressing my thanks for the thoughtfulness of the committee, I promised to be present.

When I arrived at the meeting place, I noted that leaders from every phase of denominational life were present, both Argentine and missionary. It soon became evident that these men were intensely dedicated to the cause which had brought them together. Prayer and planning revealed a sense of urgency in their purpose for the future.

As the meeting progressed, I thanked God for what I witnessed and for what I

felt concerning the Decade of Advance. This is the name given to the ten-year program of expansion adopted in 1963 by the Argentine Baptist Convention. The program envisions an increase of 100 per cent in Baptist work, from 200 churches and 15,000 Baptists in 1964 to 400 churches and 30,000 Baptists in 1974!

Achievement of these goals will be no small task. It will require extraordinary spiritual power which only the loving Father can supply. Of this fact Argentine Baptists are fully aware. In plan for the Decade of Advance adopted by the Convention there are the words: "It is necessary that a passion for souls burn in the heart of every believer, that the same passion grip our churches in order that Baptists may move out under the direction of the Holy Spirit to win more souls for Christ."

As leaders spoke, it became apparent that all Argentine Convention and Mission activities during the next ten years would



**S**OUTHERN BAPTISTS think of their continuing task with regard to the ideals which have characterized their history, two Scripture passages come to mind. And they suggest a fourfold obligation: to our- selves, to our contemporaries, to those who preceded us, and to those who will come after us in the beckoning future.

In Philippians 3:13-14 Paul says, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended but . . . I press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The words "to have apprehended" suggest the thought having attained to a state of perfection in one's endeavor. In Paul realizes that he has not reached the goal toward which he strives, and in the verses following he exhorts others to strive toward the same goal.

Furthermore, in Hebrews 11:39-40 the author says, "And these all [the heroes of faith who have gone before, cf. Heb. 11:1-38], having obtained a good report through faith [faithfulness], received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect [complete or reach the intended goal]." And then there follows his exhortation to patient endur-

ance in pressing the cause forward (Heb. 12). The picture is that of a relay race. Those who ran faithfully in their part of the race now hand on to others the cause in which they strived so well.

It takes little imagination to apply these passages to our responsibility with regard to Baptist Ideals. Those who went before us have bequeathed to us a heritage. As well as they achieved in their day, these ideals are not completely realized and accepted by all men. Nor have we in ourselves reached perfection in their meaning and practice. Therefore, it is our responsibility to develop ourselves within the context of their meaning, to teach them to our contemporaries and to pass them on to those who will come after us.

One has but to glance about him to see the vital importance of present day Baptists assuming such a role. In a society that constantly tends to submerge the individual in the sea of anonymity, we need to hold up the basic standard of the infinite worth and dignity of each soul before God. As men the world over strive to rise out of poverty, ignorance, and misery, there is always the danger that they will simply become the tools of misguided men in a mass expression of

greater evils which will forge the chains of an even more vicious enslavement. Thus their latter state will be as bad or worse than the former. When hungry men cry for bread and meat, we must not allow them to be given a stone and a serpent.

Furthermore, in an age when sophisticated man bows before the altars of materialism, we must give to him a vision of the living God. Man does not live by material things alone. And being by nature a worshipping being, he is going to worship something or someone. We may well ask if one major reason why multitudes have forsaken our church services is that we have lost the sense of the awareness of God in such services. So-called worship services which through rote and ritual appeal only to the aesthetic senses, but fail to feed the soul, can hardly claim to fulfill the deepest needs of men.

One has but to attend "worship" services in the average Baptist church to learn that we leave much to be desired. Certainly we must not fall victim to the extremes in formalism bereft of spiritual dynamic. Nor should we be ensnared by the delusion that extreme informality is an evidence of godliness and spiritual power. Somewhere in between lies the happy

medium of guided worship which leaves the individual free to worship in spirit and in truth.

Nor can we say that we have achieved our goal in worship until we have related its meaning to life. Therefore, it should be designed to lead every Christian to face for himself God's will for his own life. That every follower of Christ is to face and accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ need not be labored at this point. But Baptists do need to recover and emphasize the concept that in an especial way God calls certain individuals to *leave their nets and follow Him*. And we shall not be able to do so with the eager youth of our churches until we demonstrate that the Christian message is relevant to the crying needs of our generation.

The basic solution to these needs is not to be found in the soul of science but in the science of the soul. Therefore, a much needed emphasis today is not only that we shall sound the call to serve, but the call to prepare as well. God can use a dull tool, but even He can do more with a sharp one. And having pointed up the dual nature of the call, we must provide the means whereby both can be achieved.

This requires an ever growing emphasis upon stewardship—of both life

## Our Continuing Task

Walter L. Rife, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



This is the final article in a series of five which we began in January *Royal Service*. They concern certain Baptist Ideals. Keep these for reference.

...and this applies to  
...and churches, teach-  
...and today. Blessed with  
...and until each  
...and to God's collective  
...and never fulfil our

...of evangelism  
...though they were sep-  
...of Christian  
...of God they are  
...because our finite  
...in terms of cate-  
...distinction is neces-  
...of the one  
...the meaning is the  
...commissioned to witness  
...wherever we find them.  
...Christian is to be a  
...of the impact  
...the heart-needs  
...in direct proportion to  
...of cooperative witness  
...For we are follow-  
...to God. . ." (1 Cor.  
...meditation).

...we must recognize that  
...and "missions" involve  
...simply snatching souls as  
...burning. They in-  
...the development of every  
...the kind of Christian  
...made in the likeness  
...instrument engaged

...a greater emphasis  
...of teaching and  
...in our churches and in  
...colleges. While God  
...definite Christian vo-  
...He calls every Christian to  
...Christian in the

fullest sense of that term. There-  
fore beyond the walls of our churches,  
where cross the crowded ways of life,  
we should cause men to hear the voice  
of the Son of man, both ourselves and  
others.

We cannot stress too greatly the role  
of our Christian colleges in producing  
Christian housewives, doctors, law-  
yers, farmers, merchants, scientists,  
teachers, and whatever other vocations  
they may follow. Specialized preach-  
ers, teachers, musicians, evangelists—  
yes. But we shall never be able to  
make a really telling impact upon a  
sinful world until every follower of  
Christ, in whatever calling into which  
he has been called, shall consider him-  
self a herald of the King.

Yes, like Paul, we have not appre-  
hended, but we must press on. No  
greater tragedy could overtake us than  
for Southern Baptists to feel that they  
are "perfect." Thus a dedicated self-  
criticism is necessary if we are to fulfill  
our destiny. The best songs have not  
been sung, the best books have not  
been written, the best pictures have  
not been painted. Nor have the best  
means for carrying out the Great Com-  
mission been devised.

The truth which we are called to  
declare is abiding and eternal. But the  
methods of doing so must be fash-  
ioned according to the needs of each  
day. And if we will listen, the Holy  
Spirit will guide us even in the so  
that we may take that which we have  
received from those who went before,  
and pass it on to those who are yet to  
come—that we through them may be  
"complete."

## FROM Washington

by Cyril E. Bryant

Editor, *The Baptist World*  
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### A Meaningful Ballot

THIS IS ELECTION YEAR. Of course,  
every year is an election year of one sort or  
another. But Americans get especially en-  
thusiastic in the year a President is elected.  
There's more campaigning, more flag  
waving.

Yet, when the votes are counted next  
November, probably less than 70 per cent  
of the population will have voted.

But the fact is that the ballot is not avail-  
able to all Americans. This year, 1961, is  
the first time that residents of the District  
of Columbia have been privileged to vote  
for President.

More than 19 million other Americans  
also were denied the ballot for one reason  
or another in the Presidential election in  
November, 1960. This represented 18.8 per  
cent of Americans of voting age. And be-  
cause of legal entanglements, as well as  
other reasons, most all of them will be de-  
nied the ballot this year also.

Five million of these nonvoters were not  
able to vote because illness confined them  
to their homes, or hospitals, or homes for  
the aged, and there was no provision for  
ballots to be taken to them. Another 5  
million people were away from home either  
on business or pleasure, but unable to meet

stringent requirements to qualify for ab-  
sentee ballots. More than 175 million  
Negroes did not or could not vote. And a  
whopping 8 million otherwise eligible  
voters had moved to new homes so recently  
they could not meet the residence require-  
ments of their new voting precincts.

Various moves are underway to remove  
these barriers. The very fact that journal-  
ists are calling attention to such infringements  
on democracy is a hopeful sign.

Restrictions against Negro citizens across  
the country are breaking down. Political  
leaders are urging that residence require-  
ments be pared to a minimum for voters  
in Presidential elections. It is suggested also  
that physically incapacitated citizens be al-  
lowed to register and vote by mail, and that  
primaries be held in May or early June—  
before the country's citizens leave home on  
vacation.

A Baptist editor, Jim Cole of Louisiana's  
*Baptist Message*, has touched an equally  
significant aspect of the democratic election  
system—one that affects every eligible voter  
—"Vote only if you know what you're  
voting for." A good citizen will start now—  
or earlier—preparing himself, or herself,  
for the decisions of the spring, summer, and  
November elections. The Christian citizen,  
who wants his vote to be effective for a bet-  
ter America, cannot—or must not—go  
blindly in the polls on election day. He  
must study the problems of the state and  
nation and carefully analyze alternatives  
open to the voter when he marks his ballot.  
Only then can he vote intelligently—with-  
out being a slave to the blare of the loudest  
sound truck passing his street on election  
eve or some other superficial influence.

"A citizen needs to recognize politics as  
deadly serious business involving strenuous  
work," Editor Cole wrote. "Personal politi-  
cal participation cannot be automated. It  
cannot be delegated. It must be accepted as  
personal responsibility."

# History

of William W. Williams. The reason for this happened a long time ago, to be exact. The beginning of our history is familiar to all of us in South America.

missionaries set out for America in February, 1812. Among them were Adoniram Judson and his bride, Ann Judson, who sailed on the brig *Garrison* from Boston, Massachusetts. Aboard another ship, the *Slavery*, Luther Rice was alone because his fiancée had decided against a life in the Orient.

The year 1812 had passed these missionaries were baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Chapel in Calcutta, India, which their baptism was born the organization of Baptists in America to support of foreign missions—for this was the first American foreign mission.

These three stranded "converts" reached America; the Judsons would stay and Luther Rice would return to America to explain their position to the Congregational board and to "excite" Baptists to mission and organization.

It was Rice who issued the call for a national convention for May 18, 1814, in Philadelphia. Thirty-two prominent Baptists responded. These men took a step toward fulfillment of Rice's dream—they acted and they organized.

In the first article of the constitution they named the body the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions. In the second article they bestowed the name to Triennial Conventions by setting up the plan of meeting annually.

Eleven days after the organization members of the Board met to transact business. The first item was to hear communications from Luther Rice; the second action was to

# This is different

appoint Rice a missionary of the Board "with a view to excite the public mind more generally, to engage in missionary exertions . . . the third action was the appointment of Adoniram Judson as a missionary.

Now it's May, 1964, and Baptists of this continent gratefully claim Luther Rice and the Judsons as their first missionaries and the Triennial Convention as their common heritage in mission work. For this reason we shall join in a 150th Anniversary celebration in Atlantic City.

The boardwalk by the Atlantic will become a footpath for Baptists going to their separate meetings during the early part of the week of May 18. It will be the end of all of us will travel on May 22-24 when we join in the Baptist Jubilee Celebration. It will be the scene of a "Boardwalk Fellowship" on Saturday afternoon, May 23—a free time when all will wear badges, which I hope will be large enough for the names of individuals and conventions to be read without glasses!

Southern Baptists have had a hand in planning the Jubilee program. Dr. Peter Routh, Dr. C. C. Warren have been on the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee. We

to begin in 1956. Dr. E. S. James was added later. Dr. Billy Graham, Mr. Maxey L. Young, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis.

Dr. F. A. Love F. Adams of our Convention has been chosen to preside over the joint sessions. Dr. Hines Sims also of our Convention will be the song leader. The Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma will sing "Testament of Freedom," which Woman's Missionary Union used in the 75th Anniversary Meeting last May in Kansas City. A Saturday afternoon feature, "Results of Mission Work Around the World" is being planned.

Woman's Missionary Union has had "a hand" in the setting as the platform dimensions are such as to make it impractical to change the basic setting during the week. Therefore Woman's Missionary Union, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Committee on the Joint Sessions have worked together on the "For Liberty and Light" setting.

There are, of course, contributions from Baptists in other Baptist bodies also. The names of these have appeared often in our publications but they are so much alike it is difficult to keep them in mind. For quick reference these Baptist bodies are: The Baptist Federation of Canada, North American Baptist General Conference, American Baptist Convention, Baptist General Conference, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., in addition to the Southern Baptist Convention. It is hoped that visitors from other Baptist groups not actively participating will attend this historic meeting.

The Honorable John G. Dielenbaker, a Baptist and former prime minister of Canada, will bring the keynote address.

Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, Sterling Professor of Missions and Oriental History, Emeritus, Yale University, recognized around the world as an outstanding Baptist historian, will give "An Historical Glimpse."

The purpose of the feature "Results of Mission Work Around the World" is to present nationals who will help us to see

what has happened in the past 150 years historically and religiously, where things are now, and where we can go from here.

The full evening's program on Saturday will be an Oratorio. The libretto based on Psalm 8 has been written by Dr. Samuel H. Miller of Harvard University. The composer is Dr. Ron Nelson of Brown University. The conductor is Dr. Thor Johnson of Northwestern University faculty and director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Musicians from the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and vocalists from Philadelphia's "Singing City" under the direction of Dr. Elaine Brown will be used.

Baptist colleges in North America were asked to participate in the competition open to students, professors, dramatic groups, in writing a dramatic presentation entitled, "The Quest of All People for Freedom." The winning play-composition is scheduled for Sunday morning before the worship service. Dr. John Soren, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, president of the Baptist World Alliance, has been invited to be the preacher of the morning.

The program will close on Sunday afternoon with Dr. Billy Graham as speaker.

What then? Those who have participated will hold in their minds memories of a once in a lifetime meeting. They will have in their possession a copy of the book, *Baptist Advance*, released at the Jubilee meeting and included in the registration fee. This will serve as a reference of all that has been seen and heard and felt during this time of Baptist fellowship.

Some who leave will travel home via the New York World's Fair. Of chief interest there will be the Baptist exhibit in the Protestant Center presenting four subject areas: Baptist Doctrine, Baptist History, Religious Liberty, and Missions. Also in the exhibit there will be a map showing denominational distribution.

Whether home via the World's Fair or by direct route, those who go to Atlantic City will have experienced something special to take with them—something which Baptists have never had before.

# We Get LETTERS



by Morie Mathis

## Something Like Forward Steps

I have been a member of GA for three years. I love it, except for one thing. That is the Sunbeams. When I was in the eight-year-old Sunbeam Band it was boring. I didn't have anything to look up to, a goal for instance. I often longed to be in GAs so I could work to be a Queen Regent! I think that you should have simple steps for seven- and eight-year-old Sunbeams.

I do wish you to bear in mind that seven- and eight-year-olds—especially eight-year-olds are very ambitious. Sometimes they can't decide whether or not to join Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassadors. I think they should be given a taste of what it is like. They should work on something like Forward Steps—only call it something else. Then as an award, a Sunbeam emblem (replica of the pin) could be made to show the world that they had achieved their goal, such as we GAs do.

I assure you, they are longing for a goal. How do I know? I was an eight-year-old

Sunbeam myself, and I have an eight-year-old Sunbeam brother who hates Sunbeam Band. He says "Sunbeams is baby stuff" and wants to join RAs. You see, there's an actual case.

Please consider my request. I hope to hear from you soon. A GA

P.S. I am enclosing some Sunbeams Forward Steps I started to make out.

*We hope, someday in Sunbeam Activities to have an entire unit for World Friends, the Sunbeam organization for eight-year-olds. This is something that will have to come when we have more World Friends organizations and when we can afford to have more pages in this magazine which Sunbeam Band leaders use.*

*I know that an eight-year-old is very anxious to become a member of the Girls' Auxiliary. I believe the things you have mentioned as a step are found in the World Friends book or most of them are.*

*I am sure that the Sunbeam Band leader in your church now uses the additional activities which we now have in the magazine for World Friends.*

## Thank You, for Being Prompt

I want to thank you so very much for your attention and promptness in the sending of Royal Service magazines to the women of a new WMS in West Virginia. They too were so grateful and happy to get the December issues. I wish you could have seen their delight.

It is always a joy to share with others the great experiences that come to us as we engage others in a work that is close to the heart of every woman who has a part in sharing Christ in all the world through our Woman's Missionary Societies.

Mrs. DEM

## Suggestions About World Friends

For some time now we have been concerned about the lack of challenge in our program for eight-year-old Sunbeams. World Friends. The World Friends booklet\* was a step in the right direction, but more and more, we are realizing its inadequacies. Day Camping is a giant step, but that still does not solve the problem of preparing our eight-year-old children for the responsibilities and opportunities of Girls' Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassadors.

A Leader

## Working with "Navy Wives"

Here is my check for renewal of my Royal Service subscription and for one hundred gummed stickers with Bible references presenting the plan of salvation.

I teach Navy wives at the . . . Navy Housing and I want to give each one a sticker for her Bible. I pass my Royal Service on to these women, too.

After our meeting together we go visiting. There are approximately five hundred people living at the housing project. Pray for us, especially on Thursdays. Mrs. JM

*(Isn't this a wonderful opportunity which has challenged this enthusiastic WMS member?)*

\*Order it from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Ala. 15203.

Small-size Bible references, presenting the plan of salvation, gummed stickers, 25 for 25¢ (packaged only by 25¢) from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Ala. 15201.

## GA Activities

Tonight our Junior GA initiated our new girls according to plans in *Tell*, using lighted candles. Our girl used a large candle charging each of the six new members with Matthew 5:16. The W.M.U. president and the YWA counselor came to visit us.

I am up in the clouds, because for the first time we are going to have a GA director and two assistants. Our aim is, first, that each GA will be a Christian. Second, that perhaps in one year or less we can divide our Junior GA into nine-ten-year-olds and eleven-twelve-year-olds. Sufficient leadership is needed to do this.

I think of all the study course books we have studied, they enjoyed *The Talking American*\* most of all. Perhaps this was because we put more into it. A couple of friends helped me make a seven-foot snowman of wire, a sheet and cotton just like the picture even to the hat, tie, and limbs. Then my grandson got into him and did the talking.

I am in my third year as Junior GA counselor and with all the other activities of church, the association and family, you can imagine what a whirl I am in all the time. But, I have written you this lengthy letter and taken your precious time just to let you know what I am trying to do and how very, very much I appreciate the promptness in which you have filled my order. I am so grateful to you. Mrs. LR

*"Hats off" to such a leader! There was more to her letter—every line filled with happy activities. This is May, the month when we have GA Focus Week each year. The current dates are May 10-16. What about your church? Are you enthusiastically providing for girls of Girls' Auxiliary age, 9-15?*

\*Order from W.M.U. Teacher's Guide, 25¢ from Baptist Book Stores.

**FOCUS WEEK for Girls' Auxiliary  
in your church  
MAY 10-16, 1964**

Please send your comments to Letters, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. We will not have space to print every letter, of course. Please include your name and address.



Help GAs in your church to build up  
cherished memories during  
Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week,  
May 10-16 this year. See April and May  
Tell, Leadership Edition, and Forecaster.

**H**OW is it that problems of summer  
camping are soon forgotten? This is good,  
else there might be few counselors who  
would venture for a second or third year.

For several years my husband and I have  
been summer camp counselors for Royal  
Ambassador and Girls' Auxiliary, both for  
state and associational camps.

Looking back, strangely enough we re-  
member only the satisfying experiences,  
and not those which were frustrating or un-  
pleasant which now seem humorous and  
unimportant!

Forgotten are blisters and bruises and  
tired muscles. Remembered is the awe on a  
bright-eyed boy watching a campfire with  
sparks going up into the black night; re-  
membered, following the missionary presen-  
tation, generous love gifts from campers  
who saved "pop" money.

Forgotten the problem of keeping Jun-  
iors quiet for Bible study or mission classes.  
Remembered the tears in the eyes as boys

and girls who heard the story of lost people  
around the world and their need for a  
Saviour.

Forgotten, the noise and confusion of  
recreation time. Remembered, great enjoy-  
ment as boys and girls won the softball  
game over the faculty team.

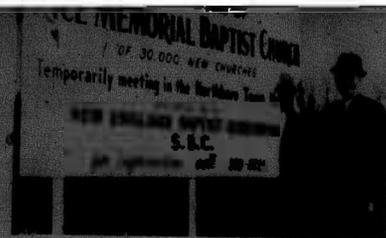
Forgotten are homesick tears during the  
first days of camp. Remembered, happy  
hearts surrendered to Jesus.

Remembered a smile on a Junior face,  
and a small hand slipped into yours as you  
walked along the campus path.

Always remembered will be the faces of  
boys and girls headed home and waving  
goodby.

Always remembered the responsibility to  
influence future missionaries or ministers  
or doctors or nurses.

Remembering, we often thank God for  
every boy and girl and we pray that "good  
memories" remain in their minds to guide  
them. We pray God that it is so.



On vacant lots across the land you may see signs like this

... or historic points which are significant to you as an American ... like Paul Rogers's home in Boston

... or you may journey to New York City where you may visit Manhattan Baptist Church ...



## Jubilee Journey by Wendell Belew



... or go out of your way to visit the nation's capital to see the Jefferson Memorial and other historic buildings

Will you see you in Atlantic City? Baptists everywhere in America are planning to go to the "once in a century and a half" Baptist Jubilee Celebration which is to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 18-24, 1964.

Southern Baptists have made travel arrangements by plane, train, bus, and car to get members from their churches to this unusual meeting. Members of six other Baptist groups will be there for the Jubilee Celebration, May 22-24, 1964. This will likely be the largest gathering of USA Baptists ever assembled.

It really is a missionary journey. You'll need to start where you are and discover historic points along the way. But since you are in the "vicinity" of Atlantic City, here are a few suggestions. You saw the travel list in April *Royal Service*. There will be many who will visit points of historical Baptist interest en route. For instance:

Historic Philadelphia where the first Baptist association was held in 1707 and where Independence Hall is located.

Kittery, Maine, was the home town of William Screeven, who later organized the first Baptist church in the south at Charleston, South Carolina, and there is a Southern Baptist Church now nearby.

Northboro, Massachusetts, was the home town of Luther Rice. You'll find this to be a quaint and interesting city today and there's a Southern Baptist church there, the Luther Rice church.

Richmond, Virginia, offices of the Foreign Mission Board and that's where Woman's Missionary Union was organized in 1868.

And of course, there is Boston, and the national capital, Washington, D. C.

New York, with its many points of interest, including the World's Fair.

Join the pilgrimage. Make it a family affair. We'll see you in Atlantic City!

*Order from Home Mission Board, 161 Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30301. "A Guide" to historic sites.*

## PREPARING YOUTH TO HEAR GOD'S CALL

# Children Need Parental Guidance

by Robert A. Watts

*Eli said unto Samuel... if he call thee, ... say, Speak Lord; for thy servant heareth (1 Sam. 3:9).*

**IT IS GOD WHO CALLS** young people into religious vocations. In spite of the lost world crying out for more missionaries, more preachers, more evangelists, it is a tragedy when a youth chooses a religious vocation for any reason other than to answer God's call.

On the other hand, parents cannot afford to follow a hands-off policy. Children need parental guidance and counsel in making decisions. This will continue to be true until they are adults, when they will counsel children of their own.

It is in the Christian home that a child should receive the guidance Eli gave Samuel. It is the parent who will have opportunities to point out, "This is one way God leads; that is God speaking."

Think of ways you can help your children look for and find God's will.

First, parents need to have a strong faith in a personal God, a God who has a plan for every life and ways of making that plan known. This faith needs to be exercised. That is, parents need to call attention to the times God answers

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## PREPARING YOUTH TO HEAR GOD'S CALL

### Children Need Parental Guidance

prayer or leads the family in some special way.

Perhaps, once in a while, you will give God credit for a blessing that seemed to come your way by chance. Wouldn't that be better than to risk giving credit to chance for the ban-livark of God?

A second method is to look for God's leadership in religious experiences.

"That was a good sermon today pastor." How many pastors have heard that statement over and over until they want to grab the speaker and say, "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

A parent can lead family members to look for the leading hand of God in sermons, in mission study, in Training Union programs, in Sunday school lessons, and in other religious experiences.

Who are your child's heroes? God can speak through the influence of individual lives. An age-group worker at the Sunday School Board testified, "A state YWA worker had a tremendous influence upon my life. After all these years, I still unconsciously follow the pattern she so beautifully set."

You can do your best to see that your children, in life and through reading, meet Christian leaders worthy of emulation.

Finally, you can help your sons and daughters gain information they need if God is to lead them to specific vocations in Christian service. Today is the age of specialization. God has a better chance to speak to an informed youth than to one who thinks only pastors and missionaries can be called.

God never asks a cat to be a lion or a

crow to be a canary. An individual's personality and abilities can give him clues to directions he should follow in answering God's call. Therefore, parents should help each child understand himself.

To guide a child toward self-understanding and self-acceptance, a parent will need to understand his own motives and emotions. We cannot force our own desires or needs upon our children. We must not expect every decision a child announces to be final. God's will, even for an adult, takes on new facets and moves in changing directions. It is certain, then, that a child's unfolding life will reveal new fragrance as it matures.

The 1951-1961 decade saw the appointment of 716 new foreign missionaries, an 86 per cent increase; many others as home missionaries. During this period there were 12,717 graduates from Southern Baptist seminaries. It is estimated that the number of young people in the 17-21 age bracket will increase from the 19 million total in 1960 to over 28 million by 1970. College enrolment will double from the 1960 figure of 5.7 million to over 7 million in 1970.

Will an increasing number of these fine young people hear the call of God? Will more and more answer that call and enter into full-time Christian vocations? They will if parents have helped them discover how to be alert to hear God speak. They will if parents have avoided pressing them into premature decisions.

They will if Christians pray for God to send forth adequate numbers of workers into the world's white harvest fields. They will.

**M**Y PHONE RANG one morning. Miss Ada Young, director of Friendship House, one of our Good Will Centers, was calling. "Mr. Nasworthy is a nonreader," she said. "He needs someone to teach him the *Streamline English* course. Will you teach him?"

I had attended a workshop for teachers, but I didn't have a student at that time. This seemed a real opportunity, so I answered yes.

I went to the Nasworthy home for the lessons. This arrangement was convenient for both of us, as it gave me an opportunity to know his family—a wife and three adorable children, ages seven, four, and two. It also gave me a better opportunity to understand my student—a true nonreader, a thirty-year-old, without the knowledge of even the alphabet.

On my first visit I learned that neither Mr. Nasworthy nor his wife was a Christian. They made no attempt to attend our church services. Mrs. Nasworthy, however, after much persuasion by a neighbor, came to the Mothers Club at Friendship House about five times in the course of a year. The oldest child had attended kindergarten at Friendship House.

I don't know for whom I was the most burdened, the parents or those lovely children who were being reared in a home without Christ. From the beginning I asked God to help Mr. Nasworthy to learn so that he could

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# LITERACY ... TOOL for Witnessing



read the Bible for himself. At the same time, I witnessed to Mr. and Mrs. Nasworthy as much as I could without annoying them.

Before long the Holy Spirit led me to sense that he was hungry for salvation. Somewhere in his background seed had been planted, but in his mind there were deeply rooted mistaken ideas about salvation. He felt he could never be saved because of things he had done in the past.

As soon as Mr. Nasworthy had pro-

**What is your society doing in literacy work?**

gressed far enough. *The Story of Jesus, Part I\**, became a part of his lesson. His response to the stories made me feel the Holy Spirit was working in his heart. Often as he read he would remark, "These stories make me cold, but I know this is not a cold day."

Almost every night when he came home from work, often as late as two o'clock in the morning, he would spend hours trying to read these stories. He read them well enough to get the gist of them. As he improved in his reading and could understand more fully what he read, the chills turned to tears. It was difficult for him to understand these emotions.

One day while he was reading the story taken from the twelfth chapter of John, he broke down and sobbed. Excusing himself, he left the room. When he returned, he apologized and said, "I have heard these stories before, but when I read them for myself I cannot keep from crying."

These responses convinced me that Mr. Nasworthy was concerned enough to listen to a minister. When I sent word to the mission pastor, he came promptly, but several visits were necessary before Mr. Nasworthy gave his heart to Christ. Then he made a public profession of his faith in the mission church and was baptized.

In the weeks that followed I spent much time counseling and answering questions. There was so much he wanted to know but could not learn for himself because of his limited read-

\**The Story of Jesus*, by Frank Laubach, New Readers Press, Box 151, Syracuse, New York 13210, \$2.00 per set.

ing ability.

Mrs. Nasworthy had always been gracious to me, but there was a hardness about her that defied any attempt I made to witness to her. After her husband became a Christian, she was on the defensive even more than ever. One day she looked me straight in the eye and said, "I don't want to be a Christian."

I said nothing more to her but thought, "I know a Power greater than yours who can change your mind." I continued to pray for her.

Soon after that experience personal reasons necessitated my being away from the city for two months. In that time I never ceased to pray for this family, most especially for Mrs. Nasworthy. Seldom have I been so burdened for an individual.

One day, near the end of two months, Mrs. Nasworthy contacted me. "I have accepted Christ as my Saviour," she told me, "and I am waiting until you return to be baptized."

Words cannot express my joy at this wonderful news.

Because of his working hours, Mr. Nasworthy is able to attend only the morning church services, but Mrs. Nasworthy participates in all church activities. She attends the Mothers Club regularly, teaches a Beginner Sunday school class, and attends a special prayer group weekly.

Each visit in this home is a joyous experience. The changes taking place in the lives of these two people as they continue to grow spiritually is a thrilling revelation of the power of God—reprinted with permission from

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"The seed is the word."

## Call to Prayer

Day by day  
for the World I Pray

Prepared by Rosalee Mills Appleby

**1 FRIDAY** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10 (read vs. 1-27).

He maketh the deaf to hear! Among the messengers God uses for the 20,000 deaf in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, are the J. A. Coopers of Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Cooper, whose birthday we remember today, writes, "Deaf ears can be opened for Christ through use of the sign language. It is wonderful to see a church begin a program for the deaf and hear these friends tell of the blessings they receive. There is not only spiritual enrichment for them but a door is opened for mutual fellowship among all members of the church."

Pray for Mrs. Cooper; Mrs. Seferino Jajola, Albuquerque, Mrs. Shirley Yelcington Espawala, N. M., Ind. et.

**1 SATURDAY** And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. Col. 3:23 (read Luke 12:22-31; 1 Thess. 4:10-12).

T. P. Pierson said, "For thirty years this water has made the philosophy and history of missions a constant study side by side with the Word of God. My unalterable judgment is that the whole basis of successful missionary work is to be found in believing

and in importunate prayer." Pray for our two mission boards.

Pray for A. T. Cabrera, Belen, N. M., Sp. sp. et.; Mrs. Oma Hammock, Tex., et.; Claudio Iglesias, San Blas, Panama, G. S. Harvey, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, et.

**SUNDAY  
MAY 3**

Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. Luke 19:38 (read vs. 28-40).

In the land where the cedars of Lebanon grow, D. W. King is celebrating his birthday. Let us remember today the Baptist school and Seminary in the cosmopolitan city of Beirut, Lebanon giving Christ to the many nationalities who study there in the hope of the Arab world. Pray for this work, the churches, and all work done for Christ in that land, and pray for Baptists there.

Pray for Mr. King, D. M. Carroll, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, et.; Mrs. S. W. Deavenport, Argentina, J. B. Stepp, Jr., Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. A. E. Coragudo, Matanzas, Cuba, et.; W. C. Harrison, Brazil, et.

**4 MONDAY** And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that giveth thee this authority? Luke 20:2 (read vs. 1-18).

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays in **DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL**, free from Foreign Missions Board, Box 4597, Richmond, Virginia 23290, and in **HOME MISSIONS.**

Mary Ball Taylor is a leader of young women in North Brazil, friend of Brazilian youth, who love her. For five years she was director of the WMU Training School in Pernambuco. The last years have been given to a primary school in Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil. Her contribution to a very needy part of that land has been great.

Pray for Miss Taylor. J. J. Hartfield, Moravia, Mexico. J. P. Wheeler, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, ed.; Mrs. A. B. Craighead, Italy. RN: T. E. Douthett, Jr., Korro, MD; E. H. Clark, Kisumu, Kenya, J. B. Matthews, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. Cirilo Aleman, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. J. D. Beal, Atlanta, Ga., Dorothy Ruth Miliam, Spray, N. C., MC

**1 THURSDAY** For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto him Luke 20:38 (read vv. 19-47).

Over half the world's evangelical missionaries are from the United States and Canada. We are told that if each of these workers could reach 1,000 new contacts per year, this would only be enough to meet the annual increase in world population, not to mention the masses alive today. O God, send forth laborers into the white harvest now! Send us forth with greater zeal!

Pray for Rosemary Spessard, Bangkok, Thailand, RN; Mrs. J. D. Ragon, Malaysia, MA; Mrs. T. G. Small, No. Rhodesia, J. K. Solomon, Canal Zone, ev.; Anita Roper, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed.

**6 WEDNESDAY** And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all Luke 21:3 (read vv. 1-24).

The "moving" people of America! Thank God for a home mission program which includes migrants in its concern. To this important work Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Taylor felt called in 1857. They follow the trail of migrants in Florida, in Georgia and in South Carolina, breaking to them the Bread of life, awakening interest among the churches nearby to migrant camps. Four thousand professions of faith were made during their first four and a half years.

Pray for Mrs. Taylor, Clewiston, Fla.; Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Panama, Mrs. J. D. Hollis, Hong Kong, Mrs. E. J. Tharpe, Mrs. H. L. Sinclair, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mary Cannon, Kokura, Japan, J. D. Hanson, Olivet, France, M. E. Torstrik, Santiago, Chile, J. D. Spaw, Las Piedras, Uruguay, ev.; Alma Jackson, Golestad, Brazil, RN

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MB doctor

**1 THURSDAY** Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away Luke 21:33 (read vv. 25-38).

Courts Redford said: "We must not fail God and our fellowmen. We must rededicate our material and spiritual resources to the service of our Master, and as individual Christians say with Esther of old, 'I will go.' I will go to the place of sacrifice. I will go to the place of service. I will be a living epistle and a willing witness for my Lord."

Pray for A. A. Moore, Flagstaff, Ariz., Ind. ev.; Mrs. J. A. Monroe, Miami, Ariz. A. G. Virgin, Waco, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.; G. K. Offutt, Louisville, Ky., Negro ev.; Mrs. E. O. Sanders, Jogjakarta, Mrs. R. C. Betha, Kediri, Indonesia, H. P. Haynes, III, Venezuela, Mrs. D. E. McDowell, Paraguay, ev.

**6 FRIDAY** And he said unto them: With desire I have desired to eat this pasover with you before I suffer Luke 22:15 (read vv. 1-38).

May in the month of memories for Southern Baptists. Today marks exactly 118 years since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is time to take stock and see which direction we are going. Certainly we are larger, better equipped and magnificently organized but is there more life, more spirituality, more power and resources of the Spirit? Pray today for the Southern Baptist Convention in this historical meeting when we meet with six other Baptist groups to observe the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on this continent.

Pray for Mrs. Lillian Bragg, Detroit, Mich., Miguel Lopez, Sanie Fe, N. M., Sp. sp. ev.; Sam Morris, Shawnee, Okla., Ind. ev.; W. M. Clawson, Torreon, Mexico, R. E. Baker, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. R. L. Lamont, Kediri, Indonesia, med.; Virginia B. Hill, E. P. Bennett, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. R. E. Wakefield, Singapore, Malaysia, Mrs. B. P. Powell, Manila, Philippines, ev.

**6 SATURDAY** Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God 1 Cor. 10:31 (read Matt. 23;

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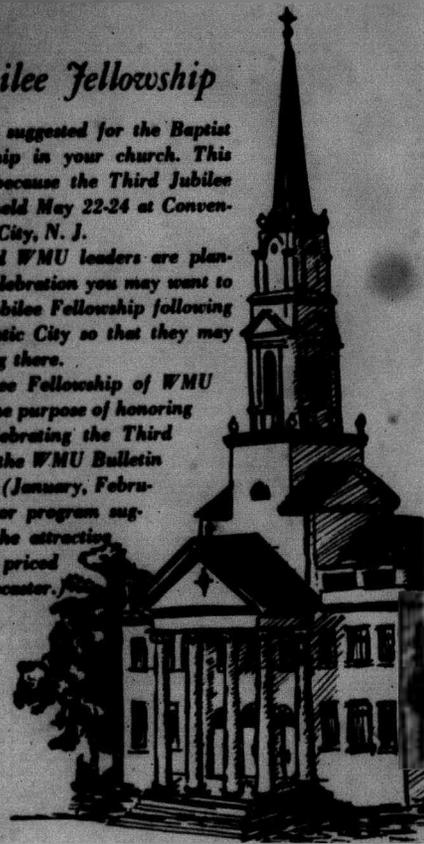
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## Baptist Jubilee Fellowship

**MAY** is the month suggested for the Baptist Jubilee Fellowship in your church. This month is suggested because the Third Jubilee Celebration will be held May 22-24 at Convention Hall in Atlantic City, N. J.

If your pastor and WMU leaders are planning to attend this celebration you may want to have your Baptist Jubilee Fellowship following the meeting in Atlantic City so that they may report on the meeting there.

The Baptist Jubilee Fellowship of WMU organizations is for the purpose of honoring your pastor and celebrating the Third Baptist Jubilee. See the WMU Bulletin for Local Presidents (January, February, March, 1964) for program suggestions and order the attractive program cover. (See priced materials in this Forecaster.)



## Madam President

The calendar indicates a full month for May, with the following activities and emphases:

Christian Home Week, May 3-10  
Mother's Day, May 10  
GA Focus Week, May 10-16  
WMU Annual Meeting, May 18-19

Southern Baptist Convention, May 18-22

Baptist Jubilee Celebration, May 22-24 (Atlantic City)

See Current Comments for GA Focus Week plans and April Royal Service for information regarding meetings in Atlantic City, N. J.

Already you have received through the WMU Bulletin for Local Presidents (January, February, March, 1964) suggestions for a Baptist Jubilee Fellowship in your church. This gathering should be a most significant one not only because it is a part of the Three Point Program for Progress, but because you will want to lead your church to honor the pastor and to celebrate the Third Baptist Jubilee. Plan carefully with your executive board for this time of Fellowship. Order the attractive program folders, 3¢ each, from Women's Missionary Union, 690 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203. You may want to use a picture of your pastor on the program cover; there is space for a small one under the words: "Honoring our pastor." You may want to present your pastor a copy of *Spiritual Life Development*.

Has every member of your WMS read *Spiritual Life Development*,

the last book in our *Aims Series*? Has it been taught in your White? You will want to encourage every woman to keep a copy of the book for continuous help in spiritual development. (Order from your nearest Baptist Book Store, price 96¢)

"Encouraging Trends in Baptist Missions: Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay" is the topic for the general missionary program in May, and Baptist history will be discussed in circle meetings this month. The program committee and circle chairmen will want to be sure that these programs are presented effectively.

Caution them to keep within the time allowed for programs. It is important to begin meetings on time and to keep them on schedule. Make your agenda and distribute the time wisely.

Here is one possibility:

Bible meditation and Call to Prayer (from Royal Service), 16 minutes

Business, 15 minutes

Promotional features, 10 minutes

Program presentation, 30-45 minutes

You may need a timekeeper to keep on schedule.

Speaking of time, it's time for the nominating committee to secure officers for 1964-65. See "Nominating Committee" under Current Comments in this Forecaster.

May the month of May be a good one for your WMU.

## Dear Circle Chairman,

Today we are all time conscious. We have become clock watchers. This is because we usually have so many schedules into which we must fit.

It is important to respect the time of others and to keep on schedule. As circle chairman you are responsible for beginning meetings on time and closing on time. Plan your agenda with the clock in mind. Here is one way your agenda may read:

Devotional period, using Call to Prayer, 10 minutes

Business, 10 minutes

Promotional period, 10 minutes

Program, 30-40 minutes

The circle plan has long been recognized as one of the best ways to enlist and develop leaders. How does your circle score in this area?

The nominating committee will soon be at work seeking the 1964-65 WMU leadership for your church.

Have you used the Interest-Talent Cards to discover what your circle members like to do and are willing to do in the circle and society. See priced materials listed in this Forecaster and if you have not been using this means of discovering leaders, try it.

The Baptist Jubilee Fellowship suggested for May will be a happy occasion which you will want to promote. Encourage all circle members to attend this gathering where the pastor will be honored and the Third Baptist Jubilee will be celebrated.

Yours for good circle meetings!

## Promotional Features FOR MEETINGS

### GENERAL MEETING

#### Encouraging Use of Call to Prayer in Family Worship

Encourage women to use Call to Prayer in their family worship. Ask the question, "What twelve-

letter word, meaning prayer for others, gave birth to the modern missionary movement?"

The word is "intercession." See Call to Prayer, Sunday, May 17, and give the information there concerning the "prayer concert" which so greatly affected world missions.

Read the following:  
"Build a family altar.  
Kneel there every day,  
Your family kneeling with you,  
To join you as you pray.  
Not only will such praying  
A Kingdom force become;  
But God will be there with you,  
A blessing to your home."

### Right Acquisition of Money

Remind WMS members of the responsibility which Christian women have for the right acquisition of money. The following paragraphs about money-making may be attached to a money tree plant (a plant with paper thin leaves which, when opened and the seeds removed, has a silvery appearance) and removed and read or they may be given to someone before the meeting to read.

(1) Money-making can be and should be good. In a sermon on money, John Wesley urged the people to earn all they could. He advised against harming their health or exploiting the other person in the process of making money.

(2) Money that is obtained through violating the rights or best interests of individuals, or through threatening or sacrificing the welfare of society, is acquired in the wrong way.

(3) Any business that must survive by sacrificing the bodies,

lives, and souls of men and women, boys and girls, is making money in the wrong way. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 9:36

### Three Reasons Why

To arouse interest in Ridgecrest and Glorieta WMSU Conferences have three members (preferably those who have attended the conferences) tell why they want to go to the 1964 conferences.

Number I tells about the location of Glorieta and Ridgecrest. Both assemblies are located in beautiful mountains. Ridgecrest near Asheville, N. C. and Glorieta near Santa Fe, N. M. Tell about interesting places which may be visited en route to Ridgecrest, such as the resort town of Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Cherokee Indian reservation; and Taos, New Mexico, and other Indian pueblos en route to Glorieta.

Number II tells about the Christian fellowship which may be enjoyed at the conferences, the music, and new friends; tell about the good food which is served.

Number III tells of the spiritual help received through devotional and Bible study periods; of missionary messages which develop missionary concern; of methods conferences which enable WMSU leaders to serve more effectively.

Launched in 1914 with a circulation of 15,000, ROYAL SERVICE has grown to a monthly distribution of almost 300,000 copies. Does every member of your WMSU receive ROYAL SERVICE?

## MISSIONING

### Mission Reading

Remember the old saying, "Nothing succeeds like success"! There's truth in it! If you have circle members who are reading mission periodicals and books regularly, the success of their endeavor can encourage other members. At your circle meeting have a sharing time, called "Things I've read recently." Alert three or four members to be prepared to tell about the mission books and periodicals they have been reading and what they have found interesting and helpful about them. Be sure special emphasis is given to reading *Spiritual Life Development* by Mildred McMurtry, and *Royal Service*.

### Techniques of Visitation

Does your circle have some prospects? It should have. Why not accept the techniques of enlistment visitation at your meeting, then pass out names of prospects to be visited before the next meeting.

Review for circle members the pointers for an enlistment visit in chapter 3 of the WMS Manual. After the review, ask two members to volunteer to do a demonstration visit—one to act as the prospect and the other as the visitor.

Assign prospects to be visited before the next WMS meeting. Give each visitor the leaflet, "Our Church Wants You in WMS," and a copy of *Royal Service* to use in her visit. (The leaflet, "Our Church Wants You in WMS," is free from your state WMSU office; collect

some extra copies of *Royal Service* or order extra copies from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, for 15c per copy. Allow about ten days for delivery.)

### PREVIEW of June General Program

To stimulate interest in the general WMS program for June, use the following quiz on Brazil, the country to be studied. You may ask each circle member to answer the questions, or the entire group may answer audibly.

1. Brazil is the (largest, smallest, second largest) independent nation in South America.
2. The Brazilian people speak (Spanish, Latin, Portuguese).
3. The capital of Brazil is (Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Recife).
4. The first Brazilian Baptist church was organized in (1882, 1904, 1928).
5. There are now approximately (120, 200, 1,650) Baptist churches in Brazil. (Answers: 1. largest, 2. Portuguese, 3. Brasilia, 4. 1882, 5. 1,650)

Announce the time and place of your June WMS program. Distribute copies of leaflets, "North Brazil: A Desert Made to Bloom," "Equatorial Brazil: An Area of Progress," and "South Brazil: Columbus-in-a-Hurry" for members to read in preparation for the program in June. (These leaflets are free from Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6607, Richmond, Va. 23239. Allow six weeks to receive order. Check with other circle chairmen and compile one order for your church rather than have each circle order its own copies.)

# Celebrate the Jubilee

## Celebrate the Jubilee

Point II on the Three Point Program for Progress is "Celebrate the Jubilee." Part of the celebration is to have a Jubilee gathering of all WMU organizations in the church.

This big Jubilee roundup is being called "A Baptist Jubilee Fellowship." Plans for it are outlined in the WMU Bulletin for Local Presidents for January, February, March, 1964. Check your copy, madam president, for all the details.

The suggested month is May, but any convenient date on your church calendar is the time for you. As Miss Alma Hunt has said, "Whether [the celebration is] fancy or in simple fashion, indoors or outdoors, with food or without food, you will plan for it to be an occasion when your WMU will invite the whole church to focus on the Jubilee and to honor your parlor. The first makes it special, the latter makes it extra special!"

## Enlistment Visitation

A promotional feature on enlistment visitation has been suggested for circle meetings this month (see Forecaster, page 5). The enlistment committee should bring the society prospect list up to date and provide a list of prospects for each circle to use in following up on the visitation emphasis.

## Interest-Talent Surveys

Do you need clues to more active participation? Do you need a list of prospective officers in the nominating committee begins to work on the slate of officers for next year? An interest-talent survey will help. (See WMS Manual, chapter 8.)

The survey is the responsibility of the enlistment committee, but the information should be made available to all WMS leaders and to the nominating committee. This survey might help in locating some unused talent, or in discovering interests that have never been recognized. Make the survey by circles (Interest-Talent Cards are available from Women's Missionary Union, 600 No 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, price 10 for 10c, packaged only as listed.)

## WMU Magazines in the Budget

All WMS, YWA, and GA members and all Sunbeam Band leaders should have the magazine for their organizations. The best way to accomplish "all subscribing" is to include the magazines in the budget, so that every member and leader automatically receives her own copy.

The best way to handle your budget orders is called the "Common Expiration Date Plan" (See WMU Year Book, pages 35-36, for a description of this plan.)

## Materials to Help You

Priced materials for use—  
When visiting prospects:  
Doorknob Calling Card, 3c each.

\$1.00 for 100  
Invitation Card, 15c dozen; 60c for 100  
(packaged only as listed)  
When looking for leaders:  
Interest-Talent Card, 10 for 10c  
(packaged only as listed)  
When planning May general program:

Program Covers for Latin America, 3c each

When planning Baptist Jubilee Fellowship:

Baptist Jubilee Fellowship Program Covers, 2c each

When presenting the plan of salvation:

Soul-winning Bible References presenting plan of salvation, gummed sticker, 25 for 25c (packaged by 25's only)

Order the above materials from Women's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

## Nominating Committee

Since the WMU nominating committee is responsible for choosing those who will lead in the missionary education program of the church, it is very important that the committee begin its work in prayer by seeking guidance of the Holy Spirit in the selection of leaders to be nominated.

The nominating committee should also remember to give adequate information about the offices to be filled. When persons are asked to serve, the responsibilities should be clearly outlined and related to the total work of the organization.

A Christian woman's personal loyalty and devotion to Christ should be the motive for her acceptance of leadership responsibilities.

Use of the WMS Interest-Talent Card should help the nominating committee discover leaders



## GA Focus Week, May 10-10

Focus Week 1964 can be a real time of Jubilee celebration as the WMS and church focus on the girls, ages nine through fifteen, in your church and the organizations which provide missionary education for them—Girls' Auxiliary.

"Arise, Shine" from the Girls' Auxiliary watchword is the theme. During this week of emphasis, mothers, WMS members, and interested adults can lend encouragement to the GA director and counselors in the work that they do with girls. An opportunity might be provided in your WMS to honor the GA leadership. Or, at the WMS meeting in May in some way recognize the mothers whose daughters are members of Girls' Auxiliary asking them to encourage their girls to become GA members and active in the missionary education phase of their Christian growth and development. It could be a time when you would invite a GA to come to your WMS meeting and tell what Girls' Auxiliary means to her. The girls might give a drama or do a choral reading. Suggestions are given in April and May Tell which could be used profitably. A social affair might be provided the girls by your WMS or fostering circles. Ask your GA director and counselors other ways you may help during these all important days.

In April and May Tell there are detailed plans for a variety of emphases.

With the theme in mind, every



worker at our Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso: "I am now in the Lord's work, converted by some tracts from there. Two of my children brought them home from a Baptist kindergarten. At first I refused to accept them, but one day, when I was feeling desperate, I went into the kitchen to cry. There somebody had left one of these. I read, Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. I decided to accept the Lord's offer, for I could not go on alone."

Pray for Mrs. J. T. Poe, Bapt. Pub. House, and a nurse, El Paso, Tex.; Virginia B. Mathis, Manila, Philippines, pub.; Mrs. Francisco Rodriguez, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.; M. D. Oates, Fremo, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.

**16 SATURDAY** Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prop. 20:1 (read Rom. 13:12b-14; 14:13-21).

The executive secretary of our Home Mission Board says: "Southern Baptists, like all Americans, need a spiritual awakening, a revival of righteousness in their lives, in their homes, and in their social and economic relationships. As the Israelites were urged to observe God's law and 'turn not from it to the right hand, or to the left,' so does God's Spirit instruct his people today."

Let us pray for those who are working to make America Christian: Mrs. R. R. Beard, Muskogee, Okla., Ind. ev.; Mrs. S. M. Hernandez, Tucson, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Lawrence Stanley, Phoenix, Ariz., Chinese, ev.; Mrs. F. H. Walters, Canal Zone, ret.; J. M. Sanchez, Havana, Cuba, ev.; and for J. O. Watson, Asuncion, Paraguay, P. H. Carter, Merida, Mexico, Mrs. J. W. Fuller, Jordan, Mrs. J. E. Porey, Jr., Baguio, Philippines, ev.; Catherine B. Walker, Semarang, Indonesia, ev.; Mrs. Louis O'Connor, Jr., Korea, RN.

**SUNDAY  
MAY 17** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 (read vs. 1-28).

Modern missions began in intercession. A burden for the lost world expressed itself in a prayer fellowship which spread widely in Britain and affected America. This "prayer concert" continued for years. Half a century of earnest, united prayer on the part of devoted saints gave birth to the modern missionary enterprise. If the gospel is to prevail in the hearts of many, a great volume of believing prayer must ascend to God daily. Pray for R. Z. Chamlee, Jr., Trujillo, Peru,

J. G. Partain, Kitale, Kenya, ev.; W. H. Wakefield, Makati, Philippines, Sp. T. W. Tellington, Niles, ret.

**18 MONDAY** The next day John, with Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Would he Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:29 (read vs. 30-51).

Hong Kong! A city of unusual problems and opportunities where a million refugees are seeking freedom. Here Lewis and Henrietta Shuck began work in 1942. Our denomination makes a great contribution to the East through Hong Kong Baptist College, a seminary, primary and secondary schools.

Pray for A. L. Daria, Jr., doctor in the city of refugees; W. C. Warmath, Japan, Mrs. M. E. DuPriest, Japan, A. L. Gillespie, Japan, C. W. Campbell, Argentina, J. E. Hampton, Tonga, Tanganyika, Felix Tomas, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mary Jane Whorton, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.

**19 TUESDAY** This beginning of miracle did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. John 2:11 (read John 3).

Doors to China may be closed at present but they are wide open to 42,000 Chinese in San Francisco. A foreign mission obligation has become a home mission privilege. Among those laboring in the spirit of "I was a stranger and ye took me in," is Rev. Peter Chen. He tells us that Chinatown is "already white unto harvest."

Pray for Mr. Chen; S. F. Dowis, Ga., Mary C. Alexander, China-Hong Kong, Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, China, ret.; Mrs. Claudio Iglesias, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. Wayne White, Mexico, J. N. Westmoreland, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, C. W. Bedenbaugh, Tanganyika, ev.; W. D. Bender, Abokosta, Nigeria, ed.

**20 WEDNESDAY** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:17 (read John 3).

Two missionaries from Brazil are "making years" as they express "having a birthday." L. C. Bell laid the foundation for the Co-operative Program among Brazilians. His work is greatly appreciated. Mrs. G. M. Was is the author of *Adventures in Brazil*. More important yet, she is the mother of Sandra Lee now in Baylor University, Waco, Texas, of Sheila Mae, and Shirley Jean. Pray for these and the nation-wide evangelistic crusade being planned in Brazil.

Pray for Mr. Bell and Mrs. W. N. Clazon, Temuco, Chile, J. S. McGee, Ibadan, Ni-

geria, ev.; Legene Tilford, Taichung, Taiwan, SW.

**21 THURSDAY** But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. John 4:14 (read vs. 1-24).

The value of missions was demonstrated when Nigeria was given her independence in 1960. Freedom in Christ is the forerunner of every freedom. The basic principles of democracy and righteousness were laid in Nigeria through mission teaching. Baptist work has gone forward in Nigeria since 1850.

Pray for Mary Hester Poyell, Nigeria, RN; W. M. Gilliland, Shaki, Nigeria, N. D. Brown, Nigeria, B. A. Clendinning, Jr., Ruschlikon, Switzerland, ed.; G. E. Kingsley, Limbe, Nyassaland, Mrs. Aruncion Sugasti, Parara, Panama, ev.; N. E. Douglas, Charleston, S. C., Nigeria, ev.

**22 FRIDAY** Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. John 4:34 (read vs. 27-34).

"God's work, done at God's time and in God's way, will never lack God's blessing." God's Work: "Preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

God's Time: "Now is the accepted time." 2 Corinthians 6:2.

God's Way: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8.

Pray for Roe Beard, Muskogee, Okla., Ind. ev.; O. W. Reid, Guadalupe, Mexico, SW; V. O. Vernon, Fortaleza, Brazil, A. W. Compton, Santiago, Chile, ev.; Maurine Perryman, Jordan, ed.

**23 SATURDAY** And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. Luke 20:25 (read Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Peter 4:12-16).

Despite rain every night but one, average attendance at a week-long music school in Porto Alegre, Brazil, was 187, which represents 16 per cent of the Baptist church membership of 1,200 in 12 churches of the city.

Each night, classes were conducted in basic theory, sight reading, song leading, accompaniment, voice, and "Music in the Bible"; a film on music was shown; and new music was rehearsed by choral groups. The final night program, with 600 present, consisted of piano duets and vocal solos by faculty members and numbers by the women's and men's choirs. Pray for this work.

Pray for Mrs. W. N. Clazon, Ibadan, Ni-

geria, B. E. Cockram, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, Mrs. H. T. McKinley, Guelo, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. R. W. Harrell, Nairobi, Kenya, W. G. Henderson, Taegu, Korea, ev.; Joan Frisby, Dallas, Tex., MC; Mrs. H. T. Gruber, Phoenix, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.

**SUNDAY  
MAY 24** And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked on the same day as the sabbath. John 5:9 (read John 5).

Like an oasis in the desert, is the Baptist Industrial Institute, founded by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Terry in Corrente, Brazil. A public health officer passing through this interior town, said: "I find the healthiest, happiest children here I have concluded that the reason is here." He pointed to the pulpit of the fine Baptist church.

Pray for Mrs. Terry today, retired in Ga., C. D. Hardy, Brazil, Mrs. Earl Parker, China-Korea, ret.; Doris Penkert, Recife, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. W. W. Stennett, Guatemala, Mrs. C. W. Campbell, Buena Aires, Argentina, Louis O'Connor, Jr., Korea, ev.; D. Bellano, N. M., ret.; N. L. Peyton, Wake Forest, N. C., deaf ev.

**25 MONDAY** But he saith unto them, It is I, he not afraid. John 6:20 (read vs. 1-21).

South Vietnam these last years has come to be known internationally because of her fight against communism. Fourteen and a half million people live in this little country, south of the Chinese border. The first Southern Baptist witness there was in 1959. B. M. James is one of the six missionaries lifting up his banner in Dalat.

Pray for Mr. James, T. E. Bryant, Brazil, G. A. Clark, Fukuoka, Japan, D. R. Smith, Valencia, Venezuela, A. F. Garner, Santa Fe, Argentina, ev.; H. E. Spencer, Philippines, ed.; Marine Joyce Carmichael, New Orleans, La., RM.

**26 TUESDAY** And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35 (read vs. 22-40).

"Our world mission endeavor" must not simply be a little part of a program, but must be characterized by the spirit of personal crusade. Missions must become our mission, and sharing Jesus with the whole world our passion.

"The people of this earth are too many and too scattered and too steeped in sin and

separation ever to find their way out of the night of darkness unless in our individual lives and churches there be more of His compassion, and commitment to Christ," says Paul Aiken, pastor Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta.

Pray for Mrs. W. M. Moore, Nigeria, C. H. Morris, Malaysia, Mrs. J. E. Throner, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, W. D. Morgan, Rainbow City, Canal Zone, ex.; Carter Bearden, Ga., deaf ex.

**WEDNESDAY** The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? John 6:32 (read vs. 41-71).

Southern Baptists are praying today for Mrs. C. A. Allison who works in Mbeya. Our mission program in East Africa began in Dar es Salaam, which is the capital of the two-year-old country of Tanganyika. At the Baptist center there are classes in sewing, cooking, reading, health, woodwork, etc. With clubs for boys and girls, pre-school nursery and Sunday school classes, many are being reached. A missionary reports that in the bush country of Tukuysu "the gospel has spread like a roaring fire."

Pray for Mrs. Allison, Mrs. I. S. Perkins, Belg. Brazil, ex.; F. N. Horton, Japan, rd.

**THURSDAY** If any man will to do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself John 7:17 (read vs. 1-31).

Heartly congratulations to Mrs. R. L. Fielden of Corroto, Piahy. The Fieldens have a unique opportunity as he operates a Baptist plane in the far interior of Brazil where traveling is more difficult and doctors few. He is able to take the sick to the hospital in emergency cases and bring back the mail or medical supplies. Preachers are flown to interior places which would take weeks to be reached by muleback. This work can be carried on in many places.

Pray for Mrs. T. N. Clinkscaler, Londrina, B. J. Diersdorf, Campinas, Brazil, W. R. Medling, Okayama, Japan, ex.; Aline Louise Mitchell, Farmington, N. H., Ind. ex.; J. H. Parker, Tex., ret.

**FRIDAY** In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink John 7:37 (read vs. 32-53).

Professor William James affirmed: "I am bold to say that the work of God in the conversion of one soul, considered together with the sowing, foundation and purchase of

it, also the benefit and eternal hope of it is a more glorious work of God than the creation of the whole material universe." Missionaries are the human instruments to co-operate with God for this divine service.

Pray for Mrs. R. K. Eenson, Uruguay, Post Box, Singapore, Malaysia, ex.; Mrs. J. D. Brito, Hong Kong, Mrs. J. A. Porter, Baguio, Philippines, ed.; Ruth Porter, American Paraguay, Donna Stiles, Galoisia, So. Rhodesia, RN; Johnnie L. Hobbs, New Orleans La., GWC

**SATURDAY** Righteousness exulteth in justice: but sin is a reproach to any people Prov. 14:34 (read Amos 2:9-7; Acts 17:34-38).

Prayer opens the divine storehouse and gives access to every resource of God intended for man. It projects the Christian into lands where his feet can never tread and serves those he will never see. Judson said "I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything, but it came, at some time—no matter at how distant a day—somehow, in some shape, probably, the last I should have devised, it came." So believing, let us pray.

Pray for Mrs. G. D. Grober, Belen, Brazil, Mrs. L. M. Southerland, Jr., Fukuoka, Japan, RN; Mrs. A. L. Davis, Jr., Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mrs. J. A. Herring, Koshuung, Taiwan, Mrs. R. W. Burnett, Buenos Aires, Argentina, N. V. Davis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. Rafael Guillen, Panama, R. O. Hart, Balboa, Canal Zone, ex.; I. N. Patterson, Ikeden, Nigeria, BA; G. L. Glasgow, Carthersville, Mo., Negro ex.; Don Contreras, Las Vegas, N. M., Sp. ex. ex.

**SUNDAY MAY 31** Then spake Jesus open unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life John 8:12 (read vs. 1-32).

Last year William W. Stennett, his wife and boys went out to Guatemala where Baptists have been since 1944. With a Theological Institute and missionaries in Guatemala City, more than one church a year has been organized. There is great need for work among students, and missionaries are in demand for each of the many Indian tribes in this country.

Pray for Bill Stennett, Mrs. A. W. Compton, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. William Stennett, Amacion, Paraguay, June Cooper, Tokyo, Japan, ex.; Mrs. H. L. Price, Tokyo, Japan, RN; Mrs. J. F. Potter, Thomasville, Ga., deaf ex.

## OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

Mission Study Book: *Spiritual Life Development*

by Mildred McMarry

Make plans to have this Alma Book taught to youth or society.

## CIRCLE PROGRAM

# For Liberty and Light

by Kate and Davis Woolley

### OUTLINE for MEETING

#### Circle Chairman in Charge

Call to Prayer (reading Scripture passage, giving missionary information, and praying for missionaries)

Song (choose one appropriate to Scripture passage)

#### Business Session

Promotional Period (see Forecaster)

#### Program Chairman in Charge

Program Chairman: The tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War is near Independence Hall, Philadelphia. Inscribed on it are these words, "Freedom is a light for which many men have died in darkness."

He was heir of those who had come to the new world in search of liberty, but he died before independence was achieved. His was a legacy of eternal vigilance and religious conviction.

Different ideas about government and religion influenced the development of all thirteen colonies. The Pilgrims who first came to the Massachusetts Bay area and settled at Plymouth Rock were seeking religious liberty for themselves. Puritans of Boston sought a place where their kind of Protestantism might develop unhindered by the government. The degree to which other colonists sought this liberty varies considerably.

In our program we shall trace the development of Baptists who sought religious freedom. We will mark this progress with the symbols of our Baptist Jubilee year. A bell, similar to the Freedom Bell in Independence Hall, represents "Liberty." A torch represents the spread of the gospel "Light." Yes, liberty is a light that shines

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so brightly that many die in our day trying to reach it from behind their dark curtains of iron and bamboo.

Meeting this month, May 22-24, in Atlantic City are seven Baptist groups of North America. They will recall the road over which our forefathers trudged "for liberty and light." We, too, will travel this route as we mark significant places in the Baptist search for religious freedom.

**First Speaker:** (Place a bell on a road map at Providence, Rhode Island.) Baptists had their beginning in America in Rhode Island. This is a familiar story to most of us—the story of Roger Williams being driven out of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for preaching his ideas of religious liberty. He did not believe that the state—in this case, the colony—should control the churches. He did not believe that the church should be supported by the state. He was outspoken in his objections to infant baptism. Williams preached that a voluntary profession of faith was necessary for church membership.

Because of his ideas Roger Williams had to leave Salem, Massachusetts, in the dead of winter. He left his wife, Mary, and their two little girls—the younger just an infant named "Freeborn"—in Salem until he could find a place to build a home.

In a snowstorm Williams sought refuge with his friends, the Indians. He purchased land from the Indians at Narragansett Bay and made plans to establish a colony to be called "Providence" because of God's providential mercy to him.

Williams soon asked other friends to come and enjoy liberty in his settlement. He also sent for his wife Mary and their children. This was in 1636. By 1639 the colonists at Providence were ready to constitute themselves into a church. They had been meeting in the huts of the people or under the trees, and the church they formed is considered the first Baptist church organized in America.

About the same time John Clarke, a physician-minister, came to Boston; but he

found the same repressive conditions there which he had left England to escape. Hearing of Roger Williams and his group in the south of Boston, he went to Providence. Williams urged him to settle on adjacent land and together they founded the colony of Rhode Island and later obtained a charter from England.

Clarke had organized a Baptist church at Newport by 1640. There are those who claim that the church was begun in 1638, but there seem to be no records to authenticate this. The important thing for this study is that Rhode Island was the first place legally established to provide religious liberty to anyone regardless of background or creed. There were very few Catholics and Jews in the new world, but those in Rhode Island were given permission to worship as they felt led to do. Just as we saw last month that the Baptist, Thomas Helwys, wrote the first book in the English language supporting full religious freedom, so the Baptists, Roger Williams and John Clarke, established the first colony where each person was free to worship or not to worship according to his own beliefs.

**Second Speaker:** Pennsylvania, which means Penn's woods, was the home of the Quakers. (Place symbol at Philadelphia.) This colony granted religious toleration and was almost the same kind of colony as Rhode Island. Office-holding, however, was restricted to Quakers. They were perhaps the most persecuted of all the religious groups of early America. Baptists were whipped at the stake and were put in jail, but there were Quakers who lost their lives in their struggle for religious liberty.

Baptists became quite strong around Philadelphia, and by 1707 there was a sufficient number of Baptist churches to warrant the calling together of representatives for organizing an association. This was the first time in America that members of different Baptist churches associated themselves together in any kind of cooperative activity.

The association, however, had no power or authority over the churches. The "associates" as they were called, from the five small churches represented a variety of backgrounds. One church was composed of settlers from the British Isles; another, the Welsh Tract Church, of Welsh settlers.

Two of the churches were made up of Baptists who had fled from persecution in New Hampshire and New York. The Association was quite helpful in giving advice and encouragement to new churches and in providing a sense of oneness and strength to a scattered minority group.

Some years later the Philadelphia Association extended its influence both south and north, serving as a pattern for associations all along the eastern seaboard. As early as 1756 the Association sent two evangelists to preach in North Carolina. This was the first of several early missionary efforts.

**Third Speaker:** The growth of Baptist work in the South was perhaps most dramatic in the Carolinas, which guaranteed religious freedom. Baptists in Virginia were hindered and persecuted by the Establishment—the Anglican Church.

"The Great Awakening" was a tidal wave of revivals that engulfed first New England and then spread southward during the period from 1720 to about 1770. One result of the awakened religious consciousness was a renewed sense of mission. A most dramatic story of mission growth involves the coming of Shubal Stearns of New England to Sandy Creek, North Carolina, in 1778. (Place a bell at Sandy Creek, near Asheville, N. C.) Upon Stearns' arrival the Sandy Creek Church was immediately constituted from the sixteen members of the company which had traveled south together.

Stearns and his men were so fervent in their evangelism and so blessed of God that they soon reached out into other communities with their witness. Within seven years forty-two new churches had been established by the Sandy Creek Church!

As Baptist groups increased in numbers

"Man must be free to respond to the grace of God in Christ Jesus. He must be free to worship God according to the light of his conscience without interference by the state. No church, no gay human agency."—Joseph H. Thompson

they became more vocal in their demands for legal recognition of religious freedom.

Leadership for the crusade in New England was provided by Isaac Backus and the Warren Association of Rhode Island, organized in 1767 for the express purpose of securing religious freedom. Repeatedly Backus presented petitions to the courts of Massachusetts and Connecticut, pointing out discrimination against Baptists.

In 1774 the Warren Association sent Backus to appeal to the Continental Congress not only for the abolition of tax support for churches in Massachusetts but for the consideration of religious liberty for all.

Leadership for the crusade in Virginia, where many Baptist preachers were jailed, (put a bell in Virginia) was given by John Leland, a brilliant Baptist minister and political scientist of Culpeper County. Leland had come from Massachusetts, and was a follower of Isaac Backus. It is generally conceded that Leland had considerable influence upon James Madison and perhaps upon Jefferson, that he was to some extent responsible for Madison's introducing the First Amendment to the Constitution, which says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. . . ."

In their fight for freedom Virginia Baptists co-operated with Presbyterians and many others in disestablishing the Anglican Church and securing national religious freedom. These Virginia Baptists learned the importance of making their voices heard in the political arena as well as in the church house. They were a force that helped mold the thought and action of an infant nation.

Fourth Spanish: The winning of the Revolution had brought political freedom and military peace to the American people. The adoption of the Bill of Rights in 1791 secured religious freedom and untrammeled expression for Americans of all faiths, or no faith!

In this atmosphere of freedom came the great missionary awakening. At widely scattered places throughout the nation missionary societies emerged—both male and female. Some of these were primarily for sharing information, praying, and fund-raising. Others were more ambitious and were actually involved in sending missionaries to the Indians, or to the Negro slaves, or to the pioneers of the new "West."

This growing missionary spirit among Baptists received a great stimulus in 1815 when Luther Rice returned from India. Rice and the Adoniram Judson had been sent out as missionaries by a Congregational board. However, after intense Bible study all three came to accept the Baptist doctrine of believer's baptism by immersion, and joined a Baptist church in Calcutta.

They resigned as Congregational missionaries; and Rice came back to the United States to solicit help from the Baptists who were as yet not organized to support foreign missionaries. With brilliant and untiring efforts Rice preached and talked missions to Baptists up and down the country. They in turn responded by praying and giving and organizing for missions to an extent far beyond anyone's expectations.

During this period Rice devised a remarkable plan, a wonderful dream, now called it. He dreamed of many Baptist churches co-operating in a national convention for the support of foreign missions. Later his dream came to include co-operation in other areas, too, like home missions, education, and publications.

In his sermons, conversation, and letters he shared this dream with denominational leaders both north and south. Many of them, like Richard Furman, found his enthusiasm contagious. Largely as a result of

Rice's vision and fervor the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions—usually called the "Triennial Convention"—was organized May 18, 1814, in Philadelphia. (Place a torch at Philadelphia.) Their first item of business following the actual organization was the appointment of Rice as a foreign missionary. He was asked to remain in this country temporarily to serve as the agent of the Convention in raising money for missions. As it turned out, Rice never was able to return to Burma. The next item of business was to appoint the Judsons as missionaries to Burma and to arrange for their support.

The Triennial Convention as this co-operative body was called, was the first organization on a national scale of Baptists in North America.

The contribution of Luther Rice to Baptist life is of great significance. As one historian put it, "Rice was the first to lead the Baptists to think nationally." W. H. Whitcraft said, "The coming of Luther Rice was the most important event in Baptist history in the nineteenth century."

The dream of Luther Rice, of a national convention fostering many kinds of activities was only partially realized in the Triennial Convention. However, Southern Baptists feel a special spiritual kinship with this New England Baptist because it is essentially Rice's plan of organization which is embodied in the Southern Baptist Convention.

All North American Baptists pay tribute to Rice this month for his service to the denomination in arousing Baptists to missionary commitment and support. He is no other man showed Baptists their responsibility in sharing religious freedom—especially spiritual freedom in Jesus Christ—with the whole world.

Program Leader: May we conclude our program with praise to God in keeping with the Jubilee Celebration. God has done great things with and for Baptists! Let us humble ourselves before him and praise

Señora Elba de Sepúlveda, Señora Sofía de David, Señora Celerina de Ferrandina, and Señora Berta de



## MORE *Stimulating* THAN TEA

AFTER WMS meeting the women were visiting and chatting, reluctant to return to household tasks. But Señora Sofía, the president, was in a hurry. If she could catch a bus right away she would have a visit with Señora Celerina before time to prepare supper for her family. Señora Elba and Señora Berta were waiting for her at the bus stop and together they took the rickety bus to within a block of Señora Celerina's house.

Señora Celerina greeted her friends with a warm *abrazo* (hug). She was looking much better after an illness and in a short while would be active in the weekly WMS meetings again, her friends declared.

True to Chilean custom, the four were presently sipping steaming cups of tea and enjoying rolls and cake while they brought the shut-in up-to-date on church news. The conversation turned naturally to the missionary society.

"I owe it all to you, Señora Cefe; after all, it was you who aroused my interest in the missionary society," Señora Sofía was speaking. "True, I've been attending only three years, but already it has been a blessing. Never before had I known such Christian love and fellowship as I have found with you dear sisters in Christ. This year, I felt so inadequate to take the responsibility of president, but I have learned a great deal—by doing. As I see it, Woman's Missionary Union offers an opportunity for any woman who wishes to grow spiritually."

"That certainly is true," chimed in Elba. "I have been in the WMS since 1954, and it has helped me in developing spiritually, I believe. At first I was terribly ignorant of the things of the Lord. Then, when I was asked to be young people's director, I felt I just could not do it. It was a job much too big for me, but Señora Ruby Parker had the patience to teach me. It was worth but it also was a joy and a blessing to me and to my children. Later I became vice president, but now I have again been named young people's director. I hope we will be able to revive the Señoras (YWA) Society because my Rebecca will soon be that age and I don't want her to miss missionary education. The

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Miss Ogburn, a missionary, is WMSU executive secretary for Chile.

work with our young people is great and beautiful and of prime importance.

"Amen! It is indeed!" they all agreed.

"The person who invited you did our society a real favor, Señora Elba," remarked Señora Sofia.

Señora Elba chuckled. "No one invited me, exactly. I just came. I started attending the church and heard about the missionary society. It seemed to be the very thing I needed and I have not been disappointed."

"Señora Berta, you haven't said a word. How did you become interested in the WMS?"

"Well, to tell you the truth, when I was reborn through the gospel, I was born in the WMS. From the very beginning of my Christian experience, I have been in this organization. I was very young when I married and as a young married woman, I helped to organize the Women's Society in Second Church in Santiago back in 1922. When my husband was called as mission pastor, I took it as my responsibility and privilege to work with the women in every church where we have served. That has been my greatest joy. I can frankly say that much I have learned in the Lord's work has been in WMS, and it was there I was given a chance to serve. There is always a need for a woman's contribution in the kingdom of God."

"Well, Señora Berta, it seems that I have had a few more years with the WMS than even you." It was Señora Celerina who was speaking, and the other women nodded and smiled in satisfaction. There was no one else who could hold such a choice place in the thoughts and affections of Chilean Baptist women as she. Was she not the first president of the Chilean Woman's Missionary Union? Through the years she had been their beloved friend, counselor, and champion.

"It was in 1910, two years after I had left Spain, that I first began to work with the WMS in Rosario, Argentina. When we moved to Chile in 1922, I brought that interest with me. Work with missionary societies has been in three-fourths of my life! I have loved it and I have rejoiced in what I have been able to do for the Lord among women."

"It has been well worth the effort because woman is the key, the center of the home and her influence is so great. If we can reach her, we can help her maintain a Christian home, help her educate her children, help her win her husband, and cooperate with him in creating a more complete work in the kingdom of God. The WMS has helped raise the moral and spiritual level of our women and that is what has filled my life with satisfaction and joy."

The tea cups had long been forgotten. Something much more stimulating than tea had captured their hearts and minds.

In front of the Baptist church, San Francisco and Matilde are ready to catch the bus

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EVERY person has an equal allotment of time each day as his gift from God—86,400 seconds, 1,440 minutes, 24 hours. Some persons have accumulated many dollars, a wardrobe filled with clothes and numerous other things at the same time. But God gives no one two moments together. Time cannot be stored up. No person is richer than another in the moments of a day. How priceless each one is. How important that moments not be misused.

Money can be saved. Fuel can be stored up and used later. Knowledge can be acquired and, brought back from the past, it can be pressed into service. But not so with time. A French proverb says, "All the treasures of earth cannot bring back one lost moment." Each tick of the clock must be used now or it is gone forever.

As Christians we are stewards of time. Even the "spare" moments call for the wisest use. We have no time to waste. Benjamin Franklin once declared, "Don't thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life's made of."

God is giving you today. There is time enough for you to do that which is most important, but not enough to do everything. Non-essentials have to be weeded out if you make time count. As a Christian steward of time, you must be selective. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

Time will be given to the needs of the body. It should be given to the cultivation of the mind. It must be given to the nur-

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... of this spirit. You are not likely to find the time for that which is most valuable, so you will have to take time for it. As the inspiring hymn says, "Take Time to be Holy"—that is of first importance.

Dr. H. A. Torrey wrote, "It takes time to be holy, one cannot be holy in a hurry."

"Not that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time."

"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:15-17). Moffatt translates "redeeming the time" as "making the very most of your time." How do we learn his will and grow in understanding him? What is the will of the Lord for your life? Is it not to be holy, godly, and Christlike in attitudes and actions? We need to know how he would have us use every moment wisely and well.

Let us say, first, the Lord would have Christians abide in him, conscientiously setting time to pray. "When we walk with the Lord . . . what a glory he sheds on our way." To get to know God, we must spend time in his presence. Real prayer is not a companion of hurry. Faith is evidenced by being persistent in prayer, by continuing in prayer, by praying without ceasing, which means that we grow conscious of God's continual presence with us.

Of course, the prayers printed in the Bible are usually short. However, the praying of men of God often lasted for hours. The recorded prayers of Moses were not so long, but he prayed to God with fastings and mighty crying forty days and nights. The great saints of God had the ability to pray and be companionable with God in prayer.

How vital it is that we take time to be holy—today—in prayer.

Then, any time is well spent in Bible study. Don't just read the Bible. Study it, even if only a short portion each day. This year Baptists on this continent are reading the New Testament—all of it. Dr. A. T. Robertson said that if any person would give fifteen minutes a day to the study of the Greek language, he could be a

scholar in ten years. I don't know of any Christian who has a Bible and can read who could not give that much time each day to Bible study and our Bible today isn't Greek. We can make our time count for God in personal study of his Word.

If you would take time to be holy, then make good use of the opportunities to worship and have Christian fellowship. In Hebrews 10:25 we read "[forsake not] the assembling of ourselves together." God knows that Christians need encouragement one from another. God's people need to get together often. They have someone in common whom the rest of the world knows little about. Take time to renew your spirit often in spiritual fellowship and worship.

A good use of time is made when you help others. No matter how rushed you might feel, a little time given for another's sake will make you feel better. Jesus was being hastened on by Jairus to see his dead daughter, but he took time for the sick woman who touched the hem of his garment. No one was the loser because of it either.

The Good Samaritan took time to help one whom he found by chance, because the man needed his aid. Jesus commanded us to "Go thou and do likewise."

Among the things we need to do in taking time to be holy, we must take time to rest. John Ruskin said, "There is no music in a 'rest' but there's the making of music in it. And people are always missing that part of the life melody." A weary and worn-out body and mind is not the best we can offer to God for service. Jesus said to his disciples, "Come ye apart and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Don't waste the time you need for rest on matters of lesser importance.

*Take time to be holy,*

*The world rushes on;*

*Spend much time in secret*

*With Jesus alone:*

*By looking to Jesus*

*Like Him thou shalt be;*

*Thy friends in thy conduct*

*His likeness shall see.*

—WILLIAM D. LONG

by Mrs. William Skinner, missionary in Paraguay

## URUGUAY and PARAGUAY

**ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE** who say Paraguay when you mean Uruguay? Uruguay and Paraguay—these two South American republics are often linked together and confused in the minds of many people. They do sound alike. Their names have origin in the rich language of the Guarani Indians who inhabited their lands before the coming of the Spaniards. Uruguay means River of the Painted Birds; Paraguay, River of Peacocks. But here similarity ends.

Uruguay, the smallest republic in South America is located on the Atlantic Ocean. Her beautiful shoreline and beaches extend all the way from the southwestern boundary with Argentina to the frontier with Brazil.

Uruguay is densely populated. In an area the size of South Dakota she has a population of over 3 million.

Uruguay is probably the most completely European nation in this hemisphere. The only real dominating influence of Spanish culture is her language. The native Indians were almost completely wiped out by wars and other destructive causes.

In Uruguay the revolution of 1900 brought about complete separation of church and state. But for many this meant separation from religion. Indifference to anything spiritual has resulted.

Uruguay is known for its democracy; Paraguay for its dictatorship.

Uruguay has a temperate climate; Paraguay's is semi-tropical.

Paraguay, which is more than twice the size of Uruguay has only about half the number of inhabitants. It is landlocked. Her only outlet to the sea is a thousand miles down the river—at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

It has retained much of the native Guarani culture. Spanish is the "official" language of the country, but Guarani is what you hear in the marketplace and among friends. Her population is largely a mixture of the Guarani women and the Spanish conquerors who did not bring their wives when they settled Paraguay.

In Paraguay the church and state are inseparable. At times it is difficult to decide which rules. In the rural areas fanatical Catholicism is still rampant.

Now we are back to similarities. Whether it be indifference or ignorance, Uruguay and Paraguay are both in need of the soul saving gospel of Jesus Christ. The vast majority of Uruguayans live from day to day indifferent to the love of God showered upon them. They do not seem to care that God so loved them that he sent his Son to give them life abundant and eternal.

But in Paraguay rarely a day passes that it is not possible to see a religious procession following the statue of some saint through the streets. Almost every month one or more national religious holidays is

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throughout. The people are very religious, but their morality is not directed in the only way which can save them from sin. In many towns and villages the Bible is burned publicly by the police as a Book of foreign religion. Superstitions and fears in the name of Christianity are more real than in many so-called pagan lands. The love of God manifested through the Lord Jesus Christ is unknown to the multitudes.

What are Southern Baptists doing in these countries to make Christ known?

In 1881 the first Southern Baptist missionaries entered Uruguay. Perhaps there is no lot more difficult for Christ's army to conquer than indifference—hard-heartedness—incapacity to comprehend things of the spirit. That is what our missionaries found in Uruguay. Persistent gospel preaching through the years, however, has resulted in the establishment of several strong Baptist churches in the capital city of Montevideo. Various missionaries have lived in interior towns through the years, and strong churches are being developed in these areas.

The National Baptist Theological Institute in the capital city is helping provide national workers for the many areas still without a Baptist witness.

A book deposit providing study course books, Sunday school literature, etc., has meant the difference in trained and untrained leadership in many churches.

An outstanding phase of the mission program in Uruguay is the primary day school in the interior town of Canchillas directed by a missionary couple. It includes a vocational school which encourages parents and friends of the school children in making a better living. Its main purpose, however, is to bring boys and girls, men and women, to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paraguay was "discovered" by Southern Baptist missionaries in 1945. One of their first major tasks was to establish the Baptist Hospital of Asuncion. Its healing ministry has dispelled many erroneous teachings concerning evangelicals, and Baptists

in particular. Baptists have become distinctive because of the testimony of the Baptist Hospital and its School of Nursing which trains only Christian nurses.

The Baptist Theological Institute in Asuncion continues its ministry of preparing and sending out into the interior towns nationals who can preach to the people in their native Guaraní tongue.

A majority of Baptist churches are in or near the capital city of Asuncion. Recently, however, in a church in the interior city of Encarnacion three nationals were ordained for the gospel ministry. Two are graduates of the International Baptist Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the other of our national institute. One is pastor of the Baptist church in Encarnacion. The other two in nearby towns are in charge of missions which will probably become churches in the not too distant future.

Two of the churches in the capital city have primary schools. They strive not only for high scholastic standards, but Bible study and evangelism occupy important roles in the curriculum.

The Baptist Book Store located on one of the busiest streets of the capital city, is as a fountain in a desert. Christian literature of all types is available. Sunday school materials, study course books are made available to all of our Baptist churches as well as other evangelical groups.

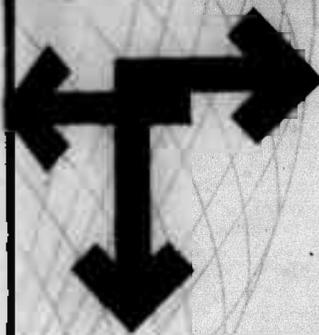
The Paraguay Baptist Convention in its annual session in 1963 voted to double its evangelistic statistics during the next five years. That means that as the Lord guides, Christians here hope to be able to report the number of churches, missions, baptisms, workers, as double in number by 1968. This has placed a challenge and responsibility before every Baptist in the country.

*Uruguay.* Progressive, distinctive, different—and lost!

*Paraguay.* Underdeveloped, unique—religious—and lost!

Mark them both as "urgent" as you pray, won't you?

by Mrs. Bradley Allison



## Encouraging Trends in Baptist Missions

### ARGENTINA, CHILE, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY

To the PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: Secure early from the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230, a few copies of the following free items:

*Horizons of Expansion in Latin America, Know Your Baptist Missions in Latin America, maps of Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay.*

Find in church library or personal libraries these books: *The Apostle of the Chilean Frontier* by Pacheco, *Pioneering with Christ in Chile* by Graham, *Under the Southern Cross* by Margaret.

Prepare a large map of South America. Draw in all countries except the four studied in program. Make cutouts of these countries to be placed on map as each discussion begins. Participants may wear colorful or embroidered blouses and skirts.

#### MEETING OUTLINE

Song: "O God Our Help in Ages Past"  
Fall to Prayer  
Bowers  
Promotional Features  
Prayer

#### PROGRAM OUTLINE

Song: "The Woman's Hymn"  
Meditation  
Introduction  
Argentina  
Chile  
Paraguay  
Uruguay  
Test  
Concluding  
Song: "The Morning Light Is Breaking"  
Prayer

**Meditation:** In the Southern hemisphere there is a famous constellation, or group of stars called the Southern Cross. The name comes from the outline of a cross formed by its four brightest stars. We are told that the stars are of first, second, and third magnitude. This constellation served as a guidepost to early navigators who sailed in southern seas.

The Scriptures tell us that "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" Daniel 12:3.

God's kingdom is made up of lives changed by the cross of Jesus. By living dedicated lives and through personal witnessing, we may become light for him. Just as early navigators charted their courses by the stars of the heavens, there are those all over the world who seek to

make their lives like unto Christ. Is your life of first magnitude? Dare we dim our lights with sin in a dark world?

*Listen to God's Word. (Read Psalm 27:1, John 1:1-2, Isaiah 9:2, Matt. 1:1-14.)*

Let us pray that we will think anew and pray aright in order to be first magnitude Christians (pray).

**Introduction:** South America, one of the continents of the Southern Cross, has been described as a group of nations in a political, economic, and religious tempest. We read constantly of deep unrest among the people.

The church of Rome, finally realizing that Latin America is Catholic more in name than in practice, is renewing efforts to "recatholicize" the people. Communism is a constant threat in Latin America.

As we study four nations of South America, we recall Baptist beginnings and examine efforts being made to meet present day challenges.

#### *Argentina (Place map in position.)*

The largest of the River Plate republics is Argentina, one third the size of the United States. It is an aggressive and progressive country. Twenty-one million inhabitants speak Spanish, and are largely European in origin, 90 per cent of whom claim to be Catholic.

Baptist beginnings in Argentina are closely knit to several outstanding personalities. The first of these, James Thompson of England arrived in 1818 to preach and to establish a public school system. Pablo Besen from France arrived in 1851. It is said that Baptists of Argentina owe this man their freedom to preach, to baptize, to marry, and to be buried outside the Catholic Church.

In 1903 Mr. Besen was joined by the first Southern Baptist missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Sowell. Mrs. Sowell is a daughter of the Bagbys, pioneer missionaries to Brazil. Dr. Sowell helped to establish churches and assisted in the organization of a seminary. The Sowell daughter, Mrs. Anne Sowell Margaret, today is dean of women at the International Seminary

in Buenos Aires.

Few churches in Argentina have a more interesting history than the One (now say) Baptist Church in Buenos Aires. It was started by the Sowell and another couple in a rented hall. The second and present pastor, Rev. Lorenzo Plus, began his ministry after Dr. Sowell resigned in 1924. Seven churches owe their start to members from this church, and more than two score young men have gone from it to places of leadership in Baptist life.

The International Theological Seminary at Buenos Aires is an outgrowth of the seminary established in 1912. Almost 100 students from Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay are enrolled. They work in churches, and during vacations conduct Bible schools, camps, and revivals. On the staff of the seminary, there are approximately 20 missionaries and 10 national leaders.

In the mountains only 60 miles from the industrial city of Cordoba is located the Baptist assembly. Property consists of 25 acres and was purchased in 1956 with Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds. Like our assemblies, this is used to strengthen leadership and train Baptists.

Woman's Missionary Union in Argentina is a strongly evangelistic agency. During church revivals, women often organize afternoon evangelistic services. Many women are reached who never go to church in the morning because of household responsibilities, nor at night because of family. In recent years Argentine women have had several firsts: a summer conference, the first national Girls' Auxiliary Congress, publication of the first W.M.U. Year Book, beginning of a quarterly bulletin, and provision for full financial support of their national young people's secretary.

A nation-wide radio hookup of the Baptist Hour in Argentina is designed to break down barriers of prejudice and to establish contact with unreached people. It creates an atmosphere for more fruitful evangelistic services in the churches. Churches

and associations now also sponsor local radio programs.

It would be difficult to overstate the impact made for evangelical Christianity by the Billy Graham team in 1962. An eight-day crusade in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina and the largest city in the southern hemisphere, resulted in 4,415 persons making decisions for Christ. On a Sunday afternoon, 60,000 people turned out for the services.

There is marked emphasis on New Testament evangelism. "With complete freedom to preach the gospel, the Baptist leaders of Argentina see unlimited possibilities for advance," reported one missionary.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina are working more and more under the leadership of the Argentine Baptist Convention. This is a rewarding day for the missionaries as they see fine national leadership moving out in a dynamic program of winning souls for Christ and establishing strong churches.

The Argentine Baptist Convention, made up of nearly 200 churches and 135 missions and preaching stations, has launched a ten-year plan of advance. It calls for 400 churches and 30,000 members by 1974—almost a 100 per cent increase.

Pray that evangelistic fires already glowing will spread throughout the country. Pray also for the nationals and for 60 missionaries, for Wimpy Smith, developing a student program (pray).

#### *Chile (Place map in position.)*

Chile, the "sheepstrag" country, lies along the western seacoast of South America. 2,600 miles in length and 100 miles wide. It could reach the distance from New York to Salt Lake City. Some say the name Chile is derived from the musical song of a bird, others claim it is an Indian word for snow found on Chile's lofty Andes Mountains. Its three geographical areas are the north coast, the central valley where 90 per cent of the people live, and the lake region to the South.

Seven out of twenty Chileans are mix-

tized (mes TEE zos) or white mixed with Indian. Four out of five of the remaining are of European origin, and one out of five is pure Indian. The official language is Spanish, but thousands of Indians still speak Araucanian.

Nearly 8 million Chileans dress very much as we do. On special days men may wear short striped capes and the women beautifully embroidered blouses with long skirts.

Chile's history reveals less civil war than any other South American country. However, it has had trouble with neighboring countries. The statue, Christ of the Andes, stands on a high point between Chile and Argentina to mark the settlement of years of strife between the two countries.

Laying a foundation for Baptist work in Catholic-dominated Chile was a Scotchman named MacDonald. Going to Chile as a government schoolteacher, he became interested in establishing a Baptist mission. For years he was persistent in praying and writing for assistance to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is interesting to note how "Aunt Betty," an eighty-year-old woman, helped to answer Mr. MacDonald's prayer and plea. She raised what she called a "right year" bean crop which brought a good price on the market. After hearing a man by the name of J. I. Hart tell of the open door in Chile, she wrote a simple letter to the Foreign Mission Board. Enclosed was her bean money designated for work in Chile. Later her church in Murray, Kentucky, agreed to support a missionary couple in this pioneer field. In 1917, a couple, the Davidsons, became the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile.

Today, less than fifty years later, Baptist work is well established. In a land where unskilled medicine is not meeting the need, Miss Lou Hart, a nurse, is directing a newly built out-patient clinic in Antofagasta. In this same city there is a Baptist primary school and a good will center.

Each year brings marked progress in

Christian education in the churches. Study course materials are being graded, music workshops conducted in associations, Sunday schools and Training Unions continue to enlist and train increasing numbers. The Baptist message is carried by powerful radio stations in the north to Punta Arenas, the southernmost city in the world. A recent test census in four cities revealed that almost 50 per cent of the people with radios listened to the Baptist program. Convention receipts for 1961 were double those of 1960 which revealed a deeper understanding in dedication of life after the principles of stewardship were taught in Forward Program of Church Finance.

Graduates of the Baptist Seminary in Santiago are in responsible places of leadership. An example is Rev. Gustavo Lopez, pastor of First Baptist Church, Santiago. He is a son of Christian parents. He accepted Christ when an Intermediate at the first young people's camp in Chile held on their own property. He served as president of the Chilean Baptist Convention when the Baptist World Alliance met in Rio in 1960. Mrs. Lopez has served as an officer of the well organized Chilean Missionary Union. At present she is the only Chilean woman on the Board of Trustees of the seminary.

Freedom to preach the gospel guaranteed by the government has made possible the far-reaching program of mass evangelism. The coming of Billy Graham to Chile in February, 1962, added emphases to this type work. During a two-week simultaneous evangelistic campaign in the Central Association, 508 professions of faith were reported. In numerous cases dedicated laymen serve local churches as pastors and evangelists. One lay preacher, president of a nation wide union of flour mill workers, dedicated all his Easter vacation to a revival where there were more than 20 professions of faith.

Chilean Baptists last year inaugurated work in Punta Arenas, a rapidly growing port city of 70,000 persons. Missionary John Parker and wife spent two months in this

southernmost city in the world. Finding several Christians, they rented a house and conducted a Bible school. The Rev. Riddell have been assigned to witness in this "land of strong men," swept by the sub-arctic winds of the Strait of Magellan and dotted with oil fields and sheep ranches.

Chile has many needs for which we should be concerned. There are economic problems. It is common to find a man with several children earning \$20 a month. This means very meager living on a diet of bread, soup, and potatoes. "Just today," writes Missionary H. L. Hardy, "I attended Sunday school in a small town, thirty miles from Temuco, where poverty is rampant. I returned home with deep burden and concern."

Missionary Cecil McConnell states one of Chile's greatest needs is for additional missionary personnel to meet the great opportunity to conserve those already won and to win others. Missionaries in Chile endeavor to stretch themselves over great distances. One missionary family has charge of a field which is more than 800 miles long!

Like most South American countries, Chile faces the threat of communism. In the last national election, the Communist party candidates were second. An object of our prayer should be the elections to be held this year.

Let us pray for these needs and for the 47 Southern Baptist missionaries in Chile (prev).

#### Paraguay (Place map in position.)

One of the two landlocked countries in South America is Paraguay. Lack of a seaport has figured largely in the history of this country and made it completely dependent on the Paraguay River. Often referred to as "the land of lace and legend," Paraguay is one of the underprivileged nations in the world. War and revolution, lack of industrialization, illiteracy, geographic isolation, and poverty have hindered the country from developing her full potential.

Paraguay is a land of great natural beauty. Trees are always green and flowers bloom twelve months of the year. The people are a mixture of Spanish colonists and Guaraní Indians. The language is Guaraní, although most of the people in cities and towns also speak Spanish. It is not unusual to visit a church where the Sunday school lesson is taught in Guaraní and the sermon is preached in Spanish.

Even though Roman Catholicism is the state religion, the people do not appear to be totally bound by it as in other South American countries. Opposition to evangelistic work comes in cycles. For example, in the recent Billy Graham Crusade where over 300 decisions were made, there was reported "blind, hate-filled activity."

Argentine Baptists in 1920 started a church in Asunción, the capital. Southern Baptists entered when Sidney and Frances Goldfish moved from next-door Uruguay to Paraguay. At first Paraguay was a part of the Argentine Mission but became a separate mission in 1952.

The Southern Baptist hospital in Asunción opened in 1955. Medical work, begun in 1947 in the slums of the city, grew to the present hospital located in the Villa Mora section. A school of nursing is conducted in conjunction with the hospital. There are presently three doctors, two single nurses, a dietitian, a hospital administrator, and a chaplain who serve there.

Chaplain Jim Watson has set up a hospital chaplaincy program which includes ministry to hospital personnel and patients. He has also initiated a visitation program whereby the churches are furnished names of patients who have been to the hospital.

An example of the worth of the chaplaincy ministry to the patients is seen in the case of Fabla. Admitted to the hospital with severe burns, she refused to eat, take prescribed medicine and exercises. Her disposition grew worse by the day. She had no concern for other patients or staff. Chaplain Watson and hospital personnel continued to exemplify Christ to her. One day she called a nurse and said with feel-

ing, "I want to be a Christian."

Her life was transformed by the love of Jesus Christ. Her physical healing was a direct result of her spiritual healing. She began to co-operate wholeheartedly. Skin grafts healed and her body became more supple. Today she is a healthy, happy young woman.

Progress is evident in the work of the women. Miss Leonor Rojas has assumed duties as national worker for the Woman's Board of the Paraguayan Baptist Convention. She will direct all phases of work. Leonor is a product of a Christian home. Her parents were members of the earliest Baptist church and her mother belonged to the first Woman's Missionary Union in Paraguay.

Perhaps the most significant growth is in the number of churches—from one to nine with ten preaching points and missions. Three couples of the 19 missionaries are directly responsible for the evangelistic work. One is executive secretary of the convention and is dean of the theological institute. Another works with the National Mission Board in the promotion of rural work and opening up of new work. A third is in charge of religious education and teaches in the theological institute.

Thank God for the medical work in Asunción. Ask him to bless the missionary personnel and faithful national leaders (prev).

#### Uruguay (Place map in position.)

The smallest republic in South America is Uruguay [U ruh gwí]; it is perhaps one of the most advanced politically and socially. In Montevideo, the capital city, and in many other cities, there are streets named Calle Treinta y Tres [Cal ya Tray en ta, ee tray], the Street Thirty-three. The name serves as a reminder of the 33 men, in exile, who swore to bring freedom to their country. In carrying out their resolution, they began a protest that has resulted in strong principles of freedom in Uruguay. The Constitution of Uruguay guarantees complete religious freedom.

A majority of the 3 million people are descendants of Spanish and Italian settlers and there are others of German and French descent. The Indians who were responsible for keeping settlers away for several hundred years have almost disappeared. Spanish is the official language. Uruguay's people are not religious. It is a socialistic country with free medical care and free education, including college.

The Argentine Baptist Mission opened work in Uruguay when Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles and family moved to Montevideo. With another family they helped to organize the First Baptist Church of that city. In 1921 the B. W. Orricks joined the Quarles as missionaries there. As others came, God continued to bless their witness and that of nationals, and the work grew. In 1948 the Uruguayan Baptist Convention was organized. Besides the 22 churches there are today 25 mission points in Uruguay.

Record crowds attended the Billy Graham crusade in Montevideo. More than 8,000 were in attendance, filling the largest enclosed auditorium in Uruguay. More than a thousand registered decisions for Christ. "Having worked in Uruguay for nearly ten years, and knowing the religious indifference for which the people were noted, I was held spellbound as some 400 went forward one night to make decisions for Christ," said Missionary James Bartley.

Because of strong nationalistic feeling among the Uruguayan people, the trend among our missionaries is gradually to shift leadership into the hands of capable and dedicated nationals.

Pray for the theological seminary in Montevideo where future leaders are trained. Pray for economic conditions in this field, as well as resistance to the threat of communism. Include in your prayer the 20 missionaries serving in Uruguay (Pray).

**Let's Test Ourselves!**

Provide copies or write on blackboard:

1. Work was begun in the world's

southern-most city, \_\_\_\_\_

2. A Baptist hospital is located in \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ helped begin work in Chile by raising beans.

4. Chile's greatest need is for \_\_\_\_\_ as well as money.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the smallest republic in South America.

6. Woman's Missionary Society is a strongly \_\_\_\_\_ in Argentina.

7. Many people of Uruguay are indifferent to the \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Often \_\_\_\_\_ languages are used in church services in \_\_\_\_\_.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ has started a ten year plan of advance.

**Answers to Test**

1. Punta Arenas, Chile
2. Paraguay
3. Aunt Betsy
4. missionary personnel
5. Uruguay
6. evangelistic agency
7. gospel
8. two, Paraguay
9. Argentine Baptist Convention

**Conclusion** From discussions today we have noted God's blessing on the evangelistic efforts of Baptists in Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina. We have felt the unrest of the people. We realize anew that capable, national Baptist leaders are assuming more and more responsibility for the Lord's work. Perhaps the most encouraging trend is the emphasis on mass evangelism and personal witnessing. We need to be concerned, as one missionary has expressed it, "that Southern Baptists will recognize that this is the day of opportunity to preach the cross of Christ to the lands of the Southern Cross."

**Song:** "The Morning Light Is Breaking"

**Prayer:** Ask God to help us to recognize opportunities and responsibilities as Southern Baptists and to accept them.



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