

# WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

## MISSIONARY

ESSAYS



By J. Henry Littleton  
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We had a good Training School with the First Church, Baird, last week. Brother Davis is leading there in a good way. I taught "Building a Standard Sunday School" with more than 20 in the class.

Sunday morning I preached at Roberts Church in Haskell County. This church has been pastorless for about a year but they plan to call a pastor soon. Sunday night I was with the Brushy Church in the same association. They are also pastorless. Brother Dalton Keith preached for them at the morning service. They are looking for a pastor and likely will call soon. I would like to touch every pastorless church in the district. There are several of them and we are praying that they all will soon call pastors. No church goes forward without pastoral leadership.

Haskell Association Workers Conference is meeting with the church at Munday today. Fisher County meets next Monday, Jones County, Tuesday, Cisco Association Thursday, and Callahan Monday. Pastors everywhere should attend these meetings.

The reports coming in indicate that every church in the district is making an offering to the October drive for missions. Remember that you can still get your offering in next Sunday. If you have failed to do it yet. The church that fails God in this hour will suffer.

Are you making plans to attend the District meeting that is being called to meet in the First Baptist Church, Abilene, this next Wednesday, November 6? In my thinking this is one of the important meetings. I want to urge every pastor to be present with a good group of workers from every church. If you do not have a pastor, let the Sunday School superintendent get a group together and come. We are asleep as to what we face in the future. Let us make our plans to meet this situation as becometh Good Soldiers of Christ.

The convention meets in Houston November 12. I hope each church sees to it that your pastor gets to go to this meeting. Many of them cannot unless you send them. It will not only bless their lives but will be a blessing to your church.

## WORKERS MEETINGS DATES CHANGED

On account of the presidential election on Tuesday, November 5, the meetings of workers of Callahan and Cisco Associations will be changed for this month only. The Callahan meeting will be held Monday at Oplin. The change was originally announced as for Wednesday, but on account of the district rally at Abilene on that date, it was moved up to Monday. Cisco workers will meet at Eastland on Thursday. On account of the conflict with the general convention, Sweetwater workers will have a combined meeting for November and December.

## EVENTS TO COME

- November 3—Association eliminations for State Training Union contests.
- November 3—Training Union contests in associations.
- November 7—Training Union contests in districts.
- November 11-12—State W. M. U. Convention, Houston.
- November 12-15—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Houston.
- November 21-23—Texas Baptist Training Union convention, Dallas.
- October 20—Laymen's Day in all Baptist Churches.
- March 17-18—State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS ARE REQUESTED

J. D. Riddle, Vacation Bible School chairman of District 17, requests churches which have held Vacation Bible Schools this year to make certain that they have been reported to Mr. G. S. Hopkins, state secretary for Sunday School work, 7th floor, Burt building, Dallas.

The figures in Mr. Hopkins office up to October 15 show a total of only 24 schools in the district. While this is a gain of three over last year, it is known that there are a number of churches which held schools that are not included in this report.

Churches in the district reporting Vacation Bible schools to the Dallas office by October 15 included: Cisco First, and Pioneer in Cisco Association; Sardis, Cross Roads, McCaulley, Rotan, Roby and Sylvester in Fisher Association; Lueders, Stamford, Anson, Hamlin and Oak Grove (Negro) at Hamlin, in Jones Association; Abilene First, Immanuel, South Side, Elmdale, Caps, Sweetwater First, Tuscola, Merkel, Friendship Mission, Abilene, and Mexican missions at Abilene and Sweetwater. No schools were reported from Callahan, Haskell and Stonewall Associations.

Reports received by District Missionary J. Henry Littleton indicate the following additional schools: Breckenridge, Baird, Clyde, Temple, a school for Negroes at Rotan, and one report of an enrollment of 51 without the name.

Associational minutes indicate that schools were held at Potosi, Neill, Blackwell and Buffalo Gap. Minutes for other associations in the district are not yet available.

## ASSOCIATION MISSIONARY BEGINS FOURTEENTH YEAR

Rev. H. D. Blair was reelected missionary of Cisco Association at the recent meeting at First Church, Cisco, and has commenced work on his fourteenth year in that field. A balance, left in the treasury of the association, after paying all bills, was voted to the missionary as a love gift.

Every church in the association reported to the annual meeting and all showed evidence of progress. The meeting had record attendance with most of the messengers remaining through the entire program.

Especially remarkable was the number of churches reporting an increase in the frequency of services. Two of the half-time churches have begun to hold preaching service every Sunday and five have stepped up from one service monthly to half time.

Every church in the association contributed to mission work through the Cooperative Program one or more times during the year.

## ABILENE CHURCH MEMBERS HONOR RETIRING PASTOR

Approximately 500 members of University Church and friends assembled Friday evening to pay tribute to Pastor Charles A. Powell, who has accepted the pastorate at Rule after serving 17 years with the Abilene Church.

The occasion was sponsored by the church Brotherhood, one of the oldest in the state. Over 450 were served a barbecue supper preceding the program which was extended with spontaneous tributes until a late hour. Gifts to the pastor and members of his family were presented at the close of the meeting.

Speakers paying tributes often marked with deep emotion, included D. W. Arnette of the H-SU faculty, who has belonged to the church continuously longer than any other member, and Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, speaking for the brother ministers. Sam Davis of Rule, where Rev. Powell was pastor before coming to University Church, spoke for his community. Personal tributes were paid to different members of the family by a number, including Mrs. Arrant, Sr., Mrs. E. M. Francis, Chas. McLaughlin and Billie Louise Webb. Luther Webb, chairman of the board of deacons, spoke of Brother Powell as a neighbor. Hiram A. Arrant, an active member of the church during his long service at Hardin-Simmons, served as toastmaster and presented the gifts.

Rev. Powell preached his closing sermons at University Church Sunday and is moving to Rule this week.

## JUBILEE CONVENTION AT DALLAS BEGINS NOV. 20



DR. R. G. LEE, Pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis

The Golden Jubilee Training Union Convention will begin Wednesday night, November 20th, with the Better Music contest. Mr. Robert H. Coleman is chairman of the Better Music Committee and is planning to have a great program of music that first night.

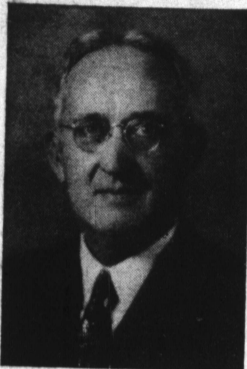
Thursday morning, November 21, the convention will have its opening session at the First Baptist Church, Dallas, at 10 o'clock. President J. D. Riddle of Abilene will preside and officially open the convention. Mr. Carlyle Bennett of Fort Worth will direct the music.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. S. G. Posey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Austin. His subject will be "Christ Above All." The choir of the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, will sing two special numbers. This special music will be followed by an address on "Christ Above All in Character," by Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. George W. Truett, who was president of the Training Union Convention in 1909, will deliver the welcome address, and the response will be given by Dr. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

Messengers and visitors planning to attend the convention in Dallas should make their reservation early. Mr. Robert H. Coleman is chairman of the General Convention committee. His address is Burt building, Dallas.

## DR. MADDRY SPEAKS AT SEMINARY MISSION DAY



Last week Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, experienced its greatest mission emphasis of the new year with the observance of Mission Day and the visit of Executive Secretary Dr. Charles E. Maddry of the Foreign Mission Board. The mission day program, directed by acting Professor Frank Means, featured addresses by Rev. J. L. Moye, superintendent of the Mexican Mission work in Texas and New Mexico, and Texas B. S. U. secretary, Rev. Bill Marshall.

Out of the 622 students enrolled for the fall term at the Seminary there are 18 students from eight foreign countries. These students, including four daughters of missionaries and two returned missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Walker of Nigeria, were introduced on the program.

Rev. Moye told of the past accomplishments of the Home Mission Board in its 95 years of work. He spoke of the needs among the Negro and the foreign-born population in the south.

"We also have the task of saving democracy and pure religion. We may never be on the battlefield of Europe but there is no way of stopping the fronts, and only through a program of evangelism and missions can the cause of humanity be saved."

Rev. Bill Marshall, who has just returned from a four months visit in Japan and China, spoke on the subject, "Youth and Missions." Rev. Marshall, who was asked to speak at the second triennial All-China Baptist Convention, (Continued on page 2)

## DISTRICT 17 BAPTISTS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

First Church, Abilene, will be host on Wednesday, November 6, to all pastors and leaders in all departments of church work for an all-day meeting to look into the problems confronting Texas Baptists in the light of national and world affairs.

President W. R. White of H-SU will deliver the closing address of the morning, and Dr. T. C. Gardner has been invited to bring the closing address.

Missionary J. Henry Littleton will sound the keynote at the opening of the meeting, and will be preceded by a devotional period conducted by Rev. Phillip C. McGahey, district convention president.

All visitors will be guests of First Church at the noon hour, dinner being served at the church.

The full program follows:  
10:00 Devotional, Phillip C. McGahey.

10:30 Keynote address, J. Henry Littleton.

10:50 Texas Baptists' Ministry of Healing, E. M. Collier.

11:20 Introductions. Music.

11:40 The Attitude of Texas Baptists in Face of World Conditions, W. R. White.

12:20 Lunch at Church.

1:30 Our departments in the Enlarged Program; Laymen, E. S. Cummings; W. M. U., Mrs. J. B. Buckley; Sunday School, J. M. Cook; Training Union, L. L. Trott.

2:00 Open discussion.

2:30 Texas Baptists' Responsibility in the Face of National Crisis, T. C. Gardner.

## ALL DAY STUDY COURSE TO BE HELD AT BETHEL

On November 3, Bethel Church, Mitchell-Scurry Association, will offer two Training Union study courses during the day. One course will be given to juniors and intermediates and another to seniors and adults.

The discussion of one chapter, followed by Sunday School, another chapter, then lunch. In the afternoon there will be congregational singing and special music between chapters.

"Our Doctrines" will be taught to the seniors and adults, with Rev. Arthur E. Travis of First Church, Colorado City, Rev. Geo. W. Parks of Roscoe and Missionary W. C. Harrison sharing the teaching. The other class will be in charge of Mrs. Lamb, assisted by several others.

Dinner will be at the church with everyone bringing his own. Everyone in reach of Bethel is invited to attend.

## AUBREY SHORT SPEAKS TO HAMLIN BROTHERHOOD

Rev. Aubrey Short, pastor at Rochester, spoke at the Brotherhood meeting in First Church, Hamlin, Monday night, October 21. His message was appreciated by all who heard him.

Rev. Short has been used of the Lord in a great way the past year. From July 15, 1939, to August 15, 1940, he led in seven revivals in which 560 united with the churches. More than four hundred were by baptism. This does not include those who united with the church in Rochester in regular services. During the 16 months in Rochester, 210 have united with that church, 210 of these were by baptism. A new educational building has recently been completed that will adequately care for 550 in Sunday School.

## ZONE MEETING ELECTS OFFICERS

The Training Unions of Zone 1, Jones Association, met in regular monthly meeting with the Hebron Baptist Church, October 20, with an attendance of 65 and several visitors; some of these from another zone.

The Stith Training Union won the efficiency banner. Stith also presented a very inspirational program on the subject of "Prayer" under the direction of Mrs. Edgar Bradley, retiring zone sponsor.

A nominating committee composed of Dr. E. B. Atwood, Rev. W. L. Daniel, and V. L. Merritt recommended the following officers who were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Director, Frank Mundy; Associate Director, Rudolph Caffey; Secretary, Miss Margaret Cook; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. V. L. Merritt; Study Course Chairman, Mr. Wade.

## CONVENTION TO REVEAL MARKED BAPTIST GROWTH

By a report of growth in the past 12 months totaling \$7,000,000 dollars by member churches in Texas is expected to be given to delegates attending the Baptist General Convention in Houston, November 11-15, by Dr. R. C. Campbell, executive mission secretary. Over \$1,000,000 of the total amount has been designated to missions and benevolences, a gain of nearly \$100,000 over previous years. The total number of baptisms to be reported at the Houston parley is expected to exceed 50,000 for the year. Baptist Church property in Texas is valued in excess of \$34,895,000, an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 over the preceding year. There are 1,863 Baptist ministers serving 3,204 churches. There are 3,098 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 551,616 pupils; 1,864 Training Unions with 175,034 enrolled; 4,732 Women's Missionary Unions with 102,162 members.

A proposal to employ Rev. Frank Andrews, an ex-convict who is now a minister, as a full time religious worker in the prisons of Texas will be made by several Baptist pastors interested in the project. "We do not believe that the conversion of convicts will be a cure-all for crime," stated A. C. Turner of Tyler, "but we do know that there are thousands of boys and young men incarcerated for short prison terms who are not habitual criminals and who would be immeasurably strengthened and helped toward living constructive lives later if they are led to a firm belief in God." The denomination, as a deterrent to crime, has put special emphasis the past year on the religious training and organization of children and youth. Many missions and youth centers in the cities have been established in needy sections by the local Baptist churches to aid in constructive physical and spiritual programs for

Seventeen Meetings Prior to General Convention  
Rally meetings in 17 different sections of the state are being held in compliance with the request of Dr. George W. Truett, who heads a committee of 150 prominent ministers and laymen, in order to acquaint the largest number of people with the scope of the present world-wide Baptist program and the proposed enlargement of missions and benevolent work which will be submitted in Houston. Those heading the 17 District meetings are: J. C. McKenzie, Amarillo; Morris A. Roberts, Longview; Frank Gayer, Jacksonville; O. D. Martin, Beaumont; J. D. Brannon, Houston; O. G. Carter, Kingsville; Willis J. Ray, San Antonio; J. A. Kidd, Alpine; W. C. Harrison, Odessa; J. Lowell Ponder, Plainview; J. M. Riddell, Wichita Falls; W. R. Hornburg, Fort Worth; E. W. Marshall, Dallas; M. O. Cheek, Waco; J. A. McIver, Austin; J. P. King, Brownwood, and J. H. Littleton, Abilene.

## TRAINING UNION CONTESTS WILL BE AT SOUTHSIDE

The Training Union contests for Sweetwater Association will be held at South Side Church, Abilene, in connection with the meeting of the Taylor County Federation, announces Miss Jaxie Short, director for the association.

Contests will be held in each department instead of the usual departmental programs. There will be no eliminations in the Better Music contest but groups who plan to go to Dallas are being invited to furnish the music for the afternoon.

The winners of his contest will meet winners from the other associations in District 17 in the district eliminations at University Church at 7:00 Thursday evening, November 7. Rev. L. L. Trott, district director will preside.

## MINISTERS' WIVES TO MEET THURSDAY

October 31 has been set as the date for the next meeting of the Ministers' Auxiliary of H-SU, at the home of Mrs. Sidney Cox, 2102 Beech. The last meeting was held October 18 at the home of Mrs. Joe Self, Jr. A large crowd was present and testimonials of the new members were given. All minister's wives are urged to attend these meetings.

## Separation of Church and State and Religious Liberty

By M. E. DODD  
(Delivered in the Hall of Religion, New York World's Fair, Oct. 5)

Both church and state are of divine origin. "I will build my church," said Jesus Christ. "The powers that be are ordained of God," said the Apostle Paul. The sphere of activity, authority and responsibility of each are fixed by the divine will. It was never intended for either church or state to lord it over the other. Their functions are definite and distinct. The church was ordained to serve man's spiritual and eternal needs. The state was ordained to serve man's secular and temporal needs. A free church in a free state is an axiomatic ideal.

But man has ever sought to dominate other men. At one time he seizes the power of the state to dominate the church. At another time he seizes the power of the church to dominate the state. The struggle for freedom has been age long, terrific and at times cruel.

Through the centuries self seeking, greedy, ambitious men have terrorized the people and tyrannized over them. But here and there fighters for freedom have lifted the torch and led in breaking the shackles.

In ancient times the fighters for freedom were found among the Jewish prophets. At one time it is the voice of a stern ethic like that of Amos; at another time the voice of a tender evangel like that of Isaiah. When Jesus of Nazareth said: "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's," he uttered the most dynamic, the most tyrannical destroying idea, the most revolutionary thought ever let loose upon the world. He pronounced the divine divorce of church and state forever. This idea of Jesus, that a definite line of demarcation exists between church and state, passed from one individual to another, from one section of the earth to another, until it blazed on every hilltop and valley of the Roman Empire. Little groups of men and women, who were followers of Christ, were formed in thousands of cities and villages. Gibbon, the historian, called them little democracies. We call them New Testament churches. For a time they were held in contempt, then patronized, then persecuted. Reaching the center of the empire they were driven into the caves and catacombs. Christ's idea of freedom of conscience, freedom of soul, freedom of worship continued to spread. It appealed to the human heart as fundamentally right. It captured the imagination. Its adherents and advocates multiplied by the millions. Within one hundred years one-third of the people of the Roman Empire became Christians.

Then came Constantine. He was a shrewd, conscienceless conqueror and politician. He saw the power of the Christians' communion. Desiring the support of all parties, including these Christians, he made a nominal profession of faith. Then he proposed and carried through a merger, a union between church and state. In this act, Constantine performed an unholy marriage ceremony which united in adulterous wedlock two incompatible parties, one secular and the other spiritual. This was contrary to the law of God and the interests of humanity. From the incestuous bed of this adulterous union has gone forth a brood which has cursed the world with sorrow, shame and suffering. It has caused blood to run in the streets of the world's cities. It has crushed human hearts and souls by the millions. It has bound the bodies of millions of every race in

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### OUR CHANGING TEXT BOOKS

"A study of 1,291 readers and spellers in the congressional library reveals that while 22 per cent of the materials in those published in colonial days were religious, 50 per cent moral and only 28 per cent secular, the books of recent years have dropped in these points to no per cent religious, only three per cent moral and 97 per cent secular."

This statement from Dr. J. M. Price of Southwestern Seminary, was quoted recently by Dr. M. E. Dodd, who adds that the famous Blueback speller, which sold twenty million copies in the century following 1785, contained religious and moral teachings on 26 pages. That includes nearly every page on which there is a complete sentence.

If our readers and spellers are unreligious and without moral teaching, what can be said of the high school texts?

The Blueback speller told our grandparents in their impressionable years that all mankind is descended from Adam. Our high school histories now tell our children that all of us had "millions of ancestors who were cave-men like these," referring to a drawing not unlike a comic supplement cartoon.

For a hundred years Noah Webster impressed upon millions of young Americans lessons of the dignity and immortality of the soul of man. Modern school books, as a rule, do not so much as concede that man has a soul.

Some day we may learn that, though the field of knowledge has broadened unbelievably since colonial days, and particularly in the last half century, and though many theories which were taught as science in those days are known to be no longer true, or were never true; still there are unchanging fundamentals of right and wrong, there are basic truths contained in the revealed Word of God, which no theory of relativity can outmode and which no change of the customs of men can make out of style.

### ALL-DAY STUDY COURSES

No small portion of the immense increase in the number of study course awards earned in the last year or two in various phases of Baptist work has been brought about by the development of the one-day course which many churches, especially in the country, are coming to arrange.

The Woman's Missionary Societies pioneered in the plan and it fits nicely into their course of study. Only more recently the Training Union and the Sunday School, with more intensive courses to be concluded by examinations, have taken up the idea.

There are several variations of the plan. The most common is to take the services of an entire day for the course or courses. Some have done the week's work in an afternoon and evening. In one case, recently reported, the teaching commenced in the early evening and continued till midnight.

Something is to be said on both sides as to the advisability of the plan. It must be remembered that these courses normally call for five evenings, with two daily class periods of 45 minutes each. This totals seven and one-half hours. And seven and one-half hours of continuous teaching is a teacher-killing operation. Some churches avoid this by using several teachers for each book. This is easier on the teacher but leaves something lacking in the way of identifying the personality of the teacher with the theme. In a word, it must be admitted that this high pressure plan is not the best from the point of learning.

On the other hand, in many communities, there are large numbers who will study in this way who find it inconvenient to take up an entire week. And as between having the course hurried and having to miss the training and inspiration of the study, there is no choice. Those interested in the one-day course may find later that they can give more time because they are more interested.

### THE SHIELD OF FAITH

"Faith had left them and they were unarmed." In this meaty brevity, H. M. Tomlinson, a discerning English author, summarized the collapse of French arms in an article in The Atlantic Monthly.

The author concedes the training and courage of the French soldier, but in his analysis of the situation at first hand, he is driven to the conclusion that a people without faith could find nothing worth fighting for.

They were not interested in fighting for their government for scandal upon scandal and charges upon recriminations of the political leaders had destroyed faith in the French government, whose slogan had been, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity." They had no impelling urge to fight for their homes, for the proverbial faithlessness of the French wife left too few with a tradition of a home that is worth defending. It did not occur to them to fight for freedom of religion, for after a century and a half of imbibing the atheism of Voltaire and his successors the average Frenchman is devoid of religious faith.

Too much in the last 20 years, Americans have been taught that ideals and idealism are childish toys to be put aside with a belief in fairies; that a personal God is the same sort of a myth as a personal Santa Claus.

Out of this debunking philosophy comes the demoralizing lack of faith which liquidated the manhood of the French. Let us have done with it in our country. Let us believe in our people because we are, ourselves, true men and virtuous women. Let us believe in our God, for He has sheltered us under His shadowing wing. Let us take our defense under the shield of faith, for with faith, though we be cast down, we will not be utterly destroyed.

# NEWS NOTES

Rev. J. A. Briscoe supplied Sunday at Hamby.

Rev. Oscar Byrd of Hamlin will preach at Hebron November 3.

Rev. J. B. Bradford of Abilene preached at Shiloh, Jones County.

The Clyde W. M. U. are assembling a shipment of canned goods for Buckner Orphans Home.

Dr. E. Leslie Carlson of Southwestern Seminary is acting as supply pastor at Stephenville.

Pastor Roy Clayton of Andrews has resigned to accept the pastorate at Ackerly.

Mrs. A. Adamek recently conducted a Training Union school at Ballinger with 135 enrolled.

The West Texas Mexican Baptist Association will hold a quarterly meeting at Coleman November 6 to 8.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth, has been conducting the Decatur College revival.

Pastor J. M. Sibley of First Church, Sweetwater, is conducting the devotionals on Station KXOX this week.

Judge George T. Wilson of San Angelo was October speaker for the Ballinger Brotherhood. One hundred fifteen were present.

The Oriana Church in Stonewall Association is growing. Pastor Emery Scott administered the ordinance of baptism last Sunday.

North Park Church, Abilene, is planning a building program for the near future. Since the coming of Pastor F. A. Hollis they have found the present plan inadequate.

Curtis D. Owen, education director of South Park Church, Beaumont, writes that they have organized five new Training Unions in the past month.

At a recent service for older people, Pastor L. L. Trott of Rotan preached to 26 people between the ages of 61 and 89.

Church, Odessa, there were 39 additions instead of 24 as reported last week. The latter figure was the number of baptisms.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred McPherson of Stanton are assisting Immanuel Church of Odessa in a Training Union course this week. Books on stewardship are being taught and Pastor B. A. Rogers is working for 100 awards.

Pastor A. A. Palmer, who accepted the call of Olden Church and began work October 1, will conduct a meeting in the church November 3 to 10. They ask the prayers of their friends and brethren.

Pastor Arthur E. Travis of Colorado City First Church has been chosen as director of Training Union work in District 8, succeeding Rev. J. William Arnett, who has moved to Fort Worth.

Rev. N. E. McGuire of Immanuel Church, San Angelo, has been assisting Pastor Clyde Childers in a good revival at Ozona. A. V. Bradley of Southwestern Seminary led the music.

Dr. Wm. H. Joyner led in a brief revival at Bruni, an oil town near Laredo. There were 23 additions to the church, practically all adults. He is now at Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

The Ballinger Baptist Church voted at the last conference to change the name to the First Baptist Church of Ballinger. Pastor Clarence A. Morton received nine new members last Sunday.

A total of 108 awards were given in a Training Union revival at the West Side Mission at Sweetwater. Roy McGlamery, Dorine Hawkins and Fannie George Hurt of the Seminary assisted local workers on the faculty.

Evangelist Truman L. Crouch assisted Pastor Chas. A. Talley in a successful Training Union clinic at Childress last week. The Childress Church is engaged in a \$30,000 building enlargement program.

Baptists of the 13 counties of District 11 met Tuesday at Vernon. Dr. J. Howard Williams and Dr. T. C. Gardner were visiting speakers. Many local leaders spoke on the present crisis. Missionary J. M. Riddell presided.

Bill Marshall, State B. S. U. secretary, is engaged in a revival meeting at Wayland College.

Pastor Sam E. Brian reports six baptized into O. K. Church last Sunday.

Rev. Joe R. Mayes will supply at University Church, Abilene, on November 3.

Rev. Milford Howell of Southwestern Seminary supplied at Rule last Sunday.

Over 200 awards were earned in the recent Training Union enlargement campaign at First Church, Lubbock. A number of new unions were organized.

Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons University, is engaged in a revival at First Church, Abilene, speaking at 7:30 each evening. He is giving a sermon at the University chapel hour each morning at 10. The meeting will continue through November 10.

Members of Atwell Church report that Pastor J. O. Folkes is leading in a great way. Their mission offering for the October round up was \$13.90 more than one-third of the total mission gifts for the preceding year.

### PROGRAM

Fisher Workers Conference, Nov. 4, at Cross Roads

10:00 Song service and devotional, Ersest Smith.

10:30 Eph. 2:8-10, J. C. Parks.

11:00 John 10:27-30, T. J. Young.

11:30 Announcements and music.

11:40 Sermon, L. L. Trott.

Lunch.

1:30 Song service, Ernest Cleveland.

1:45 The Layman and His Church, M. D. Ivey.

2:05 Lessons from Ruts, Mrs. D. L. Swint.

2:25 Announcements and special music.

2:35 Sermon, O. D. Henley.

### PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Meeting with the Goldsmith Church, Nov. 5

Theme: "The Training Union at work for the church."

9:45 Song service, Devotional, Blair Morris.

10:05 The Training Union Doing Soul Winning, John T. Kee.

10:20 The Training Union Enlisting Tithers, R. E. Dunham.

10:35 A Full Graded Training Union in the Rural Church, A. B. Lightfoot.

10:50 Testimonial meeting, J. D. Riddle, Abilene, State President.

What the Training Union Has Meant to Me.

How it Has Helped My Church. What it Means to Missions.

11:10 Announcements, Z. C. Chambers.

Offering.

Special music.

11:30 The Training Union emphasizing Baptist Doctrines, Elmer Graham, Miles.

12:00 Lunch served by the church.

1:15 W. M. U., Mrs. H. D. Bruce. Executive board meeting, N. W. Pitts.

2:15 Song service, Taylor White. Church Roll Call.

Reports on work being done in study courses.

Check on attendance and efficiency banner.

2:40 Training Union Message, J. D. Riddle, State President, Abilene.

# Sunday School Lesson

November 3

By Hight C Moore

### JESUS DECLARES HIS MISSION

Read Luke 4 and 5

Study Luke 4:16-30

On a sabbath in the synagogue at Nazareth Jesus read a messianic prophecy and declared its fulfillment in himself. His townsmen were enraged at the claim and at once cast him out of the synagogue and city. Thus rejected at Nazareth, Jesus removed to Capernaum where he continued to declare and demonstrate his mission as the Messiah by his divine teachings and his mighty works.

#### 1. The Speaker

THE APPEARANCE of Jesus as the Messiah was purposed and performed. The synagogue was the appointed place for public instruction in the Scriptures, the small children learning Bible stories and memorizing Bible classics, the youths studying also the comments upon the Scriptures, and the adults engaging in original discussion upon various passages of the Word of God. One sabbath Jesus, having returned from his early Judean ministry, attended the synagogue as his custom had been from infancy to manhood. There being no regular speakers in the synagogues, those in charge designated some competent and honorable person to conduct the services. So Jesus was summoned to the reading desk to read and explain the lesson from the prophets, the reading from the books of Moses having preceded without comment. The roll of Isaiah was brought, perhaps at the request of Jesus, and placed in his hands.

#### 2. The Scripture

THE AUTHORITY for Jesus as the Messiah was foretold and fulfilled. As Jesus and all the people stood, he opened the roll and announced his text which everybody recognized as messianic. Reread it. There is the supreme qualification in the Spirit of God, the definite authority in divine appointment and anointing, and the gracious ministry of preaching, healing, and setting free. The preaching declares good tidings to the poor, release to the captives, and the acceptable year of the Lord with its exhaustless spiritual blessings for all. The promise of healing is made to the blind and broken hearted, both naturally and spiritually. Freedom also is vouchsafed to the downtrodden. What a sublime ministry was here predicted!

#### 3. The Sermon

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by Jesus as the Messiah was declared and defended. After reading Isaiah's great words impressively, Jesus gave the book back to the attendant and sat down according to the habit of teachers. Before him were the acquaintances, associates, and patrons of bygone years. With their attention riveted upon him he began his discourse with the explicit and startling declaration that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in him. The sublime claim was supported by convincing eloquence. His hearers wondered at his gracious words, and for the moment it seemed that his messianic claim would be conceded. But the tide of public favor speedily receded.

#### 4. The Sequel

THE ANTAGONISM to Jesus as the Messiah was bitter and blighting. Note: He calmly and courageously answered the sneer of his audience. The sneer was directed at his earthly origin and at his divine work. Someone scornfully queried, "Is not this Joseph's son?" Has the village carpenter the audacity to maintain that he is the long-promised Messiah? The opposition thus started, quickly increased.

To their murmurings Jesus himself gave expression that he might effectually answer them. They would twit him with the proverb that a physician should heal himself. In other words, if appointed to such beneficent work as that just outlined on the basis of Isaiah's prophecy, why not begin by enriching himself and elevating his own family to affluence and esteem? They had heard of his healing the nobleman's son; if it were a real miracle, why should he not here at home do similar wonders? It was a demand of an idle curiosity, not the preaching of a faith that struggled for confirmation. In his response, Jesus began by quoting the proverb respecting the prophet unhonored in his own country. From the example of two of the best-known prophets, he answered their challenge, justified his conduct, and revealed his hearers in their true character. He cited the case of Elijah who, to save his life, fled from his own land during the time of famine and went to the land of Sidon. There a Gentile widow prepared for him her last loaf and

received his benefactions though there were myriads of widows in Israel. In appreciation at home drove the blessing abroad.

There were many lepers in Israel in the days of Elisha, but none of them was cleansed but Naaman, the Syrian. Again the blessing went to a believing and obedient Gentile, while many Jewish lepers in their unbelief remained uncured. And how much more the Roman nobleman of Capernaum merited the miracle he prayed for than the residents of Nazareth the one they demanded!

Jesus did not suffer the indignant crowd to commit the crime they intended. The comparisons which he made struck his hearers with full force. They could not fail to make the application to themselves. They realized that actually he was putting them below hated Gentiles and unclean foreign lepers in their appreciation and enjoyment of messianic blessings. So they were filled with wrath, but there was of course no answer. Hence, the popular rage could only express itself in attempted violence.

The audience had been seated during the sermon, but they now rose up, and, taking Jesus, we infer, by force, they "thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong." The hill overlooked the town, and the cliff was some forty to fifty feet high. As the agitated throng and the innocent victim stood near the edge of the precipice, the majestic bearing of Jesus must have caused some in the mob to revolt at the proposed crime. So, not as a criminal running from punishment, but without interference, Jesus passed through the midst of them and went his way.

#### Magnify the Mission of Christ and Christianity

Magnify the Mission of the Savior. "He came to Nazareth." Without Christ there can be no Christian individual or institution. Accept him, then; and enthrone him; and do what he says!

Magnify the Mission of the Sanctuary. "He went into the synagogue." Church and state should be separate and distinct from each other. But what kind of a state would that be with no churches in it? The church is a power for good.

Magnify the Mission of the Sabbath. "On the sabbath day." One day in seven for rest, worship, and beneficence; that is the divine order. We cannot improve upon it. Man needs the sabbath, and God made it for man.

Magnify the Mission of the Scripture. "The book of the prophet Esaias." Eliminate the Bible, and the social structure will totter. The influence of the Word of God is beyond calculation or even comprehension. Magnify it!

Magnify the Mission of the Spirit. "The Spirit of the Lord." He is the great Guide; follow his leading. He is the great Inspirer; obey his impulses. He is the great Sender; accept his appointment. Let him influence the whole of life.

Magnify the Mission of Preaching. "To preach the gospel." The world hungers for good news. The gospel embodies the best news the world ever heard. It is good for the soul, good for the mind, good for the body, good for society.

Magnify the Mission of Philanthropy. "The poor—captives, blind, bruised." Truly the human race without Christ is in a bad plight. But the need will be met if we carry out his program for human betterment. Then the poor shall be well-to-do. Then the shackled shall be set free. Then the blind shall see clearly. Then the bruised shall be healed.

Magnify the Mission of Appreciation. "Eyes, fastened on him, all bare him witness, and wondered." To whom else can we look when Jesus is present. Ought we not to hear him with open ears and understanding hearts? May we not bear witness to the gracious words which came to us from his life? Can we do other than wonder at his amazing mercy and his mighty works?

#### GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.— Luke 19:10.

The Son of God was the Son of man, and the God-Man. He came in human flesh and form. He came in behalf of lost men, who are lost from God, lost in sin, in helplessness and despair. He searches for them as a shepherd for a lost lamb. He saves them from death as a coast guard saves a drowning mariner. But he (Continued on page four)

# Christianity in Danger Of Being Blotted Out

Keynote address for a District meeting, Amarillo, October 25, by J. C. McKenzie, Missionary.

There were many critical times in the life of Israel as revealed in the Old Testament. Two of them took place as God delivered them from Egypt into the Promised Land. The first one I call your attention to was the crossing of the Red Sea. It seems that God planned this to punish a sinful people, and to show Israel his mighty power.

In God's good time he saw fit to deliver Israel. He allowed the Egyptians to make slaves of the Children of Israel, and require tasks of them that were unreasonable. Then Moses appeared with the announcement that God had sent him to deliver them. The plagues followed—ten of them—covering as many months of time, perhaps. Then Pharaoh allowed the people to go. God directed that they turn from the highway into the wilderness, and thus they came face to face with the Red Sea. The army of Pharaoh pressed them hard. They could neither turn to the right or the left because of the mountains on the one side, and the desert on the other. In their distress they called upon God. God commanded them to "Go Forward," Ex. 14:15. Thus he delivered Israel, but not until they saw their need, and called upon God for help. They trusted, and God delivered them.

The next lesson I call your attention to was when these same people, whom God had led, had reached Kadesh-Barnea. God was ready to keep his promise made to Abraham almost five hundred years before, and give his descendants the Promised Land. But here they doubted, and hesitated. God allowed them to send the spies into Caanan to spy out the land. They came back to make the report that it was a goodly land, just as God had said, but there were giants there, too. But that was not the worst thing, for they were as grasshoppers in their own sight, and in the sight of the giants. They took their eyes off of God, and looked at their surroundings, and were utterly unprepared to do the thing God wanted them to do.

Caleb challenged them to "go up at once, and possess the land." For said he, "We are well able." But they refused to follow his advice, and were turned back in the wilderness where they died. So it has ever been, when a people with faith in God goes forward in the work that has been assigned them God takes care of them; and when they have hesitated and faltered, and distrusted God they have failed.

I believe God speaks to Southern Baptists today as definitely as he did to Israel at the Red Sea, to go forward, and that we are well able to do so, if we will follow his leadership. The Lord has a program for his work,

and it seems to me that Southern Baptists are his chosen people to promote that work today. The missionary work of the Lord is not an afterthought of his at all. If you will look at the Bible you will find that it sets forth God's plan of saving lost man. It included the coming of Jesus into the world to make an atonement for sin; and the preaching of the Gospel to the ends of the world, for it is the power of God unto salvation.

Jesus called his disciples, and said unto them, "As the father hath sent me, even so send I you." He also said, "Ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I have commanded you." He then made the statement, "That all authority hath been given unto me, in heaven and earth, Go, therefore, into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

God had said to His Son, "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." Ps. 2:8. He had also said to him after you have finished the work I have assigned you, "Sit thou at my right hand until I make thine enemies thy friends" Ps. 110:1. Peter declared in Acts 2:36, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Thus Jesus, who had been anointed, had the full authority to command his followers. This he did as he commissioned his church. I believe this command rests on Southern Baptist today as it rests on no other people in the world. I will go further and say I believe if this world is to have the gospel of Christ preached to it in its simplicity and purity in this day and time Southern Baptists must preach it. Yea, it seems that with the world wide union movement that believes little, and teaches less, Christianity itself is in danger of being blotted out from the face of the earth, unless the Baptists of the earth are true to Christ and his church.

The great cry of "The Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man," is all bosh. Jesus said, "Ye are of your father, the devil." Man in his unregenerate state can not truthfully call God Father. Neither can a saved man call an unsaved man brother.

Another great danger that faces us is the uniting of church and state, as they were in the "Dark ages." The Roman Catholic Church helped to take Spain's freedom from her, and now they have almost, if not quite altogether, endorsed Hitler and his ravage on liberty. The Masonic lodges in Spain and France have been closed, and hundreds of Baptist meeting houses have been closed, also Kagawa is in jail in Japan, and religious liberty is in danger throughout the earth. This week we are told that thirty denominations in Japan are uniting into one church. And to cap it all the president of the U. S. has sent an ambassador to the Pope of Rome. Only Southern Baptists can save the day. God grant that we shall be true to him.

### PROGRAM

Jones Association Workers' Conference, Meeting With Stith, Tuesday, Nov. 5  
Rev. W. L. Daniels, Host Pastor  
10:00 Song and devotional, J. H. Skiles.  
10:30 Denominational Loyalty Essential in Church Work, Dick O'Brien.  
11:00 District Missions Fundamental to Our Program, J. Henry Littleton.  
11:30 Sermon, Cooper Water, Merkel.  
12:00 Lunch.  
1:30 Board Meeting.  
2:30 Sermon, Fred Moreland.

### BAIRD CHURCH HOLDS TRAINING UNION SCHOOL

Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird Church gives statement of Training School held with Baird Church October 21-26. District Missionary J. Henry Littleton taught the book, "Building a Standard Sunday School."

The attendance was good and interest fine throughout the school. Brother Littleton was at his best and we feel that lasting good will come from the school. Many of those who came had studied the same book on other occasions, some having taught it, but it was new and different the way Brother Littleton put it over. Beyond a doubt, it will do any church or Sunday School good to have a training school like Baird Church had this time.

This further word—to know Henry Littleton as we came to know him, will prove a blessing to a church. His clear vision, good courage, sound logic, strong convictions, his love for Christ and the people called Baptists, with his Missionary heart and fervent zeal, these all stand out as traits peculiar to Henry Littleton and make him one of the most useful men in the ministry of our Lord today. The 17th District appreciates his labors.

### CHAMPION TO HAVE NEXT ZONE MEETING

November 10 will be the date, and champion church the place for the next Training Union zone meeting. The Training Union director, and the pastor of Pleasant Valley are to be in charge of the program.

The last meeting of the zone was held October 13 at Roscoe. Loraine was in charge of the program, with the pastor, Rev. M. H. Godfrey directing. The speakers on the program were: Mrs. Delmar Haralson, Mrs. Small and Mrs. Frank Simons.

The churches represented and the number present were: Loraine, six; Bethel, eight; Wastella, ten; Roscoe, ten; Pleasant Valley, eight; and Champion, two.

### SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

My way is better than your way. The best faith is faith in the best. Wisdom is rarer than genius.

Be sure your wounds are not self-inflicted. There is no defense for being on the fence.

Misers are miserable. Friendship frequently surpasses kinship. The devil gladly furnishes alibis.

Whatever makes lying necessary is not necessary. Fools endanger their followers. Say it and quit.

All preaching does to some sheep is to make them bleat. True helpfulness comes from real interest.

Humanity is hard to help. The only exalted thing about some folks is their opinion of themselves. Rare devotion is rare.

Dauids and Jonathans are rarer than Goliaths. Friends don't fall out. Nobody ever made history by merely making a living!

One friend is enough. Example excels exhortation. Repentance is sorrow for infection not detection. To live and let live may be a good principle, but to live and help live is a better one.

The right conception of the doctrine of Stewardship is as essential to the saving of the Christian life as the doctrine of Salvation is to the saving of the soul.—Henry Littleton.

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### PROGRAM

Workers' Conference, Cisco Association, Meeting With First Church, Eastland, Thursday, Nov. 7

10:00 Devotional, Rev. Claude Har- ris.  
10:20 The Doctrine of Sin, Rev. A. A. Palmer.

10:40 The Doctrine of Salvation, Rev. Judson Prince.  
11:00 The Doctrine of Service, Rev. Carroll Holtzclaw.

11:20 Recognition of visitors; business session.  
11:35 Song and prayer.  
11:45 Sermon, Rev. David M. Phillips.

12:30 Lunch.  
1:30 Board meeting and W. M. U. program.

**W. M. U. Program**  
Devotional, Mrs. C. P. Cowart, Ranger.  
Short business period.

Conference period, conducted by associational officers and chairmen.  
3:00 The Doctrine of Sanctification, Rev. Henry Weldon.

Please note change in date. We will meet on Thursday, the 7th, instead of Tuesday, the 5th, to avoid a conflict with the general election.

### PROGRAM

Callahan Baptist Association Workers' Conference, at Oplin Baptist Church, Monday, Nov. 4

Theme: The Ministry.  
9:45 Devotional, song service, J. J. Lloyd.

10:00 Preparation for the Ministry, Mental, Physical, Spiritual, Olen D. Welch.  
10:20 The Call and Support, A. A. Davis.

10:45 The Purpose of the Ministry, Walter Brian.  
11:05 The Rewards of the Faithful Minister, J. F. Wood.

11:25 Sermon, Clyde Jackson.  
12:05 Lunch, fellowship hour.  
1:45 Board meeting.

1:45 Song service, special music.  
2:00 Communism vs. Christianity, Henry Weems. (Brother Weems is a native of Russia, now a student pastor, enrolled at H-SU).

2:40 Adjournment.  
Oplin Church and Pastor H. W. Martin extend to all workers a hearty welcome.

The date has been changed to avoid conflict with the general election Tuesday and the district rally at Abilene on Wednesday.

**PASTOR RESIGNS AFTER 13 YEARS**  
Pastor M. F. Richardson has resigned at Murry, Throckmorton county, after 13 years of service to accept half-time work at Proffitt, an adjoining community where he has also served for the same length of time.

Both churches formerly had half-time work but short crops forced re- trenchment, and their pastor accepted the call of Pleasant Valley, a half-time church in Matchell-Scurry Association. Both churches have maintained a Training Union during all these years.

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### DISTRICT 17 W. M. U. REPORT ON MISSIONS

Quarter Ending September 30, 1940  
Committee members on missions, 46.  
Eight societies used the Circle plan.  
Six societies held meetings for planning and discussion.

Courtesies to missionaries home on furlough, 2.  
Letters to missionaries from women, 29, young people, 8.  
Boxes to missionaries sent by women, 3, young people, 1.

Volunteers for foreign service, 2 (names not given).  
Volunteers for home service, 4, as follows: James Hicklin, Dill Cox, Clifton Stringfellow, all of Ranger, Texas, Mildred Crawford, Oplin, Texas.

Monthly missionary programs by women, 82, young people, 36.  
Special programs by women 8, by young people, 3.

Eleven societies observed the Season of Prayer, 143 women attending, young people, 4.

MRS. ED HAHN,  
Missions Chairman, District 17.

### CALVARY CHURCH LIFTS DEBT

After struggling under a burdensome debt since its organization, Calvary Church, Abilene, is rejoicing in being debt-free.

Recently, a friend of Pastor Clyde R. Campbell mailed him a check to cover the unpaid balance on the building loan. This left a matter of some delinquent taxes assumed when the property was bought some years ago, and a few unpaid bills. These obligations were liquidated in a collection Sunday. When contributions announced by members were totaled, a balance of \$1.69 remained. Plates were passed for cash gifts and the collection amounted to exactly the \$1.69.

Under our defense program, many of our young men are going to be called away from home. I believe all of us should do our best to win them to Christ and to establish them in the faith before they are called to spend even one year away from home.—T. L. Holcomb.

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# Separation of Church and State and Religious Liberty

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slavery. It has tortured body and spirit and brought vast hordes of humanity into abject poverty and superstition.

From Constantine to Hildebrand the struggle for supremacy raged between church and state. Sometimes the church and sometimes the state had the upper hand. But when Gregory VII became supreme ruler over both church and state, then the enslavement was complete.

Long dark centuries followed, before this supreme authority and this unholy union which had crushed humanity's fairest hopes and fondest dreams was ever called in question.

Then came in rapid succession a new generation of fighters for freedom—Zwingli in Switzerland, Luther in Germany, Calvin in France, Knox in Scotland and Wycliff in England and many others. Great numbers flocked to them. Great and mighty men they were. All of these were parts of a great movement which grew until it became like rivers of living water.

But one tragic fact stands out with reference to the work of these reformers. Not one of them came to the logical conclusion of this idea of freedom of religion and separation of church and state. They were content to stop short with partial gains. For example, Luther threw off the yoke of Roman political bondage and straightway established a state church of his own, retaining infant baptism and other evils of the ancient order. Knox did the same thing in Scotland and Henry VIII established his church of England.

The Baptists are the only people who did not come to the idea of religious liberty gradually. They possessed and maintained the full idea from the beginning. The first Baptist stood on the banks of the Jordan and preached individual and personal repentance for the remission of sins and believer's baptism as a confession of faith. This is the reason Baptists are not now and never have been protestants. Informed and intelligent people should know better than to classify them as such. Baptists have never protested against anybody's religion. They have fought for the freedom of all religion—Jew, Catholic, Protestant alike. Baptist conventions, churches and the World Alliance have condemned anti-Semitism and religious persecution everywhere.

At the moment when the Spanish inquisition was at its highest and hottest a pathway was opened across the Atlantic to new continents. Streams of people began flowing through this channel in search of economic advantages, political possibilities and religious freedom. But attempts were made to set up the same restrictions to liberty in America from which they had fled. Consequently the fight for freedom had to be carried on here. It has been said that when the Puritans arrived in New England they first fell upon their own knees and then upon the aborigines. They came to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience and to make everybody else do the same thing.

In Massachusetts the Indians were forbidden to perform outward worship to their gods. The Quakers were whipped, maimed and banished. The president of Harvard, because he was a Baptist, was convicted of heresy and forced to resign. In Maryland Jews and Unitarians were denied citizenship and one who spoke evil of the Virgin Mary was fined 500 pounds and one who spoke evil of God was condemned to death. Religious tolerance was granted Trinitarians, but others suffered persecution. South Carolina denied liberty of conscience to any "papist." In Virginia a child born of other than Anglicans was declared illegitimate; Baptist preachers in that state were whipped and jailed and the whole populace was taxed for the support of the Anglican Church. In Louisiana Jews were denied citizenship, Roman Catholicism was declared to be the only acknowledged religion and all other preachers were forbidden entrance. Through all these years of confusion and conflict the Baptists maintained their clear testimony for freedom of conscience, for freedom of worship and for separation of church and state.

The first commonwealth in history which guaranteed these inalienable rights was established by Roger Williams and Dr. John Clark. These pioneer preachers lighted torches in the wilderness whose fires were carried throughout the land. They secured the Constitutional enactment which gave man his primary and fundamental bill of rights, freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom of con-

science and freedom of worship.

From Constantine to the Constitution of the United States was a long, bloody road. Came at last the victor's crown.

There are two outstanding and commanding facts in the picture and on the recorded pages of this age-long terrific struggle for religious liberty and separation of church and state.

First fact is that freedom has gone and come with the ebb and flow of spiritual tides. In proportion to the rise of spiritual religion has been the expansion of man's liberties. Whenever spiritual religion waned and the religious leaders sought to make up for the lack of it, by the utilization of human and material forces, then human liberties have been lost.

The second fact which stands out in this long fight for freedom is, that, the steps upward to freedom and downward to slavery are in definite, direct reverse order. The upward steps are: (1) Religious freedom, (2) Political freedom and then (3) economic freedom. The downward steps are: (1) Economic slavery, (2) political servitude and (3) religious subservience. Freedom of conscience and worship are primary, fundamental and essential to all other freedom. Religious freedom is the first to be gained and the last to be lost. The soul of all freedom is the freedom of the soul.

It looks as though we are coming upon another day when the decline of spiritual religion throughout the world, our own country included, is going to rob mankind of all freedom and rights. It looks as though the whole battle must be fought over again. It will be our high privilege to live, labor and love in this day of destiny. Let us say with Rupert Brooke: "God be praised that we are matched with this hour."

In this day of destiny and hour of opportunity the call comes clear and strong to men of courage and faith, to men of conscience and conviction, to men who can see and think clearly, for them to stand forth and stand up and cry out and spare not and fight on.

There are two imperative things that can and should and must be done if we are to save the day. Since freedom of the soul is the sole freedom and since freedom is enjoyed in proportion to the success and strength of spiritual religion, it is the business of religious leaders and teachers whether in the pulpit or in the pew to do all things possible for the promotion of evangelical faith and of evangelistic faithfulness.

Our primary and fundamental responsibility to all the people and our opportunity to secure the benefits of full freedom for them all, is to win people to Christ and to the church. As long as we can maintain a majority of born again, blood redeemed, spiritually minded, Christ-controlled, God-guided men and women who have working consciences and compelling convictions we can save our freedom.

The imperative call of the hour is to evangelize. The prophets lost their power and the people lost their treasure possessions when religion was allowed to become formal, social, static and political.

Christianity and Christian leaders in the fifth century lost their blessings and benefits when they relaxed their evangelistic and missionary fervor, accepted support from the state and permitted Constantine to make religion a football for politics. Preachers and priests in the early period of the dark ages who accepted stipends from the state and toned down their preaching to suit the powers that be, surrendered their supreme power to save society from sin and slavery.

Once again that issue confronts the religious leadership of the world. Kagawa is in jail in Japan. Neimuller is in a concentration camp in Germany. The messages of ministers are controlled in other countries. If we continue the direction we are going in the United States it will not be difficult for ministers here to get themselves in jail. To preach the gospel of God's grace is the imperative need of this day. If society is to be saved, it must be saved on the inside first and then saved by saved individuals.

The second imperative service which we can render is in the field of Christian education. The moment a state secures a monopoly on all education, then the free processes of thought are at an end. A monopoly in the business world is not good for the people. How much less is a monopoly in the intellectual world, even though it be a monopoly by the state. We must look to our Christian colleges if freedom of thought and freedom

of action and freedom of religion are to be maintained.

I submit that there is a definite and direct relationship between spiritual ideals, Christian education and democracy. Let us see how this is confirmed in our own country.

At the beginning of the United States practically all of our academies and colleges were founded under Christian auspices. It was written into the corporate law of Harvard, Yale and Princeton, that youth should be educated in godliness. They said: "Piety without education would be in the silent, slow and insidious elimination of one after another of Christian principles from the schools."

But evil tendencies were initiated. The support of schools by government taxation made the contention for the separation of church and state seem reasonable and this resulted in the silent, slow and insidious elimination of one after another of Christian principles from the schools.

It is no wonder that Dr. Walter S. Athern of Boston University says: "We are fast drifting into a cultural paganism." It is paganism all right, but it may not be so very cultural. Paganism in the raw is seldom mild.

Horace Mann insisted, "Let the common school be established and nine-tenths of crime will become obsolete." But 100 years after the common school has been established, crime instead of becoming obsolete, has increased 500 per cent. And what is more, the average age of the criminal has fallen until it is now among the high school and early college students.

There are three institutions which must carry the brunt of responsibility in these matters; namely, the home, the school and the church. We are the product of God who made and endowed us, of the home which inspired us, of the school which taught us, of the church which directed us, of the government which protects us and of the society which provides for us. Only God can create. The school can only train. The government can only enforce the laws. We shall have exactly the kind of government which we demand and deserve.

God bless America! Keep her people free; may she ever possess the precious jewels of economic freedom, political freedom, intellectual freedom, and above all religious freedom upon which all other freedom depends.

## NORMAN SANDERS GOES TO LLANO

After three years of successful work at Gorman, Pastor Norman A. Sanders has resigned to accept the call of First Church, Llano, taking up the work there at once. The Gorman Church has made great progress in these years with pastor and membership cooperating in many forward steps.

## Sunday School Lesson

(Continued from page one)  
saves them to a good life as a philanthropist saves a ragged orphan from a dirty slum. Jesus saves!  
DAILY BIBLE READINGS  
Nov. 4—Design for Living. Luke 6:20-26.  
Nov. 5—Non-Resistance. Luke 6:27-30.  
Nov. 6—Ministering Love. Luke 6:31-35.  
Nov. 7—Mercy's Reward. Luke 6:36-38.  
Nov. 8—Motes and Beams. Luke 6:39-42.  
Nov. 9—Roots and Fruits. Luke 6:43-45.  
Nov. 10—Building Securely. Luke 6:46-49.

## FINANCIAL REPORT SWEETWATER ASSN. WMU

Mrs. Bryan Ball, Treasurer	
Balance Sept. 1, 1939	\$38.28
Received:	
Abilene	
Calvary	1.25
First	720.42
Immanuel	19.04
Southside	119.25
Sunset	2.78
Temple	4.50
University	121.54
Blackwell	5.70
Caps	12.95
Merkel	94.75
Nolan	7.75
North Park	3.75
Ovalo	12.00
Sweetwater, First	180.66
Lamar	1.47
Trent	1.00
Tuscola	8.05
Special offering and gift,	
Buckner Home	19.50
District scholarship to Training School	25.00
Total	\$1,400.64
Disbursed:	
Carmen Arroyo, Mexican girl in H-SU	87.70
District scholarship to Training School (Miss Cox, Tuscola)	55.00
Foreign Student education	24.00
Hardin-Simmons Students	394.00
Mary Hardin-Baylor College	66.00
Leuders Encampment	32.00
Hendrick Memorial Hospital	347.12
Southwestern Training School	96.25
Miscellaneous (B. O. H. \$19.50, B. O. H. Grad. \$5.00, Ministers' Relief, \$4.50, Executive Board scholarship, \$6.00, Miriam Moore \$1.32)	46.32
Expense (programs \$7.00, flowers \$3.50, report blanks \$1.00, B. B. I. \$2.00, Louisville Training School \$2.00, stamps and stationery \$3.50, president and secretary expense to meetings \$18.35, district treasurer expense fund, magazine fund for missionaries \$1.00)	108.01
Balance Sept. 1, 1940	144.24
Total	\$1,400.64
Recapitulation:	
Designations of balance:	
District Scholarship	\$ 5.00
Carmen	25.25
H-SU	26.15
Mary H-Baylor	1.20
Leuders	1.25
Foreign Students	4.25
Southern Training School	17.25
Miscellaneous	2.50
Expense	61.39
Total	\$144.24

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## CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

### REDWINE

Sunday School each Sunday 10:00.  
Training Union Sunday night 7:00.  
W. M. U. each Monday 2:30.

Preaching days, 2nd and 4th, and conference on Saturday night before each preaching day.

Mrs. Willis Pennington was elected as secretary for club of West Texas Baptist. Let the pastor urge each family to try to take it, so you can hear from your pastor each week. The West Texas Baptist is a fine paper and each home ought to be getting it.

I was proud of the large crowd in services Sunday morning and Sunday night. The little playlet given by the four young ladies was fine, and I know that every one enjoyed it.

Well, I was surprised over the \$60.05 offering for State Missions. I will have to confess that I guessed it to be about \$25. I should have known from the past that when your pastor asked you to respond to missions or any item of the work you always put it over in a big way.

Please don't forget that the Training Union revival begins Monday night, November 11, under the direction of Mrs. Marvin Eldridge. We want you to attend.

W. P. BRIAN, Pastor,  
E. H. HOLLIWAY, S. S.,  
CLAYTON BEARD, T. U.

### O. K.

Great interest is being shown in our Training Union work since we have elected new officers and organized some new unions. Now it is possible for all ages to find a place to work and serve.

Our new director and leaders are putting their best into the unions but they need our help. So let us all find our place and do our best for our Savior.

SAM E. BRIAN, Pastor.

### CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

Judge H. F. Grindstaff will speak at Cross Roads next Sunday and all will want to turn out and hear him. The workers of Fisher Association will meet with us Monday, November 4. We will all want to come out to this meeting. Look in this paper for the program.

Last Sunday at Pleasant Valley we had a great time in an all-day Training Union study course. We had planned to have it on Saturday but most everyone was busy so we took Sunday and 24 earned their awards. The pastor did the teaching.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

### GALE

The second Sunday we observe the Lord's Supper. We pray that the entire membership will be with us on that day. The Lord needs you, but in these trying days how we need the Lord! Pray for your pastor as he prays for you.

LLOYD GENTRY, Pastor.

### WILMETH

We are proud of the work our church is doing. Our Sunday School and Training Union are growing and especially are we proud of the way our W. M. U. is growing. Men, they are doing their part, what are we going to do? We must all do our best if we are to have the kind of church we would like to have.

Pray for our church and be present Sunday.

SAM E. BRIAN, Pastor.

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