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Cooperative Revival Meeting Begins Sunday, Oct. 11

Abilene Schools Give Endorsement to Gipsy Smith Revival Campaign



DR. THOMAS W. BRABHAM
President McMurry College

McMurry College will not allow to escape the marvellous opportunity for spiritual growth through the Gipsy Smith revival that is available for every teacher and student.

First things should receive proper emphasis, and McMurry College believes so strongly that the most important development of her students is spiritual that the whole organization is built around this principle. She could hardly be consistent if she did not express by word and deed this thought to her students.

Pursuant to this idea, each of the four morning class periods of the school day will be cut short 15 minutes in order that the students may attend the 11 o'clock services of this world-wide renowned evangelist.

The attention of the students has been directed to this revival for more than a week, and the announcement that the opportunity would be available for the students to attend morning services was made Monday morning in the regular chapel exercise.

THOMAS W. BRABHAM,
President.



DR. J. D. SANDEFUR
President Hardin-Simmons University

I am genuinely happy to lend my influence and that of Hardin-Simmons University in co-operating with the churches of this city in an evangelistic campaign to be led by the world renowned evangelist, Gipsy Smith. Abilene, like all other cities about which I know, needs a spiritual revival, and such a revival could mean more to our city from every angle than anything I know. We must admit that Christian living on the part of parents and youth is far below what it ought to be, and these values are basically essential toward the building of a citizenship rich in those things that abide and that make for a permanent happiness.

More than 30 years ago, I had the pleasure of hearing Gipsy Smith in a two weeks revival in the city of Chicago. To me, he was the most charming and the most spiritual speaker and personality I had ever heard on any religious program. His messages abide with me to this day. In addition to the powers he possessed at that time, he has had nearly a third of a century of study, travel, and world contacts that cannot be

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Choir of 500 Will Sing for Revival Campaign at Fair Park Auditorium

The music for the Gipsy Smith revival will be under the direction of J. D. Riddle, choir director of the First Baptist Church, and Prof. E. Edwin Young, dean of the fine arts department of Hardin-Simmons University. Mr. Riddle will direct the choir of 500 voices and Professor Young will be at the concert grand piano, which is being furnished for the meeting by Hall Music Company. Mr. and Mrs. Young traveled with the Gipsy Smith evangelistic party for about ten years, the former as music director and Mrs. Young as secretary to the evangelist.

BOSTON POST PAYS TRIBUTE TO EVANGELIST

An interesting man is Gipsy Smith, whose great religious meetings come to a close in Boston this week. Without descending to the self-advertising and sensational methods that some evangelists think it necessary to employ in order to attract the public, he draws immense audiences by the force and sincerity of his character and by a genuinely simple and attractive personality. Few preachers can ever have addressed larger gatherings than those that have filled the Boston Garden twice on Sundays. It is probable that 200,000 different persons have heard him since he came to Boston. At a time when, we are told, religion is losing its hold on the people, such an outpouring of people who want to listen to an unsectarian, straightforward preaching of the Christian gospel is significant. The people have not lost interest in religion. They will go to hear it preached when the right man comes, as they have through all the centuries. That Gipsy Smith has helped many thousands is certain. Perhaps greatest of all is his service to the churches themselves, for he has shown them that they need not rely on the social opportunities they can offer to attract congregations. The Christian gospel is still able to draw the people, and to satisfy them. In an "irreligious age" Gipsy Smith proves that.—From Boston Post, March, 1929.

From a Gipsy Tent to Westminster Hall

It's a long road from a Gipsy tent to Westminster Hall. Gipsy Smith, world famous evangelist, who is coming to Abilene Oct. 11-25 for an evangelistic campaign, was 60 years traveling it. This road to Gipsy became a gospel highway and it has led him to almost every nook and corner of the earth.

Gipsy Smith is now 76 years old. He was born in a Gipsy camp in England and during his boyhood days he traveled with the family and peddled goods along the highways. At the age of 17 he began preaching. Soon after this his mother died and the life of the father was transformed. Gipsy, with his father and a brother traveled from place to place telling the story of Jesus, and for 60 years now Gipsy Smith has continued to hit the trail and tell the story of redeeming love.

Gipsy Smith's school education consists of about six weeks study at Cambridge, yet he is an educated man. Early in his ministerial life he became associated with General Booth and the Salvation Army. Here he was known as the "Singing Gipsy."

The noted evangelist first came to America in 1889. The present trip makes the 33rd he has made to this country, and he has held evangelistic campaigns in many of our cities.

The Diamond Jubilee of Gipsy Smith was observed at Westminster Hall, London, during the month of June, at which time thousands of friends paid tribute to the 60 years of service as a soul winner and world-wide evangelist. Representatives from various denominations and the Salvation Army attended the London meeting.

The King of England sent the following message: "His Majesty heartily congratulates Gipsy Smith on completing 60 years of his evangelistic work."

Dr. Clinton Churchill of Buffalo, N. Y., read the following message from President Roosevelt: "In religion lies the hope of our country and of the world. The gospel of Christ, though old, is ever new in



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the appeal it makes to the hearts and minds of men and in its power to sustain them in all trial and tribulation. No greater thing can come to our land than a revival of religion. I doubt if there is any problem, social, political, or economic, that would not melt away before the fire of such a spiritual awakening."

Lloyd George, among the notables attending, spoke: "A man who can carry to the hearts of millions in his time the noblest and most hopeful message ever delivered to mankind on earth must have made a deep impression and had a great influence on the life and character of his generation. The great struggle of 20 years ago seems to have left mankind with a tired heart. The devil is tireless; we need Gipsy Smith to go on grappling" (Continued on page 2)

Gipsy Smith, World Famous Evangelist, Will Lead in Two Weeks Revival Campaign

For weeks many of the pastors of Abilene, various committee members, aided by thousands of church people of the city have been busy preparing for the coming to our city of the great internationally known evangelist, Gipsy Smith.

The time has at last arrived when this world famous man has reached Abilene and on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11th, the first service of the mission will be held in the large auditorium at the Fair Park, seating about 5,000 people. For three Sundays and two weeks Gipsy Smith, the man who is different, the man whom all the great statesmen of England, and the world for that matter, honor and appreciate, will begin to tell the people of the Abilene area the story of Jesus, and to appeal to them as only Gipsy Smith can do, to take Him into their lives.

Abilene has never prepared for a meeting as it has prepared for this one. In Dallas Gipsy Smith preached to crowds that filled the great auditorium of the First Baptist Church, overflowed to the basement seating 1,800 people, and then overflowed to the streets where loud speakers were installed. The last night of the mission it was estimated that 15,000 people attended. The streets were roped off and the crowds stood everywhere in order to hear the preacher.

This is an opportunity for you to hear this great and good man. Plan now to come for likely it will be your only opportunity to hear Gipsy Smith. Remember the dates, October 11 to 25, inclusive.

GIPSY SMITH, M.B.E. The Man and His Message

By G. E. ROGERS,
In The Methodist Times

Several years ago I paid a visit to Romany Tan, the home in Cambridge of Gipsy Smith, the famous evangelist. From a study window one morning I caught a glimpse of green fields flecked with daisies and shimmering with golden haze from myriads of yellow buttercups; of hedgerows festooned with hawthornbuds, fringing a winding lane. Suddenly Gipsy approached me, and pointing to the screened pathway in the distance, said:

"Along that very lane my father and my uncle used to pitch their tents in the days when I was but a wild gipsy lad. In a corner of the field over yonder they camped one whole winter, and all around this neighborhood I hawked clothespegs from door to door. And to think that God has honored me so! Isn't it very wonderful?"

For a moment we stood together in silence. Then I said lightly: "I suppose you would hawk clothespegs again if you could find nothing better to do?"

"Of course I would. And make the people buy them, too!" was the Gipsy's prompt reply.

The penalty for popularity is, often, a swollen head and a shrunk heart. It is difficult for some men and women to remain great whilst achieving "greatness." To the glory of God and the credit of Methodism, however, it is written with truth and candor that many of our church members have won lasting fame without loss of character. Gipsy Smith is one of them. I have known him now for more than 20 years, visited his home, travelled with him to various meetings, come into contact with him under varying conditions and at unexpected times and in unexpected places, and my first word concerning him must be that his pride in himself and his personal achievements is of the Peter Pan variety, which absolutely refuses to grow up. Hosts of admirers have placed the Gipsy upon a pedestal. Not once have I known him to reveal the slightest desire to "step down just to see how he looked," as the Irish statesman said of a fellow-countryman, of whom, by the way, he was inordinately jealous. Gipsy Smith is intensely human. He has the defects of his many great qualities. But, in my judgment, the outstanding feature of his character is that he is a brotherly man, tactful to a degree in his approach to the weak and erring, and companionable to

all sorts and conditions of folk.

A biographical sketch is usually a verbal honey-bath. Readers seldom dip into it without being conscious of a surfeit of sweetness. To write in such a manner of Gipsy Smith would be to do both the subject of this article and "The Methodist Times" a great disservice. It is impossible to define an atmosphere. It is equally impossible to dissect a soul. It is, however, permissible to apply an unclouded microscope to the personality of so popular a figure in the religious life of the nation as Gipsy Smith. Who, then, and of what calibre is this man who, in the Name of the Lord, is about to attempt the spiritual regeneration of London? What peculiar qualifications has he for the task of turning the feet of London's citizens Godward? Why was Gipsy Smith chosen to conduct a great campaign in the world's metropolis against the sins which do so easily beset us, and to lift humanity to a higher level of life and conduct? In other words, whom come ye out to see—you men and women who will crowd into the Albert Hall in thousands during the great days of the new evangelistic mission?

In my judgment there is no physical or psychological solution to the problem of Gipsy's influence and power over great masses of people. He is simply an instrument fashioned of God to a great end. His qualities of heart and mind are equalled in thousands of his fellow Christians. His ability to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom in homely, convincing language is, happily, shared by hundreds of others. To remind Methodists that Gipsy Smith has flashing eyes, a mellifluous voice, a sparkling wit, and an attractive platform manner is to indulge in banalities. He is neither a religious mountebank nor an oratorical spell-binder. It is true that he plays upon human emotions—as a master musician upon the strings of a harp or the keys of an organ. But that, surely, is because Gipsy But that, surely, is because Gipsy and because he "knows the right notes to strike" remarkably well.

I have read scores of "appreciations" and articles concerning Gipsy Smith, many of them written by men with knowledge and insight, in which clever attempts

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Abilene Pastors Make Appeal for United Evangelistic Effort



DR. O. P. CLARK
Pastor St. Paul Methodist Church

I am looking forward to the coming of Gipsy Smith as the greatest opportunity for a great forward movement spiritually in Abilene such as we have not had in our history.

There is no interest of a community comparable to the religious life of her people, and the import of the great number of churches uniting in a single effort for the betterment of our city is within itself an unusual incident. Never has this city had coming to her a man of greater spiritual force and dynamic forcefulness, a world character sought after everywhere,

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DR. E. B. SURFACE
Pastor Central Presbyterian Church

It was my privilege to hear Gipsy Smith 30 years ago in the great Colosseum in St. Louis. I waited from 4:30 to 6:30 P. M. before the doors were opened to the thousands banked in the streets. It was amazing how quickly that vast structure filled to overflowing.

I have never heard any one speak just like Gipsy Smith. He has a keen, penetrating voice, clear as a bell, carrying conviction to the heart. His personality is indeed rare. His bearing is always that of a genuinely true Christian gentleman. His heart is full of loving,

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Gipsy Epigrams

Editor's Note: The following epigrammatic statements of Gipsy Smith were reported by Wayne Guthrie, in Indianapolis News during the Gipsy Smith campaign in that city:

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Hear Gipsy Smith's voice on Columbia Records.
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The absence of God is misery, discord, conflict, guilt, sin, condemnation and hell.
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I know of no worse hell than to preach Christ when you are out of step with God.
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Leave your reputation where you left your sins.
.....

The devil's delight is a ministry that is not consecrated.
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If America is to keep her place among the nations of the earth she must tighten her hold on the Sabbath.
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A Christian life begins with God and not with taking communion or being immersed.
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When you are perfectly sane and not overexcited the Holy Spirit can do His most effective work.
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Many a man has gone to the devil because of the superficiality of his wife.
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If you are going to sin you will

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Will Direct Music for Gipsy Smith Revival



J. D. RIDDLE
Choir Leader

Mr. J. D. Riddle, music-educational director of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, will lead the chorus choir during the Gipsy Smith meeting.

Mr. Riddle has had wide experience as an evangelistic singer in the southwest, and also considerable experience as a college voice teacher. He, together with Mr. Young, has amassed a chorus choir from the co-operative churches in Abilene of more than three hundred voices and this choir will sing each night throughout the Gipsy Smith meetings.



E. EDWIN YOUNG
Pianist

Prof. E. Edwin Young, the dean of Hardin-Simmons School of Fine Arts and professor of piano, is the general chairman of the music committee for the Gipsy Smith meeting.

Mr. Young travelled with Gipsy Smith for twelve years as his director of music. During those 12 years they conducted campaigns in the British Isles, Palestine, Ceylon, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji Island, Hawaii, Canada and the United States.

Mr. Young is the editor of the Gipsy Smith song book that will be

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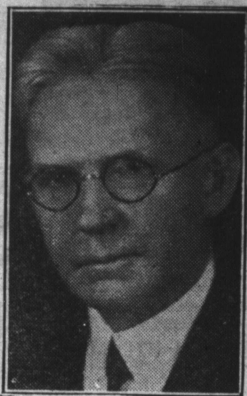
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ANNUAL W. M. U. MEETING, JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION

October 13, 1936, with Baptist Church, Tuxedo.
Theme: "Loyalty to Christ."
10:00 Song Service.
10:10 Devotional, Mrs. J. H. Skiles, Stamford.
10:20 Greeting, Mrs. J. E. England, Tuxedo.
10:30 Response, Mrs. L. A. Doyle, Anson.
10:40 Recognition of Visitors.
11:10 Special Music.
11:20 Address, Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene.
12:00 Lunch.
1:00 Board Meeting.
1:30 Song Service.
1:40 Devotional, Mrs. J. H. Littleton, Hamlin.
2:00 Reports of standing committees: Benevolence, Mrs. F. E. Tonroy, Luaders; Missions, Mrs. Tate May, Hamlin; Mission Study, Mrs. J. T. Medlin, Stamford; Personal Service, Mrs. Thelma Barnes, Anson; Periodicals, Miss Lilas Penick, Stamford; Education, Mrs. J. C. Harvey, Hamlin; Stewardship, Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Hamlin; Young People, Miss Mae Zinn, Stamford; Librarian, Mrs. Doss Harris, Anson; Publicity, Mrs. J. A. Roberts, Hamlin.
2:00 Business.

The Baptist Church of O'Brien completed a B. T. U. study course on Oct. 4, during which school four books were taught, Beginners and Primary Story Telling Hour, Junior B. Y. P. U. Manual, Modern B. T. S. Methods for Intermediates and Seniors, and Christian Leadership for Adults.
Everett Milam was the outside worker, teaching the senior class. At a consecration service on Thursday night in the senior class all of the class of 26 rededicated their lives to the service of the Master and a greater zeal in B. T. U. work.
There were 72 enrolled in the school and a great interest in B. T. U. work started. The B. T. U. enrollment at O'Brien was 46. There were 26 more enrolled in class than in B. T. U.
The O'Brien Church is doing a great service for the Master and is on the job all the time in every field.—E. B. MILAM.

We closed a great revival at Cross Roads near Post, with 37 additions, 20 by baptism. God led us in a mighty way. Brother Ernest Lee was pastor and E. L. Redden did the preaching. Brother Lee resigned. We are praying that God shall send them a pastor. God gave us six great revivals this summer.—E. L. Redden.



DR. THOMAS F. KNOX
Pastor First Presbyterian Church

I am greatly rejoiced that Gipsy Smith will hold a mission in Abilene. I regard him as the outstanding evangelist of the world and I feel sure that the good he will do my own church, to say nothing of the good that will come to the other churches of the city, as well as the unsaved people of the community, will last through the ages.

Everywhere Gipsy Smith goes the people flock to hear him. Our people are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the mission and I am sure that the members of my congregation will enter into the work heart and soul.

The coming of Gipsy Smith is not only an event in the life of our city, but is important to West Texas.

T. S. KNOX, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church.



DR. MILLARD JENKENS
Pastor First Baptist Church

I regard the coming of Gipsy Smith as an event of unusual and far-reaching importance to Abilene. In the first place it is an exceptional opportunity, as it is a rare occurrence for this man of international fame to conduct revivals except in large centers of population; and a further consideration that makes his coming of such vast importance, is the fact that he is the one outstanding evangelist of the world today.

Gipsy Smith's coming meets the one outstanding need of our city. Over and over we have been reminded by great leaders like Mr. Roger Babson that there can be no permanent material recovery that has not for its foundation spiritual recovery.

MILLARD A. JENKENS, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Abilene

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yet it is our fortune to have him these two weeks.

Gipsy Smith is known for his intimate fellowship with the Lord, his passionate love for Jesus Christ, and a deep devotion to the interests of immortal souls. A loving Christ and world redemption are to him life's supreme purpose.

He is a man of great faith and power in whose heart the Christian religion has planted a great love for God, a passion for souls and a song of joy.

I trust we as a people will yield our hearts and lives to the leadership of this servant of God to be led by him into larger fields of service and to higher heights in the Kingdom of Divine Grace.

My appeal to every citizen of Abilene and environs is make this the fulfillment of your one great opportunity to have part in a movement that will, in my opinion, leave the stamp of its mighty power and lasting good here permanently.

My part and yours may be small but it will contribute that no one else can give. So let us respond to the call of this important hour with our prayers, labors and personal contribution to the end that our God may be glorified, our own hearts inspired abundantly, and our friends and lost saved with an everlasting salvation.

O. P. CLARK, Pastor,
St. Paul Methodist Church.

DR. J. D. SANDEFER

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make him a more powerful preacher and personality.

It is my prayer that people of every denomination in our fair city may lay aside those things that hinder and join the religious forces in Abilene and this great section for two weeks of thought, prayer, and spiritual uplift that will make not only individuals and homes happier, but will leave each of us on a higher level of Christian thinking, and more determined to carry on in a more potential way for Him who is the hope and Savior of the world.

J. D. SANDEFER.

DR. E. B. SURFACE

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tender, solicitude for the unsaved. His prayers, songs, and sermons breathe the spirit of Jesus. When you see and hear him you know that he lives with his Lord and Master.

E. B. SURFACE, Pastor
Central Presbyterian Church.

PROF. E. EDWIN YOUNG

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used throughout the revival. He is the author of some twenty songs contained in the book. He will preside at the piano throughout the meetings.

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with him. We need Gipsy Smiths in religion, in politics, in economics, and in international affairs. You say the Gipsy is a man of extraordinary personality. That is true. You say he is a man of genius. That is true. I would rather acclaim him tonight in the old and fine scriptural phrase. There was a man sent from God. And his name was Gipsy Smith.

It is estimated that the evangelist has addressed 45 millions of people on five continents, not counting the numberless radio audiences who have heard his broadcasts. Although he is identified with the Methodist denomination, his Abilene appearance will be under the auspices of all churches of the city.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Judea," said the Christ. Last Sunday evening the Volunteer Mission Band of Wayland College did service for that Christ in its home town, Plainview, Texas, and led one young lady to rededicate her life to Him, and another to surrender her life in service as a missionary for Him.

This group visits some rural or small town church each Sunday, preaching and singing the gospel, "in the by-ways, in the hedges."

Any pastor who desires to get in touch with this group of enthusiastic, consecrated Christian workers, may do so by writing its president, W. B. Harris, at this school.



DR. F. M. WARREN
Pastor First Christian Church

GIPSY SMITH TO MEET REVIVAL NEED IN ABILENE

My first opportunity to hear Gipsy Smith came in August, 1935, when visiting in San Diego, Cal., and attending the exposition there. The First Baptist Church of that city held revival meetings continuously for 165 days or during the entire duration of the exposition. I do not know how many great preachers were brought there in those days to speak to the thousands who were in attendance. Gipsy Smith was there for two weeks and Mrs. Warren and I, with friends, went to hear him. I went with great expectations for, of course, I had known about him for many years.

My expectations were more than met. He is a marvelous person. He keeps you guessing, all the while, in the introductory service. Now, he will indulge in a bit of high-class humor which never fails to elicit a hearty response from his audience. He is human. Again, he will break right in and lead the great chorus and his audience in a rousing song service. When the situation is right, he will carry his hearers into the very "Presence" with one of his rare gospel solos. His sweet, rich voice creates a hunger with his audience to hear him sing alone.

Someone who has heard of him since childhood says, "Isn't he getting old?" Most of us, had we been born when he was, would be very, very old. But, if you judge him by his great enthusiasm and his almost limitless energy, which he puts into every service, you would say he is in his prime. He looks the part of a man of little past middle years.

Undoubtedly, this is Abilene's opportunity, religiously. The greatest in evangelism today, he comes to us under most favorable circumstances. When was Abilene ever so ready for a great revival? An essential prerequisite is for the Christian people to realize their

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REV. W. C. ASHFORD
Pastor South Side Baptist Church

THE COMING GIPSY SMITH MEETING

It was my pleasure to hear Gipsy Smith preach in Chicago in 1911. After bringing a message to a crowd that overflowed the auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church, he delivered a second message the same evening to a congregation filling the spacious basement of the building. I shall never get away from the profound impression made on me by the message and the striking personality of Gipsy Smith. He has the peculiar power and ability of laying hold of ones very heart strings; and of lifting the individual listener upon a higher plane of life and living. There pervades the entire service and the message the pathos and call of the Spirit of Christ as the perfume of some rare flower fills a room.

From October 11 to the 25, I personally feel that the citizens of Abilene and surrounding territory have the greatest religious opportunity ever coming their way. It is the chance to touch the life and dynamic personality of one among the greatest evangelists of any age, thus bringing to the individual an enrichment of life, both spiritual and cultural, beyond the ability of words to describe.

Then, there is another thing we should all look forward to with happy anticipation, that is, the fellowship with fellow Christians, members of the other churches of the city other than those of our own persuasion. There are times when every professing Christian should be gladly willing to unite around the glorious person of our Lord Jesus Christ in seeking a common blessing upon our town and community. Such an opportunity is soon to be ours in attending the Gipsy Smith meeting in the automobile display building in Fair Park, Abilene, Oct. 11 to 25.

W. C. ASHFORD,
Pastor, South Side Baptist Church, Abilene.

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9,696 to Live Closer to God as Result of Gipsy Smith Mission

From Dallas Morning News, Oct. 6, 1936.

Of the approximately 110,000 persons who heard Gipsy Smith during his fifteen-day mission at the First Baptist Church, 9,696 declared their determination to live closer to God, it was reported to the Dallas Pastors' Association Monday.

Dr. C. W. Ross, pastor of the Mount Auburn Christian Church and personal service chairman during the mission, reported that the "decision cards" signed by the 9,696 persons were divided into two classes, those who were accepting Christ for the first time and those

who were reconsecrating themselves to the church. Because of the great number of cards Dr. Ross was unable to give the number in the two classes at the Monday meeting.

Of this number, however, 1,569 cards were signed by young people at a special service for them, Dr. Ross said. These were divided into 516 who accepted Christ for the first time and 1,053 who were reconsecrating themselves.

As the mission was nondenominational, persons signing cards were asked to express preference of a religious faith. All but about

800 did this, Dr. Ross reported. These 800 cards were left on file at the Y. M. C. A. where pastors of various churches or other workers may see them.

Nearly 1,000 of the cards were signed by persons living in cities other than Dallas. Many of them were from adjoining states, Dr. Ross said.

As he gave the data to the pastors Dr. Ross emphasized that no attempt had been made to make the mission a great statistical revival. He said that the evangelist himself opposed this.

The estimate of 110,000 persons hearing the evangelist was made by T. A. Johnson, First Baptist Church secretary. He said that approximately 4,000 persons heard Gipsy Smith at each of his 26 sermons at the church, with another 6,000 hearing him in his address at the Centennial and at schools and clubs.

His Appeal Improved

In reporting to the pastors Dr. Ross gave much credit for the large number of decision cards secured to members of his personal service committee. These members, composed of many denominations, worked untiringly, he said.

The increase in the appeal of the noted gipsy evangelist was pointed out in the 24-year span between his missions in Dallas. In 1912 it was estimated that approximately 80,000 persons heard him, with 1,764 professing faith, as compared to the 9,696 out of 110,000 at this mission.

The mission was held under the auspices of the pastors' association, with Dr. Graham Frank, the president, heading the sponsoring committee.

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It is the instruction of the home that determines the character.

Many a boy has gone to the devil because his mother started him.

Some of you have the language of the pit so perfectly that it seems you have received your education in hell and had the devil for a school master.

The fact that there are counterfeits among Christians indicates that there are some real Christians.

None of us can preach and pray on Sunday and say "Thy will be done" and then vote for the devil and the gambling den on Monday.

Heaven is a conscience void of offense toward God and man.

The beauty of the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America is that everyone is expected to serve.

Jesus is the greatest gentleman and the greatest evangelist that ever lived.

The devil is not dead and the man who says he is, is helping the devil carry on his business.

Whiskey is the devil in solution.

Don't hide behind the fact that there are a few hypocrites in the church. That is the poorest excuse that hell ever originated.

If the churches are to make the best fight against the devil and sin they must begin with the cradle.

Come out of your hiding place and stop playing hide-and-seek with Christ.

A good many of us have only licked the spoon and have not got a good dose of religion.

The greatest sermon that was ever preached was the sermon of a God-like life.

Some of you people would hold a candle-stick for the devil to see to shave himself if there was anything in it for you.

You cannot expect forgiveness until you learn to forgive.

A sin once committed goes into eternity.

A fence on the edge of the precipice is better than a hospital at the bottom.

There are some Christians who are like hedge-hogs, all bristles.

The church is only a quarry when Jesus is left out.

A church without Christ is a mere mockery.

Sunday School Lesson

October 11, 1936

BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

Read Acts 16:16-40; Philippians 3:7-14. Study Acts 16:22-34; Philippians 3:7-14.

The story of the conversion of the Philippian jailer is more than a graphic picture of the initial impact of Christianity upon the continent of Europe; for it makes crystal clear to this day the path one must follow to become a Christian.

The letter of affectionate remembrance and sincere appreciation which Paul during his first imprisonment at Rome wrote to the Philippian saints showed the Apostle at the zenith of his spiritual attainments declaring he had not attained and pressing toward the loftier goals yet ahead of him.

1. The Jailer Won to Christ (Acts 16)

The ministry of evangelism was threefold: (1) It was a ministry of conflict and casting out evil. When the evil spirit was cast out of the soothsaying damsel, her owners, realizing their gains were gone, determined upon revenge. Hence, stirring up a mob, they seized and dragged Paul and Silas before the city authorities, accused them of being troublesome Jews teaching unlawful customs among the Romans, and had the satisfaction of seeing them unmercifully whipped by the victors without the required formality of a trial and roughly cast into prison, where they were confined in the miasmatic inner cell with the additional and needless indignity and torture of having their feet made fast in the stocks. (2) It was a ministry of prayer, praise, and power. Though rudely scourged and shut in a stenchful dungeon with their wretched legs in the torturing stocks, Paul and Silas were not dejected. They prayed so fervently and effectively that their prayers rose to and burst forth in trusting, joyous song, attracting the attention of the other prisoners. Then came the miraculous earthquake, moving the prison and shaking the shackles from the person of every prisoner. (3) It was a ministry of enlightenment and enlistment. Aroused from slumber and seeing the prison doors all open, the jailer drew his sword to kill himself since he knew his life would be forfeited by the escape of the prisoners entrusted to his keeping. But Paul prevented the jailer's suicide by declaring every prisoner in his place. Then came the transition from mental alarm to spiritual conviction. The man who was on the verge of self-murder is now seeking salvation. The jailer called for a light, sprang into the prison, fell trembling before the missionaries, brought them out from the inner cell to the prison court, and inquired what he must do to be saved. The answer of Paul and Silas to his awakened, inquiring soul is a classic and a model. And they at once followed up the terse requirements of faith in Christ by explaining further the Word of the Lord to the entire household. That they all believed in Christ is evident; for they washed and mollified the stripes made by the cruel scourge, they were immediately baptized, they brought the missionaries into their own personal apartments where food was served them, and they experienced the joy of faith and service.

2. The Apostle Built up in Christ (Philippians 3)

The ministry of edification centered in and radiated from the person of Christ. Indeed, the person of Christ is both model and master even as he is chief inspiration to every one who is pressing toward the Christian goal. Ten great ideals were before the Apostle, and every one of them centered in Christ: (1) There was the ideal of knowledge; he considered the knowledge of Christ as the only knowledge worth having. (2) There was the ideal of righteousness; he could have a whiter soul by faith in Christ than by the strictest deeds of the law. (3) There was the ideal of power; no power is equal to that of Christ's resurrection. (4) There was the ideal of fellowship; sympathy with the suffering Christ is the deepest of all sympathy. (5) There was the ideal of sacrifice; to be conformed to Christ's death means self-crucifixion and life-surrender. (6) There was the ideal of perfection; the flying goal beckons onward but remains ahead. (7) There was the ideal of activity; "I press on," says he with eager urge. (8) There was the ideal of reward; the eternal prize hangs in the heavens ahead. And (9) there was the ideal of influence;

others share the same mind and walk by the same rule as all together seek to imitate Christ.

Christ the Goal of a Good Life

(1) Christ the Goal of Faith. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Faith is fundamental. The inquiring jailer was told to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Before him lay no other road into life eternal. And no other way has yet been found. Christ is the only Savior. Salvation comes by grace through faith. It is a complete and eternal salvation. Thus the believing jailer was saved. And so was his believing household. "How can we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

(2) Christ the Goal of Love. "What things were gain—I counted loss for Christ." Paul loved Christ more than anybody or anything else. His goal was not gold but God. His loyalty would endure any loss without regret. Indeed, the exchange was a good investment, turning human gain into loss for Christ, and gaining infinitely thereby.

(3) Christ the Goal of Knowledge. "The excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." To know Christ is the highest knowledge. To have Christ's knowledge in the truth he taught and teaches is to have the knowledge most worth while. To know about Christ even is better than to know about all others who ever lived.

(4) Christ the Goal of Righteousness. "The righteousness which is of God by faith." We have no righteousness of our own. We cannot do anything that will earn the favor of God. But Christ has done it all. By faith in him we can get the righteousness which is from God.

(5) Christ the Goal of Power. "The power of his resurrection." The culminating triumph of Jesus on earth was his victory over death. It proved that nothing is impossible to him. Whatever power we have or can get must be had or gotten from him. And he is ready to grant it unto us at any time that our faith can lay hold upon it.

(6) Christ the Goal of Fellowship. "The fellowship of his sufferings." Is there a finer fellowship than the fellowship of joy? There is; it is the fellowship of suffering. We are not in full sympathy with Christ till we have followed him to Gethsemane and Calvary and felt something of his pain and glory.

(7) Christ the Goal of Hope. "Might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." Without him we have no outlook beyond the grave except into the blackness of darkness. But in him who became the "first fruits of them that sleep," we can experience, not only the salvation of the soul, but also anticipate likewise the redemption of the body. And our resurrection bodies will be like unto his glorious body which ascended from Olivet.

Gold in the Golden Text "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31.

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Daily Readings

Monday—Becoming a Christian. Acts 16:22-34.
Tuesday—The Christian's Goal. Philippians 3:7-14.
Wednesday—The Trial of Faith. I Peter 4:12-16.
Thursday—The Trial of Faith. I Peter 4:12-16.
Friday—The Blessedness of the Christian Life. Matthew 5:1-11.
Saturday—Hope Beyond Suffering. Romans 8:16-25.
Sunday—Comfort in Affliction. II Corinthians 1:3-10.

ELMDALE CHURCH

Last Sunday was an important day for the Elmdale Church. Attendance was encouraging, though not record-breaking. A special offering was taken to pay for the four oil heaters we bought for the church recently. We observed the Lord's Supper in the morning, after hearing our pastor, Bro. Finis Williams, preach a stirring sermon on "The Gospel," exhorting Christians to show they are proud of the gospel by living it. He emphasized in his evening sermon that sin in its beginning is a beautiful thing that hides at its center a deadly poison, and that Christianity is forever shamed by the wrong choices of Christians. At the close there were two making a profession and asking for baptism, and two joining the church by letter. —PAUL JUDD.

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GIPSY SMITH, M. B. E.
The Man and His Message

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need of a spiritual awakening. Never was a city more conscious of its need.

Another important question is have been made to dissect and delineate the personality and character of the great evangelist. But none are really convincing, nor even explanatory. The question I have raised in this article was answered long ago by an illiterate Yorkshireman, a member of the famous Eastbrook Brotherhood. I had been spending the day at Eastbrook with Mr. Arthur Henderson, who spoke in the afternoon to a company of three thousand men, who were well described as "the aristocracy of British working men," and I had listened to this man's enthusiastic report concerning the growth of the "Brotherhood" and the regularity with which the members attended the meetings.

"But how do you explain it all?" I queried, at length. "Surely there must be some particular reason why this movement has caught on so well in the city of Bradford, and why so many of you congregate Sunday after Sunday in a mass meeting of this kind?"

The canny North countryman looked at me steadily for a moment, a gleam of amusement in his expressive eyes. At length he said slowly, and with a burr that I cannot hope to reproduce in written language:

"Ah don't explain it at awl, sir. Ah just coom!"

"Such a statement leads nowhere," objects the critic. But is this true? On the contrary, does it not force thoughtful men and women to the inevitable conclusion that human sympathies and aspirations are, in large measure, under the influence of Divine control? Gipsy Smith is not a scholar, a deep thinker, nor a theologian well versed in the nature and attributes of Jehovah. His education was gleaned in fields and woodlands, his thoughts concern simple facts of faith, love and mercy; his knowledge of God is based upon the teachings of Jesus, and his own marvellous experiences of redemptive grace. But the Gipsy is peculiarly sensitive to the inflow and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and

supremely conscious of the fact that he is but the messenger of Jesus, and the channel through whom thousands receive light and inspiration and healing and uplifting power. That, in my opinion, is the real secret of his wonderful success as an evangelist. He is the perfected tool of a master worker. God, through Gipsy Smith, can draw apart the silken curtains which hide refined souls from the gaze of their Maker. God, through Gipsy Smith, can break down the barriers of antagonism which erects in the human heart against spiritual forces. The process is conversion, the instrument is Gipsy, the worker is God.

None the less—nay, because of this fact—I agree with the editor of "The United Presbyterian," a leading New York religious journal, who some years ago wrote the following paragraph concerning Gipsy Smith and the wonderful scenes which were then taking place in that city as a result of the Gipsy's visit and preaching.

"If anyone thinks that the Gospel of God's Son is losing its power over the hearts of men let him walk down Duquesne Way any Sabbath afternoon about 3 o'clock, or any evening about half-past seven; let him stand in front of the building where the great multitude is waiting for the doors to be opened; let him sit on the platform when the Gipsy is making his appeal to men to give up their lives of sin; let him look upon that field of heads bowed in prayer, as a field of ripened wheat bows at the bidding of the summer breeze, and he will go home reverently, if, indeed, he is not among those who are crowding the inquiry-rooms. It is simply wonderful how this man, born in a wagon, and who for 17 years lived in one, whose ancestry for generations lived in tents, trading horses, telling fortunes, nomads, from whom no good was expected, wonderful, I say, how this man should 'so get the start of this majestic world and bear the palm alone!'"

And yet we Methodists aver that Presbyterians are not prone to enthusiasms!

Dr. W. C. Childress
Pastor 1st Methodist
Church Speaks

In the fall of 1921 the writer first met Gipsy Smith in a revival campaign of six weeks in the city of New Orleans. The campaign was sponsored by 67 churches who worked in the closest harmony and co-operation throughout the entire period of the meeting.

Gipsy Smith is easily the outstanding figure in the world as an evangel of Jesus Christ. He is peculiarly free of any objectionable methods in conducting a great campaign and the most eloquent tribute that can be paid any man is to have the unanimous consensus of opinion of any great group that he met every occasion and condition without complaint or disappointment to any one. His meeting in New Orleans made a profound impression upon that great old city which is recognized as a very difficult field for achieving any great success by Protestant Christianity.

Abilene and surrounding country is to be congratulated upon the opportunity to hear this great and good man and the revival campaign should make a profound impression upon the religious life of this immediate section of our territory.

W. C. CHILDRESS, Pastor
First Methodist Church.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? He that sheweth mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.—Luke 10:30-37.

God gave us six great meetings this summer. Hanna 32 in meeting. Salt Branch 22 additions and great meeting at Cross Roads and Grassbur. Loony Shepard school house.—E. L. Redden.

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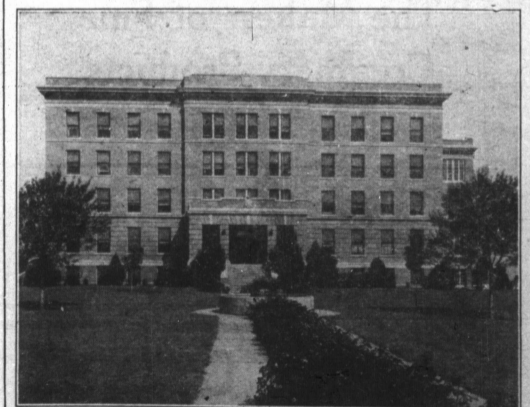
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Upon mounting the platform Sunday morning, Miss Beck told in a frank, understanding manner of her experiences in Brazil. She touched on the personal appearance and every day life of the Brazilian people just sufficient to command the attention of the entire audience, and between these glimpses of native life, Miss Beck delivered a sermon. The sincerity of the message bore fruit, and ten responses were made. Three young ladies joined the church by baptism, four by letter. One confessed Christ who didn't join the church. One was restored and one made a touching confession. The service was a victory for Christ and a forward step for the Baptist Church.

Friends attending the service from other churches expressed much pleasure in being in the service. It was truly a great service. W. D. GREEN, Pastor.

GIPSY SMITH, EVANGELIST

When the Centennial was proposed in Dallas some earnest men sought to bring religion to the attention of visitors. The County Gas Co. gave the Hall of Religion, a large, well arranged, worthy building for religious exhibits and conferences. It was arranged to have preaching almost every day. Some of the leading preachers in this country were engaged. The committee went after Gipsy Smith of England for a series of meetings and the meeting house of the First Baptist Church was secured. The revival is in progress now. It is truly great. He is 76 years old and a marvel of strength and effectiveness. Hear him by all means.—Baptist Standard.

GIPSY SMITH TO MEET
REVIVAL NEED IN ABILENE

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The question of a united front. In my experience, I have never, I'm sure, seen a city in which the pastors and the people were more nearly of one mind. It was written of the little nucleus of disciples, at Jerusalem, "they were of one heart and one soul." Then Pentecost. "Self-centeredness had been put away and there was that hungering and thirsting after righteousness which guaranteed a "filling."

Shall not the consciousness of our need and our unity of purpose be something of an assurance of great results? Gipsy Smith belongs to a great line of mighty heroes of the faith whose combined ministry reaches back across the centuries in which Christ and the Holy Spirit have ever been exalted. They have never commercialized their high calling. They have resorted to none of the cheap trickery of the hypnotist, audience psychology, all of which have a legitimate field but when introduced to supplant the agencies which God has ordained to win men to the Church cheapen both themselves and the Church. What Mrs. Morgan Jones said of him, after having heard him in Tulsa, Okla., is true. Surely, no one can hear Gipsy Smith and ever be the same again.

"When we listen to him, we think of what we have read about the ministry of such great souls as Christmas Evans, Charles G. Finney, George Whitefield, John Wesley and Dwight L. Moody. Abilene and this community will take advantage of this great privilege and overflow the immense tabernacle from the first. It has been a joy to work with our several committee chairmen who have done such excellent work and with such willing spirit. Let us continue to make every possible preparation. Apportion yourself a committee to help fill the tabernacle next Sunday night to hear the great chorus and evangelist."