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Vacation Bible Schools

The past week saw some fifteen professions and additions in the Bible School of the East 4th Street Church. Two little girls who made professions will unite with the Methodist Church. Eight of the above fifteen had previously made professions, but will now unite with the church. Nine were professing Christ for their first time. In connection with the closing days of a meeting at Robinson Chapel begun by Pastor Pitts of Cohoma, the District Missionary is having a brief Vacation Bible School. Brother Pitts had to terminate his work in the meeting three days before it was over to begin a revival in his own church. Missionary Willis J. Ray, now of District 6, formerly of this district, is preaching in the Coahoma meeting. We are hoping to organize a new Sunday School at Robinson Chapel, and have set Sunday, September 3, for that purpose.

Never Had Heard of Jesus

Strangely to most of us will seem the experience of some of the workers in the Vacation Bible School held last week. A girl nearly fourteen years of age enrolled and came regularly. When asked by a worker if she did not feel she needed Jesus as her Saviour and Friend, she said: "Jesus? Who is he?" When at some length and over a period of several days this question had been answered for her, she accepted Christ, joined the church, and is a new creature. Living in a tumbled down shack several miles from town, she had been terribly neglected. The boys and girls of the church brought in clothing and shoes for her and her little sister, and soon she was clean and dressed in proper clothing. The boys and girls learned first hand that "As oft as ye have done it unto the least of these little ones, ye have done it unto me." That is practical Christianity.

And Suddenly He Was Here

We'd been expecting a letter from Rev. A. C. Donath which would set us to making definite dates for him in our district, when last Friday, here he came. Due to mixed dates in two other districts he had a week right now and none at all for us later. But

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EVENTS TO COME

August 20-27—Preaching Week—Dr. George W. Truett—Ridgecrest.

August 24-25—Association Training Union Officers' conference for Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, and 17, at Abilene.

August 28-29—District 16 Laymen's Retreat, Lake Brownwood.

August 29 — Runnels Association, Bronte.

August 29-30—Fisher Association, Pleasant Valley.

August 30-September 1—State Fall conference, Baptist Student Union, Fort Worth.

September 5-6 — Lamesa Association, Seminole.

September 5-6—Callahan Assn., Denton Valley.

September 6-7—Big Spring Association, Midland.

September 7-8—Mitchell-Scurry Association, Snyder.

September 7-8—Jones Assn., Lueders.

September 7-8 — Lubbock Association, Lorenzo.

September 7-8—Sweetwater Assn., University Church.

September 13, Forty-Eighth Annual Session Begins, Hardin-Simmons University.

September 17—Luther Rice Day in Baptist Churches.

October 3-4—Concho Valley Assn., Sterling City.

October 4-5 — Haskell Association, Munday.

October 5-6—Cisco Assn., Gorman.

November 3-5—State B. S. U. Convention, Hardin-Simmons U.

B. S. U. Meet, August 30, Marks 21st Anniversary

By Mrs. Paul Petersen

Texas Baptist Student Union Conference in Fort Worth, August 30 to September 1, will call to mind the prayer tryst of two Texas college youths 21 years ago—a tryst that resulted in the foundation of the denominational student union that now embraces 110,000 Baptist students on 75 per cent of all college campuses in the South. It is the largest student religious movement in the world.

Those two students prayed daily for "a student religious movement large enough not only to serve the Baptist colleges and universities, but for one with strength enough to touch every campus for Christ." Joined by three others, the praying students saw within the next year formation of a denominational student organization on their own campus, Baylor University. In another year, they saw their efforts materialize into an organization known as the Baptist Student Union, covering 15 Texas campuses.

It was only another year that the plan was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and spread throughout 17 Southern states and to every foreign country where Southern Baptists have mission schools. More than 2000 Baptist college students representing many nations of the world and active in Baptist student work were enthusiastic messengers attending the recent Baptist World Congress in Atlanta.

The days of the beginning of the movement will be recalled in addresses at the Fort Worth Conference by two Baptist Student Union pioneers, Dr. Joseph P. Boone, Waxahachie, the first Executive Secretary of the Texas Student Department and Dr. J. M. Dawson, pastor and author of Waco. Stressed throughout the program, on which 200 students and denominational leaders from several states will take part, will be the theory and practical application of student work. According to J. W. Marshall, State Baptist Student Union Secretary, Dallas, 400 student officers from the various Texas college campuses are expected to attend, in addition to many college professors, college Sunday School teachers, student secretaries, college pastors, and scores of high school students, especially seniors.

Mr. Sibley Burnett, Nashville, Tennessee, former B. S. U. President of Tenn., will give direction to recreational features, assisted by Mrs. A. Adamcik, State B. T. U. Department, and Woodrow Harris, Waxahachie. Others outstanding on the program list are Frank Weedon, Denton; R. L. Brown, College Station; Douglas W. Hudgins, Fort Worth; Walter H. McKenzie, Austin; J. I. Cartlidge, Nacogdoches; T. P. Lott, Huntsville! C. E. Matthews, Fort Worth, Texas Baptist pastors in college centers; 38 Presidents of College Baptist Student Unions in Texas conducting Family Altar Meetings and practical conferences; Mrs. Roy McGlamery, Student Secretary of Oklahoma A. & M., Mrs. R. L. Mathis, and Mrs. J. W. Marshall conducting conferences.

PROGRAM

Workers' Conference, Cisco Association, Meeting with Carbon Baptist Church, Tuesday, September 5, 1939

10:00 a. m.—Devotional—Rev. Russell Dennis.

10:25—Reports from the Churches.

10:50—Blood Redemption Eternal—Rev. Herbert Christian.

11:15—Glorification — Rev. Phil C. McGahey.

11:40—Special Music.

11:45—Sermon — Rev. Charles T. Tally.

12:30—Lunch.

1:30 p. m.—Board Meeting.

W. M. U. PROGRAM

(Going Forward in Stewardship and Personal Service)

Song and Prayer.

Devotional (Follow Me)—Mrs. Burett Gray, Rising Star.

Living for Jesus—Cody Love, Gorman.

Finding One's Life Work — Mrs. Laurence Martin, Moran.

In as Much as Ye Did it Unto Others—Mrs. H. M. Weldon, Albany.

Musical Number—Carbon W. M. U.

B. S. U. LEADERS

REV. BILL MARSHALL
Student Union Secretary
Dallas, Texas

REV. SIBLEY BURNETT
Sunday School Board
Nashville, Tennessee

OCTOGENARIAN ATTENDS EVERY TRAINING COURSE

By Tommie Godfrey, Corsicana

Above is the likeness of one of the finest souls in our church, Mother Cheney. She is near 80 years of age and has a record of being present at every service of the church when it is at all possible and that means 98 per cent of the time because she has unusually good health and is very vigorous and active.

Mother Cheney has this particular record: she has never missed a training school in the church. She had every seal possible in the old course of Sunday School study and has every book that has been offered in the new work. She tells me that she will be ready for the fall training course that will be held in our church in October.

Mother Cheney is from one of the leading families of our town and has made many notable gifts to the church. I hope that this great life of usefulness will inspire others who read of her record.

JACK BADLEY CALLED TO PLAINS CHURCH

Following a revival ta the Goodland Church led by Pastor Earl Landtroop of Lorenzo, with Dallas Alford and Miss Doris Jordan of Wayland College assisting with the music, Rev. J. D. Badley, former H-SU student, was called as pastor for the coming year.

Rev. Badley has been acting as assistant pastor at Lorenzo during the summer and will be ordained by that church at an early date.

The Goodland Church was greatly revived during the meeting and received three additions by baptism and two by letter.

Training Union Officers In Session This Week

W. M. U. YOUTH LEADER AIDS DISTRICT, 7 WEEKS

Miss Belle Lazenby, Alabamian, of the 1940 class at Southwestern Training School, Fort Worth, has averaged presenting some phase of young people's work to more than one church each day of the seven weeks in which she has served the seven associations of District Seventeen.

Miss Lazenby's work has been under the sponsorship of the W. M. U. of the district and her efforts have largely been directed toward enlistment and enlargement in the youth auxiliaries of the Societies.

She has, however, been instrumental in the organization of four new Mission societies in this campaign which has touched over 50 churches including the largest and some of the smallest in the district.

During these seven weeks she has averaged speaking three or four times daily including a number of all day services. In several instances pastors have insisted upon her speaking from their pulpits at the stated preaching hour. She has also spoken frequently at midweek prayer meetings as well as numerous other occasions.

In addition to organizing mission societies among the young people, of churches not sponsoring such work, many additional auxiliaries have been formed in other churches. Schools of missions have been conducted. Instruction courses in methods of conducting societies have been held.

Miss Lazenby expressed deep appreciation for the splendid co-operation given by pastors, W. M. S. leaders and other workers in the churches. After closing her District Seventeen engagements this week in Sweetwater association, she will go to San Antonio as one of the 100 selected workers attending the Southwide Sunday School clinic August 28 to September 1.

Following her graduation next spring, she expects to give her full time to promoting Baptist youth activities in the homeland.

WANTED—

In arranging the files of The West Texas Baptist, we find a few numbers missing. If any of our readers have copies of these missing issues which they do not care to keep, we will appreciate receiving them.

The papers wanted are one copy each of March 10, April 7, and May 12, 1938. Two copies each of February 25, May 13, and November 11, 1937, and one copy each of April 29, July 8, August 19, and September 2, 1937. Missing from the 1936 files are January 9, March 12 and 19, April 9 and 23, July 23, two copies each, and June 4, one copy.

For most of the other publication dates of these years we have from one to three copies which anyone interested may have by calling on the editor.

HIGHLAND HOME REVIVAL

Rev. J. B. Rowan of Aspermont led in the Highland Home meeting. The people heard him gladly. 18 came for baptism and nine by letter. In ten months 22 have come for baptism and 20 by letter and statement. After three months trial the church voted to continue to send the Baptist Standard to every home represented in its membership. The people are finding that the paper helps them in B. T. U., Sunday School, and Bible reading. Brother Rowan says this is one of the best country churches he ever knew. We thank God they are forward looking. They believe in constructive work.—W. C. Taggart, pastor.

MISS LAZENBY AT CLYDE

The Clyde Church had the privilege of having Miss Bell Lazenby with them Wednesday night and Thursday. On Wednesday night she spoke at the prayer service to a good number of young people and adults. Thursday she directed study classes for young people with 51 enrolled. Thursday night there was an all-church social with about 80 attending. We are looking forward to good results from her visit with us.—Evelyn Hollis, reporter.

During this week the officers of the associational Training Unions, together with great numbers of others interested in the training service of Baptist churches are meeting in two great semi-state conferences.

East and South Texas, representing something less than half the area and about sixty per cent of the Baptists, met Tuesday and Wednesday at Belton. Most of the guests spending the night were housed at Mary Hardin-Baylor college.

Two Days At Abilene

Wednesday the advance guard, including state and Southern leaders and many others who have come three to four hundred miles, are gathering in Abilene for the Thursday and Friday sessions at the First Baptist Church.

Represented at Abilene will be seven districts embracing an area from Henrietta in Red River valley, south to Mason, west to the Rio Grande at the mouth of the Pecos, and including all that vast scope of the Panhandle-Plains and Trans-Pecos country, an empire larger than any state in the Southern Baptist convention, save Texas.

The Thursday morning session will be of an inspirational nature. Thursday afternoon conferences will develop the themes of Organization and Expansion. Thursday night conferences will be Enlarge and Enlist. Friday morning the closing conference will stress Conserve, Train and Develop.

Song services will be directed by Volus Norsworthy of Vernon. State leaders and a large group of Southwide workers from the Sunday School board, Nashville, will have part in the program and in conducting conferences.

Fourth Annual Meeting

This will be the fourth annual conference conducted in Texas since the five-year plan was launched in 1936. At the conference in 1936 a challenging five-year program was adopted. This program called for 10,700 unit organizations by 1941. It also called for a combined Training Union membership in Texas of 193,000. In addition to that, the five-year program called for 225,000 Training Union diplomas and seals to be issued by the close of the five-year period.

Secretary T. C. Gardner of Dallas will report 8,865 unions with a combined membership of 183,906. His report will also show that 186,253 diplomas and seals have been issued during the first four years of this program. In other words, his report will show that Texas is running ahead of its schedule.

PROGRAM

Thirty-fifth Associational Auxiliary Meeting with University Baptist Church, September 7, 1939

Watchword: The Love of Christ Constraineth Us.

Opening Session, Thursday Morning, 9:45.

9:45—Song Service.

9:55—Devotional, Mrs. J. M. Sibley.

10:10—Greetings, Mrs. R. M. White.

10:25—Special Music.

10:35—Recognition of new members and visitors.

10:45—Report on order of business.

10:50 — President's message, subject: "Go Ye."

11:00—Reports on year's work by local presidents: Abilene First, Mrs. E. O. Keeton; Immanuel, Mrs. Rhoda Taylor; North Park, Mrs. B. T. Oliver; Southside, Mrs. R. C. Lewis; Sunset, Mrs. A. V. Moore; Temple, Mrs. George Ayers; University, Mrs. R. M. White; Blackwell, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Song: "How Firm a Foundation."

Presidents' report continued: Caps, Mrs. J. F. Joiner; Maryneal, Mrs. Bascom Hartgraves; Merkel, Mrs. T. E. Collins; Nolan, Mrs. Billie Buchanan; Ovalo; Sweetwater First, Mrs. Z. C. Steakley; Lamar Street, Mrs. H. J. Wooldridge; Trent, Mrs. J. N. Anderson; Tuscola, Mrs. Jewel Cochauner.

Song.

Corresponding Secretary - Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Bryan Ball.

12:30—In Memoriam service, Mrs. George L. Paxton.

12:45—Lunch.

Afternoon Session

1:30—Executive Board meeting.

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MISSIONARY MESSAGES

By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17

It is a joy to have our visitors in our District and City. Many of them are distinguished visitors. Call for what ever you want while here. Even if you do not see it, call and we will find it. We want you to feel perfectly at home. We are honored to have you.

Now that we are considerably on the road in the Holcomb Five Year program we should check closely and see where we are needing to catch up the loose threads and really get down to business. No army ever won by knowing the methods and having the organization of an army. It takes practice and work. Let us all get every idea we possibly can from our outstanding leaders and put them into practice.

It was such a privilege to work with the Deans and the church at Blackwell for the past two weeks. One cannot work with people like them and not have a greater vision of life. The Lord is blessing them in a great way on that fine, ever enlarging field. A few years ago the field embraced only the small school community and town. Now there are 326 scholastics and every home touched by the school is a possibility. The Deans and the church will work the large field and you will be hearing from them. Carrol Holtzclaw led the music and worked with the young people. I think he is mighty good help. A new B. A. U. was organized and a new Sunday School class for the younger business men. The pastor is the teacher. Every department of the work seems to have caught a new vision of its duties and possibilities.

District 17 is to be honored and helped by having Mr. W. J. Lites with us for one week, September 24-29. He is to meet the pastors and Sunday School superintendents of each association for a day or part of a day. He will be here for the Sunday afternoon of September 24, at which time we will have an associational meeting. From that we will meet from day to day. A meeting is being called for a few minutes on Thursday of this week, at the close of the afternoon session of the B. T. U. meet in the First Church, Abilene, to start plans for those important meetings. We are one of the few Districts to have a worker. Let us make the very best of him.

Brother and Mrs. Fred Porter have just closed a good meeting with the Tye church. The church is without a pastor. It expects to call Wednesday night of this week.

The Mt. Olive Church, Sweetwater association, expects to call a pastor soon

Our hearts rejoice over the successful revivals being conducted this year. It seems they are getting better all the time. Churches are waking up to their opportunities more and more all the time. There is so much to be done until we have a long way to go, yet.

Dr. Campbell wrote me that he expects to have a state representative at every annual associational meeting in the state. He is to attend fifty or more of them himself. Mr. R. A. Springer and Dr. Thomas Taylor will attend the others. These men will contribute much to the meetings. Of course, every program committee will adjust to the state speaker to speak when he arrives so he can go on and be at the next place. No district has a more appreciative group of people than does ours. STATE LEADERS, YOU CAN COUNT ON US!

Pastors, I am sure you have already dedicated one day's salary extra to the Lord's mission causes. Then every deacon will. Well, we all must. Never

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CULTIVATION COMES BEFORE HARVEST

As reports have been coming in from the summer meetings, hearts have been gladdened by accounts of great awakenings and happy harvests, and they have been grieved when here and there some man of God has poured out his heart upon barren, stony ground.

No general observations can be laid down as to causes of visible success or failure. This is because the Lord has said that His word shall not return unto Him void. Which is ample justification for the belief that sometime, somewhere sincere witnessing will bear fruit.

Each person, and therefore each community of persons, is different and in certain respects a law unto itself. Yet human nature averages much the same and some truths are always applicable. One of these is that seedtime comes before harvest and that cultivation must precede a profitable yield. That is as true in sowing the Word as in sowing wheat but we often forget to comply with this natural law.

An analysis of conditions surrounding the revivals where the lost have been brought, through repentance and confession, to a savinging knowledge of Jesus, where there has been contrite reconsecration of Christian people; in a word, where there have been true revivals; will invariably reveal that a pastor, some devoted members, somebody, has made a preparation of prayer. Most often it will be seen that there has been visitation which directed the thoughts of people toward the coming meeting and the need for it which is coldness, indifference and known sin in the individual heart and life. We fall short of our possibilities, we fail to use the power at our disposal, through lack of interest.

Committees planning city-wide and county-wide evangelistic campaigns should bear this in mind. One meeting, carefully planned and "prayed down" is worth a hundred announced and "worked up."

PREPARE FOR ASSOCIATIONS

Beginning next week the annual associational gatherings will be meeting in various places of this section for the next two months. These are important meetings. Important in inspiration, important in the spread of information concerning the work of the denomination, important in the planning for the year ahead.

It is a time of taking stock of past accomplishments and of preparation for furthering the Kingdom work. But if these ends are to be achieved, there must be planning and effort in advance.

No church, unless visited by calamity, should be willing to appear before its brethren without having carried its full share of the common load which it agreed to carry. Churches which have not paid promptly their pledges to associational causes should take care that they are fully redeemed.

The word "pledge" has been bandied about entirely too lightly among Baptists. Baptists should so live that their "pledge" would be negotiable at the bank. On the contrary, many of our members have a feeling that the pledge of their church is something "they" have agreed to do and are willing to let "them" pay it if they can or let it go by default if "they" don't. And so it has come about that boards seldom expect pledges to be paid in full and many individuals fail to take seriously their financial promises to their church. For one Baptist church or member to do this is one too many.

Another thing needed in preparing for most associations is the election of more laymen as messengers. The thing wrong with turning the associational meeting over to the pastors and the women is not that they lack capability and interest, for they do not. But such a meeting is unbalanced. The men are busy, of course, they should be. But perhaps more would find time to attend if their church elected them as messengers and laid the importance of the occasion on their hearts.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

The political affairs of Mayor Maury Maverick of San Antonio are not the concern of this column but we feel that he deserves commendation in his stand to permit a Communist to make a public address in that city in spite of bitter opposition, including the powerful Catholic press.

The converse of the Maverick stand on this question is that of Mayor Hague of Jersey City, which carried to its logical conclusion is a tyrant's determination to suppress all public speakers who do not echo the pronouncements of the dictator.

If a Communist may not speak in one city, then a Catholic might not in another, and a Baptist in a third.

Editor Frank Grimes of the Abilene Reporter-News expressed it succintly when he said that the sunlight of publicity is sufficient to destroy the germs of these disruptive creeds.

If we are unable to combat Communism and Fascism in the open but attempt to crush them by force, we will only drive them underground as did the Czars. Then some day, like them, we would learn that the hidden termites had undermined the structure of the nation. And like them, we would find it tumbling about our ears.

Hard though it is for freemen to hear error proclaimed from the housetops, it is better than to have it whispered in dark cellars.

NEWS NOTES

Fifty-five churches of Union association, which includes the city of Houston, held an annual Sunday School convention last week. Walter Jackson, educational director of First Church, is president of the convention and Rev. M. L. Rhodes delivered the convention sermon.

Lawson H. Cooke, Southwide secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood is in Texas for a few days. He will address the District Four laymen's rally at Houston Friday and will attend the Laymen's retreat at Lake Brownwood next week.

Pastor J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater is continuing a revival at the West Side mission. A spontaneous movement has developed for enlarging the mission building.

Rev. Clarence A. Morton of Ballinger is preaching in a revival at Paint Rock, where Rev. J. W. Sailors is pastor. He is assisted by Carl Head of Houston who is leading the music.

First Church, Vernon, has made the final payment on their $175,000 building. A dedicatory service will be held in the near future.

Since Pastor W. R. Derr went to Ralls Church early in 1936 there have been 406 additions, 181 of whom came for baptism.

Eleven members were added to Clyde Church in the revival conducted by Pastor J. S. Tierce at the rural mission Sunday School of that church. Ten of the new members came by baptism, one of whom made his first public profession, although he stated he was converted 20 years ago. R. P. Adams, treasurer of Callahan Association, led in the song services.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Mexia, who will begin work as pastor at Polytechnique Church, Fort Worth, on September 1, is now leading in a revival at Corsicana, where Rev. E. T. Miller is pastor. Tommie Godfrey, educational director, the son of Rev. M. H. Godfrey, Loraine, is leading the singing.

Rev. Ramsey Pollard who recently resigned as pastor at Tabernacle Church, Fort Worth, has accepted the call as pastor at Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird is engaged in a meeting at Midway school this week.

Rev. Roy Holloman of Immanuel Church, El Paso, and Mark Short, evangelistic singer, are assisting Pastor Ira Harrison in a revival at Snyder, beginning August 20.

The summer revival at Stamford began Sunday, August 20, with Pastor Dick O'Brien doing the preaching and Broughton Harden, choir director, in charge of the music.

Pastor Selby Aswell preached in an outstanding revival at Hamby which closed August 16. Jack Dean of Hardin-Simmons led in the song services. There were 15 additions by baptism and several by letter. The meeting closed with an extended period of rejoicing and reconsecration.

The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will hold their quarterly session at the First Baptist Church, Dallas, beginning at 9:30, Tuesday morning, September 5.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough has been having a short rest in his cottage at Ruidoso encampment grounds.

First Church, Alamogordo, N. M. is in a revival with Dr. McKinley Norman of Roswell preaching.

Rev. O. D. Henley of Sylvester has just closed a good meeting with Pastor Ross Holland and the church at Lillian, Texas.

Miss Ione King, efficient secretary of First Church, Sweetwater, has accepted the position of young people's leader in an Oklahoma City church. The Sweetwater Church, on the recommendation of the deacons, has voted to employ an educational director and a church secretary.

In the meeting held by Dr. W. Y. Pond with the Ralls Church there were 57 additions, 39 for baptism. Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Huber of Gallup, N. M., led in the song services.

Gale Dunn, educational director at Ballinger, has resigned effective September 1, to accept a similar position with Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. Rev. Clarence A. Morton is pastor of the Ballinger Church.

Pastor N. M. Pitts of Coahoma preached for one week at night only at Morgan school, the meeting resulting in 14 conversions. Missionary Willis J. Ray of San Antonio is now leading the Coahoma church in a revival.

Rev. Selby Aswell of Hamby was guest preacher at First Church, Abilene, August 20.

Brotherhood members of First Church, Abilene, are quietly raising money for additions to the building at Community Center mission.

JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

Harvest Moon

The end of harvest is Europe's wartime. Every American war has commenced in April, but in Europe they are started in the brief season between the harvest of bread grains and first frost.

This harvest moon has the appearance of being a bloody moon, but only time will tell. There are altogether too many imponderable elements to justify predictions. Does Chamberlain's abandoning his umbrella mean that appeasement is also discarded? Or is he staging another Munich? Does Mussolini's reported illness and his apparent unwillingness to risk war mean that Hitler will back down? Or has he been holding back to jockey a better trade with Hitler? Do the assembled millions under arms constitute an impossible hazard against peace? What are the implications of the sudden, well timed, commercial and non-aggression treaties between Hitler and Stalin?

These are questions which the world would give much to know the answer. And for better or for worse, we may know today and certainly before frost.

The Fourth Partition of Poland

The odds heavily favor there being no general war. No one knows what will result from the conference of little nations at Brussels but all these peoples are good customers of England and all realize the great menace a general conflict constitutes to their safety. Their plea will be a strong deterrent to England.

All of which bodes ill for Poland. Three times in the Seventeenth century wars, Russia, Austria and Prussia took slices of the Polish pie, licking the plate clean at the third helping. Out of the World War came the new Poland with its troublesome corridor to the sea.

The Russo-German accord almost assures a fourth partition and that probably at once. This shrewdly timed agreement may prove the knockout blow in the "war of nerves." The question for Polish decision this week is whether to make a crippling concession now and follow the fate of the Czechs or to go down, according to Polish tradition, with colors flying.

Up to France

To France is the fateful decision. If Italy renews at this critical hour a clamor for French possessions, the French people will be willing to support the traditional friendship with the Poles.

But if Italian ambitions are diverted toward Yugoslavia, and the Belgians, Dutch and their friends bring strong pressure for neutrality, France may sit still.

One cannot conceive of the Chamberlain government deliberately entering a war, though if France takes part in the fray the English will go to their aid, umbrella or no umbrella.

Supplies

Whether Russia participates in plundering Poland at this time, Hitler has nullified the effect of a blockade such as starved the Germans in 1918. A friendly Russia assures him of food, oil and minerals without end.

It would not be surprising to see Russia stand on the sideline ready to grab some choice hunk as Poland did when Hitler throttled Czechoslavakia last fall. But before doing that Stalin should take note of what is happening to Poland a year later.

There are Brakemen enough in the church to last for many years. They are the people who are afraid the Church will move aheadd too fast. What we need and want is more Firemen.—Roy Shahan.

The difference between listening to a radio sermon and going to Church is the same as the difference between calling your girl on the telephone and spendidng the evening with her.—Christian Herald.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for August 27, 1939

By Hight C Moore

UZZIAH: A KING WHO FORGOT GOD

Read 2 Chronicles 26

After the assasination of Amaziah, the tenth king of Judah, his son Uzziah was elected in 787 B. C. and reigned fifty-two years. His reign was marked by great prosperity and power at home and abroad, but it was marred probably about its fortieth year by Uzziah's daring sin and dreadful punishment which sent him into retirement, leaving the throne in charge of Jotham, his son, who upon his death was crowned his successor.

1. Uzziah's Accession and Character

HIGH PROMISE marked Uzziah's accession. He was but sixteen years of age, when by the will of the people, the crown of Judah was placed upon his head. At once he vindicated the wisdom of the people in his election and enthronement. He built Eloth at the head of the eastern branch of the Red Sea in order that he might renew rich commerce with India as in Solomon's day. His mother's name is given, significant of the impulse she gave to his life. His general character, individual and official, was good, though as we shall see, by no means perfect. His religious adviser and instructor Zechariah, of whom it is said that he had "understanding in the visions of God." The prosperity which came under his reign was measured by his piety, for "as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper."

2. Uzziah's Prosperity and Power

Read Verses 6-15

GREAT PROSPERITY crowned Uzziah's activities. (1) His foreign policy was characterized by vigor, strength, and success. His campaign against the Philistines on the west resulted in battering down the walls of three of their greatest cities and the settlement of many of his people in that fertile region. He also chastised the Arabian nomads south of Judah who were allies of the Phlistines. The Mehunims of South Arabia, who resented the building of Eloth, were likewise brought into subjection. Moreover, the Ammonites on the east paid tribute into the treasury at Jerusalem. Thus the fame of Uzziah spread abroad and "he strengthened himself exceedingly." (2) His internal policy was no less efficient and prosperous. The broken walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt, towers erected, and the capital city strengthened and fortified. The industry the king gave a distinct impetus. In particular, it is said that "he loved husbandry." Therefore, he erected throughout the country many watch-towers, dug in the waterless pasture lands many wells, and there were under royal supervision, herdmen, farmers, and vine-dressers in various parts of the country. A strong army was also mobilized, trained, and equipped. There were select fighting men who went forth on marauding expeditions, "heads of fathers' houses" numbering 2,600, and the army aggregating 307,500. The army was supplied with the best arms and ammunition to be had, including defensive armor, like helmets and habergeons (coats of mail), and offensive armor, including spears, bows, slings, and engines which would shoot arrows and stones. Thus the fame of Uzziah spread far and wide. And the secret of his prosperity is found by the Chronicler in the fact that "he was marvelously helped, till he was strong."

3. Uzziah's Pride and Fall

DARING PRIDE caused Uzziah's fall. Prosperity is not without its perils. Uzziah was strong, and famous, and great, but he felt it and "his heart was liftetd up." He thought as he was king in the palace, he would act as High Priest in the Temple, thus assuming the highest functions in both civic and religious spheres. Thus proud and haughtey he went into the Temple, transgressed the law by invading the sanctity of the Holy Place, and determined without warrant to burn incense upon the sacred altar. He was rebuked by Azariah, the High Priest, and eighty other priests, who declared his transgressions with its consequent disgrace. The king, however replied with towering rage, but at once the terrible punishment came upon him. Josephus declares that an earthquake came at this moment filling the king with horror and fear of a fate similar to that of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. At any rate, the fearful leprosy rose up on his forehead; he realized it; the priests saw it and immediately thrust him out of the house of the Lord. And to his credit it is said that he "himself hastened to go out, because the Lord had smitten him." Perhaps the proud, presumptuous king was penitent for his gross sin. Of course, as a leper he was at once cut off, not only from the Temple, but also from his friends and family. He thereafter lived in a separate house, his son Jotham judging the people. At last the end came and Uzziah was buried in the field belonging to the kings, but not in a royal sepulchre.

Beware of False Pride

(1) **The Ingratitude of Pride.** "God made him to prosper." To God he was indebted for his place and power and prosperity. Yet at the critical moment he failed to honor God. Pride forgets and ignores its benefactors.

(2) **The Occasion of Pride.** "He made — his name spread — he was strong" (v. 15). Achievement, fame, and power caused Zzziah's heart to be inflated. He was great but he knew it. He was mighty but he lost sight of One who was mightier. It is always the lesser things that stir false pride.

(3) **The Presumption of Pride.** "He transgressed against the Lord." His business was to sway the scepter, not to burn incense. But he wanted to be religious as well as civil leader. He therefore broke the law of God and desecrated the house of God. Pride smashes propriety.

(4) **The Rebuke of Pride.** "They withstood Uzziah." Faithful priests had the courage to face their faithless king. They were as loyal to him as any man in the kingdom. But they reproved him even at the point of physical force when he defiled the Temple and defied Jehovah.

(5) **The Disgrace of Pride.** "Neither shall it be for thine honor." It was the one blot on a long and glorious reign. Alas, that a single sin can obscure and can discount so many mighty deeds! Pride is no credit to its devotee and victim.

(6) **The Anger of Pride.** "Uzziah was wroth." Of course he was! But his anger was the eruption of his pride. Many and malicious are the ministers, at the court of pride.

(7) **The Penalty of Pride.** "He was leprous." Swift and terrible was the punishment of the proud king. Instantly he fell a victim to the most loathsome, disfiguring, and isolating malady known. Was it the antithesis of pride? Rather, is not pride to the soul what leprosy is to the body?

(8) **The Remorse of Pride.** "Himself hasted also to go out." Unspeakable was the king's humiliation. He realized the heinousness of his sin. He turned back in dismay from the Holy Place undriven except by conscience. He rushed finally and forever from the house of God.

(9) **The Isolation of Pride.** "Dwelt in a several house—cut off from the house of the Lord." An alien from family and church. Uzziah lived his last decade alone. Pride means to stand above, but it stands apart. It is isolating rather than subjugating.

(10) **The Impotence of Pride.** "Jotham his son." Another had to represent him in his own house. The people must look to his son rather than to him to settle their causes and direct their affairs. Pride put Uzziah on the shelf. Pride is paralyzing today.

Gold in the Golden Text

Every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Luke 18:14.

When one exalts himself he thinks himself "more highly than he ought to think." He puts himself at the center of his interest, at the top of his goal, in the front of his efforts. He magnifies himself and minifies others. He glories in his achievements and discounts the attainments of others. He becomes inflated with pride. Ere long he stumbles and falls. And when a proud personality collapses, how utter is the wreck and ruin!

But when one humbles himself, not in self-depreciation, not in mistaken undervaluation of his powers, not in evasion of known duty, but in modest appraisal of himself and in selfless zeal for making the most of himself and doing the best at his task, he will be exalted in due time. The lowly path to the lofty peak. Humility comes before honor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

August 25—The Hearer Who Forgets. James 1:22-25.

August 26—The Worker Who Remembers. Nehemiah 4:14-15.

August 27—"Forget Not all His Benefits." Psalm 103:1-5.

August 28 — Seeing the Lord's Glory. Isaiah 6:1-5.

August 29 — Hearing the Lord's Call. Isaiah 6:6-8.

August 30 — Seeking the Lord's Message. Isaiah 6:9-13.

August 31 — Receiving the Lord's Commission. Exodus 3:9-12.

"The Baptist Message and Mission for the World Today"

(Continued from last week)

Presidential Address of Dr. Geo. W. Truett at the Baptist World Congress, Atlanta, Sunday, July 23

Religious Liberty

Let us hark back again to the great doctrine of Religious Liberty, and its inevitable corollary, the separation of church and state. I speak now this special word to our Baptist people of our United States of America. While we are lamenting the loss of religious liberty and toher civil rights, in different sections of the world, it behooves us to open our eyes to insidious encroachments here in our own land. With a great price our fathers purchased this great freedom which we now enjoy. Let us see to it that we do not forget it, nor allow anybody else to forget it. Over a great bridge is a tablet which reads: "This is what the bridge cost." Then follows the list of the names of the workmen who lost their lives in the building of the bridge. We have no complete list of the many who suffered in this land that we might have the privileges born of religious and political liberty. Their epoch-making service must not be forgotten. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." In illustrations of the subtle, but real encroachments upon liberty in America, call to mind the recent agitation in connection with the National Congress, to include church employees in Federal security pensions. To be sure, such proposal was defeated by church pressure, but let the omnious fact be remembered that it was also church pressure that introduced the question into Congress. Take again, the fact of the allocation of public funds to sectarian purposes. The question has long and often been in the public mind, in one form and another. Bills are proposed in various states, again and again, for taxes to be appropriated for sectarian schools. If haply any of our Baptist people have in an hour of weakness, been in any way enthralled by this encroachment, let them speedily repent of such inconsistent course, and go and sin no more! Nothing in all the world is worth doing wrong for! Right at this point all our people need to be wide awake to danger, and faithful to principle, or results will badly plague us, later along. Once more, the frank declaration is here made that any trend or suggestion of the possible establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatician would call forth an immediate and unyielding protest from uncounted millions of our American people. Our doctrine of religious liberty in America is for all our people alike. The Pope is simply the honored head of the Roman Catholic church, and the plea that his dominion over a few acres of ground, called the Vatician City, give him the status of a temporal sovereign, is essentially unreal. He has, in fact, no better title to receive governmental recognition from the United States than has the Archbishop of Canterbury, or the moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States, or the presiding bishop of the United Methodist Church of this country. We call God to witness that we do not wish to be petty and inconsistent and un-Christian in our frank reference to this matter. But we do wish to be consistent and faithful to priceless principles, profoundly believing that these principles are of indispensable value, alike to Baptists, to Protestants of every name, to Catholics, to Jews, to Quakers, to everybody in our land.

"Exclusive Baptists"

If, forsooth, the charge is sometimes made that our Baptist people are "exclusive" and "intolerant," and "illiberal," let the answer be modestly repeated that, for the very religious liberty which our cherished brethren of all communions enjoy, they are, most of all, indebted to the Baptists. Surely, this charge of intolerance and exclusiveness and illiberality is made without considered thought. Are our Baptist people exclusive nad intolerant and illiberal, when the very foundation of their church polity is liberty, not only for themselves, but alike for everybody else? In all their unwavering advocacy of soul-freedom, in its completest measure, and of the destiny-determining principle of the separation of church and state, our Baptist people do not have a fleck or stain upon the fair page of their history.

What of our Baptist message and mission for the world of today? Is our message any longer needed, and will we be true to our heaven-appointed mission? It is an hour when we should look both backward and forward. The present is inexorably bound with both the past and the future. A mighty heritage now is ours, because of the great names and deeds of our Baptist forbears. There is John Bunyan, the immortal allegorist; and John Howard, the noble philanthropist; and John Foster, the brilliant essayist; and John Clifford, the mighty defender of men's rights; and Alexander MacLaren, the peerless Bible expositor; and Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the most glorious gospel preacher, perhaps, since Paul. And there are our world-famed missionaries, the story of whose great deeds must forever thrill our hearts. And there were our great teachers like Boyce and Broaddus and Mullins and Strong and Robertson. There was Roger Williams, the outstanding apostle of religious liberty, for America and for the whole world. And there were great editorial voices sounded out in behalf of our Baptist World fellowship, like Prestridge and Pitt and others. There were B. H. Carroll, the Pauline preacher, and J. B. Gambrell, the sane philosopher, and R. C. Buckner, the wonderful friend of orphan children. There was John Hope, whose name and noble service enhance the glory of the fairy city of Atlanta and the whole country. And there was Booker T. Washington, the world famed teacher and leader in the uplift of his whole race. We call to mind all these noble dead, and many others of our immortal forbears, our hearts paraphrase the cry of Wordsworth: "Milton! thou shouldst be living at this hour—England hath need of thee."

We must not, dare not be indifferent to the heritage of mighty names and vital principles that have come down to us. We must vindicate our faith and heritage by our deeds. Over the doorway of the old Moorish place, the Alhambra, carved in stone on one side was a book, and on the other, reaching out to clasp the book was a hand. There was a legend that when the hand clasped the book, the Alhambra would fall. That old Moorish palace is a fitting symbol of that kingdom of evil which is prevalent throughout the earth, and for whose complete downfall and destruction Christ's soldiers go forth to war. Every faithful sermon is a cannon shot in this war. Every worthy Christian life is a steady bombardment against all evil. When will Satan's stronghold fall and the victory of Christ's soldiers be complete? When the hand worthily clasps the book, the Alhambra of evil will fall. The hand is the hand of duty, the book is the book of doctrine, and when duty and doctrine clasp each other in fulness of divine meaning and power, the reign of iniquity will crumble to ruin and utter defeat. "Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come!"

This incomparably fateful hour in the life of the world calls for the dedication of our all for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom throughout every nook and corner of this earth. Our task is nothing less than the evangelization of the whole world, and to bring it into obedience to Christ. Christianity cannot yield its claim to supremacy, everywhere, nor will it consent to enroll Christ in any Pantheon, anywhere. Christ must be Lord of all, or he will not be Lord at all. There are not two Saviors but one, and hence Christ's holy religion must be exclusive and adapted to all mankind. Paul states this vast truth in his sermon to the philosophers at Athens: "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitations, that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him." A universal religion is required by the unity of the race. Christ's religion is necessarily intolerant of all pagan faiths, as truth is necessarily intolerant of falsehood and of error. There is no permanent standing room on this planet for the religion of Jesus Christ, and any alternative. It is an inevitable conflict to the finish, between Christianity and every high thing that exalteth itself, or opposeth himself, to God and His Christ. We must secure the acceptance of Christianity everywhere, if we are to preserve it anywhere. The self-preservation of Christianity is conditioned upon its universal sovereignty. It must win everywhere or run up the flag of surrender and defeat. There can be no concordats or compromises in this eternally important matter. "He must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet." We are in no losing battle when we follow Christ.

"He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men
before the Judgment Seat;
O, be swift my soul to answer Him,
be jubilant my feet,
Our God is marching on."

Vision

Every Christian is to take Christ's world view of the Christian task. Three workmen on a cathedral were asked what they were doing. One said, "I am working for three dollars a day." The second one said: "I am cutting this stone to make it fit into its place in the wall." The third said: "I am doing my best to help build that noble cathedral." There were three motives stated—wages, duty, vision. Every Christian is to say with the immortal Wesley: "I look upon the world as my parish"; and "The best of all is, God is with us." Balboa who first discovered the Pacific Ocean, stepped out into its briny waters, and planting there the Spanish flag, claimed that vast body of water, with all the islands it touched, for Ferdinand and Isabella, his King and Queen. With far larger confidence and courage we are to go forth to win this whole world for our Lord and His Christ.

To such end, we must major in Evangelism. That is the first note in the marching orders of our risen Savior and Lord. Evangelism is the missionary spirit in action. It is the forerunner and builder of churches. It is essential to all Christian expansion, and must give its benign influence to all sound teaching in the churches. Dr. Duff well said: "The church that ceases to be evangelistic will soon cease to be evangelical." In the New Testament, everything goes out from the churches and draws back into the churches. Whatever good may be done by methods and institutions apart from the churches, let us remember that Christ has put his honor in the churches, and it needs to be urged with all emphasis, that the hope of the people for a sound gospel, both for today and tomorrow, centers in the churches of the living God. "The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." And the first and supreme business of every church is to win souls to the salvation and service of Christ. This work is not secondary and incidental, but it is primary and supreme. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." If the seeking note for the salvation and training of souls be absent from a church, how much difference would there be between such church and an ethical club? All the estates of a church are to go afield, and stay afield, in this Christly work of winning souls to Christ. And all who are won to Christ should follow him ni baptism; and these should all be faithfully taught and enlisted in the doing of all things Christ asks of his people. The preacher, the parent, the teacher, the laymen, the women the eager young people, are all to be mobilized for this matchless crusade.

Human Need

Certain fundamentals must be regarded if the soul winner is to win. First of all, there must be a deep realization of human need. God's people are often at ease in Zion, because they do not realize the depth and peril of humanity's need. The supreme tragedy of the world is sin. The whole earth is groaning under its curse. Sin turns the joys of life into the ashes of despair. Sin reigns alike in the hovels of the poor and the palaces of the rich. Sin is the great separating force of life, even as love is its binding force. Sin divides families and communities and nations. Worst of all, sin separates man frrom God. The darkest hour this world has ever seen was when God hid his face from the dying Savior, and the saddest cry that earth has ever heard was that Savior's cry: "My God! My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Oh! that God's people might worthily realize that all about us are lost souls, hurrying on without hope and without God in the world!

But it is not enough for us to be given the vision of a lost world—we must also know of an adequate remedy for such lost world. Just here we come upon the most enchanting theme in the universe. It is the Gospel story of how a sinner may be saved. "There is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved." This gospel is the one, all-sufficient hope for mankind. It is the hope for the individual, and it is the hope for society. It changes the social order by first changing the social unit. Grace is as real as sin, and grace is far more powerful than sin. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Wherever the vital facts of Christ's death and resurrection are faithfully proclaimed, Christ verifies his promise: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." This very hour, Christ is saving Korean demon worshippers, and South Sea Cannibals, and African Hottentots, and Indian Pariahs, and Confucian Scholars, and Brahmin priests, and men of every type and temperament under heaven.

"I ask them whence their victory
came?
They with united breath,
Ascribe their victory to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death."

The Power of God

Let me hasten to say that our indispensable need, in the winning of souls is to have the power of God with us. Certain it is that without that supernatural power for which the early disciples tarried at Jerusalem, we might as well surrender the whole Christian propaganda. We would be left helpless in the presence of problems that not only perplex but utterly baffle us. There stands the glorious pledge of Christ to his people: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." And, again, he says to his people: "Lo, I am with you always." Granted this divine guidance and power, difficulties melt away as fogs before the rising sun. Take a hasty glance at the Acts of the Apostles. The whole book is one triumphant song. Not a minor chord, not a discouraged preacher, not a fainting church, not one note of unfaith and fear can anywhere be found. What if they were thrown into prison? They had one who could use an earthquake as a key to open every dungeon on earth. What if there were mountains of difficulties to be faced? There was one with them who could pluck up the mountains and cast them into the sea. Oh! let us be done with "limiting God!" He is the almighty God, and our sure and adequate help is in Him. Let us be done with limiting God!

"Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power;
A battle cry, a flaming breath,
That calls to conquest or to death;
A word to rouse the church from
rest,
To heed its Master's high behest;
The call is given, Ye hosts arise;
Our watchword is Evangelize!

The glad Evangel now proclaim,
Through all the earth in Jesus' name;
This word is ringing through the
skies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!
To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift of Gospel
Grace;
The world that now in darkness lies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!"

The story is told that Julia Ward Howe once wrote to an eminent Senator, in behalf of a man who was suffering a great injustice. The Senator replied that he was so much taken up with plans for the benefit of the race that he had no time for individuals. She returned to the Senator this answer: "When last heard from, our Maker had not reached this altitude." God is great enough to specialize. One by one, was Jesus' method, as indicated in his parables and miracles. It was not a lost flock, but one lost sheep that drew the Shepherd into the night and storm. It was not over a Pentecost, but over one repenting sinner that the angels sang. It was not a lost race, but a lost son that kept the father waiting at the gate. Jesus never raised an army from the dead. He stood at the bier and said: "Young man, arise!" He stood at the grave-side and said: "Lazarus, come forth." In our Lord's sermons we find vast truths of his holy religion uttered, not to a great congregation, but to an audience of one. To a nameless woman, he announced the great principle of spiritual worship. To a proud ruler he preached his wondrous sermon on the new birth.

In His Steps

Well may Jesus' disciples walk in his steps. Andrew, when he found Jesus, brought his brother Simon to Jesus. Philip, when he found Jesus told Nathaniel. Peter went from Joppa to Caesarea to have a personal interview with Cornelius. Paul, earth's greatest preacher, was an indefatigable personal worker. See him as he appeals to the Governor of Cyprus, to Felix, to Féstus, to Agrippa, to Onesimus the runaway slave. This appeal to the individual is the supreme secret of success. Every Christian of every age, condition and circumstance is to be an unceasing witness for Christ.

As we go on our world crusade, let all our Christian agencies be kept aflame with the passion of New Testament Evangelism. Let us call all the people back to the Bible, and end the famine that now obtains concerning it. Let plans be made that will regularly carry our religious papers into every home. Let all our training institutions dare to be aggressively and sanely Christian. Let us dare to live the glorious gospel we profess, and if need be let us gladly die for it!

(Continued next week)

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

To the peculiar all things are peculiar.

To the Christian, death is a privilege.

Some are positive about nothing.

Some dominate or ruinate; others dominate and ruinate.

He who begins by praying a little will likely end by praying a lot.

Going toward hell is a good way to get to hell.

A few pray, many prattle.

Friends look over our faults; others look at our faults.

Bad plans may defeat good purposes.

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Troubles that begin at home never end there.

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DOCTRINAL

By A. A. Davis, Baird, Texas

FIFTEEN REASONS WHY I AM A MISSIONARY BAPTIST

"But sanctity of the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." I Peter 3: 15.

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Following is the outline to the sermon, "Fifteen Bible Reasons Why I Am a Missionary Baptist." This sermon was preached the last night of the Revival meeting, Sunday night, August 18, 1935. Many have requested that this sermon be repeated. We may do so sometime in the near future. But for those who are interested in the subject matter of that sermon I am publishing here the outline used that night, and you are welcome to it. Run all references with your Bible in hand.

1. I believe there is a God, Jehovah, Almighty Maker, Creator, All-wise Supreme Being in Three persons—the Triune God. I John 5:7; Exodus 3:12-15.

2. I believe the Bible is God's Book, verbally inspired. II Timothy 3:16.

3. I believe Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, the Savior of Men, the Virgin-born Son of Mary. Matt. 1:21; Matt. 3:17.

I believe that Christ died for my sins, according to the Scriptures—that His Blood upon the Mercy Seat in the Holy Holies was a satisfactory and sufficient atonement for my sins. I Cor. 15:1, 3; Rom. 3:25; Heb. 9:12, 14.

5. I believe that the salvation of the human soul is wholly by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, not of works, in whole or in part. Eph. 2:7, 8.

6. I believe that such repentant believers are born again, born of God, instantaneously then and there, when they believe, and that they are therefore saved and saved forever, and are sure of Heaven. John 10:27, 28; John 5:24; I John 5:1; I John 5:18.

7. I believe that the Church of Jesus Christ was instituted by Jesus in person while He was on this earth and that it has continued through the centuries as such. Matt. 16:18; Eph. 3:21; Mark 3:13-20. Here cite much history.

I believe that scriptural baptism is the immersion in water of a repentant believer, by a duly authorized administrator, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (This excludes all unbelievers and infants.) Acts 2:41; Acts 8:38; Matt. 3:15, 16; Matt. 28: 19.

9. I believe that the Lord's Supper was primarily a Memorial Supper, placed within the Church of Christ, to commemorate the broken body and shed blood of Jesus Christ—and that it was never intended to be a fellowship banquet for unsaved, unbaptized, and undisciplined religious gatherings. 1 Cor. 11:24; 1 Cor. 11:18, 26, 28; Matt. 26:26, 28.

10. I believe in a God-called Ministry. Matt. 4:19; I Timothy 4:15; Acts 13:2-4.

11. I believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ alone is the power of God unto salvation, that the sinner must first hear it, then believe it. Romans 1:16; Romans 10:14, 17.

12. I believe in the resurrection of the body at the last day. John 6:40; John 11:25.

13. I believe in the actual, literal bodily return of Jesus Christ to this earth, and that to carry out his will we must preach the Gospel to every creature on the earth. Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:8; Matt. 24:37; II Tim. 3:1, 5; Aev. 20:4-8.

14. I believe in an actual, literal Judgment day that awaits all the earth, unsaved men and nations, and in a literal Hell for all Christ rejectors. John 8:21, 24; John 3:36; Mark 9:43, 47; Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:13, 15.

15. I believe in an actual, literal Heaven, prepared as an inheritance for the Children of God. John 14:1, 6; I Cor. 2:9; I PePter 1:1-5; II Cor. 5:1, 4; Rev. 22:1-2.

I believe that the most practical and effective manner of getting these great truths to the world is through cooperation with other churches of like faith and order coordinating their work and labors with and through the Mission Boards of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Missionary Messages

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did we have a chance to do the big thing for Him, with so little effort. But we will have to put forth that little effort.

Of course, you have already decided, with your church, just which Sunday in October your church will give all of its days offering to His causes so dear to Him. That 53rd Sunday is going to finish that $1,000,000 this fall. About half of it was raised the first three fourths of the year. This last fourth is the time when the most of our money comes in. We can do it. We will, for His sake, won't we?

In loking over the list of churches, as printed in the Baptist Standard of last week, giving to His lovely mission causes around the world during the first nine months of this convention year, we found that there were 50 in our District that had not given. Some of these are very weak churches, and some have disbanded, but many of them are churches that will respond when the opportunity is presented this fall. We are counting on every Missionary church. The Lord is counting on You. The Lost World is counting on you. You will not fail. I know you won't.

Has your church planned its stewardship institute during the fall? If I can assist you in any way call on me. Some churches are having them one day. They make it Sunday sometimes. Recently it was my pleasure to spend the day with a small rural church. We carried our lunches and prayed and thought stewardship all day. Many of the young people spent the day there. Late in the afternoon, when I thought all were so tired that they would be in a hurry to go, they asked me questions about it for another hour. People are interested in God's plan.

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1:45—Song service and prayer.

1:55—Business session.

Reports from chairmen of standing committees: Periodicals, Mrs. W. C. Ryan; Stewardship, Mrs. W. W. Haynes; Mission Study, Mrs. W. S. Daniel; Young People, Mrs. B. N. Shepherd.

Pageant: University W. M. U. conducted by Miss Ola Harlan.

Reports continued: Missions, Mrs. J. H. Dean; Personal Service, Mrs. W. C. Taggart; Christian Education, Mrs. J. R. Fielder, with talk by Carmen Arroyo; Benevolence, Mrs. S. J. T. Williams; Margaret Fund Mother, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell; Historian, Mrs. M. A. Jared.

Reports of committees: Nomination, Mrs. D. W. Arnett; Resolution, Mrs. F. A. Wilson; Registration, Mrs. B. N. Shepherd.

Election of officers.

Reading of Minutes.

Officers, 1938-1939: Mrs. C. C. Compere, President; Mrs. Bert Low, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Bryan Ball, Corresponding Secretary - Treasurer; Billie Louise Webb, Mildred Frances Cook, President's Pages; Mrs. J. D. Riddle, Chorister; Mrs. R. E. Kuykendall, Pianist.

District 8 Doings

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due to the splendid response of our pastors not engaged in revivals we soon had his whole week taken up with churches eager for his missionary messages. Sunday morning he was with Brother Bruce and First Church, Midland; Sunday evening at First Church, Lamesa, with Brother Cole; Monday with Brother Arnett in one of his two fine churches; Tuesday with Brother Lancaster and First Church, Big Spring; Wednesday with Brother McPherson and First Church, Stanton; Thursday with First Church, Colorado and Brother Patterson; and Friday, his last available date, with Brother Elrod at Roscoe. How he thrills us with his messages of needy Africa, where people walk for 40 to 60 miles to hear the gospel preached, and where they endure the most intense persecution for the faith they have in Christ. He is soon to return and is eager for the time to come.

As We Were Praying

The expressions "It came to pass as we went to prayer," and "As they were praying" are significant Scriptural phrases. But they also are practical today if we would practice real praying. The other day in a prayer meeting with about a dozen present, while they were praying for a certain man whose need was known to several, that very man came to that very place, sought the prayer room and asked that the people pray for him right then, for he needed Jesus as never before. As all joined in more earnest prayer for his surrender to the will of God, he arose in the midst of the prayer and said, "I will now take Jesus, and live for Him." Sorrow in his home had made him conscious of his need and he had come there for that very purpose. God help us all to pray more and with more faith in God. It was our privilege to see this prayer answer first hand and our faith is strengthened.

She Gave Herself

During the mission meeting last week in the East side of Big Spring, a fine young lady who was visiting in our home, Miss Ima Niell of Santa Anna, came forward saying she was then and there dedicating her life to special service for God. She will enter Howard Payne College in a few days, and we feel deeply grateful for her decision. There were some 19 reconsecrations in this meeting besides the lost ones saved in the Bible School as mentioned above. Three others accepted Christ in addition to those previously mentioned. The total additions from all the five meetings is not known definitely at this writing, but it was really worthy missionary work in needy sections of the city, many hearing the gospel for the first time in years.

We Need More Brotherhoods

No church will ever achieve its best for God until it has a really working group of men. The Brotherhood is a powerful factor for Stewardship, tithing and Soul Winning, and enlists men that no other group can reach. We need associational organizations to stimulate the organization of new local Brotherhoods and to deepen interest in those already existing. At each of our three associational meetings in the district definite attention will be given this vastly important work. Some of our men from Mitchell-Scurry Association will go to Brownwood to hear Dr. Lawson Cooke, the Southwide Brotherhood leader at the Brotherhood Jubilee next week. State Supt. of Schools, the Hon. L. A. Woods, will also speak, as will Brethren A. D. Foreman, Sr., of Houston and R. A. Springer of Dallas. We are hoping real progress on the Associational angle of this work will grow out of this renewed interest.

What Do You Think?

The Women of the W. M. U. of our district are talking of the need for a permanent Royal Ambassador Camp at some central and suitable point. Those who worked with these fine boys this year are very much impressed with it. Write Mrs. Patterson of Colorado if you are for it and encourage it. It seems a fine step to the District Missionary.

Sunday morning, August 13, it was the missionary's privilege to supply for Brother W. C. Wright at the Fairview Church northwest of Lamesa. He was away in a meeting at Midway in a revival. Heavy rains cut the attendance somewhat, but there were two fine boys who accepted Christ and joined the church for baptism. We had fellowship with Brother O'Brien, the brother of Rev. Dick O'Brien, and enjoyed the visit to that good church immensely.

Mitchell-Scurry Workers Meeting

August 15 at the Murphy Church one of the largest crowds we have seen was on hand for the regular Workers Conference. In addition to the fine addresses and sumptuous dinner, one of the local brethren invited the whole group to come down at the close to his 85 acre watermelon patch for a feast. Needless to say most of them accepted the invitation. Three weeks work for B. T. U. Training were planned, the points being Union Church near Snyder, First Church, Colorado, and Wastella. Most of the pastors were in revivals and a gracious spirit was evident, as befits such seasons of refreshing.

Revival Results

The meeting with West Side Church previously referred to, had such splendid results that we mention it again. There were 20 conversions and additions for baptism, and some eight others joining by other methods. Seven others have come for Baptism since the meeting closed. Brother Mason is very encouraged with the whole field. His many friends will doubtless wish to join in prayer for the recovery of his daughter, Mrs. Taylor, who is very ill in a local hospital. There were 1600 attending the morning and night services in all the East Fourth Street meetings, August 13. The services Sunday morning was unusual in that a Layman, Brother Buchanan of Vivian, La., preached. There were three conversions and perhaps 200 reconsecrations at the close of his searching message. He has an outstanding testimony and uses it for God's glory constantly.

They All Attend

Every Saturday afternoon the Baptist Churches in and around Lamesa, under the leadership of Rev. E. F. Cole, hold services on the courthouse lawn. They have a public address system and hundreds of people sit on the lawn listening to a gospel message. August 12, Rev. Frank Weedon who was conducting the revival at the First Church, Lamesa, preached a great sermon on "The Greatest Thing in the World." It was really uplifting to have part in that service, and to meet nearly all the Baptist pastors of that section, in connection with the service.

Three Associations Meeting

All three of our associations will meet very close together in relation to time. Lamesa Association will meet at Seminole September 5th and sixth. Rev. E. A. Phillips will preach the Annual sermon. Big Spring Association will meet at Midland September 6th and 7th. Mitchell-Scurry will meet September 7th and 8th at Snyder. The preachers for the annual sermon are not available to the writer just now. Fine programs have been planned for each of them and forward steps are contemplated.

They Both Preached

Brother C. J. Smith and Brother Joe Williamson, two of the fine men who surrendered to preach in the Wastella revival, preached at their home church August 13, at morning and evening services. Brother Smith will soon make plans to enter college for his last two years' work and Brother Williamson will enter upon active work among the Brotherhoods of his association. What a power these two can be for God!

On Vacation

Our District Treasurer, Brother Douglass, of Big Spring, left last week for a vacation trip at Ruidosa, New Mexico. He is one of the finest laymen we know and is a real preacher's friend.

Good News

Rev. J. J. Strickland, the former missionary of District 8, writes friends that he is very happy in his new field at Beaumont. He is baptising nearly every week, and the church is growing rapidly, being well located and following the pastor in a beautiful and heart-cheering manner. His many friends in this territory will rejoice with him in hearing of God's blessings upon him in the new work.

CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

WEST SIDE BIG SPRING

Sunday was a good day at West Side, Big Spring. A reasonably good crowd attended both morning and evening services. We baptized six, nearly all grown people, at six Sunday in the baptistry of the First Church.

Next Sunday morning the dear people will pray and then select by secret ballot, counted openly of course, their pastor for the future days.

I am so thankful to have labored, loved, and by the help of good praying people, reaped harvest sheaves in our so rich mission field. May God bless all who read these lines.

I am in Baylor Hospital with our dear, sick daughter. Pray earnestly for us.

Your pastor,
E. E. MASON.

PROGRAM

Fisher Association
W. M. U. Annual Meeting
Pleasant Valley Church
August 29, 1939, 2 P. M.

Devotional—Mrs. Cecil Parks.

President's Message—Mrs. John P. Hardesty.

Report of Presidents, Mrs. O. D. Henley.

Report of Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Inspirational Message—Mrs. George McBeth.

In Memoriam — Mrs. Opal Blackerby.

Business.

Adjournment.

Brightening up the life of someone else will put a fresh shine on your own.—Roy Shahan.

BUFORD

We are thankful in our hearts for the revival meeting we had last week. We feel that it will help us to go forward in the Lord's work as we have never done before.

We are grateful for the services ably given by Mrs. Warren Williams, H. B. McCollum and Brother T. J. Sparkman in helping us to win the victory for Christ.

Let us pray for those who were saved, for those who rededicated their lives and for those who united with our church. Pray for one another.—Alvin Swearengen, Pastor.

PROGRAM

Annual Meeting, Callahan Association
W. M. U., at Baird Church,
August 31, 1939

Theme: Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? 1 Chron. 29:5.

9:45—Devotional, Mrs. A. A. Davis.

10:00—Special Music.

10:05—President's annual report.

10:40 — Secretary-Treasurer's report.

10:55—Special music.

11:00 — Report on World Alliance, Mrs. J. B. Buckley.

Lunch.

1:00—Praise and song service.

1:10—Executive Board meeting.

1:30—Talk by Carmen Arroyo.

1:45 — Reports of standing chairmen.

2:45—Installation of officers, reading of minutes and adjournment.

The Order of Business of Callahan Association, meeting at Denton Valley Church, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5 and 6, will appear in the West Texas Baptist next week.

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