

\$44,000,000 CASH IS RAISED BY BAPTISTS

FUND MAKES POSSIBLE LARGE ADVANCE IN MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND BENEVOLENCES

IMPROVE CHURCH FINANCES

Dr. O. E. Bryan Will Direct South-wide Effort to Put All Local Churches on a Budget Basis

Up to May 1, 1923, the Baptist churches of the South had paid in cash the sum of \$44,000,000 on the 75 Million Campaign, the five-year program for extending the general missionary, educational and benevolent work of the denomination. It is announced by the general headquarters of that movement...



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District of Columbia, \$202,583.15; Florida, \$772,212.90; Georgia, \$4,078,008.93; Illinois, \$422,097.87; Kentucky, \$4,957,270.53; Louisiana, \$1,144,398.79; Maryland, \$559,588.26; Mississippi, \$2,329,293.67; Missouri, \$1,822,353.66; New Mexico, \$217,858.33; North Carolina, \$1,630,988.87; Oklahoma, \$1,114,781.19; South Carolina, \$3,516,853.19; Tennessee, \$2,253,050.09; Texas, \$6,468,088.42; Virginia, \$4,823,225.34. Specials: Louisiana, \$110,035.17; New Mexico, \$415,739.18; Oklahoma, \$59,000.00; Illinois, \$191,176.11. Home Board Specials, \$15,340.00; Foreign Board Specials, \$86,103.00; raised by local churches on foreign fields and expended by them there, \$1,003,390.65.

Large Results Achieved
These larger resources have made possible large advances in every department of work fostered by Southern Baptists. Indicating the growth in the homeland during the campaign period it is announced that there has been a gain of 57 district associations, 581 active ministers, 3,098 local churches, 3,287 Sunday schools with 459,223 pupils, 8,688 Baptist Young People's Unions with 233,317 members, and 7,994 Women's Missionary Union organizations. During this time there have been 762,350 persons baptized into the local Baptist churches. \$45,405,118 has been invested in local church property and the increase in offerings to missions and benevolences has been more than \$28,000,000 over the corresponding period preceding the Campaign.

Among the many gains on foreign mission fields are included 31,344 baptisms, 356 churches, 1,800 mission stations, 39 houses of worship, 53,666 members, 687 Sunday schools with 31,232 pupils, the sending out of 275 new American missionaries, the appointment of 2,029 native workers, entry into six new foreign countries and the larger equipment for all forms of work on sixteen fields.

Workers of the Home Mission Board have baptized 173,602 persons during the Campaign period, have received 277,989 persons into the membership of the churches, enlisted 11,772 young persons in definite forms of Christian service, built or improved 1,872 church houses, organized 935 churches and 2,888 Sunday schools.

Stabilize Church Finances
To reach the original goal it will be necessary for Southern Baptists to raise \$31,000,000 additional for the Campaign program by the end of that movement in 1924. In the hope of bringing the churches of the denomination to a better system of finances and the church members to a fuller realization of their obligation to support religious work, the Campaign Commission has employed Dr. O. E. Bryan of Atlanta, superintendent of evangelism and enrollment of the Home Mission Board, as stewardship and church budget director.

Dr. Bryan has assumed his new duties and working through the various state offices and the agencies of the district associations he is seeking to bring the Baptist churches of the South to the adoption of a yearly budget for both their local work and the general missionary and benevolent interests of the denomination, the aim being to enlist every member of every church in weekly and monthly contributions to religious causes.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 23

TIMOTHY A GOOD MINISTER OF CHRIST JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Acts 16:1-5; Phil. 2:1-11; II Tim. 1:1-5; II Tim. 2:14-15. GOLDEN TEXT—Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.—I Tim. 4:12. PRIMARY TOPIC—A Boy Who Loved the Bible. JUNIOR TOPIC—Timothy, Paul's Helper. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Timothy Trained to Serve. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Christian Ministry as a Life Work.

I. Timothy's Parentage (Acts 16:1). His father was a Greek and his mother a believing Jewess. On his mother's side at least, he had a godly ancestry. Usually the mother makes the son. Two generations of maternal pious grandmothers were back of Timothy. How thankful we ought to be to God for a godly ancestry. Christian heredity and training constitute the essential elements for a Christian life.

II. Timothy's Training (II Tim. 1:5; II Tim. 3:14-15). His wise and faithful mother and grandmother carefully nurtured him in God's Word. He knew the Scriptures from his childhood through their training. The faith which came to him from his grandmother through his mother did not come through the laws of heredity, but through careful training and teaching. Grace is not reasoned by the laws of heredity. The factors involved in his training were godly ancestors, a Christian home, and diligent study of the Scriptures.

III. Timothy's Call (Acts 16:2-3). While on Paul's second missionary journey in company with Silas, Timothy was found at Lystra near Icone. Perhaps he had been converted on Paul's first missionary journey, but hearing a favorable report of him by the brethren, Paul took and circumcised him so as not to offend the Jews, because his father was a Greek. This was not contrary to the decision of the Jerusalem council. It was a case where conciliation could be made without compromise of truth. From this time to the end of Paul's life, he and Timothy were close companions. They were as a loving father and a faithful son.

IV. Timothy's Character Retient.

1. Of a Retiring Disposition. II Tim. 1:6. Timothy had received a gift from God at the hands of the apostle, but it needed to be stirred up, that is, fanned into a flame. Such a temperament would mature to touch with a great personality like Paul. It is highly important that everyone store up the gift which God has given unto him.

2. Courageous. II Timothy 2:3-8. Having been stirred up, he was freed from the spirit of fear and deliberately identified himself with Paul in his sufferings and trial. Courage is greatly needed in doing the Lord's work.

3. Faithful. He carried in the difficult field of Ephesus through many years. He was the only man of the needed fidelity to minister to the Philippians (Philippians 2:20). The secret of his faithfulness in such a position was his fidelity to the Word of God.

V. Timothy's Ministry.

1. As a fellow-missionary with Paul (Phil. 2:22).

2. As pastor of a church at Ephesus. Here he labored for many years tactfully meeting the difficulties of that great church. The Christian minister should believe in the Scriptures as God's Word and be able to rightly divide it so as to meet the needs of those who hear him. This is the only way to meet the difficulties that arise in the pastor's labors.

All Due to Christianity. We live in the midst of blessings, till we are utterly insensible of their greatness, and of the source from which they flow. We speak of our civilization, our arts, our freedom, our laws, and forget entirely how large a share of all is due to Christianity. Blot Christianity out of the page of man's history, and what would his laws have been?—what his civilization? Christianity is mixed up with our very being and our daily life; there is not a familiar object round us which does not wear its mark, not a being or a thing which does not wear a different aspect, because the light of Christian hope is on it, not a law which does not owe its truth and gentleness to Christianity, not a custom which cannot be traced, in all its holy and healthful parts, to the Gospel.

Responsibilities. Responsibilities gravitate to the person who can shoulder them and power flows to the man who knows how.—Hubbard.

Avoid Making Enemies. Those whom you cannot make friends of, avoid making enemies.—Epicurus.

The Weak. The weak may be joked out of anything but their weakness.—Zimmermann.

On FRIDAY MORNING September 28th from 10 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. will sell 5 and 10c lace for 1 cent per yard. T. HILL FARTHING.

Let I have a coming order. Another thing is the National government. It is to have a good book.

This statement was made in all haste by an extremely hot and dry day and a lot of a small crowd.

He was asked to answer the following questions:

1. If the county, and not the State, had the sole taxing power, what would become of State schools, State capitals, State developed waterways, State Bonds of Health, State departments of Agriculture and State court?

2. If the county, and not the State were the sole administrative unit, what would become of State militia, State police, State hospitalization, State charity, State insane asylums, and prisons and State government?

3. If there is a function for a State or Territory, why should the state not concern itself with the welfare of its citizens in the transportation which is so vital to all its other interests?

4. What would become of traffic, with out state legislation? What would be some of the railroads without State regulation?

5. Where the state has no control and no authority, build the city roads, there is no system. The only States that have a system have an ordinance, which and a system of highways, are those which build, maintain and control the main trunk line roads by means of a state road commission or board.

6. What is true of the State and the national government of the nation and the State?

7. Until there is a National highway commission, with the creation of a national highway system the nature of which will be built and maintained by the National Government, there will never be in this government what needs it so badly a national interstate system of roads.

8. The State informed editor? Oh he hasn't been able to answer the questions yet.

SAFE ROAD LIGHTING OF THE NEXT DECADE

"Legislate against the glaring headlight beam" says the motorist. But legislation, doesn't cure the evils of glare, mainly because the law which cuts down the glare so it is safe also cuts down the lights so much that its use is unsafe.

Comparatively speaking, glareless lights can be, and are made, but their use requires a scientific adjustment of the lens, reflector and lamp, each to each and the whole to the running plane of the car. Such an adjust-

ment does not remain permanently variations in the pressure alters it, and jabs, jolts, and loosens of parts alters the relation of the lamp and reflector.

For the present, better designs of lenses, greater strictness in regulation as to fill of headlight, and newer and better designs of headlights must be depended upon to minimize if not remove the evil. But in the future the same state care will come in highest degree.

At least a year ago cities were in a state of confusion if it had all been done. It is thousands of miles away from the street lamps. The distance is so far between that the light from his evening visit, lit up with a lantern. Yet our cities are lighted, so well lighted that the glare trouble of headlights is easily solved by forbidding, in cities, and but small headlights.

Exactly as the post office department maintains beacons to guide its mail flyers at night, so will the nation at government eventually light its national highways at night. With the volume of traffic which will eventually flow over the national highways between great centers, it will be most economical to light them from the side, than to permit the motorist to light his own section of the road with an illuminant which causes accidents.

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION EXPOSITION

One of the outstanding features of the fire prevention week this year (October 1 to 13 inclusive) will be the special educational National Fire prevention Exposition in New York.

The focal point of the National Educational Fire Prevention Campaign in its physical aspects will be a National Fire Prevention Exposition in New York City. Here for the first time will be shown thousands of fireproof safes and devices, such as fire resistant roofing, metal doors, window sash, sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, safes, electrical goods, etc., which are listed and labeled by Underwriters Laboratories. Only these products which have passed the most tests of this non-commercial, non-profit making and public service organization will be eligible for display at the Exposition.

The Exposition will be participated in by many important organizations and will visualize to the public what is meant by an annual fire loss of a thousand dollars per minute throughout the year. It will show that at least 9 per cent of this destruction is totally unnecessary, that it constitutes a terrible drain on the resources of the nation, that it costs the life of one person for every 35 minutes in the year and that it holds the menace of a possible conflagration over every community in the country, according to statements made after investigation by a Federal bureau.

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