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Church Bulletins Said
History Data Source

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Use your church bulletin to report the vital happenings in your congregation, Baptist historians are suggesting.

What your church does today may be very important, but its significance will be lost with the passing of time unless a record of it is given in the weekly bulletin, according to Davis C. Woolley, Nashville, executive secretary, Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Church bulletins have taken a place of importance today along with church minutes as primary source materials for gathering historical information," Woolley says. "Weekly church bulletins should be preserved by the church history committee and bound at the end of the year."

While many church bulletins carry vital facts about church activities, many others carry only the order of worship and routine announcements.

"Historians are going to want complete information about 'what happened' as well as the announcements of what is to take place," the history secretary adds.

Bulletins may be bound in an inexpensive cover purchased from a library supply firm. After binding, one file should be forwarded to the state Baptist historical society and another to the Historical Commission of the SBC in Nashville, Woolley reports.

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Wolseley To Assist
Baptist Journalists

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NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--Roland E. Wolseley, well-known professor in Christian journalism, and writer of books on this subject, will make his third appearance with Southern Baptist editors in a meeting here Feb. 15-17.

Wolseley is chairman of the magazine department in the school of journalism at Syracuse (N. Y.) University. He is the author of *Interpreting the Church through Press and Radio* and several other journalism books.

The Southern Baptist Press Association, before which Wolseley will speak, is made up of editors of nearly 30 Baptist state papers plus editors of several other denominational periodicals.

The Syracuse University professor has appeared twice in past years at association meetings.

Other program personalities are Davis C. Woolley, Nashville, executive secretary, Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; Myron C. Madden, chaplain and director of clinical training, Southern Baptist Hospital here, and Wallace Green, Nashville, from the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

James F. Cole, editor of the *Baptist Message*, Alexandria, La., is host editor.

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Folks and facts.....

.....Trustees of Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Pattonville, Mo., staged a surprise party in honor of Edgar E. Blake, who has completed 15 years as superintendent of the home.

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4 Arizona Pastors
Elected Missionaries

PHOENIX, Airz.--(BP)--Four Arizona pastors have been elected superintendents of associational missions in the state. All have resigned their pastorates and accepted the positions.

They are : Irving Childress, pastor of the 5th St. Baptist Chapel, Tucson, who will be superintendent of city missions in Tucson, replacing Roy Sutton who was recently elected secretary of stewardship of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona here.

T. M. Gillham, pastor of Mt. View Baptist Church, Phoenix, and formerly superintendent of city missions in Tucson and Phoenix, who will serve the Estrella and Troy Brooks Associations of churches in Arizona;

J. Truman Webb, pastor of Morningside Baptist Church of Yuma, who will be superintendent of missions in the Gila Valley and San Carlos Associations and,

J. P. Graham, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Elfrida, who will serve as superintendent of missions to Cochise and Mt. Graham Associations in Arizona.

These are the first missionaries selected following the transfer of Arizona Convention from the area mission plan to the associational mission plan.

There are yet two missionaries to be employed. Utah and Idaho, affiliated with Arizona convention, will continue with the area mission plan.

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Kansas City Baptist
Hospital In Service

(1-27-60)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Baptist Memorial Hospital, a new \$3½ million institution here, has opened.

The 11-story structure has seven floors complete and in use. The other four floors will be furnished and placed in service later. 167 hospital beds are available and a capacity of 300 beds is anticipated in the new building.

Surgical operations began immediately after opening.

The hospital has 75 employees now and others will be added. The hospital staff includes 250 physicians and 10 dentists. According to Goldman Drury, Kansas City, hospital administrator, 670 women are members of the hospital auxiliary. 200 of these women are volunteers for in-service work at the hospital.

The hospital is owned and operated by Missouri Baptist Convention through the hospital's board of trustees. The new building, located at 6601 Rockhill Rd., is the first unit in a proposed medical center at this site.

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Dr. J. E. Lambdin Is
The Victim Of A Stroke

(1-27-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--J. E. Lambdin, 70, recently retired secretary of the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, died Sunday Jan. 24 after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage while teaching a Sunday school class at the First Baptist Church here.

Dr. Lambdin had been in apparent good health when he was stricken. He was standing before a men's Bible class at the church preparing to read a verse of scripture when he crumpled to the floor. He died about 10:15 a.m. enroute to Baptist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at First Baptist Church here Jan. 26. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, and James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board, officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

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Sullivan said "no man in Baptist life in this generation had made a greater contribution in the field of Christian training than Dr. Lambdin."

"As head of the Training Union Department," Sullivan said "his life and influence had reached countless missions."

Dr. Lambdin began work with the Sunday School Board in Sept., 1925, as general field secretary and associate editor of the B.Y.P.U. Department. He was elected secretary and editor of the B.Y.P.U. Department in June, 1929, and was head of the Training Union Department until Dec. 31, 1959, when he retired. He started The Baptist Training Union Magazine July, 1926, and was editor of it until his retirement. He began the publication of Adult Training Union lesson materials in 1929, and materials for children's groups in the early thirties.

He is author of three books on Training Union work, numerous tracts and articles, and has compiled three books of sermons. He is the author of the name "Baptist Training Union" which was adopted in 1934, and initiated "Youth Week" in 1937. He originated the plan and directed the development of the graded study course in church membership. He developed the Training Union assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

A Tennessean by birth, Dr. Lambdin was a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He did graduate work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Columbia University, N. Y., and George Peabody College. He held an Honorary Degree (Litt.D) from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.

He was the son of the late William Dempsey Lambdin and Tennessee Delilah (Satterfield) Lambdin. He was born in Rutledge, Grainger County, Tenn., Dec., 4, 1889.

Dr. and Mrs. Lambdin, the former Ina Smith, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., made their home in Nashville at 2111 Westwood Ave.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Lambdin is survived by a brother, R. Joseph Lambdin, of Knoxville, a niece, Mrs. W. C. Cooper, of Tullahoma, Tenn., and a nephew, Lloyd Jarnigan, of Wauchula, Fla.

Dr. Lambdin served as state B.Y.P.U. secretary of Alabama, from 1917 to 1925, when he joined the staff of the Sunday School Board.

In his ministry to Southern Baptists he started the monthly B.Y.P.U. Magazine, now The Baptist Training Union Magazine, in July, 1926. He led in launching Adult Training Union lesson materials, published first in the B.Y.P.U. magazine in 1929, and then in the Baptist Adult Union Quarterly the first quarter of 1930.

Dr. Lambdin developed the plan, and led the procuring of writers and the development of the Graded Church membership Study Course of the Training Union, consisting now of more than 65 books.

He led in the development of personnel for graded children's work of the Nursery, Beginner, and Primary departments, and in the development of the literature for these groups.

The first tract on Youth Week was written by Dr. Lambdin and he launched Youth Week in Southern Baptist churches in 1937. Dr. Lambdin made the first suggestion for the observance of Christian Home Week in 1939, and was co-author of the first tract on Christian Home Week and launched it in Southern Baptist churches that year. It has since become an observance each year of all evangelical denominations.

The Training Union ministry of the Sunday School Board was developed by Dr. Lambdin in the area of personnel from three workers in 1925 to 50 workers at the present time. This group is composed of a complete staff of age group workers in Training Union administration and a complete staff of age group editors for the lesson courses.

He developed the present plan of building all of the Training Union work including lesson courses and field promotion around a central theme with twelve monthly themes each year as published in the Training Union Calendar.

Dr. Lambdin led in the development of the Training Union leadership assemblies at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, N. C., beginning in 1934 and the Glorieta, N. M., Training Union Leadership Assemblies beginning in 1953.

In collaboration with state Baptist Training Union secretaries in a planning meeting at the Baptist Sunday School Board each year, Dr. Lambdin led in the development of the Convention-wide plans for promoting Training Union work. In these plans is the project known as "M" Night in December in which all of the associations are urged to hold meetings at the same time to launch their programs for the ensuing year. Dr. Lambdin suggested the name "Baptist Training Union" in 1934 as the name of the church training program.

In December a nation-wide Training Union Convention was held in Atlanta, Ga., directed by Dr. Lambdin. More than 7,000 Training Union leaders attended the meeting, which was suggested by Dr. Lambdin to launch the 1960 year of Teaching and Training in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Dr. Lambdin was honored by the Convention group and presented with a gift from persons who attended the Training Union leadership assemblies last summer at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M.

Dr. Lambdin was a charter member of the University of Tennessee chapter of the Sigman Chi College Fraternity; and a member of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and the Executives Club of Nashville during its existence.

He was a member of the Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies and had served as a member of the Inter-agency Missionary Council of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Lambdin was a member of First Baptist Church where he had taught men in the Sunday school for a number of years, and held membership in one of the Adult Unions of the Training Union.

Active pallbearers were Philip B. Harris, Harvey T. Gibson, R. Maines Rawls, C. Aubrey Hearn, Robert S. Cook, Versil Crenshaw, Raymond Rigdon, Rice A. Pierce, J. Carlton Carter, James L. Murphy, and LeRoy Ford.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Sunday School Board department heads, members and former members of the Training Union Department, State Training Union secretaries, and deacons of First Baptist Church.

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Junior Girl Confused
On Deacons' Duties

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JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--A nine-year-old junior girl in a Mississippi church was giving a part in Training Union about the early church in Jerusalem, when she almost broke up the meeting!

In reply to the question, "Why were the deacons chosen?", she answered, "To take care of the windows and organs."

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