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Men - Money - Methods - Machinery

The fifty-third meeting of the South Carolina Annual Conference (Mid-Term Promotional Conference) seemed to vibrate with a characteristic solidarity, zeal, spirit of fellowship and singleness of purpose, which to me, were significant signs of an epochal milestone in our Conference history.

The climactic hours of the last BIG SUNDAY sent our ministers and laymen away with a grim determination to challenge the future and dare to surge forward in faith in a push of progress that will exceed anything we have ever achieved.

We are in competition with no one. We are competing with our past records, and in a mad race with time to get a few more people saved, a few more churches established, and a few more victories won before Jesus comes.

To do this, we must have MEN, METHODS, MACHINERY, AND MONEY.

The immediate need is not more men . . . it is the *men* we have set afire by the Holy Ghost, so much so that they will literally burn their message into the hearts of a hostile world.

We have *methods* that are, in the main, in step with our times and we are constantly improving them, revising them, and keeping them as fresh and constant as tomorrow's news.

We have a *machinery* that is calculated to get production every day, in every department. It is made to order. All we need is the POWER, the HOLY GHOST POWER, the DIVINE POWER to keep the wheels of progress rolling.

Nothing can be done in this day without money, and it seems that we have tapped about every source possible already in our churches and preachers, and it is a miracle the way you have paid your tithes and offerings and increased our income in the past few years.

In serious discussion, the Conference Board has taken a prayerful and careful look at our finance. We have solemnly agreed to handle your money with an increased care, caution, and wisdom . . . to spend every dollar as if it were the last, and to get the most possible dividends from every penny.

We are employing the best legal and business advice to be found anywhere. Above and beyond this, we are carrying on our work with a prayerful seriousness that I have not seen before and are seeking earnestly for Divine Guidance. Please pray for us and be faithful in your own task.



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REV. H. P. ROBINSON, Editor

Pastoral Vacancies Filled By Conference Board

A very few vacancies in our pulpits occurred during the year and a few pastors resigned just prior to the meeting of the mid-term Promotional Conference.

A short but complete list of the vacancies filled, the changes made, and the new churches, new missions, and their assignments are recorded below:

- Free Welcome—Lanny Robertson
- Rhems—Jack Evans
- Little Star No. 1—Frances Strickland
- Maxton—Laurin Young
- Olar—Charles Atkinson
- Quimby—Andrew Poston
- Bethesda—Charles Jeffcoat
- Oak Ridge—Furman Howell
- John's Island—Charles Salters
- Columbia First—H. W. Brown

NEW CHURCHES

- Gibson—Carlisle Jones
 - Six Miles—Auzzie Williams
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BANNER CHURCHES IN TOP TEN

Most of you know that the basic requirement for each church in the Conference is to pay 10% of the regular tithes and offerings (excluding building fund and offerings taken for revivals) into the Conference treasury monthly.

In addition, this amount is to be matched by the same figure for the General Budget. Now I am sure that you know the General Budget includes the money you raise for Missions, Orphanage, and Education, Superannuation, General Administration, and Home Missions.

When you raise in these special offerings an equal amount as 10% of your regular tithes and offerings and send both to the Conference office monthly, you have become a **BANNER CHURCH**.

The following churches among the top ten are the Banner churches. They are classified according to those paying the most per member rather than total amount paid:

	Members	Per Mem.	Tithes	Gen. Budget
Bethany	48	\$20.20	\$980.97	980.97
Darlington	121	8.35	1009.98	1009.98
Oak Grove	110	7.05	775.52	775.52
Georgetown	198	4.62	914.94	914.94

These four churches were the only ones who paid their exact quota in tithes and General Budget among the top ten.

According to membership, Bethany Church is the top church in the Conference all across the board, paying for both tithes and General Budget into the Conference a total amount of \$40.40 per member for the past year.

The other six churches in the top ten paying their full tithe to the Conference are:

	Total tithe	Per Member
Lancaster 1st	\$1,153.89	\$15.80
N. Charleston	1,014.61	8.39
Lake City	853.62	8.13
Andrews	732.08	5.53
Ebenezer	760.99	5.44
E. Rockingham	1,080.00	4.30

Some of the top churches paid more than their equal amount of tithes into the General Budget, and some failed to reach the goal. The amount paid into the General Budget by those others whose figures did not match are:

	General Budget and Designated Funds
E. Rockingham	\$2,383.78
Ebenezer	1,421.79
North Charleston	1,280.92
Rehoboth	931.41
Park Street	806.58

The reason for this irregular classification is that some of the churches who paid more for General Budget than they did for tithes is that some of their money was designated funds, and for this reason we cannot get full credit from the General Treasurer for designated funds.

Any way it figures, these churches have done a marvelous job, and I wish to express my personal thanks and congratulations to all of you.

A full report will be sent to you later on a mimeographed sheet. Some of the smaller churches did just as well with their small crowd as the big ones did.

The Bethany Church stands far out in front and as a token of appreciation, they will be awarded an engraved Bronzed Plaque at the next round of District Conferences.

DON'T READ THIS

(if your tithes are paid)

By motion, the Conference Board shall be authorized to notify all ministers whose tithes are in arrears, that unless satisfactory arrangements are made with the Board within 30 days, their names shall be dropped from the roll of the Conference.

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ASSIGNMENT OF DISTRICT SUPPLY PASTORS

According to the mandates of the Annual Conference, the Board was authorized to assign to each district a Supply or Stand-by Pastor. At our first meeting following the Annual Conference, the following preachers were selected for this position:

Central District—Mark Potter
Coastal District—Donald Duncan
Pee Dee River District—David Guy
Twin River District—Daniel Mundy
Piedmont District—Clyde Glover
Tide Water District—Mrs. Erlene McKenzie
Please contact your District Supply

Pastor if and when you need someone to fill your pulpit for you while you are on vacation, or for any reason when you need a supply.

If, when you need him, he has already committed himself to some other pastor, you may contact any of the other five District supply preachers if you desire.

Now don't get the idea that you are compelled to use any of these men if it is not satisfactory. You may use a minister of your own choice, but these six preachers will be standing ready and waiting to fill in for you.

You understand that your church will receive them an offering just as they do for anyone else who fills in for you. The Conference cannot supplement any of them.

In our opinion, this can be a real service to pastors, churches, and the supply pastors.

These assignments are not for a definite period and may be changed when necessary.

Yours for continued harmony and progress,

H. P. Robinson, Superintendent

WANT TO SERVE A LONG PASTORATE?—TRY THESE RULES!

1. Never speak disparagingly of your predecessor and his methods.
2. Never confine your visits to only a few families. Visit all church members alike. This failure breeds jealousy and gossip.
3. Visit . . . not only your own members, but go frequently into the homes of prospective members.
4. When death occurs, go quickly to the home. Don't limit this to your own church people.
5. Visit the sick daily.
6. Show personal concern, care, and appreciation for every child, teenager, adult, and especially the aged in your congregation.
7. Never discuss the faults of one member with another. You are there to save them all . . . the opposers as well as the supporters.
8. Have regular, periodic Board Meetings. Prepare an agenda. Postpone arguments. Make every Board member feel a vital part of the church program.

9. Make no major changes in policy of any kind without approval of the church board. Bide your time. Plead for authorization. Avoid a clash.

10. Your music department is the most explosive; but it is one of the most important. Use all of the diplomacy, tact, patience, and grace that God will give you in handling it.

11. Plan, organize, promote constantly.

12. Guard your reputation and character twenty-four hours a day. A preacher who becomes too familiar with the opposite sex is an unmitigated fool, and will destroy his ministry.

13. Preach nothing but the Word of God.

14. Never preach long sermons.

15. Never preach at anyone. To take advantage of someone in the pulpit is cowardice.

16. Never preach about your problems. Pray about them.

17. Read your Bible daily. Read several sermons every week, and read

everything else current and ancient you have time to read.

18. Never lose your self-control in the pulpit. Lose your temper in the pulpit and you lose your congregation.

19. Prepare every sermon carefully and baptize it in tears, pack it full of the Word and stay on your knees until God anoints you and the sermon with the Holy Ghost.

20. Go to the pulpit and preach like a man sent from God. Preach for a verdict; that might be your last chance.

21. Never apologize for being unprepared to preach. Preaching is your business. You should stay prepared to preach and ready to die at all times.

22. Never reprimand your people from the pulpit for being absent. They are not there to hear you. Thank God for those who do come, and visit those who are absent.

WHAT SOME LAYMEN SAY TO THE STATIONING COMMITTEE

1. "Our preacher won't visit. He spends his time with only three or four families."
2. "Our preacher 'stays gone', all of the time. When we need him, we can't find him."
3. "Our preacher preaches over an

hour every time and it is so dry our people have stopped attending."

4. "We want somebody that will show some interest in our young people."

5. "Our preacher takes all of the

weekly gossip and problems to the pulpit."

6. "We want an organizer and promoter."

7. "Our pastor is a good man but he can't preach."

Bottles for Missions Contest

A unique, but successful gimmick has been used by the St. Paul Pentecostal Holiness Church to raise money for Foreign Missions and to build Sunday School attendance at once.

Mr. Lester Boughman, Jr., the Sunday School Superintendent, devised the idea of a "Bottles for Missions Contest."

All Sunday School pupils were enlisted to collect cola bottles, scattered along the roadside and elsewhere. A bottling company agreed to purchase the bottles and pick them up at a designated place.

The goal was set at \$500.00 to be used to supply literature, visuals, and other helps for missionaries in the

Sunday Schools on the Mission field.

The contest was set up on a three-point basis. Three awards were to be given:

1. To the person collecting the largest number of bottles.
2. To the person inviting the largest number of visitors to S. S.
3. To the person giving the largest personal donation.

At the last report over eight thousand bottles had been collected and over \$400.00 had been turned in for missions; also the S. S. attendance had increased.

The contest goes on . . . the bottles come in and the goal is almost reached.



Mr. Lester Boughman, Jr., S. S. Supt. and Rev. F. O. Jordan, Pastor of St. Paul P. H. Church

Rev. F. O. Jordan, the pastor, along with the S. S. Superintendent, Brother Boughman, are to be commended for doing such a tremendous job in such a unique way.

* CAN YOU TOP THIS? TRY IT!

HOME MISSIONS OFFERING AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Throughout the history of the South Carolina Conference, it has been a custom to receive an offering for the Conference Superintendent at each District Conference.

For a number of reasons, this has been all but discontinued.

It has also become an established custom to take a big Foreign Missions Offering at the Annual Conference. This proves to be a wonderful success each year.

Many of you will recall that there

was a time several years ago when all Missions offerings were divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. Today every penny that is raised for foreign missions goes to Foreign Missions.

This has caused a serious lag in our Home Missions Income. To compensate for this, I am planning to receive at the next District Conference an offering for Home Missions and Evangelism.

It will be a free will offering and

will be placed in your District Home Mission Treasury.

It would be a fine thing if the District Fellowship wants to work out a plan whereby every church, every pastor, every evangelist, and every Mission worker, would bring a special offering to the District Conference. It would boost our District Treasury and help open up new missions and build new churches.

Think this over and do something about it.

RESPONSIBILITY OF DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP PRESIDENTS

Some may have had some misgivings and questions with regard to the extent of the duties and responsibilities of the District Ministerial Presidents.

A few suggestions will clear up these questions:

1. He is president of the District Fellowship and is chairman of the District meeting.

2. He is chairman of the District Home Missions Committee (Officers of the District).

3. He is a member of the Conference Home Mission Board.

HIS DUTIES WILL INCLUDE:

1. Helping select lots for new Branch Churches.

2. He is to keep in close touch with construction of newly organized churches.

3. Spearhead District Evangelistic programs.

4. Call and promote District Fellowship meetings.

5. Encourage and assist pastors in organizing MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CLUBS in their churches.

6. Promote the financial aspect of the Home Missions Program in the District.

7. Assist the Conference Superin-

tendent when he is engaged in some other Conference work and cannot answer a call.

Our Conference work is growing fast. The duties of the Superintendent continue to increase, and there are scores of ways that the District President can be of real help to the Superintendent in his respective Districts.

It is impossible to answer every call immediately, but I am and will continue to do all I can for every one of you.

Will you pastors and Evangelists please cooperate in every aspect of the program and I believe it will be a real help to all of us.

PROGRAM FOR PROGRESS FOR NEXT TEN YEARS

1. Double our S. S., L. L., W. A., and church membership.
2. Organize fifty new churches.
3. Build a new, modern Tabernacle.
4. Build an adequate office building.
5. Build Play Ground and Recreation Park in wooded area on Camp Ground.
6. Build a new Dormitory.
7. Build at least 50 more minister's cabins.
8. Pave streets and roads around Camp Ground.
9. Plant new shade trees for beauty and comfort on Camp Ground.
10. Establish our own Insurance Agency for Life, Fire & Casualty—on our preachers, churches, and parsonages.
11. Buy two or more Trailer Houses for pastors who have no parsonages and let the church pay the rent to the Conference to pay for the trailer.
12. Erect a rest home for the aged.

These are only a few of the plans that we will be able to accomplish in S. C. in the next ten years if we will all work as a mighty unit with every man, woman, boy, and girl doing their part.

SHARING THE OPERATIONAL HAZARDS

In an effort to share the responsibility of the complex and varied operations of our Camp Grounds, the following committees have been appointed and approved by the Official Board for next year.

Please keep this list in mind and contact the designated personnel when you have a problem that comes within this sphere of responsibility.

1. Kitchen and Canteen:
M. L. Moore, Chairman
Jervey Jeffcoat

- Raymond Caulder
2. Parking Cars and Traffic Control:
D. A. McKenzie, Chairman
L. G. Haselden
W. R. McCutcheon
 3. Policing Grounds and Building Inspection:
A. P. Feagin, Chairman
Dallas Hatchel
Tom Powell
 4. Entertainment and Assignment of Rooms:

- J. L. Wall, Chairman
M. W. Flegel
F. R. Bryant
5. Lighting, Cooling and Public Address System:
George Hawkins, Chairman
Frank Williams
W. T. Gandy
6. Music, Singing and Day Services:
C. B. Edwards, Chairman
Wiley Evans
Ben Harmon

THE CALL OF THE NEXT TOWNS

If there is any one aspect of the Christian Ministry underscored as taught and practiced by Jesus, it was to keep pushing on to the next towns.

Never stopping, never settling down, never becoming satisfied with the status quo, never reaching a saturation point in one locality.

The next towns called Him. They are calling YOU as an individual.

A survey reveals that in the bounds of our Conference, there are twenty-six towns with 1000 population and over with no Pentecostal Holiness Church.

There are 22 towns with a population of 5,000 to 100,000 in which we have churches, but most of them are large enough to support from one to ten more Pentecostal Holiness Churches.

It is the business of every Pastor, Evangelist, and Mission Worker to explore these possibilities and get a mission going.

Go it alone if you have to, but work closely with the President of the District Fellowship and with any established church that might be affected.

Don't wait; the harvest is white; the time is NOW!

ATTENTION EVANGELIST! NEED A REVIVAL?

Questions have been raised regarding the difficulty of some Evangelists getting enough meetings to keep them busy. Some have remarked that Pastors exchange meetings and that cuts the Evangelist out.

There are definite reasons for this, and it would be difficult to list them all; but the following might be worth considering.

1. A pastor has to consider his Deacon Board when inviting an Evangelist.
2. Some Evangelists make uncomplimentary allusions in the pulpit about the last church he held a meeting at and how much or how little money they paid him.
3. Some Evangelists give the impression that "he is the last preacher left who is still preaching true Holiness."
4. Some Evangelists will gad about, and are only seen at church time; and will even discuss the shortcomings of

the pastor, for whom he is conducting the meeting, with his members, and will add, "I would never do it like that if I were your pastor."

5. Some Evangelists will criticize the Conference Program in the pulpit and tear down the loyalty that it has taken the pastor years to build up.

6. Some Evangelists will confidentially tell some of the deacons how the Pastor should straighten out some problems in the Church.

7. After the meeting closes, the Evangelist will make frequent visits to some special friends he made during the meeting, but very seldom visit the Pastor on those tours.

CONCLUSION

Now, seriously Evangelists, if you were a Pastor would you invite that kind of an Evangelist to conduct you a meeting?

ANY EVANGELIST who will FAST and PRAY and PREACH the WORD OF GOD until God sends an old-fashioned Holiness and Holy Ghost Revival that will get backslidden Church members reclaimed and move a whole Community a little closer Heaven will get more calls than he can ever fill.



W. A. Department

MRS. H. P. ROBINSON,
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Mrs. N. E. White, Board Member
Mrs. H. W. Brown, Board Member

W. A. CALENDAR FOR 1963

AUGUST—Work on Feast of Ingathering for Holmes and Emmanuel ... send money to office by September 30th.

SEPTEMBER — Make plans for **CHRISTMAS TREE** during September or first of October and bring gifts for Sponsored Missionaries. Mail gifts overseas not later than Oct. 15th. Check may be sent Airmail by Dec. 1st.

OCTOBER—Use month of October to raise Cash, Coupons, and Commodities for Falcon Children's Home. **JOIN THE HARVEST TRAIN** on Tuesday, November 26th, 1963.

NOVEMBER — Show your thankfulness by sharing with others during the **THANKSGIVING SEASON**.

DECEMBER—Center your home and W. A. activities around Christ, remembering the shut-ins, aged, needy, with baskets and gifts.

W. A. PROMOTIONAL CONVENTION WELL ATTENDED

A record attendance of approximately five hundred were present at the recent W. A. Promotional Convention in Lake City.

Mrs. Ruth Powell extended a warm welcome to those attending the convention, followed with the response by Mrs. Ella Cashwell.

Mrs. Margaret Russell, Regional

Vice-President and Chairman of the Convention, introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. R. N. Williams of Raleigh, N. C., who brought a very inspiring message challenging the women to personal involvement in the work of God.

An old Gospel tent, erected on the platform, filled the women with curiosity as the workshop began. The visual was centered around the theme, "... lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." Each District Director was assigned some phase of the program to report on while other designated women brought banners with figures on them representing the accomplishments of the W. A.'s around the Conference, while other ladies brought visuals representing ways in which the Woman's Auxiliary could extend her ministries to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes.

These visuals were placed on the tent by Mrs. H. P. Robinson, Conference President and Mrs. David McKenzie, Conference Vice-President. The total effect was to show the attainments of the past year, and to display opportunities for greater achievement in the future.

The climax of the visual was most uplifting as Mrs. McKenzie, who had received Divine inspiration for the Workshop, quoted an original poem, calling first the Conference Superintendent, Rev. H. P. Robinson, and his family to the platform, followed by the Conference Board, the S. S. Board, the Lifeliners Board, and showing that the W. A. Board, who represented all the women of the Conference, was backing up every department to extend the Work of God in every way possible.

Throughout the visual, a woman's trio, composed of Peggy Potter, Melba Potter, and Pearline Driggers, with Juanita Crocker at the Organ, inspired the women with appropriate songs for each phase of the program.

Many present were profuse in their

praise of the visual, stating that they had received renewed vision for W. A. work.

The women were served a delicious luncheon at the Dining Hall by six young girls, dressed in purple skirts and yellow blouses, with yellow aprons and headbands. A beautiful arrangement of purple and gold flowers graced the center of the guest table. Every table displayed the Convention Theme with a miniature tent of purple and gold in the center.

Following the luncheon, the ladies re-assembled for the crowning of the W. A. Woman of the Year, Miss Ella McAllister, of the Emmanuel Church near Lake City.

Mrs. Lydia Bradshaw was awarded a gift for getting the most Advocate Subscriptions during the year. In her absence because of illness, the award was given to her son, Rev. Charles Bradshaw, manager of Advocate Press, after which he gave a challenge to the ladies to get Advocate Subscriptions and thereby raise money for Equipment to be sent overseas to develop Literature in Native languages.

Seventy - nine Auxiliaries were awarded certificates of achievement, fifty-eight of which were gold certificates.

Mrs. Brown gave a brief workshop on the new W. A. Manual, followed by a workshop on Pioneer Girls conducted by Mrs. Lois Atkinson, Chief Guide of Pioneer Girls at Park Street Church. The final workshop for the day featured a visual of "Wrapping Packages for Missions," conducted by Mrs. Livonia White.

A brief business session conducted at the close of the program included officials reports, report of the Memoirs Committee, the Appreciation Committee, and the Project Committee.

The Conference project adopted for the coming year is to place cement benches on the Camp Ground and to beautify the grounds with roses.

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