

## Doss Nathan Jackson, 1935-1937

D. N. Jackson was born at Balch, Arkansas, on July 14, 1895 and died at Oklahoma City, OK on November 29, 1968. He was the son of James Ferguson and Josephine (Bridges) Jackson.

He received the A. B. degree from Jacksonville College in 1917. He studied at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago in 1920-21 and did graduate work at Princeton University in 1925-26. His L. L. D. degree was conferred by the Missionary Baptist College in Sheridan.

He was married to Erma Gilbert on November 9, 1918, by Dr. Ben M. Bogard. Mrs. Jackson was the daughter of Dr. C. A. Gilbert, who from 1918 to 1938 was the Business Manager for the Baptist Sunday School Committee in Texarkana. He and Mrs. Jackson were blessed with three children: Dr. T. S. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, California, Carroll Jackson, Jackson, Mississippi and Mrs. S.T. (Jean) Sullivan, La Verne, California.

Dr. Jackson was ordained to the ministry on September 2, 1913. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Jefferson, Texas, 1917-18; County Avenue Baptist Church, Texarkana, 1918-34 (four years on leave of absence for school studies at Princeton and Chicago); organized and pastored Central Baptist Church, Texarkana, 1934-40.

He also served as Editor-in-Chief of publications of the American Baptist Association. During the many years as Editor-in-Chief, (1918-1941) he wrote quarterlies for each grade level for both Sunday School and B. Y. P. T. C., as it was known then. This unbelievable feat was also accomplished while doing graduate work at Princeton University.

In 1940 Dr. Jackson became pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi. The present facilities of the church were erected during his pastorate. It was during this time that Southeastern Baptist College was organized and Dr. Jackson became its first President.

He came to Park Place Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, in the fall of 1949 for a fruitful ministry, succeeding his son, Dr. T. S. Jackson, as pastor. In Arkansas he provided the leadership for purchasing property now known as the Central Baptist College, Conway. He was the school's first President.

He had been active in the organization of the American Baptist Association in 1924, and was president in 1935-37. Dr. Jackson was one of the prominent leaders when the North American Baptist Association (now Baptist Missionary Association) was organized in 1950. He played a significant role in the organization and development of the North American Theological Seminary.

He was editor and publisher of the **American Baptist**, oldest Baptist paper west of the Mississippi, from 1934 until his death. The paper was founded in St. Louis in 1875 by D. B. Ray.

Active until his death, Dr. Jackson was editing the **American Baptist**, writing books, preaching, President of Midwestern Baptist College, Oklahoma City, and Director of Research and Public Relations for the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

Dr. Jackson was a father and friend of youth. Many students were helped by Dr. and Mrs. Jackson in securing their formal education. His favorite expression, often quoted at youth camps and to his students, was: "Let your golden day always be ahead."

- Adapted from *Echoes From Beautiful Feet* by Mrs. Edwin Peters.
- Ashcraft, Robert, *History of the American Baptist Association*, p. 560-561.