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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Retired Preacher Subscribes

"We have been taking *The Small Voice* since it was first issued five years ago and have been taking the *Gem* for many years since Brother Brown was the editor. We love to hear from our Free Will Baptist people over the states and do want to get the new paper.

"My husband is a retired Free Will Baptist minister, and because of a nervous breakdown has not been able to go to church for six years. Missing church services makes us feel so lonely. We began working for the Lord 52 years ago to help Christianize this part of the Indian Territory. May God bless our great cause."—Mrs. W. M. Easton, Cameron, Okla.

Supports Co-operative Program

"Enclosed find a check for \$96.46 for the Co-operative Program (sounds good to be able to write the name) from the Wolverine association in Michigan."—Rev. William Mishler, Detroit, Mich.

Arkansas Meeting Reported

"We were glad to have you and Brother Bloss with us for our state association. Good interest remained throughout the sessions and many acclaimed this to have been the best state meeting in our history."—Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Pocahontas, Ark.

New Church Completed

"The church here at Tulare moved into their new building during September. It is a beautiful structure valued at above \$25,000. The building is entirely debt-free and there is just a small loan on some of the furnishings."—Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Tulare, Calif.

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Personally...

What is the state of the Negro Church? In recent years sociologists and welfare workers have delved into the economic life of the Negroes in the United States, but little has been done to understand and help their religious life.

Actually, the Negro Church is not doing so well. In one denomination, the Methodist, the Negro section is growing only one-ninth as fast as the rest of the Church. During the last fifteen years nearly three million Negroes have migrated to the northern states, but the white churches in the north have done little for this influx of population.

Young Negroes are going to modern high schools and colleges, but on Sunday in church they often find the same old rousements and rallies. One of the major problems of the Negro church is its lack of untrained leaders.

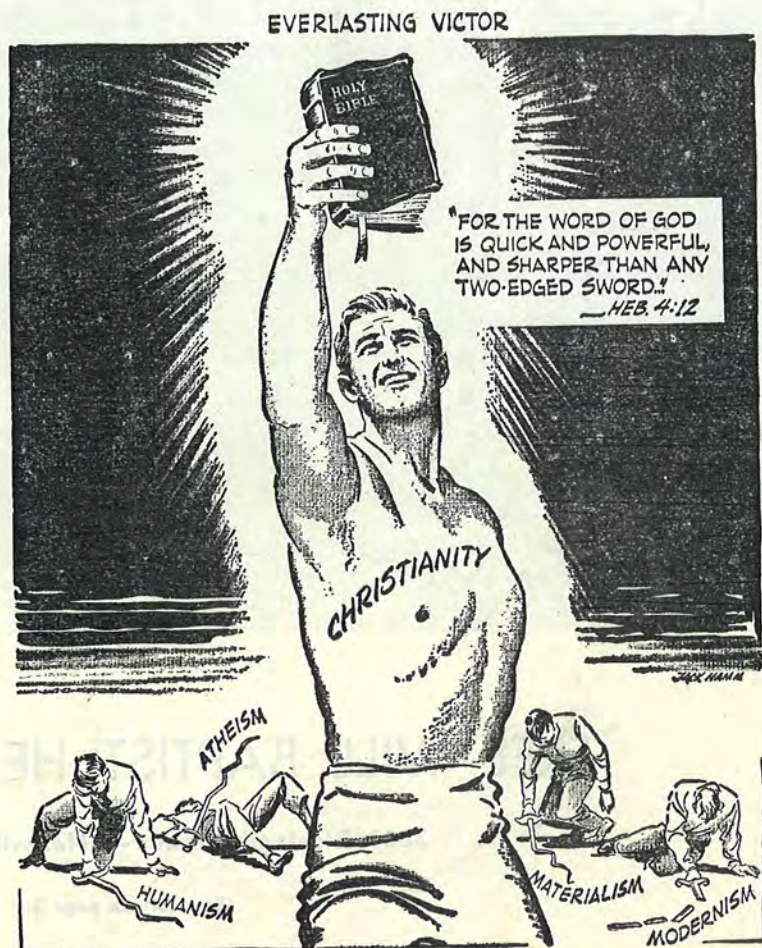
The average theological seminary for training white ministers has 208 students. The seventeen Negro seminaries that provide a similar B.D. course (above college) have a total of 224 students, according to a recent bulletin from the Rural Church department of the Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J. In other words it takes all seventeen Negro seminaries to provide one adequate student body. The average Negro seminary has only 5 juniors, 4 middlers and 4 seniors, or a total of 13 students.

All of our American Negro churches combined need a total of 862 new ministers a year, this report says. This year the total B.D. graduates from Negro seminaries was 66, or only seven per cent of the number needed.

Most Negro ministerial students come from poor homes where there is not enough money to pay for a three-year seminary course. Each one needs about \$500 a year for three years. If he had this training he would give an average of 32 fruitful years to the ministry of the church.

"Justice and equal opportunity can come to the Negro race through tolerance and understanding," says Mr. H. L. Mitchell, a Negro rural pastor in Gates county, North Carolina, who last year travelled 15,596 miles serving his three churches with 970 members. We believe Christians are hastening the progress.

... The Editor



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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come-

Headquarters Is Reality!

A favorite hymn of Christians for the approaching Thanksgiving season begins with "Come, ye thankful people, come!" As voices rise to carry that hymn of praise upward, hearts spontaneously begin to count the blessings received.

While you count your personal blessings, let your mind reflect also on the blessings we have received as a denomination. We have been blessed beyond measure! There is nothing of which we can complain to God except, perhaps, our slowness sometimes to appropriate His blessings to our needs.

For the past, present and future of the Free Will Baptist denomination let us take just a few moments out of our Thanksgiving day to thank God.

Our Encouraging Past

Counting the blessings of the past will encourage all of us. It is true that we have not done all we needed to do nor all we could have done, yet our record under God's leadership is a commendable one.

We are now in our 227th year in America and we have left our influence on the pages of American history. We have made vital contributions to the spiritual life of this country. While our growth has not been spectacular, it has been steady and good and we now count 400,000 of our kind.

One important note of thanksgiving should be that we have remained true to the Bible doctrines of our faith. Many others have gone the way of modernism and the "social gospel," but our ministry has remained loyal to the Word of God.

Our Glorious Future

If we can measure our future growth by our achievements in the past, we stand on the threshold of many bright tomorrows. The Lord Jesus promised that His presence and power would be with those who serve Him with a well-balanced program of evangelism, missions and Christian education. Believing that we qualify, we approach with eagerness the opportunities that are before us.

There are many evidences of a glorious future—the mercy-drops of revival that are falling around us, the realization of the need for a deepening of our spiritual lives and the zeal for spiritual things of the coming generation.

It has been truly said, "We do not know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future," and with that knowledge we advance into it with confidence.

Our Challenging Present

Reminiscing about the past and dreaming about the future are good if we do not

forget about the all-important present. Jesus emphasized that we are to live today, not yesterday or tomorrow. We have a challenging "now" in our hands and we ought to thank God that He permitted us to live in this hour.

Never before has the field been so wide open for Free Will Baptists. To meet in the most effective way the challenging opportunities that have been thrust upon us, the national association last year ventured to buy the property shown on the front cover for a national headquarters building. How we thank God for it! It is one of the finest steps we have ever taken.

Now all of our agencies and departments are being centralized in the roomy, three-story building shown on the cover. The property, located at 3801 Richland Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee, is just two blocks from our Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Bought for \$19,000

It was purchased July 15 of this year from Rev. Henry Melvin at a cost of \$19,000. The building contains eleven rooms which will serve our needs adequately at the present time. Furniture for two apartments was included in the purchase price.

A campaign conducted last spring by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, then promotional secretary brought in enough money to make a down payment of 4,500. Mr. Melvin agreed to carry a second mortgage of \$4,000 interest-free. The balance of \$10,500 was secured on a fifteen-year loan. The loan is payable at the rate of \$145 a month, but may be paid in full at any time without penalty.

The building was actually put into operation as national headquarters September 1 when the offices of the Executive Department, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions and Woman's National Auxiliary convention were set up there. Prior to that time all of the offices were being operated in temporary locations.

Mrs. Lee Is Receptionist

Were you to visit the building now, as many of our people did during the recent Missionary Conference, you would walk into the large reception room where you would be greeted by our friendly receptionist, Mrs. G. C. Lee, Jr., of Sesser, Illinois.

Mrs. Lee would direct you next to the Executive Department and the office of the Board of Foreign Missions, both of which open off the reception room. In the Executive Department you would find Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary, busy preparing manuscript for CONTACT, getting material ready for introducing the Co-

operative Program of Support or doing other denominational work. In this office you would also meet Miss June Goode of Carthage, Texas.

Visit to Missions Office

In the Foreign Missions office you would get a warm welcome from Mrs. H. B. Sloan, secretary and bookkeeper. Mrs. Sloan served the Foreign Missions department in this capacity when it was located in Highland Park, Michigan. She came to Nashville with Rev. Raymond Riggs when he resigned the Highland Park church to devote full time to the work of promotional secretary for foreign missions.

It is probable that you would not get to meet Brother Riggs. His days in the office are rare for he has to spend much of his time on the field. The past month he has been in Arkansas and Kentucky as well as directing the missionary conference. If you could meet him you would be impressed much by his zeal for the missionary cause.

See the Mailing Room

While you were visiting there Mrs. Sloan would also show you the office of the Woman's National Auxiliary convention of which she is executive secretary-treasurer, and our mailing room which is located on the first floor. Out of our mailing room come the thousands of pieces of mail which go out over the denomination each month from these departments. All the departments use the equipment in the mailing room. Our finest piece of equipment is a new Elliot electric addressing machine that will address around 1,500 to 2,000 pieces an hour. It represents an investment of over \$800 but was essential to our meeting the need of getting information out to our people.

After your visit downstairs Mrs. Lee would direct you to the office of the Home Mission Board on the second floor. Up here you would meet Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd (if Brother Dodd were not on the field establishing or assisting in new works). Mrs. Dodd serves as her husband's secretary and handles the office in his absence. Brother Dodd is promotional secretary for the Home Mission Board.

Conference Room Not Finished

They would also show you the room which has been set aside for Board meetings, called our "Conference room." While this room has been redecorated along with the rest of the building it has not yet been furnished because of the expense involved. When it is completed we of the staff here

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Over-Privileged Preachers' Kids

Our American heritage is against special privileges for any group or individual. I want to protest, as of this writing, the special privileges being given to preachers' children. It's been going on long enough.

Strangely, nobody seems alarmed or indignant about it. Since election year is coming up it's queer that no investigating committee has been appointed by Congress to ferret out the causes of this iniquitous situation. And right under our very noses, too. Haven't you noticed it? Well, consider these facts:

Why does *Who's Who in America* devote so much space to the biographies of ministers' children—more space proportionately than to the offspring of any other trade or professional group? There's pay dirt in them hills, partner, for some headline-seeking congressman.

Learn Thrift Early

Also, why should ministers' children have so much advantage in developing thrift, industry, shrewd buying, saving, and using by-products and hand-me-downs—the very virtues that will push them ahead fastest in our commercial economy? Why are so many millionaires products of the parsonage? Their early upbringing is the answer. Unfair advantage.

Can anybody tell me why preachers' kids should have the lucky break of almost never being victimized by the divorce or separation of pa and ma? Maybe mama can't dress like Hedy Lamarr, but she's there, she's the same mama that started out and with the same old man, too. When about one-third of the marriages in our nation end in divorce, why should preachers' kids have such a tremendous advantage in this matter of early emotional security?

Also, it's unfair to other children that p.k.'s don't (or rarely!) see the old folks dead drunk or with the wrong man or woman. True, papa is called "puritanical" by those who think themselves sophisticated. But his children usually have cod liver oil and plenty of milk even if he doesn't imbibe or wear the latest clothes.

Conversation Develops Mind

Another thing, while we're exposing, why should parsonage children be so often blessed with table conversation that includes something beside Arthur Godfrey, last night's movie, and "pass the potatoes"? Just this table conversation alone develops their minds and interests at an unfair rate.

As for reading matter around the house—now, I ask you—is it fair for the parson's children to have so many good books around, not to mention high class periodicals, when a lot of children in the same or higher economic bracket have to flex their mental muscles on comic books and the "*Cosmopolitan*" magazine? Such a difference gives the boys and girls in the par-

Why Should Preachers' Kids Have the Advantage Over Others?

Graham R. Hodges

sonage a big advantage in school and later in forming friendships on a pretty stable and mature basis.

Too Poor for TV

To offset some of the above advantages, preachers' children ought to be forced to have television installed in their homes. But no! Just because the folks haven't the money or because they have gone hog wild and pledged a tenth to the church the children still have the advantage of the printed page which challenges their minds and imaginations while the neighbors kids ruin their eyesight and brains on Milton Berle.

As for topics and projects that are discussed and planned in the home—why the preachers' kids are almost *too* lucky. Daddy is always mixed up in some scheme which involves diplomacy of the trickiest sort. Mama has to help him while the children listen in and get some valuable insight into how human beings operate. Small wonder that former Secretary of State Dean Acheson is a clergyman's son. And when the children themselves are drawn into the various parsonage projects, they get early experience in citizenship and working cooperatively with all sorts of individuals—just the skills most needed for constructive leadership in later life.

Church Attendance Helps

P.K.'s *have* to attend church and Sunday school. Despite all the hullabaloo about personality damage caused by compulsory church attendance, there's no better place for developing great men and women. What other single group of children have the advantage of weekly attendance at divine worship? Going whether-or-no also helps them forget their aches and pains and is a good preventative for hypochondriasis. This disease is not only America's enemy number one among the ailments, but is the greatest producer of boring conversations.

Parsonage children are usually active in Sunday evening youth meetings and learn how to conduct public meetings, speak on their feet, and become leaders among their own ranks.

Back inside the home, how many other children have the advantage of hearing grace at meals and any other kind of prayer at home? Not many. And how many homes have as much amateur musical ability, as many pianos, and as numerous music lessons as parsonage homes?

Is It Fair

How many other homes have such plain living and high thinking—the very conditions which make great men and women and the same conditions which existed for the early Puritan children and which are denied to so many children today in their silken-padded living quarters?

Is it fair, is it American, that so many special privileges and a thousand others yet to be named should go to a small select lot of children? No, by heavens! Our basic American feeling for fair play and equal rights cries out against such a system. Somebody will have to expose these conditions.

But I cannot, however strong my personal feelings. For my hands are dirty. You see, I am raising four children in a parsonage.—From *Pulpit Digest*.

Creed for a Sunday School Teacher

1. I will study my Bible regularly because in it I will find source material and inspiration for my class.

2. I will be with my class each Sunday whenever possible, in case of emergency, I will call my substitute well in advance.

3. I will do my best to attend all teachers' meetings and such training courses as may be offered during the year.

4. I will spend a reasonable amount of time in the preparation of my lessons. As a teacher for God, I could not do less.

5. I will keep close contact with my class through personal visits, and whenever this is not possible, by cards, notes of telephone.

6. I will pray regularly for my pupils. I will seek to know their personal needs so that I may call them over to the Lord in prayer.

7. I will make my teaching aim twofold: To lead my unsaved pupils to Christ and to build Christian character in those who are saved. I will seek to do this by example as well as by precept.

8. I will remember my class at Christmas and on their birthdays with a card or some other expression of good will.

9. I will do my best to attend the worship services of my Church regularly and I will urge my class to do likewise.

10. As a leader whom others will follow, I will cooperate with my pastor, superintendent and the overall program of my Church.

How Much of Stewardship Is Giving?

Rev. Damon C. Dodd
Promotional Secretary
Board of Home Missions

A clergyman wrote to a wealthy and influential business man regarding an offering to a worthy cause. He promptly received a curt refusal which closed as follows, "As far as I can see, this Christian business is just one continuous give, give, give."

After a brief interval the clergyman answered, "I wish to thank you for the best definition of the Christian life I have yet found."

Generally, when stewardship is mentioned the thought of giving is conveyed immediately. But it is a confined idea of giving—that of giving money. Stewardship means much more than the mere giving of finances. This part should be the end results, the culmination and climax of other experiences.

To become a Christian is to become a steward. Being a Christian is living as "a good steward of the manifold grace of God." All aspects and all the privileges and duties of Christianity can be expressed in terms of stewardship. This stewardship says that no realm of life is exempt from the control of God. Here, then, is where we must begin if we would discover ourselves in our role of a good steward.

Means Christ First

Stewardship is primarily concerned with a quality of the heart. Having been made new, the man in Christ is possessed of a new heart. This gives rise to new ideals and new goals. The first desire of the heart is to please God. If this desire is commanding enough, it will relegate everything else to the background and put Christ first. This is the very essence of the larger stewardship—that of self.

The question arises then, "How much of self shall I give?" There can be only one right answer, "I will give *all* to Him."

First of all there is the stewardship of personality. That which we really are, that which gives us individuality, that which is innate in each of us, is what we call personality and this personality must be consecrated to God. This means that the individual Christian must be an all-out Christian.

Striking Picture

There is a beautiful and striking, yet challenging parallel given by Paul in II Timothy 2:20-21. "But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

The picture couldn't be made more clear. One sees a great house, a huge palace of oriental design and usage. On the porch are huge earthenware vessels which hold water for washing the feet of the visitors. In back near the well-house are huge wooden vats and awkward wooden buckets and troughs. These are for the coarser uses, such as laundry, cleaning, scrubbing, etc. These are all necessary in their place.

Also Vessels of Honor

There is another picture. This one is of gold and silver vessels to be used in the higher order of service. In the time of festivity or entertainment, these vessels adorn the table and bespeak their owner's position and influence. The silverware on the festive board represents the master's wealth. These are vessels of honor.

The application in self-revealing. Anyone can be an ordinary vessel. No effort in particular is required. But this isn't good stewardship. There simply isn't any Christian percentage to be gained by it. These wooden and earthen vessels are representative of the baser sort, the lower class of Christians. These are the unyielded and selfish ones, the wayward and worldly minded. Christ cannot count on them for any service whatsoever for they are unconcerned and lethargic.

The Higher Stewardship

It is the silver and gold, the purified and sanctified, that are fit for the Master's higher purposes. They are the ones who have yielded themselves and consecrated their lives to the Lord Jesus. They count it all joy to serve and suffer for the Cause of Righteousness. They have counted all things but loss, that they might gain Christ. And they have discovered a golden stewardship truth, "He who gives all, gains all." This is stewardship at its best and highest.

How much of stewardship, of personality, then is giving—the answer remains always the same—*All*.

*Jesus, my Lord and Master,
Thou hast given all for me,
Thou didst leave thy home above,
To die on Calvary.
So Jesus, my Lord and Master,
I will give all to thee,
Not just a part, or half of my heart.
I will give all to thee.*

Stewardship of Time

There is the stewardship of time. The good steward remembers that God, the author of time, gives of it freely to His servants. He expects a good return in time well spent for right things—things that will bring glory to Him and advance the Kingdom of Christ among men.

Here again, stewardship of time involves giving over of all our time to Him. Thus,

our church comes first; our Christian obligations that require our time have priority over all claims.

The stewardship of the Gospel demands that we go all out to get the message to the world. Here again we find stewardship giving—giving out the good news of salvation at home and abroad, the world around. This requires giving of life, of time, of money, of talents, of personality. If giving were deleted there could be not stewardship of the Gospel.

Living Water Shared

Some years ago a preacher was making a tour of the State of Texas raising funds for missions. A wealthy rancher had persistently refused to make any sort of a contribution, with the excuse, "After all, we have the gospel here, let others get it like we did." Whereupon the preacher related a story. It happened during gold-rush days. A party had become separated from the main body of travelers. For days they had gone without finding water. Conditions were becoming acute. Children were crying for water. The animals pulling the wagons were nearly dead.

One morning a scout, riding ahead of the party, topped a rise and sighted water. Spurring his horse on, he soon reached the spring and in a short while both man and beast had drunk their fill.

"What would you think," said the preacher, "If I were to tell you that the scout rode away without telling those dying men and women where to find water?"

Stewardship Is Giving

"Why I'd brand that fellow a reprobate," said the rancher. "If I could get my hands on him, I'd tie him to my wagon wheel and cut him to ribbons with my horse whip."

Slowly the preacher faced the rancher. Deliberately he spoke, "But my friend, you're that scout riding away. You've found living water and your soul has been satisfied. But think of the multitudes that you are leaving behind to die of spiritual thirst because you refuse to go and tell them where to find the living waters."

The truth struck home. Without waiting another moment, the rancher took out a checkbook and gave a generous offering then and there.

All of stewardship is giving. Whether it be time, talent, gospel, money, or life, it is a matter of giving—freely giving.

*Give thy heart's best treasure,
From fair nature learn;
Give thy love and ask not
Wait not, a return.
And the more thou spendest
From thy little store
With a double bounty
God will give thee more.*

Dixon Re-elected Moderator of Arkansas State

GRUBBS, Ark.—Delegates from ten district associations re-elected Rev. O. T. Dixon, Russellville pastor, moderator of the Arkansas state association at their meeting September 30-October 2 at Ballews Chapel church near here. Some 300 attended the sessions with only one district association failing to represent.

Among the important items of business adopted by the delegates was a recommendation by the state Home Mission Board that each district select a man to serve as a contact with the state board, and that all money be sent to the treasurer, where sixty percent of the funds will remain in the state, with forty percent going to the national Home Mission Board.

Rev. Dixon was named as state director for home missions. Elected to the board was Rev. Grady Linebaugh, Colledge City, for a five-year term. Rev. R. G. Lane, Greenbrier, is board chairman and Rev. W. S. Isbell, Russellville, is treasurer.

The delegates heard Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, speak on their quota of \$1,100 for the year and accepted the following associational quotas to raise the amount:

Antioch association, \$150; Arkansas association, \$40; Little Missouri, \$25; Polk Bayou, \$125; Social Band, \$300; Rich Mountain, \$25; Zion Hope No. 2, \$150; Big Springs, \$25; Saline, \$200; Old Mt. Zion, \$75, and New Hope, \$85.

Rev. Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard, was re-elected state director for foreign missions.

Other associational officers elected were Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Pocahontas, assistant moderator; Mr. R. D. Smith, New Hope, clerk; Rev. Lewis Barker, New Edinburgh, assistant clerk; Rev. W. S. Isbell, Russellville, corresponding clerk, and Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Alma, assistant.

In other action the delegates endorsed a state-wide radio program, "Meetin' Time," originating from the Russellville church with their moderator as speaker. They accepted an invitation from the Willoughby church in Saline association for the 1954 session and selected Rev. J. D. Coffman, Hector, as introductory speaker.

The assistant moderator, Rev. Wilson, was elected to a five-year term on the Executive Board and will serve as chairman.

Speakers during the session included Rev. William Buster, Thebes, Ill.; Rev. Ralph Staten, Wewoka, Okla.; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. R. E. Pixley, Ft. Smith, and Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Alma.



The Prayer Fellowship

Rev. C. F. Bowen, Editor

Pastor, East Nashville Church

"Neither pray I for these alone . . ."

John 17:20

Jesus could never confine his prayer to his intimate friends. His mind and heart reached out to everyone who would hear and heed the truth which he spoke and lived. Early in his ministry he taught his disciples to pray one for another. Moreover, he stressed the power of concerted prayer. Always he urged his followers to pray **together**, in unity, in oneness of purpose.

Had it ever occurred to you what would happen in our denominational work if hundreds and thousands of our people prayed at the same time for the same things? Revivals would break out, souls would be saved, missionaries would go to the foreign fields, churches would be established here at home, our congregations would increase, the needed money for various enterprises would be supplied, our own lives would be sweetened and revived, our faith would be strengthened, and best and most important of all, Christ would be glorified.

That is the purpose of this fellowship and prayer. Each month we will list things for which you may pray. Be assured that you will be in prayer harmony with thousands of Free Will Baptists everywhere. Know that thousands like yourself will storm the citadels of glory—with humility and faith, but with a boldness urged by Christ—and God will hear. Will you join us? Let us pray.

Sun., Nov. 1—To begin with, pray for yourself. We can go no further on the path of prayer until our own hearts are cleansed.

Mon., Nov. 2—Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the many revivals held this month throughout our denomination.

Tues., Nov. 3—Pray for the development of our National Association.

Wed., Nov. 4—Remember today Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, our executive secretary.

Thurs., Nov. 5—Today pray for Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of the National Foreign Mission Board.

Fri., Nov. 6—Pray today for Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, our missionaries in Cuba.

Sat., Nov. 7—Pray for Rev. Damon C. Dodd and the work of the National Home Mission Board.

Sun., Nov. 8—Pray for our churches in worship today.

Mon., Nov. 9—Pray for the new churches that have been organized in our states.

Tues., Nov. 10—Remember today to pray for the leaders of our Sunday school movement.

Wed., Nov. 11—Pray for Dr. L. C. Johnson and his work at the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Thurs., Nov. 12—Pray that our people will soon raise the money needed to finish paying the balance due on the college property.

Editor's note: Some weeks ago the members of the headquarters staff started having devotions at 9:00 o'clock every morning. This hour was observed because it has been the Woman's Auxiliary prayer hour for several years. These moments of communion with God became such a blessing to us and such a vital part of our day that we wondered if our people across America would not like to join us in a denomination-wide prayer crusade.

The name came naturally—"The Prayer Fellowship." We asked Rev. C. F. Bowen to conduct our column monthly in **Contact** with a brief message and listing the prayer requests for the month.

While we encourage the nine o'clock hour for prayer, if it is impossible for you to join us at that time you are still eligible for membership if you observe another time every day for prayer. For those who will join us in this prayer crusade we have prepared a beautiful, two-color membership card.

The membership goal is 5,000. Write to national headquarters for your membership card and your name will be enrolled as a member. One pastor's wife plans to enroll all of their auxiliary members and send a complete list. We would like for others to follow that example, sending a list of names and addresses. Cards will be sent you then for distribution.

Fri., Nov. 13—Pray for the members of the college faculty.

Sat., Nov. 14—Pray for the students of the college.

Sun., Nov. 15—Pray for our churches in worship today.

Mon., Nov. 16—Remember the work of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Tues., Nov. 17—Today pray for the coming Sixth Nationwide League Conference.

Wed., Nov. 18—Ask God's blessings on the superannuation program of our denomination.

Thurs., Nov. 19—Pray today for the orphanages of our states.

Fri., Nov. 20—Pray for the new ministers of our denomination who have been recently ordained.

Sat., Nov. 21—Pray for the advancement and development of our church literature.

Sun., Nov. 22—Pray for our churches in worship today.

Mon., Nov. 23—Pray for the growth of our Radio-TV movement and its leaders.

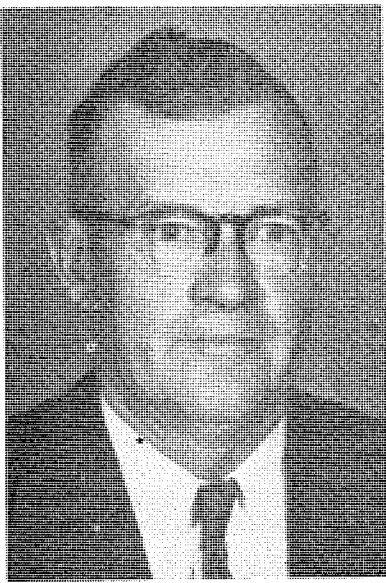
Tues., Nov. 24—Pray for peace in a war-torn world.

Wed., Nov. 25—Pray for our national leaders, particularly our president.

Thurs., Nov. 26—Remember the work of the Bible College's Missionary Prayer Band.

Fri., Nov. 27—Pray for Miss Laura Belle Barnard, missionary in India.

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Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator
Missouri State Association

Missouri State Decides To Continue FWB Gem For at Least a Year

GREENTOP, Mo.—Delegates to the fortieth annual session of the Missouri state association voted to continue operating the *Free Will Baptist Gem* office for at least one more year. The possibility of suspending publication of the *Gem* in favor of the new national paper had been discussed, but state leaders agreed to wait a year to see how adequately the new paper would meet their needs.

The action was taken when the association met September 14-18 at the New Harmony church, near here.

The sessions opened with the Sunday school and League conventions, at which Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the national association, was the speaker. Also meeting during the four-day session was the Woman's Auxiliary convention, presided over by Mrs. Agnes Smith.

After much discussion regarding the state youth camp during the association, it was decided to close the camp for a year because of inadequate facilities to care for the large number of campers and to rent a camp for the 1954 session. Later the camp will either be improved and reopened or possibly relocated.

Another major item of business approved by delegates was changing the time of the meeting of the association to Tuesday night through Friday before the fourth Sunday in August. The change was made so the association would convene before the opening of schools.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, was re-elected moderator and also chosen to serve as state promotional worker. Other officers elected were Rev. W. C. Day, Mountain Grove, assistant moderator, and Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Monett, clerk.

Rev. Day brought the introductory sermon. Other messages were brought by Rev. W. T. Newsome, Fredericktown; Rev.

Evangelical Church in Germany Claims 42 Million

MUNICH, Germany—(E/P)—The Evangelical Church in Germany has 42,162,000 baptized members, it was announced here by *Evangelischer Pressedienst*, official news bulletin of the Church. The largest Evangelical State Churches are located in central Germany, the report added, stating that the Evangelical Church of Berlin and Brandenburg has 4,700,000 members and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony has 4,430,000 baptized members.

Dispute over Mission Work Rages in India

NEW DELHI, India—(E/P)—Do foreign missionaries have a right to make use of medical and social services as an approach to conversion? This has become a momentous question in India, where the Government is officially discouraging proselyting by Christians from abroad while welcoming the educational and other benefits brought to backward peoples by various religious orders for many years. Valerian Cardinal Gracias, the first Indian Cardinal, in a statement defended proselyting by missionaries as a right guaranteed in India's constitution. The lead editorial in *Hindustan Times* of New Delhi, which often speaks the official mind, has answered the Cardinal that conversion by purely intellectual approach is all right but that an appeal to the "ignorant and unwary who may also be superstitious and oppressed" through social services is objectionable. The question has deeply exercised Christians in India, especially several thousand foreign missionaries of many nationalities and sects who see their life work imperiled by the new Government policy.

American Council Taking Convention to California

NEW YORK—(E/P)—One of the strongest state-chapters of the American Council of Christian Churches is the ACCC of California, with its full-time Executive Secretary, the Rev. Claude Bunzel. At the invitation of the California membership, the Council will conduct its first national Convention on the Pacific Coast when the Twelfth Annual goes to Los Angeles, October 28-30, 1953. Convention theme is, "Claiming the Land by Faith." Joshua 1:3.

Listed among the speakers for prominent addresses are: Dr. W. W. Breckbill, Council

James Franklin, St. Louis; Rev. James Barker, St. Louis; Rev. William Buster, Thebes, Ill., and Rev. Fred Kirby, Flat River.

The report of the statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner, revealed that the state had 33 more churches reported than over the previous year, and a reported gain in membership of 410. They also reported a valuation of church property totalling \$627,400, which is an increase of \$169,250 over last year.

President, the Rev. Arthur G. Slaght, Director of the Council's Baltimore Radio studio, the Rev. D. V. Johnstone of Pasadena, Calif., Dr. Kenneth R. Kinney, Vice-President of Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y., the Rev. Claude Bunzel, Dr. Carl McIntire, President of the International Council of Christian Churches, the Rev. Raymond F. Hamilton of Chicago, Ill., and the Rev. Francis A. Schaeffer, ACCC Representative for Europe since 1948, now in this country for one year of furlough.

Navigators Launch "Venture with a Vision"

LOS ANGELES, California—(E/P)—Acquiring Glen Eyrie, a swank Colorado Springs property with 21 buildings, close to the Garden of the Gods, is the vision of Dawson Trotman, head of the "Navigators," a world-wide ministry of soul winning and follow-up work. Recently Billy Graham considered purchasing the property for a conference center but decided against it. Trotman seeks to set up a year-round training center there and the international headquarters of the "Navigators." The property is valued at \$1,670,000 but can be secured for \$340,000. Payment of \$125,000 must be made at once, the balance by January 15, 1954. Trotman is appealing to friends of the Navigators to rally.

National Baptist Auxiliary Provides Missionary Retreat

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A \$100,000 house at 1022 Maryland Avenue, S. E., containing a large lounge, fellowship room, dining salon, offices, bedrooms and others, has been dedicated here as a retreat for the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America, Inc. It was given to the board by the Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the denomination. Dr. D. B. Jemison, of Selma, Ala., leader of the 4,400,000 members of the National Baptist Convention, and Miss Nannie Helen Burroughs, president of the auxiliary, were among principal speakers at the dedication. Dr. C. C. Adams, of Philadelphia, Pa., secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said the home will be used by returned missionaries and as headquarters for local missionary work.

Swedish Lutherans to Send Oil Drills to India

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—(E/P)—The Church of Sweden Mission here has launched an appeal for 200,000 Swedish Crowns (approximately \$40,000) to buy mechanical drills for digging of deep wells in drought and famine stricken villages in the districts of the Tamil Lutheran Church in South India, it was announced here. The first response to the appeal has been "encouraging," *Svenska Kyrkans Missions-tidning*, official publication of the Mission, added. The report claimed that many villages in the districts of the Tamil Lutheran Church are "in danger of dying out completely" since their shallow wells have dried out.

Headquarters Is Reality!

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at headquarters will use it each morning for our daily devotions. We now meet in one of the offices.

Other offices will be set up on the second floor as soon as other departments are ready for them. The third floor, which is a roomy attic, has never been used and is suitable only for storage.

One two-room apartment on the second floor is being rented along with the upstairs garage apartment. Our caretaker, Mr. Lester Maynard, and his family live in the lower garage apartment. Mr. Maynard is a student at the Bible college from Oklahoma City.

Apartments Rent for \$100

These two apartments being rented bring us an income of \$100 a month, leaving us only \$45 to raise for our monthly payments. We believe that along with us, our people are humbly grateful for this particular privilege of having a Free Will Baptist headquarters building.

It is of vital necessity that our people respond with an offering during this Thanksgiving season to pay off the second mortgage and provide for redecoration of the building inside.

The minimum amount of this offering must be \$5,000. We do not have enough time to get an extensive campaign underway to raise the money, and even if we had the time we do not have funds for such a campaign to reach our people. We just have to depend on those of you who read this article and who are thankful for these particular blessings from God to do your part and see that your church does its part in this Thanksgiving offering for headquarters.

Must Have \$5,000

Many individuals and churches planned to give in the spring campaign before the building was purchased but neglected to make their offering. Now you again have the opportunity of making good your intentions and meeting this real need. Others who have given will want to give again because now they will be giving to pay for something which we already own and are putting to good use.

The effort in the spring brought in a little over \$3,500. Previous efforts produced around \$1,000. We must combine the total of these two and then exceed them by \$500. We can do it and by God's help those of us here at headquarters believe we will.

The list below shows those who gave in the initial drive:

Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va.	\$110.25
Highland Park Church, Michigan	204.07
Davis Church, North Carolina	50.00
Missouri State Association	47.23
Southside Church, St. Louis, Mo.	58.00
Wolverine Association of Michigan	345.93

Berkeley Church, St. Louis, Mo.	50.00
Third Church, St. Louis, Mo.	50.00
Walter Pirtle, Flat River, Mo.	5.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River, Mo.	110.00
Pesloge Church, Mo.	62.50
Aulsbury Chapel Church, Mo.	17.65
First Church, Flat River, Mo.	100.00
Christian Home Church, Fla.	50.00
Leadington Church, Mo.	60.00
Alabama State Association	31.98
Fredericktown Church, Mo.	50.00
Hazel Park Church, Michigan	50.00
Newport News Church, Va.	86.80
Bright Light Church and Sunday School, Texas	25.00
New Hope Church, Tenn.	50.00
East Nashville Church, Tenn.	50.00
Pocahontas Church, Ark.	50.00
First Church, Richmond, Va.	20.00
Ozias Church, Pearson, Ga.	18.94
Evergreen Church, Texas	10.00
Friendship Church, Tenn.	30.00
Kinston Church, N. C.	50.00
Olivet Church, Tenn.	50.00
Golden Glades Church, Fla.	40.00
Spring Hill Church, Ala.	10.00
Chipley Church, Fla.	9.43
Richmond Ave. Church, Allen, Okla.	12.00
New Harmony Church, Ala.	6.42
Damascus Church, Fla.	15.00
Prospect Church, Ala.	12.69
Central Ave. Church, Oklahoma City	59.00
Norman Church, Okla.	36.30
Wewoka Church, Okla.	23.75
Olympia Heights Church, Miami, Fla.	30.00
Poplar Head Church, Fla.	10.50
Pleasant Ridge Church, Fla.	4.00
St. John's Church, Fla.	7.00
Bethlehem Church, Tenn.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Potter, Oklahoma City	25.00
Rev. John M. Rich, Chipley, Fla.	6.00
Piney Grove Church, Fla.	18.90
First Church, Sulphur, Okla.	125.00
Holdenville Church, Okla.	28.70
Capitol Hill Church, Oklahoma City	25.00
Tecumseh Church, Okla.	13.00
Monett Church, Mo.	17.91
Georgia State Association	6.00
Hickory Grove Church, Fla.	16.00
Cottondale Church, Fla.	4.10
Malone Church, Ala.	5.00
Rev. Russell Milam, Minford, Ohio	50.00
Central Texas District Association	40.00
Loyal Chapel Church, Columbia, Tenn.	50.00
Turley Church, Okla.	10.68
Harris Memorial Church, Greeneville, Tenn.	32.41
Bristow Church, Okla.	15.00
National Board of Home Missions	500.00
First Church, Tulsa, Okla.	50.00
Woman's National Auxillary Convention	150.00
First Church, Sapulpa, Okla.	12.10
Philadelphia Church, Detroit, Mich.	50.00
Alumni Association of FWBBC	25.00

Oklahoma District Votes To Purchase Property

ARDMORE, Okla.—A decision to acquire property north of Healdton, Okla., and centralize the association and provide for a summer camp was made by delegates to the annual session of the Hopewell No. 2 association. The association met August 27-29 at the Stobtown church near here.

Prior to the annual meeting an associational revival was conducted by Rev. E. S. Sunday and Rev. E. J. Wilson. The introductory sermon was by Rev. Ward Fellabaum.

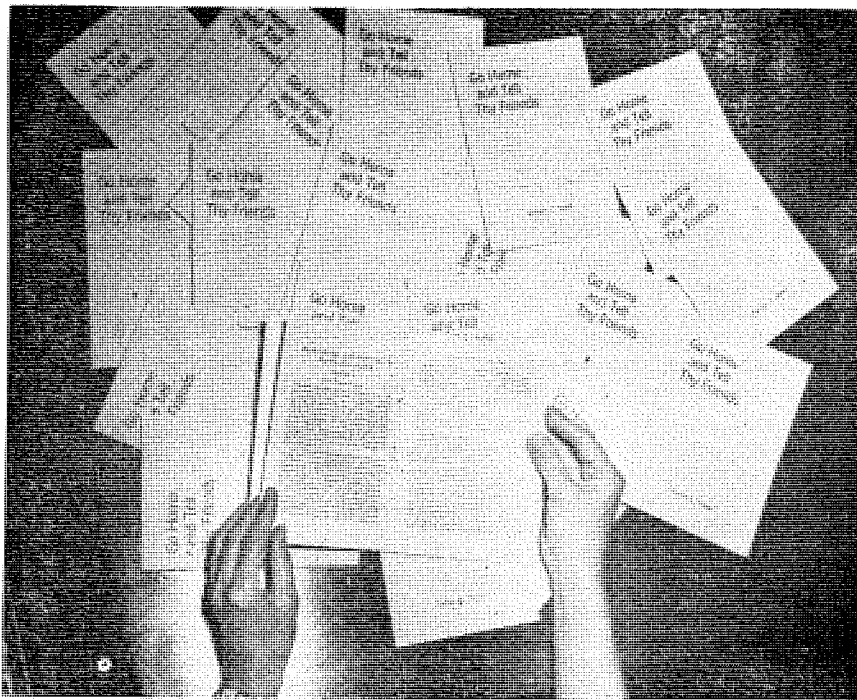
Officers elected for the coming year were Rev. Sunday, Healdton, moderator; Rev. A. L. Boswell, Santa Fe, assistant moderator; Mrs. C. C. Higgins, Sulphur, clerk; and R. L. Howell, Ardmore, assistant clerk. Noah Smith, Clemscott, is treasurer.

Messages during the association were brought by Rev. Wilson, Ardmore; Rev. Boswell and Rev. G. W. Hanks, Lone Grove.

Bulletins Wanted!

The editor of CONTACT would like to be placed on the mailing list of every church which publishes a weekly or monthly bulletin. In this way we will be able to improve the feature, "Glancing Around the States," a lively and informative column.

Many of our churches do not print a bulletin, so from them we would like to have regular, brief reports of important or interesting activities. Let's make CONTACT a real source of contact between our churches across the states by keeping the columns filled with news!



"Go Home . . ." The second printing of a book on home missions, "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends," is off the press and ready for distribution, according to the Board of Home Missions. Designed for either a study course or just reading, the book was written by Rev. Damon C. Dadd, promotional secretary for the Board of Home Missions. The book is fifty cents per copy or \$4.00 a dozen. It may be used in a Woman's Auxiliary, at prayer meeting services or in a special study. Order from the board at 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.



Student Officers—Student body officers at the Free Will Baptist Bible College were elected at the beginning of the semester. Shown above, they are (seated, from left to right) Juanita Dunn, sophomore, treasurer; June Goode, freshman, secretary; (standing, left to right) Sammy Wilkinson, senior, president, and Carroll Alexander, junior, vice-president. Miss Dunn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dunn, Kenansville, N. C., while Miss Goode is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Goode, Carthage, Texas. Wilkinson's parents are Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wilkinson, Glennville, Ga., and Alexander is the son of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Alexander, Bethel, North Carolina.

One Hundred Fifty-One Enrol as Bible College Begins Twelfth Year

One hundred and fifty-one students—sixty of them new ones—have enrolled at the Free Will Baptist Bible college, according to an announcement from the office of the registrar, Rev. Laverne Miley.

The seniors, with a registration of 25, have set a new record for the graduating class. This doubles the number of last year's seniors. The freshmen have the largest class with 65 members. The sophomores have 32 enrolled and the juniors have 21.

Eighteen states and Cuba are represented in the student body. Enrollment by states is as follows:

North Carolina	52	Texas	5
Michigan	11	Virginia	4
Tennessee	11	Mississippi	3
Oklahoma	10	Kentucky	2
Missouri	10	Florida	2
Alabama	9	Cuba	2
Georgia	9	Arkansas	1
West Virginia	7	California	1
Illinois	5	Ohio	1
South Carolina	5		

The students are listed below with their classification and home town.

FRESHMEN

Joan Allen, Blackshear, Georgia
 Bobby Aycock, Fremont, North Carolina
 L. Beverly Ballard, New Bern, North Carolina
 Joyce Barrus, Norfolk, Virginia
 Elyse Bennett, Alma, Georgia
 Theodore Berberich, Flint, Michigan
 Norma Jane Berry, Houston, Texas
 J. E. Blanton, Surrency, Georgia
 L. V. Borden, Detroit, Michigan
 Shirley Ann Boyd, Durham, North Carolina
 George Branning, Jacksonville, North Carolina
 Geraldine Bryan, Belmont, North Carolina
 Janie Belle Cagle, Pocahontas, Arkansas
 Charles L. Clark, Cordele, Georgia
 Edna Davoult, Moore, Oklahoma

SOPHOMORES

Marvis Anderson, Henderson, Texas
 Janet Blackburn, Bradley, West Virginia
 Keith Boyd, Durham, North Carolina
 Herbert Bryan, Beulaville, North Carolina
 Dale Burden, Weleetka, Oklahoma
 Harold Crichter, Durham, North Carolina
 Bobby Joe Davis, Anderson, Texas
 Juanita Dunn, Kenansville, North Carolina
 Lorena Edwards, Mountain Grove, Missouri
 Dave Franks, Guin, Alabama

College Auxiliary Elects Officers for New Year

The college Woman's Auxiliary began its third year this semester with 34 members. The membership consists of students, student's wives, faculty members and faculty members' wives.

New officers for this year are Mrs. Laverne Miley, president; Juanita Dunn, first vice president; Mrs. G. C. Lee, Jr., second; Eula Mae Martin, third; Rubye Griffin, fourth, and Geraldine Gay, fifth.

Mrs. Bobby Jackson is secretary and Olena Filkins is treasurer.

Ira C. Gow, Red Bay, Alabama
 Rubye Griffin, Calhoun City, Mississippi
 Barbara Hancock, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Alton Hines, Bridgeton, North Carolina
 Charles Hollingshead, Cordova, Alabama
 Lucille Howard, Mount Olive, North Carolina
 David E. Hutchinson, Pamplico, South Carolina
 Willie Johnson, Alcolo, South Carolina
 Eula Mae Martin, Benson, North Carolina
 Kathryn Anne Newton, Goldsboro, North Carolina
 Stanley Pentecost, Pleasant View, Tennessee
 Doris Raper, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Eustace Riggs, Kenova, West Virginia
 Nadine Shadrake, Nashville, Tennessee
 Jane Smith, New Bern, North Carolina
 Ilean Stultz, Springfield, Ohio
 Garland Teasley, Durham, North Carolina
 Roger Tripp, Ayden, North Carolina
 Donald Upright, Kannapolis, North Carolina
 Herbert Waid, Highland Park, Michigan
 Carey D. Watkins, Jr., Cary, North Carolina
 Barbara Willey, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

JUNIORS

Carroll G. Alexander, Bethel, North Carolina
 Wilburn Beasley, Winfield, Alabama
 James O. Brown, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee
 Everette Bryan, Parkersburg, North Carolina
 Clarence H. Burton, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri
 Galen Dunbar, Bradley, West Virginia
 Elro Driggers, Coward, South Carolina
 Geraldine Gay, Goldsboro, North Carolina
 Betty Jo Ingle, Birmingham, Alabama
 Wanda Jones, Cordova, Alabama
 Marvis Lee, Nashville, Tennessee
 George Ludwig, Nashville, Tennessee
 Lester J. Maynard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Bill McClintock, Detroit, Michigan
 Leah Nichols, Fremont, North Carolina
 Olin Phillips, Cramerton, North Carolina
 Roger Reeds, Lemay, Missouri
 Rachel Rollins, Pikeville, North Carolina
 Boyce Wallace, Albertson, North Carolina
 Tom Willey, Jr., Pinar del Rio, Cuba
 Mary Ruth Wischart, Myrtle, Missouri

SENIORS

Ben Barrus, Norfolk, Virginia
 Lonnie Davoult, Moore, Oklahoma
 Robert L. Edwards, Beulaville, North Carolina
 Johnnie Floyd, Marion, North Carolina
 Ruth Floyd, Marion, North Carolina
 James B. Hall, Jr., Cottonwood, Alabama
 Bonnie Lou Henson, Hurricane, West Virginia
 Mary Hess, Mount Hope, West Virginia
 Christine Hooks, Kenly, North Carolina
 Bobby Jackson, Eureka, North Carolina
 Jane Jackson, Ewing, Illinois
 Betty Jean Lambert, Mount Hope, West Virginia
 Carlton Lambert, Florence, Alabama
 Evelyn Lawrence, Hoopeston, Illinois
 G. C. Lee, Jr., Calhoun City, Mississippi
 Leah McGlohon, Winterville, North Carolina
 Eloise Phillips, Cramerton, North Carolina
 James Earl Raper, Snow Hill, North Carolina
 June Rivenbark, Durham, North Carolina
 Lonnie Sparks, Sulphur, Oklahoma
 Lissie Turnage, Healdton, Oklahoma
 Ray Turnage, Florence, South Carolina
 Eugene Waddell, Kenly, North Carolina
 Sammy Wilkinson, Glennville, Georgia
 Paul D. Wood, Nashville, Tennessee

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Macie C. Berberich, Flint, Michigan
 Margaret Bryan, Beulaville, North Carolina
 Sylvester Crawford, Belmont, North Carolina
 Olena Filkins, Kirksville, Missouri
 Argent Steedley, Alma, Georgia
 Robert Wilfong, Cedar Hill, Tennessee
 Jerry Wendell Williams, Nashville, Tennessee
 Willie Stilley, New Bern, North Carolina

World Missions Keynote Sounded At Conference

The challenge for a stepped-up program of world-wide missions was sounded by speakers at the fourth annual denomination-wide Missionary Conference. The conference was held October 13-15 on the campus of the Free Will Baptist Bible college in Nashville.

Developing the theme, "Look on the Fields," more than a dozen speakers pictured the spiritual needs of the areas of the world to the large congregation present. Featured speakers were Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretary for the Board of Home Missions, and Miss Kathleen Manley, returned missionary to Africa.

The conference was held under the direction of Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary for the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mr. Dodd spoke to the conference on "The ABC's of Missions" and "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends." Miss Manley stirred the congregation by drawing on her years of experience on the mission field, while Mr. Riggs reviewed the denomination's new *Missionary Manual*.

Missionary candidates also filled an important part of the program by discussing the various fields where they are preparing to go. Included in this group of fine young people were Rev. Wesley Calvery, Miss June Rivenbark, Rev. Robert Wilfong, Tommy Willey, Rev. Sam Ziady and Sammy Wilkinson.

Mr. Ziady, a student in this country from Lebanon, appeared before the Foreign Mission Board during the conference asking for appointment as a missionary to the Near East, the land of his birth.

Also appearing on the program were Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey, returned missionaries to India. Devotions were brought by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Rev. Reford Wilson and Rev. Mark Lewis.

The spiritual blessings of the conference were expressed by the liberal offerings totalling \$420 made to the foreign and home mission programs during the sessions.

"A Modern Jonah" Now Sold Nearly 1,300 Copies

Nearly 1,300 copies of the book, "A Modern Jonah," have been sold or are out on consignment, Rev. Raymond Riggs announces. The book, consisting of 192 pages, sells for one dollar.

It was written by Rev. Paul Woolsey, returned missionary to India, and tells of his call and acceptance to foreign mission service and recounts many of his experiences in that country.

The missionary has given all rights to the book to the Board of Foreign Missions and all profits from its sale will be used for missionary work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens, missionaries to Africa, will leave that continent November 21 for the United States, according to a late report from the South Africa General Mission. They are due to arrive in this country December 13 for their furlough.

Mrs. Stevens is being supported through the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions by the French Broad and Jacks Creek associations in North Carolina. She is the daughter of Rev. R. C. Mumpower of Swannanoa, N. C.

Foreign Mission Gifts Drop over One-half of September Budget

With \$6,000 a month required to meet the budget of the Board of Foreign Missions, the low contributions for September made it a near-critical month, the promotional secretary revealed.

Actual contributions amounted to only \$2,830.12, he said, while the sale of books and gifts to special funds brought the total to \$3,170.12, only half of the amount needed to meet the budget.

The amounts paid in the first quarter and the balances are shown below:

	Paid	Balance
Alabama	\$ 143.31	\$ 1,356.69
Arkansas	187.14	912.86
California	253.44	546.56
Florida	136.01	863.99
Georgia	639.38	1,860.62
Illinois	417.52	2,882.48
Kentucky	275.87	1,324.13
Michigan	1,171.33	6,828.67
Mississippi	193.20	806.80
Missouri	1,664.40	7,335.60
New Mexico	25.00	125.00
North Carolina	3,541.43	10,458.57
Ohio	30.50	1,969.50
Oklahoma	503.27	4,996.73
South Carolina	968.02	2,631.98
Tennessee	1,336.65	5,163.35
Texas	426.47	3,073.53
Virginia	159.85	1,640.15
West Virginia	421.97	1,378.03
Miscellaneous	445.52	5,704.48

"Lights for Cuba" Fund Swelled to over \$500

Over \$500 has been received for the "Lights for Cuba" project being sponsored by the Leagues over the denomination. Goal of the campaign is to raise \$2,500 to provide power lines from the city of Pinar del Rio to the Free Will Baptist mission station and Bible school, Rev. C. F. Bowen, secretary of the National League Board, said.

Contributions have been received from the following:

East Nashville Leagues, Tenn.	\$28.04
Miss Shirley Picknen, Colquitt, Ga.	1.00
Harmony Leagues, Lake Butler, Fla.	5.00
Union Leagues, Abbeville, Ala.	7.50
Mrs. Laura Welch, Nashville, Tenn.	2.00
Oaklawn Leagues, Pleasant View, Tenn.	4.23
Sherron Acres Leagues, Durham, N. C.	10.00
Holly Springs Leagues, Newport, N. C.	8.45
Hazel Creek Leagues, Kirksville, Mo.	10.00
Pearsall Chapel St. League, N. C.	10.00
Portsmouth Leagues, Va.	3.00
Mountain Grove Leagues, Mo.	5.00
Pleasant Hill Leagues, Ga.	10.00
Loyal Chapel Leagues, Columbia, Tenn.	10.00
Mrs. Bernard Owens, Chipley, Fla.	5.71
Philadelphia Leagues, Detroit, Mich.	23.57
Ashtand City Leagues, Tenn.	16.58
Trinity Leagues, Winona, N. C.	25.00
Wooddale Int. League, Tenn.	16.58
West Clinton Leagues, N. C.	5.00
Sound Side Leagues, Columbia, N. C.	15.19
Piney Grove Leagues, N. C.	2.00
Corinth Leagues, Ga.	10.00
Little Bethel Leagues, S. C.	25.00
S. C. Woman's Auxiliary Convention	84.00
Shady Grove Leagues, N. C.	75.00
Core Creek Leagues, N. C.	10.00
First Church Leagues, Warwick, Va.	75.00



Rev. Raymond Riggs

Riggs Is Secretary for Foreign Mission Board

Rev. Raymond Riggs, who served for nearly three years as part-time promotional secretary for the Board of Foreign Missions, began devoting full time to the office September 1.

His employment was announced by the Board at the national association in July. He is maintaining the office of the Board in the national headquarters building in Nashville. Prior to moving to Nashville he served for fifteen years as pastor of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

From the office in Nashville Mr. Riggs will direct the missionary activities of the denomination. Besides serving as contact man between the denomination and its missionaries on the field, the secretary will also make many tours over the denomination to help states raise their quotas.

His family consists of his wife and four children, Charles, 15; Kenneth, 12; Ramona Kay, 7, and Patsy Ann, 4.

Cotton-picking for Missions Is Project of Georgia Church

A new wrinkle in missionary giving, called "Cotton Picking for Missions," raised \$30 for foreign missions recently among members of the Bellevue Church, near Colquitt, Georgia.

The unique idea was instigated during a revival at the church led by Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary for the Board of Foreign Missions. Around eighteen members of the church met one morning with Rev. B. W. Clenney, pastor, and Mr. Riggs. In two and a half hours the group earned their \$30 offering.

The pastor said they were already planning another "Cotton Picking for Missions" for next year. They are talking about making it a half-day affair with the members taking dinner together. Many other churches might adopt a similar idea, Mr. Riggs said.

Missionary Hears Tragic Words as New Cuban Fields Opened



"Probably it is too late for us, but you are in time for our children." In these words of the big, rough Cuban fisherman there is a tragic fact.

He had stood that afternoon with many other villagers and their families and heard for the first time in his life John 3:16 as Mrs. T. H. Willey, wife of the director of Free Will Baptist missionary work in Cuba, brought a message from the text. When asked by Mr. Willey if the villagers wanted them to return, one gave the answer quoted above—"Too late for us, in time for our children."

How our missionaries found this village not yet reached with the gospel message is a miracle of God's grace.

Cook's Relatives Found

Secundino, who came to the Cuban Bible school recently as cook, was born in this little fishing village on the north coast, but moved away at the age of two. For 28 years he had no contact with his people there. The innermost longing of his heart was to see if his relatives were alive and if they knew the gospel.

"This was a real opportunity that I could not miss," Mr. Willey writes, "so we arranged for one of our faithful Christians who knew something of the mountain trails to meet us with horses."

After meeting him at the arranged place, the missionary party rode into the pine-covered hills until there burst upon their sight the immense Atlantic Ocean. They wound their way down into the thickly populated valley and after four hours found an uncle and a large family of grown sons. "We were the first to arrive with the Word of God, and their interest brought a thrill to our hearts," Mr. Willey said. "They were so poor that I bought fish as the fishermen came in with their boats to have something to eat."

Another Valley Located

Military supervision was so strict that no more than four people were permitted to meet together, so for the moment a preaching service was out of the question. Personal work from home to home was the order.

"I found the bus could make it over the roads, so we left with a promise to return," the veteran missionary continued. "The next week I went in again on horseback and found another valley of precious people, some of them relatives of our Christians. I told these, too, I would be back. When I arrived in the fishing village of El Barraco, news came from the military officer in charge that he was my friend and I could have a service when and where I desired. The next day the bus came in and imagine my surprise when Tommy rushed out to pull me off the horse. The dear folk in East Nashville church had made it possible

for him to be with us a short time and we are grateful to them."

First Service Held

"That afternoon we had the first evangelical service in that village. The old uncle of Secundino, who sits with consuming interest, took me in an immense room and said, 'You can have this room for services.' It was at the close of this first service that we heard the tragic words, 'Too late for us, in time for our children.' It is nearly more than we can do to wait to place benches and lights."

This unreached fishing village was the second of two new fields which our Cuban missionaries have explored the past month. The first new field was back in the towering cliff country where one of the Cuban Christian families has been living for a year. The husband is in charge of a large cattle ranch.

One member of the family, a 14-year-old girl, can read a little so they began inviting their neighbors in to hear the Word read. "The results have been wonderful," Mr. Willey reports. "A number have been saved and one young man called to preach the gospel. He was carrying tracts and gospel portions on his pony to isolated families in the mountains, but the tragedy is that this fine boy cannot read."

Intense Zeal Shown

"He said, 'Mr. Willey, please let me attend the seminary. I will do anything for a chance to prepare myself.' His parting words to me, after we prayed together high in those Cuban mountain trails, were, 'Mr. Willey, I must preach.' He sat on his pony and waited as I faded out on the trail."

"We must do something for this boy," he writes. "I sent for him to come and work at the farm so we can teach him to read. Probably someone might be interested in him. His name is Angel—'Angel of the mountains.' He is now here in school. He came without a towel, sheets or soap, but how willing he is to do anything."

On these trips the missionary director carries with him some of Laubach's system to teach reading. "In one Christian home I had an experience I shall never forget," he said. "The girl, 14, the father and mother, devout Christian soul-winners, hung upon a chair while the little blonde-headed son knelt and sorted out letters to form words so that father and mother might learn to read the Word. This one lesson lasted for three straight hours."

Poverty Is Everywhere

"I have had occasion during these weeks to spend hours in the saddle going from cabin to cabin high in the Cuban hills. My heart has been appalled at the need of food. There were little children with beauti-

ful features, but pinched by malnutrition. Sometimes I have stopped at midday at these cabins and seen upon the table only ground corn, dry and tasteless, or yucca, a tropical tuber almost pure starch.

"But the saddest fact is that they have never heard of the Bread of Life, the Saviour who came so long ago. In my sadness at the impoverished living, I have rejoiced in being the first to tell them the glad story of redeeming grace until it is all I can do to come back to the comfort and pleasant surroundings of my own home at the mission school. My heart so desires to reach those who have never heard that I am mapping out sections of all the province."

Students Will Follow Up

As soon as the dry season comes the missionaries will take a group of students out every second Sunday. They will go as far as possible by car, then they will scatter—some going on horseback and others walking. Each one will conduct two or three services and visit in the homes where there are multitudes of children. "Please pray for this needy field that many will accept the Christ as Saviour and Lord," the missionaries plead.

"What I personally have experienced this summer," Mr. Willey concludes, "our preacher boys are knowing throughout every year. Pray for them daily that the Holy Spirit shall completely possess their lives and make them flaming evangelists and that the fire and passion 'to go out in the highways and hedges' shall never be dimmed until the task is done."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

We will carry each month in CONTACT the Sunday school averages for those churches that will report them. The editor carried this feature in *The Small Voice* before starting CONTACT and it proved very popular. All you need do to have your church included is put the monthly average on a postcard along with the name of the church and address to CONTACT, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Please see that they reach us by the tenth of each month.

THE PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

(Continued from page 6)

Sat., Nov. 28—Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, missionaries in India.

Sun., Nov. 29—Pray for our churches in worship today.

Mon., Nov. 30—Pray for revival.



Woman's Auxiliary

"His Command — Our Task"

Mrs. H. B. SLOAN, Executive Secretary

Prayer, Offering Should Mark Thanksgiving Week for Local Auxiliaries

Mrs. Homer Willis

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman



WNAC Officers—Meeting for a brief planning session at the close of the Woman's National Auxiliary convention in July at Mt. Vernon, Ill., are the newly elected officers. Those seated, from left to right, are Mrs. Paul Pursell, Shawnee, Okla., youth auxiliary chairman; Mrs. Homer Willis, Paintsville, Ky., stewardship-prayer chairman; Mrs. H. B. Sloan, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Ralph Staires, Tulsa, Okla., recording secretary.

Standing, from left to right, are Mrs. Luther Gibson, Tupelo, Miss., mission study chairman; Mrs. R. B. Crawford, Greenville, N. C., president; Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo., personal service chairman, and Mrs. Adam Scott, Durham, N. C., assistant recording secretary. Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Camille, Ga., vice-president, was not present.

New Literature Ready By First of the Year; Place 1954 Orders Now

Two new pieces of literature will be available to Woman's Auxiliaries after January 1, Mrs. H. B. Sloan, executive secretary, has announced. The first will be a Guidebook for Local Auxiliaries which has been prepared by Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. C. F. Bowen. Price of this booklet is fifteen cents.

The second of these will be a stewardship pack, authorized by the national convention this year. These packs, being prepared by Mrs. Huey Gower, will also sell for fifteen cents. Included in the pack will be material for a stewardship declamation contest, a stewardship playlet and a number of stewardship tracts.

"We have already started receiving orders for 1954 literature," Mrs. Sloan said, "and will start filling regular orders around December 1." Orders for 1954 yearbooks may be sent any time now to Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee, she said.

The literature price list is given below:

1954 Year Book	50c
1954 GTA Program Book	35c
1954 YPA Program Book	50c
Manual of Methods	50c
Working with Our Youth	50c
Achievement Charts	25c

(Please indicate if you want them for WA, YPA or GTA)

Individual Report Slips 20c per 100

Each One Get One!

About 1,500 members of local Auxiliaries are receiving this first issue of *Contact* through the courtesy of the WNAC office. If each one of these members would subscribe and get one other, we could exceed the 2,500 subscribers we must have to make *Contact* self-supporting.

The WNAC slogan for tithers is "Each One Win One." For the purpose of subscriptions to *Contact* we are paraphrasing that to say "Each One Get One." The corresponding secretary of the local Auxiliary, who is responsible for subscriptions to church papers, ought to get a subscription from every member of the Auxiliary.

Many times before the women have set the example. Let's do it with *Contact* and hasten the day when it will be in at least 10,000 Free Will Baptist homes!

GTA Manual	30c
YPA Manual	30c
Secretary's Record Book	\$2.00
(Woman's Auxiliary only)	
YPA Leader	30c

Tracts:	
"When Money Talks"	40c per 100
"Simple Arithmetic"	40c per 100

When ordering literature, please enclose payment with order, using check or money order for safety. Do not send stamps. "We are not set up to handle charges, C.O.D.'s or to send literature on approval," Mrs. Sloan said.

November is the month in which our country observes the traditional Thanksgiving feast. In our WNAC we precede the season with a Week of Prayer. At the last session of the WNAC held in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, in July, we felt that honor was due the pioneers in the Free Will Baptist movement of our era.

During the Thanksgiving week of prayer, all Auxiliaries are urged to take an offering to be known as the Alice Lupton Offering, honoring the first WNAC president. This offering will go for the various state home mission programs.

We need to push this offering in our local auxiliaries and back it with prayer that our Free Will Baptist denomination may be advanced and new churches established in many more places. This can't be done with talk or wishful thinking but it takes fervent effectual prayer, backed with a little self-denial and ambition to see the work of the Lord advance.

In the scriptures we are exhorted to pray without ceasing, and with that the promise that in due season we would reap if we faint not. If we would pray with as much faith as Hannah had when she petitioned God for a son, we could accomplish much in these days of laxity and unconcern among the Christians.

To gain in this world, one must work and strive toward a goal. The goal of the Home Mission Board is to establish as many churches across the nation as finances will permit. The Foreign Mission Board also has visions for the future. Their aspirations can only be gained by prayer and planning. Thus it is with the one who sets a goal in his prayer life.

There are many things for which we need to pray. It is needful to have planned prayer for it is easy to become self-centered, selfish and in a rut. A real blessing will come with branching out in our praying and believing Him for greater things in the future.

I trust this Thanksgiving season will be a time of spiritual refreshment and blessing in each of our Auxiliaries!



Home Mission Board Launches Intensive Program of Evangelism

Under the banner, "For Christ in the Homeland," the National Home Mission Board is launching out on the most intensive program of evangelism and missionary activity that has ever been undertaken by a Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board in this 20th century.

The national budget for Home Missions for 1953-54 is 25,000; just a bit over \$2,000 per month. This is three times more than was given last year, five times more than was given year before last, and fifty times more than was given ten years ago.

Home Mission Accomplishments

Over the past five years there have been at least fifty new Free Will Baptist organizations reported. Since the Mt. Vernon session of the national association, new churches have been reported in the following places:

Kirkville, Mo.	Savannah, Ga.
Tarboro, N. C.	Portland, Ore.
Columbia, S. C.	North Little Rock, Ark.
Lancaster, S. C.	Jonesboro, Ark.
Florence, S. C.	Visalia, Calif.
Darlington, S. C.	Two other Calif. towns

In addition to these new churches, the board has assisted in reviving the Northwest Missouri Association and placing a pastor there. We are investigating the work in Southeast Nebraska and northern Kansas with a view to getting it functioning again.

Home Mission Outlook

The present plans of the board call for organizations as soon as possible in Memphis, Tennessee; Marshall, Texas; Conway, Arkansas; Searcy, Arkansas; Tifton, Georgia, and Auburndale, Florida.

It is expected that in the near future the Home Mission Board will open a mission in Ebo City, near Tampa, Florida. This work will be among Cuban people and a full-time home missionary will be employed and sent there to work in this field.

Heretofore the board has not been able to assist in building churches. Plans are in the making to set aside an initial amount to be used as a church loan fund.

Home Mission Board Sets Semi-annual Meet in N. C.

The national Board of Home Missions will have its semi-annual meeting November 30-December 2 at Swannanoa, N. C., according to an announcement from Rev. J. B. Bloss, Board chairman. Rev. Wayne Smith will be the host pastor.

The meeting will open on Monday evening with a worship service. Dr. Homer Willis, Paintsville, Ky., will preach.

Business sessions will be held all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning, with time out for worship services in the mornings and at night.

Tuesday's messages will be brought by Dr. Willard C. Day, Mountain Grove, Mo., and Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. H. E. Staires, Tulsa, Okla., will bring the final sermon.



Charter Membership with Smith and Dodd in background.

New Organization with 32 Members Climaxes Revival in Kirkville, Mo.

Loyal Chapel Church Sets Example in Home Mission Giving

A service held Sunday, October 11, at Loyal Chapel church, Columbia, Tenn., set the pace for giving to national home missions when the church, under the leadership of Rev. J. B. Bloss, pastor, gave \$479.50 in cash and pledges.

The pastor is chairman of the national Home Mission Board. The service was conducted by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretary for home missions. His message to the congregation was on "World-Wide Witnesses."

Prior to the worship service each class in the Sunday school was visited and given a chance to make a monthly gift to home missions. Every class, from the Cradle Roll up, responded with a definite pledge.

Loyal Chapel church has come a long way in the fifteen years of the ministry of Brother Bloss. They have a beautiful sanctuary with ten Sunday school rooms in the basement. Sunday school attendance averages 200, with attendance at all regular services running at about the same figure.

This has been the Home Mission "Church of the Year" for at least two different years. In addition to supporting home missions, the congregation ardently supports the foreign mission program, the Bible college and all state and local work.

Until recently the church had been affiliated with the Progressive association of Alabama. On October 14 the church came to the Cumberland association of Tennessee where it immediately assumed its share of the associational responsibility in every program of the denomination.

Climaxing a glorious twelve-day revival campaign in Kirkville, Missouri, a Free Will Baptist church was organized Wednesday night, September 30, with 32 charter members.

The revival was sponsored jointly by the National and Missouri state Home Mission Boards. Rev. D. C. Dodd, promotional secretary for the national board, was the evangelist assisted by Rev. Rolla D. Smith, Flat River, Mo.

This venture was destined to be a success from the very outset. Many people who had been in rural Free Will Baptist churches near Kirkville and had moved to town were eager for a Free Will Baptist organization in the city.

Some came from other denominations to take membership. A man and wife who had been in another Baptist group for 38 years were the first to sign the charter membership roll.

In the impressive organization service, Rev. Smith called for the charter members to come forward after which he presented the Bible to the group as their rule of faith and practice. The Church Covenant was presented by Rev. Dodd and each member accepted every provision of it as his obligation. Each member of the church, at the instigation of one of their own number, pledged to tithe his income to the church.

The prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Smith, after which the hand of fellowship was given by the Executive Board of the Northeast Missouri association. Rev. Lester Jones, formerly of Cordova, Ala., was extended the call as pastor.

The Sunday school superintendent is Duane Matthews and Lola Matthews is Free Will Baptist League director. Mrs. Alta Mikel is president of the Woman's Auxiliary. The group plans to purchase a building for worship and a parsonage.

Glancing Around the States . . .

Ardmore Church Has Revival in September with Pursell

ARDMORE, Okla.—Rev. Paul Pursell, Shawnee, conducted a revival at the church here September 20-October 2. Five Conversions were witnessed during the revival and five additions to the church were reported on the Sunday following the revival. Rev. E. J. Wilson is the pastor.

Rev. Henry Melvin Preaches Home-coming Sermon at Durham

DURHAM, N. C.—Rev. Henry Melvin, Reedy Branch pastor, preached the home-coming sermon at the Edgemont church here Sunday, October 4. Rev. Melvin served the church as pastor for fifteen years. Rev. Joseph Ange is the present pastor.

Oklahoma State Association Convenes at Norman Church

NORMAN, Okla.—The forty-fifth annual session of the Oklahoma state association met here October 20-22. Rev. H. E. Staires, pastor of the Lawnwood church, Tulsa, preached the introductory sermon. The state Woman's Auxiliary convention met in its thirteenth annual session the day preceding the state association. Rev. Robert Duncan was the host pastor.

Gift Box Prepared by Paintsville Sunday School

PAINTSVILLE, Ky.—A gift box has been prepared by the Sunday school of the Southside church here as an attendance booster. The box contains two hundred gifts, and they will be distributed to members of the Sunday school the first week the attendance reaches 200. Rev. Homer Willis is the pastor.

Bowen Conducts Revival at Friendship Church

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. C. F. Bowen, East Nashville pastor and CONTACT columnist, led a revival during September at Friendship church near here. Results of the meeting included 23 professions, 29 additions to the church and 12 rededications. Rev. Harold Dunlap is the pastor.

Lewis Leads Revival at Royal Oak Church

ROYAL OAK, Mich.—Rev. Mark Lewis, pastor of the Hazel Park church, conducted a revival at the Free Will Baptist church here September 28-October 3. Rev. Glenn Thomas is the pastor.

Central Texas Association Meets at Bright Light Church

BRYAN, Texas—The Central Texas district association met October 2-3 at the Bright Light church near here. Rev. A. F. Halbrook was the host pastor.

Editor Scheduled for Revival in Arkansas

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark.—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the national association and CONTACT editor, is

scheduled to conduct a revival at the Free Will Baptist church here November 2-11. Rev. O. T. Dixon is pastor.

New District Association Organized in Oklahoma

ALLEN, Okla.—Rev. Dale Munkus, pastor of the Allen church, was elected moderator of the new Progressive association, formed by four churches in this area in September. Churches which joined the new group were Allen, McAlester, Wetumka, and Wewoka. Other officers elected were Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, McAlester pastor, clerk, and Rev. Ralph Staten, Wewoka pastor, promotional secretary. The association will publish a monthly bulletin called, "The Free Will Baptist Promoter."

Dedication, Ordination Service Held at California Church

PARLIER, Calif.—A church was dedicated and two ministers were ordained in a special service at the Free Will Baptist church here. Rev. Delmer Scroggins, pastor, read the scripture for dedication service from II Chronicles 2:4. Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman pastor, brought the dedication sermon. Dedicatory prayers were led by Rev. Lester Davis and the pastor.

Rev. Crumb, Earlimart, Calif., preached the ordination sermon for Rev. Baxter Ramsey and Rev. Cecil Porter. Rev. G. M. Condley led the ordination prayer. On the council were Rev. Condley, Rev. Earl Ramsey, Rev. Henry Scroggins, Rev. Delmer Scroggins, Rev. Lester Davis, Mr. Charley Scroggins, Mr. Fred Redfearn, and Mr. Earl Buchanan.

Okmulgee League Elects New Officers

OKMULGEE, Okla.—Bobby Nicholson was elected president of the Young People's League of the church here. Other officers include Joy Conaway, vice-president; Carol Hodges, secretary; June Hodges, treasurer, and Cora Jean Raney, Bible quiz leader. Group captains are Linda Conway and Billy Nicholson. This is a new church and Rev. John B. Elliston is pastor.

Trinity Temple Church Organized in Tulsa

TULSA, Okla.—A new Free Will Baptist church, called Trinity Temple, was organized here August 12 with forty-two charter members. Rev. Melvin Bingham, formerly at the Lewis Ave. church here, was called as pastor, with Mrs. Leona Mayfield elected as associate pastor. Services are being held temporarily in a rented building at 766 N. Lewis Ave. Lots have been purchased, however, and the church reporter says an educational building and sanctuary to cost \$100,000 is being planned.

Revival at Black Jack Conducted by Editor

GREENVILLE, N. C.—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, CONTACT editor, has just con-

cluded a revival at Black Jack church near here. Home-coming services were held at the church October 18, the Sunday on which the revival began. Rev. J. C. Griffin, a former pastor, preached the home-coming sermon. Rev. F. B. Cherry is the pastor.

"Magnify the Master" Is Theme of Tennessee Meeting

COOKEVILLE, Tenn.—The sixteenth annual session of the Tennessee state association met here October 21-22, using the theme, "Magnify the Master," for the sessions. Speakers during the convention were Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary for the national association, and Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretary for the Home Mission Board. Others addressing the convention included Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. J. B. Bloss and Rev. J. C. Howington.

Officers of the association are Rev. C. F. Bowen, moderator; Rev. Thurman Pate, assistant moderator, and Mrs. L. W. Vinson, clerk.

Trinity Temple Organizes Local Woman's Auxiliary

TULSA, Okla.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Trinity Temple church was organized August 18, a few days after the new church was established. Sixteen charter members came into the organization and Mrs. Ed Mayfield was elected president.

Ayden Parsonage Drive Gets Off to Good Start

AYDEN, N. C.—The parsonage fund for the Free Will Baptist church here was swelled to above \$3,000 at the annual home-coming service October 4. Most of the funds were raised during the special day. A lot has been purchased on Park Avenue and plans for construction are already underway. Rev. Charles Craddock is the pastor.

Okmulgee Church Begins Weekly Radio Program

OKMULGEE, Okla.—The Free Will Baptist church here is now on the air with a weekly radio program. The program, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. John B. Elliston, may be heard from 3:30 to 3:45 p.m. on Sunday over station KHBC.

California Quarterly Meeting Held at Parlier

PARLIER, Calif.—The quarterly meeting of the Center association met here August 13-14 with seven churches represented. Officers of the association are Rev. Ira Smithy, moderator; Rev. Winston Lawless, assistant moderator; Mrs. Gladys Johnson, clerk, and Mrs. Jo Hupp, assistant clerk.

Messages during the quarterly session were brought by Rev. Smithy, Rev. Lester Davis and Rev. Bill Johnson.

Alabama State Meets at Winfield

WINFIELD, Ala.—Three of the leaders in the national association will be featured on the program of the Alabama state association which meets here November 5-7. These include Dr. L. C. Johnson, Rev. Damon C. Dodd and Rev. Raymond Riggs, all of Nashville, Tenn.

Other speakers scheduled to appear are Rev. Lester Jones, Cordova, and Rev. Louie Bates, Alden.

The association will be preceded by the state minister's meeting, set for Thursday, November 5. Theme for this meeting is "The Church and How I Fit into It." Various topics will be discussed during the day. Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn., will speak on "The Pastor and How He Fits into the Program of the Church."

Rev. J. M. Dutton, Leeds, will discuss the relationship of the evangelist. Rev. Grady Palmer, Castle Berry, will speak on the work of the deacon while Rev. A. J. Lambert, Florence, will analyze the position of the lay member. Rev. Ledlow, Sylacauga, will close the program with a discussion on the duties of the clerk and treasurer.

Dr. Johnson, Bible college president, will speak Thursday night. The association proper will open Friday morning with the devotional by Rev. T. L. Walker, Northport. Others appearing on the program during the day include Rev. E. W. Graves, Vernon; Rev. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, superintendent of the state orphanage; Rev. Dodd, promotional secretary for the national Home Mission Board; Rev. Virgil Collins, Hamilton, and Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Chipley, Fla.

Rev. Riggs, promotional secretary for the Board of Foreign Missions, will preach the Friday night sermon. On the program Saturday morning are Rev. N. A. Patterson, Brilliant; Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Cordova; and Rev. R. P. Ritch, Sylacauga. After a final business session the association will adjourn following the closing message by Rev. Bates.

The association was originally scheduled to meet at the Brewton church, but the location was changed to Winfield because the original meeting place was destroyed by fire.

On the Credential Committee for the session are Rev. G. W. Franks, Rev. Gurley Roberts and Rev. J. M. Cobb. The Business Committee consists of Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. Virgil Collins, Rev. Louie Bates, Rev. R. K. Franklin and Rev. J. J. Stabb.

APPRECIATION

The editor and the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association express their appreciation to Rev. C. F. Bowen for the name CONTACT for this publication. The name was originally used on a bulletin which Mr. Bowen publishes for his East Nashville church. It was decided to use it for this publication for it expresses the purpose of the publication exactly—a point of contact between our people in different areas and between the local church and members and the agencies of the national association.



Rev. Joe Mooneyham

Youth Leader Begins Campaign for Books For College Library

Several hundred volumes are needed in the library at the Free Will Baptist Bible college before the institution can become accredited, Dr. L. C. Johnson, president, has revealed.

Mrs. Paul Pursell, youth chairman of the WNAC, is starting a campaign among auxiliaries, youth auxiliaries and Leagues to furnish the library with those volumes. "Mrs. Anna Barrow, librarian, has supplied me with a list of books required to put the college on an accredited basis," Mrs. Pursell says. She thinks the organizations mentioned above, and perhaps some individuals, would be interested in assisting in the project.

Storage space at the library is limited, so it is important that not more than two copies of the same book be sent. In order to avoid duplications, Mrs. Pursell suggests the following plan:

Organizations or individuals who will help are asked to inform her as to the number of books they would like to furnish so she may assign certain books to be purchased. Good used books will be accepted, but Mrs. Barrow says, "We would like books that have a good many years of use ahead, for it costs just as much to catalogue one as the other."

For new books that are gifts, the librarian puts a bookplate bearing the donor's name in the front cover so that students may see who made the contribution. Mrs. Pursell says she is particularly counting on YPAs, GTAs and Leagues. Write her at 111 East 11th St., Shawnee, Okla.

New Church Organized At Visalia, California

VISALIA, Calif.—A revival conducted here late in August by Rev. Joe Mooneyham of Tulare resulted in the organization of a new Free Will Baptist church. Rev. Mooneyham, who filled the Tulare pulpit for the last four years, was called to pastor the new church.

The church was organized with a substantial number of members following the revival.

Mrs. Mooneyham is clerk of the new church and Mrs. Richard Hager is treasurer. A board of trustees will be named later. The state Home Mission Board sponsored the work and assisted in the organization.

Services are being held in the Elbow Creek Grange hall, three and one-half miles northeast of Visalia. Plans are being made, however, to obtain a building site and build in the city. The erection of an educational building prior to the chapel is being discussed in the event available funds are not sufficient for both.

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At Last! A Church That Needs No Money

For the chronic gripers who are always asking the question, "Why does the church need so much money?", CONTACT is glad to print the information given below showing that actually the church doesn't need money. Any church that follows the plan below is assured of never having to ask its members for tithes and offerings.

We are grateful to the bulletin of East Nashville church for this sure-fire plan:

"We have discovered a new way for a church to function without money. Will you co-operate?

"Each member will come to the services warmly enough dressed to eliminate any necessity for heating the building. This will dispose of the fuel bill.

"Each member will bring a candle to the evening service, so we can disconnect the electricity.

"Each member will take his turn playing the organ. Then no organist or music director will be needed. That is, if each one, in turn, will direct the choir, the congregational singing and arrange for rehearsals.

"Each member will come to the church with broom and dust mop to keep his part of the building presentable. Then a paid janitor will not be necessary.

"Those who wish to use water will bring their bottles.

"Each will provide his own hymnbook and music in the choir.

"Each member will bring materials and tools to remodel and repair the church building. Here we can really save money.

"Each member will spend some time working in the church office. If one desires a copy of the church bulletin he will bring his own supplies for printing same. This will eliminate the expense of office help and equipment.

"Each member will take his turn, preaching, leading the services, conducting funerals, performing marriages, calling on members and prospects, visiting the sick, and guiding the administration of the church. This will save the expense of a pastor!

"Each one must agree to spend at least a year as a missionary, at his own expense, on some foreign field. This will dispense with missionary offerings.

"Thus the church could be known as the 'church that needs no money.' What a spectacle it will make as the men, women, boys and girls, bundled up head and foot, walk dutifully to church carrying water bottles, brooms, dust mops, sheet music, sermon notes, candles, hammers, saws and other such baggage.

"Isn't this a great idea? A new day is dawning for 'the church that needs no money!' Would you really wish it that way?

"If not, give God ten per cent of your income, and the church can operate in the

A Letter to Our Friends

DEAR FRIEND,

This will never happen to you again in your lifetime. When you lifted this magazine out of your mailbox, you made history. I hope you will be lifting out issues of Contact many years from now, but you will never again lift out the first one.

This is it! This is the magazine that Free Will Baptists have been praying for and anticipating many years—the official publication of our national association. And you are holding the first issue in your hands!

Those of us who have brought it into existence hope you like it. We believe you will. You are one of 10,000 Free Will Baptists who were selected to receive this first issue free. We wanted to introduce you to Contact and show you why every loyal, well-informed member of a Free Will Baptist church will be subscribing to it. Nearly 500 are already listed on the subscription roll, but you can still be a charter subscriber until December 1.

You can get a full year of Contact (12 issues) by simply sending one dollar to our national headquarters at 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. The Executive Committee originally set the subscription price at \$2 a year, but lowered it in the belief that enough people would subscribe so we could break even at \$1. Twenty-five hundred of you must subscribe before the paper can start to break even. That, of course, is where you come in.

Your subscription rushed to national headquarters will make everything come out all right. You need Contact in your home even though you already subscribe to some other Free Will Baptist paper, for as you can see from this first issue, it will not be a mere duplication of things you read elsewhere.

You'll make all of us very happy if you'll sit down today and write a letter saying, "Yes sir, I want to be a charter subscriber to Contact. Find my dollar enclosed." Hopefully yours,

W. S. Mooneyham

W. S. Mooneyham

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scriptural manner, with a tithe of its members' incomes.

"But actually—your church needs no money! YOU are the one who uses the heat, lights, water, and music; you are the one

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