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Committee Changes Made

"There have been some changes made in the committee chairmen for the national convention arrangements. The following men have been named by our ministerial alliance: John H. West, general chairmen; E. M. Kennedy, publicity; Dale Munkus, transportation; Melvin Bingham, housing; L. A. Yandell, registration, and H. E. Staires, finance. All these men are Free Will Baptist pastors in Tulsa."—Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Okla.

Progress Reported

"We are glad to report that our Sunday school attendance has almost doubled in the past four months. When our new pastor, Rev. Elro Driggers, came last October we were averaging about 60. The average for January was 116."—Mrs. Sybil Chesire, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Likes Paper, Plan

"I enjoy reading CONTACT very much and am glad that we have adopted the new finance plan. I am sending three subscriptions with this letter and will try to send more later."—B. A. Long, Panama, Okla.

Approval Given Plan

"Our state board met recently and set up a tentative state budget and adopted for recommendation to the state association a Cooperative Plan. If approved in June, all of our support will come through the national Cooperative Plan of Support."— Rev. Wade Jernigan, Kerman, Calif.

Cites Figures

"Considering that we have over 400,000 members, think what we could do if the churches gave an average of one dollar a year for the program. Even 12¹/₂ cents per member would mean \$50,000 for our home mission program."—Rev. Philip Crabtree, South Webster, Ohio.

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Occasionally we borrow material for this column. There appeared recently in the *General Baptist Messenger* an article entitled, "If I Were A Pastor," and signed by "A Layman." Perhaps a General Baptist layman has something to say that Free Will Baptist preachers need to hear. Listen:

"If I were a pastor I would first feel that I had a definite call of God to the ministry and 'woe is me if I preach not the gospel.' I would not feel that preparation came with the call, but rather that the call was first to prepare myself for a full-time job when my presbytery and I agreed that I was ready to take over.

"If I had been successful in dodging the course prescribed by the presbytery of my association by going to another association where a lower standard was accepted, I would stay with that association.

Would Study Dictionary

"I would not want to leave off any of the books of study that are recommended by the presbytery of my association for the minister, yet there is one book that, so far as I know, is not included in the list that I think every minister should have. That is an unabridged dictionary. It is surprising the number of preachers who sometime say in their sermon, 'When I was in college . . .,' yet use words that Noah Webster never heard of, or at least did not put in his book.

"How can I know if I am using good English unless I look up every word and its meaning. One of our young ministers said to a member of his congregation, 'I'm young in the ministry and need to improve my English. I want you to be my critic and when I make a grammatical error, make a note of it and tell me.' The critic said to him later, 'I hate to show you this list, but you asked for it.'

"This preacher had the first requisite for knowledge—he knew he did not know. Seldom or never do we appreciate being told of our mistakes unless we have asked for criticism. We may use good English but overwork certain words or phrases in our preaching and distract from the message.

Grammar Is Important

"A boy, whose parents spoke good English at all times because they knew it was a good example for the children, after hearing the new pastor for the first time, asked his mother, 'Is it right to say "I seen" and "I have saw"? The mother answered that it was not right and the boy asked, 'Then why does our pastor say it?' The mother explained that the pastor's education was limited and he did not know it was wrong. Then in his mind the boy reasoned that the preacher might be saying some other things that were wrong.

"A preacher was reading Hebrews 2: 18, 'For in that he Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted.' He mispronounced 'succor', calling it 'secure', and went on to talk of the security of the saints. One listener said, 'The error would not have bothered me particularly had not one, who was a visitor, looked at me with a meaning smile—or was it a *mean* smile?'

"If I were a pastor I would uphold the sacredness of the Holy Bible and not praise one version as the only one to use, and condemn others. I would try to avoid being jealous of my brother ministers who get better churches to pastor than I. So much more good could be accomplished if we were more concerned about doing the job than about who gets the credit.

Watch Out for Jealousy

"If I were a pastor and had the talents of playing the piano, leading the choir and singing solos, I would prefer having my members do these even if their talents had not been developed to the point where they could play or sing as well as I. I think most churches have young people who can serve as substitutes and is good training for them and helps them to be efficient leaders when they take the place of those now in charge. It is a wise pastor who can keep the largest number of his flock working, leading and praying.

Put Members to Work

"If I were a pastor I would welcome from members any suggestion for the betterment of the church and community and discuss it with the deacons in the regular board meeting.

"I would depend a great deal on my deacons, encouraging them to visit and have prayer with the sick and shut-ins, even to the point of saying to them separately, 'I'm going to make sick calls today. Will you go with me?' Later he may be making calls on his own when the pastor is away in a revival.

"Any church is unfortunate in having a pastor, however talented and versatile, who tries to do all the work of the church, just as a church is unfortunate in having a wealthy member who pays a large percent of its financial obligations."



"I have lived to thank God that all of my prayers have not been answered." — Jean Ingelow.

A Primer on Missions

Editor's note: The author of this article writes with the wisdom which only years of experience bring. After serving as a medical missionary to Java and being unable to return to the mission field, Dr. Keith specialized in the examination and treatment of eye diseases. Refusing a practice in a large city, he went to the mountains of Kentucky more than 27 years ago where he and his wife served thousands of the less fortunate. Now past 75 years old, he has retired from the Public Health Service, but continues his

sands of the less fortunate. Now past 75 years old, he has retired from the Public Health Service, but continues his eye work on a private practice basis turning most of the profits to the training of youth for full-time Christian service. Because of his keen interest in medical missions much of this assistance goes to medical students who plan to be missionaries. He and Mrs. Keith live at Paintsville, Ky., and are members of the Southside Free Will Baptist church.

Occasionally in some churches we find people who come right out and tell us they "do not believe in foreign missions." Or if they do not speak that frankly, they will intimate that they feel a foreign missionary program is totally unnecessary.

Yet I suspect that these same people would be greatly offended if someone should ask them if they believed the Bible, and they would still be more disturbed should someone ask them if they were Christians. The question naturally rises with this, "What is a Christian?" We might get this answer: "A Christian is a person who has been baptized, and who has become a member of some particular church or denomination." But the Bible will not back up this definition.

Many Bible passages add emphasis to Romans 3:23, which says that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." The preceding verse tells of a righteousness which is by faith or, as it is sometimes described, an imputed righteousness—a righteousness which we do not have of our own, but which has been given to us by Christ because we have taken him as our Saviour.

Christian Has Obligation

All this tells us that a Christian is one who has seen himself a sinner and then has accepted the sacrifice which Christ made at Calvary.

If Christ is thus our sin-bearer, have we no obligation to him in return for what he has done for us? If God has thus loved us, we must love him in return and we must also love others whom he loves. Even human reason, outside the Bible, would tell us t¹-at since we have had the benefit of God's great love, we must let other people in the world, whom he also loves, know of that love.

But then we must go beyond human reason and ask what does the Bible say—what does our Lord say—about our obligation to those who have never heard.

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William N. Keith

One of the apostles records these very plain words, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Six verses beyond this we read, "He that hath my commandments and *keepeth* them, he it is that loveth me" (14:21), and in verse 23 he positively states, "If any man love me, he *will* keep my words."

Last Words Important

And what are some of the things which might be included in these commandments to which our Lord refers in his farewell talk with his disciples? The words quoted above were among the last he spoke before his death. He elaborated on them, however, forty days after his resurrection when he stood on the Mount of Olives and spoke for the last time. Surely in these last moments he would have spoken only of the most important things.

Hear him as he says, "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20). A similar command was penned by Mark, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Scripture Commands Missions

Luke says that in the upper room he told the eleven, "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name *among all nations*, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46). In Acts 1:8 these words of Jesus are recorded: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

All four of these passages very obviously reach out to the foreign fields of the earth —"all nations," "all the world," "among all nations" and "the uttermost part of the earth." This can leave no question but that our Lord did command us to carry the gospel to all the lands abroad.

Other Bible passages substantiate this. In Acts 8, after the account of the persecution in Jerusalem and the scattering of the disciples from Judea, we are told, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word" (8:4).

Missionary Laymen

What is most interesting about this is that those who were doing all this preaching were laymen. The apostles, who were the ordained preachers, had remained in Jerusalem. Some of these laymen preachers went as far as Antioch, a city more than 500 miles north of Jerusalem. The city was on some important trade routes and from its seaport, Selucia, ships went to Egypt, Greece, Italy and other Mediterranean ports.

There were undoubtedly some rich merchants there, and it seems that both wickedness and riches abounded in the city. On hearing the message of these laymen preachers, a number of the Gentiles and some of the Jews wished to become Christians.

When the church at Jerusalem heard of this revival among those Gentiles, they were doubtful. They had been brought up to believe that God was interested only in the Jews. They reached a wise decision, however, and sent Barnabas to Antioch to investigate the revival. He reported favorably on the movement, but saw that these new believers needed more instruction, especially in the Old Testament background of the Christian faith.

First Preachers Called

In the interval Saul, who was soon to become Paul, had become a Christian and had tried to testify in Damascus and Jerusalem. The Jews in each of these cities had tried to kill him, so the Jewish Christians had sent him back to his boyhood home in Tarsus, which was less than a hundred miles from Antioch.

Knowing this, Barnabas went to Tarsus and brought Saul to Antioch where for a year they taught the new Gentile Christians and built a strong, spiritual church. Then following a long prayer meeting the Holy Spirit told the church to send Barnabas and Saul (the order is soon to be reversed to Paul and Barnabas, Paul and Silas, etc., as the greater leadership of Paul began to manifest itself) as missionaries to the unreached areas.

It is very worthwhile to note that they sent their best preachers, while today some would try to keep the best ones at home. Taking into the account the methods of travel, the inaccessibility of some areas, and the limitations of language, most of the places these men visited would be called "foreign missionary fields."

Words and Examples

We have, therefore, (1) Christ's own words in at least four different passages (Continued on page 6)

When Churches Forget

E. BAYLESS McDONALD

Editor's note: Mr. McDonald, a native of Asheville, N. C., is treasurer for the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

"You must pay your bill," gruffly demanded the black-mustached, burley landlord of the diminutive young lady rentor with a pretty blue ribbon in her hair. "But I can't pay my bill," pleaded the despairing young lady. "But you *must* pay your bill," insisted the unrelenting black moustache.

"I will pay your bill," announced a young gentleman entering the room with pocketbook in hand. "Well, just so it is paid," agreed the landlord taking the money and departing. "My hero!" exclaimed the young lady, eyes brimming with tears of gratitude.

A Prince Charming does not always show up at the crucial moment when many students at the Bible College must pay their bills. This year more than ever before students are having to drop out of school, because they must have some financial backing to continue their studies.

The young men and women attending Free Will Baptist Bible College come from ordinary American homes. Some have parents who are able to take care of all their financial needs; others have some help from their folk, but must work to earn part of their school expenses. Some are G. I.s whose training is paid for by the Veterans Administration; a few have to earn their entire bill by working; some come depending upon promises from the church back home which fail to materialize.

One young lady arrived on campus with only \$100 to her name and without any definite family backing. She worked some, borrowed some to meet deadlines, prayed much, and when she completed her work three years later her account was paid in full.

Paying-up day comes. All student accounts must be cleared. Some of the accounts were paid in full the day of registration. One student rushes in and planks down his final \$10 happily exclaiming, "There it is." Some students are not so fortunate. The church people back home said they would stand behind them. Work was scarce this year, too. Not many parttime jobs were available; the pay was low when you could get work.

The postman brings a large bundle of mail—letters, pamphlets, papers, packages.

Each letter is eagerly opened. A note from Dad: "Son, I know you must have the money, but we just don't have it. The drought has got us behind so we can't get any more money on the crop."

Nothing turns up the last minute for some few students. They go to make their report to the school: "Nothing came in the mail today. What can we do?" One young woman tries to blink away the tears. She has never had to meet a financial crisis alone before. The strain is terrific. The red eyes of another student shows that he has spent the night in prayer that God might supply his needs. Sometimes the miraculous happens. Some students pay their bills by literally praying the money in as some friend or church group realizes the need and comes through.

"I came to the Bible College in September because I had promised God I would train to become a missionary," says a student. The folk from the church had given him a farewell supper. Most of the regular church members had been there and had presented him with some luggage and other small gifts. They had all shaken hands with him, were proud of him, so glad that a young man from their church was accepting God's call to the ministry. "We'll be behind you, John," they had said. "If you need anything, just let us know."

It had been a real adventure being away from home. Most of the folk wrote him at first. One letter contained a dollar bill for him to get a haircut. But for the last month he had heard only from his family, and they had done everything they could.

The church that wins people to the Lord and prays that God may call them out into His vineyard and rejoices when a timid youth steps forward to announce that God has laid His hand on him—has not done a complete job. The church that brings forth full-time workers for Christ from its membership must also back up these youth to see that they not only start but that they also continue through with their training.

Perhaps there is a young man or woman from your church at the Bible College. He is there because he accepted the challenge to train for better Christian service. Have you enquired about his financial needs? Will you command him into the midst of the battle, and then withdraw for him to fight the battle alone? Check up on that student right away. A little financial help at this time might make it possible for him to stay in school.

Georgia State Leader Recovering from Illness

TIFTON, Ga.—Rev. E. C. Morris, promotional secretary for the Georgia state association, is improving after suffering a heart attack on January 12, according to reports from Georgia. Mr. Morris was stricken while working to get his office in readiness for the mission revivals scheduled in the state.

He was taken immediately to the hospital and was making speedy recovery until ten days later when a stroke paralyzed his left side and left him unable to speak. He has now regained use of his limbs, however, and is able to speak.

Mrs. Morris is carrying on the work of his office, with assistance from ministers in nearby churches. Rev. H. L. Knighton, Albany pastor, writes: "We urge all the churches in the state to put forth added effort to raise the financial budget. By so doing we will aid Brother Morris in his battle for restored health by relieving him of any anxiety concerning the task to which he is so faithfully dedicated."

It has been requested that, when sending offerings, the sender please designate what the offering is for, name of the church, and the association to which the church belongs.

Reconstruction Planned By Goldsboro Church

GOLDBORO, N. C.—Plans to reconstruct the First Free Will Baptist church which burned during the winter are underway, according to Rev. J. R. Davidson, pastor. After investigating several possibilities, the congregation has decided to clear away the destroyed property and build on the same location.

The pastor expressed his appreciation to the many friends of the church who have made contributions toward the reconstruction work. He said they had received much more from individuals than from organizations, but a list of the organizations contributing follows:

Carey Newton class of First Baptist church, Goldsboro; Woman's Auxiliary of Kenly church, N. C.; Men's Bible class of Black Jack church, Greenville, N. C.; Circle Two of St. Paul's Methodist church, Goldsboro; Home Rebekah Lodge 106, Goldsboro; WSCS of St. Luke's Methodist church, Goldsboro; Adult class of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist church.

Homemaker's class of First Baptist church, Goldsboro; Oddfellow's Children's Home, Goldsboro (by the children); Loyal Order of Moose, Goldsboro; Union Grove Free Will Baptist church; Sherron Acres church, Durham, N. C.; Warden's Grove church, Lowland, N. C., and Gleaner's class of East Nashville church, Tenn.

Denominational Calendar for 1955

MARCH

Simultaneous Revival Month Bible Conference meets March 27-31 on campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Executive Committee holds semi-annual meeting at Nashville March 31-April 1. Ohio state convention meets March 24-26 at Owl Creek church, near Madison.

APRIL

Simultaneous Revival Month Foreign Missions Emphasis to be climaxed with special Easter offering.

April 10-Foreign Missions Sunday.

April 18-22-National Association of Evan-gelicals meets at Sherman Hotel in Chicago, Ill.

MAY

Denominational Debt Month, with special campaign May 15-22 to clear \$15,000 indebtedness on denominational head-quarters building.

JUNE

Sunday School Emphasis

- National Sunday School convention to be held at a time and place announced later.
- West Virginia state convention meets June 10-11 at Gordon church, six miles east of East Rainelle on U. S. Highway 60.
- California state convention meets June 15-17 at Arvin.

JULY

Annual convention of the National Asso-ciation of Free Will Baptists meets July 12-14 at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Woman's National Auxiliary Convent meets July 11-12 at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Convention

AUGUST Summer Camp Month with youth emphasis

SEPTEMBER

Christian Education Emphasis

OCTOBER

Superannuation Month with emphasis on national and state programs for assistance to aged ministers.

NOVEMBER

State Missions Month climaxed with special Thanksgiving offering.

DECEMBER

National Home Missions Month climaxed with special Christmas offering. Universal Bible Sunday on December 11.

Full-Time Job

The world may need a better mousetrap, I don't know about that;

Lut nature did a right good job When she made the cat.

But there's one thing the world does need, At this I'll have a try;

I'm sure it will be a full-time job-Making a better "I".

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This feature of CONTACT has been a blessing to our entire denominational program. Through the Prayer Fellowship hundreds of people have joined in daily prayer for requests that have ranged from their personal lives to the world-wide ministry of our church. We still have on hand some of the beautiful, two-color membership cards for those who would

like to join us in this daily fellowship of prayer. We will send them in any quantity to any group wanting to enroll their members. This would be well for Woman's Auxiliaries, Leagues, cottage prayer meeting groups, Sunday school classes, prayer bands, etc.

Send us the number of your membership and we'll supply the cards, suitable for carrying in purse or billfold, free.

March is Simultaneous Revival Month. There can be no hope of revival without constant, persevering prayer. Any great revivalist will tell you that without the earnest prayers of those who long for the souls of men there can be no sweeping spiritual awakening. Really, let us pray this month as never before.

Tues., March 8 .- Pray for the efforts on the part of our churches which are engaged in simultaneous revival endeavors.

Wed., March 9 .- Pray for the necessary means to bring Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, our missionaries to India, home for a furlough.

Thurs., March 10.-Pray for the churches that God may lead them in selecting revivalists for their meetings.

Fri., March 11 .--- Pray for the home mission work being done in Kentucky.

Sat., March 12-Pray for a greater response to the "Every Church Family" plan for distributing CONTACT among more of our people.

Sun., March 13 .- Pray for the services in your own church today. Remember particularly your pastor.

Mon., March 14.-Pray for the speakers who are scheduled for our annual Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Tues., March 15 .- Pray for the efforts of Oklahoma Free Will Baptists in regards to the opening of their school.

Wed., March 16 .- Pray earnestly for a spirit of Christian harmony among our people everywhere.

Thurs., March 17 .- Pray for the work of our home missionary teams; they need the comforting assurance of your prayers. Secure their addresses and write to them.

Fri., March 18-Pray for the churches which are without pastors and those which are making changes in pastors.

Sat., March 19 .- Pray for your pastor, your Sunday school officers, and your League officers that they may do a good job tomorrow.

Sun., March 20 .--- Pray that souls may be saved in your services today.

Mon., March 21 .- Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey and our other missionaries in Cuba.

Tues., March 22 .- Pray for the students of Free Will Baptist Bible College as they enter into mid-semester examinations today. Ask God to bless students in our other schools, also,

Wed., March 23 .- Pray for Miss Laura Belle Barnard and our other missionaries in India.

Thurs., March 24.-Pray for the Free Will Baptist Bible College Prayer Band and the great work it is doing.

Fri., March 25.—Pray for the staff of the Bible college and the headquarters building in Nashville as they make last minute preparations for the annual Bible Conference.

Sat., March 26.-Pray for your pastor as he plans tomorrow's services.

Sun., March 27.-Pray for the hundreds of our people who are traveling the highways today heading for the annual Bible Conference at our Bible college.

Mon., March 28 .- Pray for the Bible Conference which is in session this week.

Tues., March 29.-Pray for the personnel of the boards and committees which will meet in Nashville this week to attend to important business.

Wed., March 30 .- Pray again for the speakers on our Bible Conference program.

Thurs., March 31.--Pray for the success of the national executive committee meetings being held today and tomorrow.

Fri., April 1.-Pray for the hundreds who are returning home from the Bible Conference today.

Sat., April 2 .- Pray again for your church officers and leaders.

Sun., April 3.-Pray for our pastors as they make their reports on the Bible Conference which they attended last week in Nashville.

Mon., April 4.—April is simultaneous revival month, also. Pray that we may experience great blessings this month.

Tues., April 5.-Continue to pray for our "Crusade for Christ" efforts.

Wed., April 6 .--- Pray for the work of our national boards at headquarters.

Thurs., April 7 .--- Pray for an infilling of the Holy Spirit in your own life.

A Primer on Missions

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that the ministry of his Church must be a world-wide ministry; (2) the example of the influential Antioch church, a majority of whose members seem to have been Gentiles, and (3) the activities of the early Christians as they followed in the footsteps of Paul and his companions after the Apostle had become heir to a martyr's crown about A.D. 66.

We have further the example of a group of brave missionaries many years later who carried the gospel, among other places, to our own forefathers in Great Britain and onto the continent of western Europe (there was a time when *our ancestors* had a degrading worship of sun, moon and heavenly bodies—how thankful we are that someone cared).

And, finally, there is the example of men in the past couple of centuries like David Livingstone in Africa, preaching the gospel and giving the death blow to the inhuman slave trade in that land; of William Carey in India, whose major service was giving the Bible to more than thirty tribes and peoples in their own language.

Motive Is Listed

Of Robert Morrison, who gave the Bible in Chinese to the large number of faithful messengers who should later follow; of Hudson Taylor who founded the largest mission in China, and that mission now, forced out of China by the Communists, is spreading over the East Indies including our Philippines; and of a great host whom no man could number, whose obedience to Christ's last command has been responsible for the glorious missionary movement we now have.

And what are the motives for missionary giving and service? The words of Jesus to Peter, "Lovest thou me?", thrice spoken, give us the motive which alone will cause us to give and go. The question is stimulating. "Lovest thou me?" he asked, and he said, "If any man love me, he *will* keep my words."

Triple Ministry Necessary

We are told (Matt. 4:23) that Jesus went about all Galilee teaching, preaching and healing. This triple ministry has been carried out in nearly all of our foreign missionary work in the various parts of the world. The healing ministry, carried on by medical missionaries which Free Will Baptists hope to have on the field in a few years, is not only to relieve suffering, but more valuable because it opens hearts to the message of salvation.

Free Will Baptists now have fifteen adult missionaries—six in India, six in Cuba, one in Africa, and two in Japan. May God hasten the day when these fifteen have been multiplied to one hundred and fifty and then to five hundred.

Stir us, oh, stir us, Lord, we care not how, But stir our hearts in passion for the world; Stir us to give, to go, but most to pray; Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie, O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

DON'T FORGET!

A convenient renewal envelope is enclosed in this issue if your subscription expires now. Every month we get many letters from people who hadn't intended to miss a *single issue*, but they laid their renewal envelope aside for a few days and then forgot it until another issue had already been mailed. Don't run the risk of missing a single issue. Renew today!

Thirty-seven Churches Report S.S. Averages

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First Church, Dothan	110	39
Vernon	90	57
ARKANSAS		
Pocahontas	187	73
Phillips Chapel Springdale	147	15
First Church, Pine Bluff	116	
First Church, Pine Bluff Mt. Harmony, Saffell	73	25
CALIFORNIA		
Turlock	146	70
Modesto	144	85
Kerman	130	05
KENTUCKY	100	
Virgie	57	18
MICHIGAN	57	10
Highland Park	400	
	489	
MISSISSIPPI		
Beech Springs, Tupelo	104	64
MISSOURI		
Southside, St. Louis	204	
First Church, Flat River	156	66
First Church, Monett	111	
First Church, Flat River First Church, Monett First Church, Farmington	46	20
NORTH CAROLINA		
St. Mary's, New Bern	335	
Swannanoa	189	35
Hickory Chapel, Ahoskie	122	33
OHIO		
Sciotodale	180	34
OKLAHOMA		
First Church Tulsa	290	66
Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City	259	00
Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City Lawnwood, Tulsa	$\tilde{206}$	
Lewis Avenue, Tulsa	176	
Henryetta	132	68
Bristow	112	
Tecumseh	106	43
Airport, Tulsa	94	
Greenbrier, Pryor	62	
TENNESSEE		
First Church, Elizabethton Loyal Chapel, Columbia First Church, Erwin	211	
Loyal Chapel, Columbia	201	
First Church, Erwin	183	38
New Hope, Joelton Bethlehem, Ashland City Wooddale, Knoxville	168	76
Bethlehem, Ashland City	127	
	105	
TEXAS		
First Church, Houston	110	60
WEST VIRGINIA		
Kilsyth	200	
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An Appeal

For many months the Alumni Association of the Bible college has provided the postage to send CONTACT air mail to all our missionaries. The expense has been so great, however, that they find themselves out of funds. Subscriptions to missionaries are furnished free, but air mail postage cost about \$10 a month. Papers sent via air mail arrive in a few days, where it would take from two to three months if they went by regular mail.

This is an appeal for your help. Any money which you send in for this purpose will be kept in a special fund and used only for postage to missionaries.

Enrollment at College Climbs to New High

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Second semester registration on January 26 raised the year's total enrollment at the Free Will Baptist Bible College to 187, the highest in the school's history, according to LaVerne D. Miley, registrar.

Fifteen new students and one returnee enrolled for the new semester. This new total exceeds the previous high of 1952-53 by seventeen.

Two students completed their work at the close of the first semester. Ilean Stultz, Springfield, Ohio, earned her diploma for the 3-year Christian Worker's Bible course. Leah McGlohon, Winterville, N. C., completed her work for the B.A. degree. They will receive their awards at the graduation exercises in June.

New students for the second semester and home towns are Hubert Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.; Kirby Joe Godwin, Dunn, N. C.; Mildred Hall, Jacksonville, N. C.; Roger Harwell, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Delilah Hoffman, Richmond, Calif.; Annie Kellum, Jacksonville, N. C.

Guy Owens, Fountain, N. C.; Mary Ellen Rice, Morchead City, N. C.; Earl D. Sammons, Cliff, Ky.; Billy Sharpeton, Florence, Ala.; Robert Logan Shockey, Greenup, Ky.; Russell Spurgeon, Mountain Grove, Mo.; and Helen Swearns, Gustus Thompson, and William Thompson, all of Nashville.

NAE Convention Set For April in Chicago

WHEATON, Ill.—The 13th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals—"the convention of conventions"—will be held in the famed Sherman hotel in Chicago, April 19-22.

Associate Executive Director George Ford also announced from the new NAE headquarters in Wheaton, a suburb of Chicago, that the convention theme is "Fellowship One with Another."

Speakers definitely lined up include Dr. Harold John Ockenga of Boston, Dr. H. H. Savage, NAE president who will return from South America just in time for the sessions, Dr. Paul Petticord of Portland, Oregon, and Chief of Air Force Chaplains C. I. Carpenter.

The "convention of conventions" tag line has now been given to this major evangelical conclave because of the ten and more con+ventions which go on simultaneously and are a part of the regular sessions.

Further information can be obtained by writing to George Ford, c/o National Association of Evangelicals, 108 N. Main, Wheaton, Illinois.

Along the Missionary Newsfront

TRUCK IN AFRICA . . . From the Zululand staff at the Mseleni station in Africa there comes this word about the new 1954 three-ton, four-wheel drive International truck which Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens purchased and shipped while home on furlough: "How we praise God for this vehicle! Each day the truck proves its worth a hundred times. It has already been to a number of weekend meetings in places where there is an established work and in unworked areas as well. It is doing its part in bringing the gospel to the people who still sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. If you had part in making this truck a reality, we want you to know that it is a real blessing, and we feel sure its worth will be register in eternal values."

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GOATS IN CUBA . . . As part of a program to raise the health standard in the rural areas in Cuba, Rev. Thomas H. Willey, director of the Free Will Baptist work there, is placing milk goats on many farms. A bulletin from *Heifer Project Inc.* reveals that thirty of the goats were shipped from the collection farm at Delaware, Ohio during December for Cuba.

VIOLENCE IN MEXICO . . . On the second day of an evangelistic campaign held recently in the city of Puebla, Mexico, 85 Roman Catholic nuns rebelled against the Catholic Church and fled from the city for refuge.

A team of personal workers went to the nearby city of Cholula (the city of 367 Roman Catholic churches) to evangelize. Dynamite powder was thrown on the workers and attempt made to ignite the powder. A church bell alarm rang loudly as the local priest called for blood. The mayor of the city came to the rescue with armed soldiers who led the workers into the mayor's office. The mayor seemed sympathetic and ordered a special bus to take them back to Puebla.

HOSPITAL IN COLOMBIA . . . Plans are being made for the building of an evangelical hospital in Bogota, Colombia. This is a dire need, in view of the difficultics encountered by Protestant patients in hospitals, especially in charity hospitals which are administered by Roman Catholic sisters. If a Protestant admits that he is such, it is difficult for him to enter the thospital.

If he is admitted, and he refuses to confess or attend religious rites, he is a marked patient and even the lowliest employees have the right to mock him and mistreat him because of his faith. Medicines and treatments are administered improperly or not



Rev. Thomas H. Willey hands a check to the president of the power and light company in Pinar del Rio, Cuba, as final payment for the installation of electric lines to the Cedars of Lebanon college, Free Will Baptist school near the city. Watching the transaction is Mrs. Willey, wife of the director of the Cuban field. The money for the project, amounting to more than \$2,500, was raised in a campaign sponsored by the leagues of the denomination.

Now that the lights project has been successfully completed, the leagues are starting on a new campaign. This one will be to provide \$3,000 for the construction of a chapel in the city of Pinar del Rio, according to Rev. C. F. Bowen, secretary for the League Board.

at all. A four hundred bed hospital (three hundred paying and one hundred charity) is proposed.

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FAMILY MISSIONS STUDY . . . Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist church recently conducted a family missions study on a Wednesday night. A chili supper was served at six o'clock with three mission study groups meeting at seven. Seniors and Adults were led by Rev. LaVerne D. Miley, Mrs. James B. Hall conducted the study for the Junior-Intermediate group, and Mary E. Griffith led the children. The following Sunday was missionary Sunday and the congregation gave more than \$700 to missions.

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DIFFICULTIES IN GREECE . . . In the village of Neos Mylotopos in Macedonia, Greece, an old man, 74 years old and almost blind, rides his donkey from village to village, distributing Scripture portions and Christian literature. Recently an attempt was made to poison him by injecting poison into some fruit offered to him and his wife to eat.

Because of his great activities in distributing the Word of God, he has been summoned to appear before a criminal court in the ancient Biblical city of Berea. He will be defended by a lawyer who will be financed by the American Mission to Greeks.

WORD FROM JAPAN ... Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, who are opening the newest Free Will Baptist mission field in Japan, write: "We have made at least two definite attempts at witnessing to Japanese.

One young man seems very interested. He was a pilot in World War II. He comes here to visit us quite often, but we are hindered because of the language.

"He brought us a bottle of wine for a New Year's gift. I tried to be tactful in telling him that we did not drink, and trust that the incident was used as a witness for the Lord. He went and exchanged the wine for orange juice. He did not seem offended and plans to come again next Sunday. Please pray for him.

"Our new address is 325 2 chome; Nakemeguro; Meguro-Ku; Tokyo, Japan. We would be glad to contact our servicemen here in Japan if their relatives will write us about them."

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RADIO IN GUATEMALA . . . Missionaries of the Evangelical Schools of Central America (TESCA) now have excellent radio time on the powerful government radio station in Guatemala. In nearly all the public squares of that country this station is usually heard playing over an amplifier.

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ATTACK IN SPAIN . . . On Feb. 2 the Falangist newspaper *Arriba* published a violent attack on "increasing Protestant propaganda in Spain," and described Protestantism as being "not only a crime against religion but also against the State." It ended as follows: "Not only in the name of the State, not only in the name of the Catholic religion, but also in the name of the All-powerful, we should denounce Protestant propaganda as a personal insult, as a fratricidal provocation."

The Free Will Baptist Story— God's Man for God's Hour

Editor's note: This is Part Twelve of this series, which means that it has been running for a year. When the series is completed in a few months all of the articles will be printed in a book called, "The Free Will Baptist Story." We hope the book will prove as popular and be enjoyed as much as this series of articles.

In every crisis God has always had man for the time. Such men were Moses and Joshua, Gideon and Samuel, Jeremiah and Isaiah, and countless others who have served in times of special need. Such men must be at the same time visionaries and visioners, conformists and pioneers, heroes and fools.

Benjamin Randall, God's man for God's hour measured up in every respect, and as such was used mightily of Him in establishing the Free Will Baptist church in the northeast.

It was in the township of New Castle, situated on an island in the entrance of Portsmouth Harbor, New Hampshire, where Benjamin Randall was born on February 7. 1741. He was the eldest son of Captain and Mrs. Benjamin Randall.

Was Unusual Child

Of the earlier years of his life we know very little only that he was the subject of strong religious impressions and seems to have been an unusual child in this respect. At the age of nine he went to sea with his father and this was his occupation "off and on" until he was eighteen. During these years young Benjamin became so disgusted with the profanity and reckless abandon of the sailors that he got a different job. He was apprenticed to a sail-maker in Portsmouth, where he remained until he was twenty-one years old. It is said that during this time he never neglected his seasons of fasting and prayer or attending services on the Lord's day. He sometimes engaged in dancing and similar recreations but was later to come into severe condemnation over this.

Educational facilities were very limited in Mr. Randall's day and his earliest experiences in the "common" schools were somewhat niggardly. Dartmouth College had just come into existence but was designated "for the education of Indians and such as purposed to be missionaries among them." Benjamin was able to secure a good "mercantile" education by taking advantage of the opportunities at hand.

Learns of Whitefield's Death

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Randall returned to New Castle. This was in the year 1770, the same year that the famous preacher, George Whitefield, made his last visit to America. Randall was among those Damon C. Dodd

who opposed Whitefield and his message, but like many others, was drawn inexorably into the services. In speaking of the preacher afterwards, he said, "The power with which he spoke was a torment to me."

In spite of this, Randall grew harder and more bitter against the truths of Mr. Whitefield's messages. It was on a Friday night that he last heard Mr. Whitefield. The following Sunday he went to Portsmouth to attend services. At noon a stranger came riding slowly down the streets with the solemn news of Whitefield's death. This announcement pierced the heart of Randall. Writing of this experience later, Mr. Randall said, "a voice sounded thru my soul, more loud and startling than ever thunder pealed upon my ears. Whitefield is dead!"

He went on to say, "Whitefield is now in heaven and I am on the road to hell. He was a man of God, yet I reviled him and spoke reproachfully of him. He taught me the way to heaven, but I regarded it not. O that I could hear his voice once again. But ah, never, no never shall I hear it again, till, in the judgment of the great day, it will be swift witness against me."

Conversion Experience

It must be remembered that Mr. Randall was a member of the Congregational Church and was, for all practical purposes, a good member. But it is evident that he had never been born again, for upon returning home from Portsmouth he locked himself in his room and gave up to thinking about his lost estate. His former religion in which he had so implicitly trusted now seemed entirely worthless.

The tempter would say to him, "Dismiss all these fears and let your good deeds which you have done be the satisfaction of your soul." One day as he was musing on his unhappy state, he came across the Scripture in Hebrews 9:26, "But now, once in the end of the world, hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." He immediately grasped on the hope that Christ had appeared to put away *his* sins. "This," said he, "is my only hope. I will trust him right now." And suddenly all was calm and peaceful. Listen to Mr. Randall as he gives his reaction to this experience of grace.

"Previous to the discovery of my guilt I was in love with the world and its vanities. They are now loathsome to me, and I know that I love God and long after right eousness. What, then, is this, but a channe in my heart, wrought by the power of God? This is conversion, this is what is meand in the scriptures by being 'born again.' As soon as I believed this I gave glory to God . . . O, the lovely character of Jeaus he is my transport and my trust. His precious name was all that I could repeat. It seemed to me that if I had ten thousand souls, I could trust them all with Jesus." The time of Mr. Randall's conversion was October 15, 1770.

Starts Prayer Meeting

In 1771, November 28, he was married to Joanna Oram and they lived in New Castle, where Randall had gone into business as a sail-maker. The family altar way set up in their home and they united with the Congregationalist Church a year later. However, the immoralities which he found in the church so grieved and vexed his soul that he was forced to try to find something better.

Having revealed his convictions to a few of the most devoted in the church, they agreed together to hold meetings on the Sabbath and Thursday evenings for "singing, prayer, and the reading of a sermon, or some other good book." The report soon got out that Randall wanted to be a preacher and his pastor took this fact, along with Mr. Randall's occasional visita to other congregational meetings to mean that he was dissatisfied, whereupon fellowship between the two practically ceased.

Hears English Preacher

In March, 1775, Mr. Randall attended a special service in the "Separate" meeting house in Portsmouth at which an Englishman was speaking and it so happened that the sermon text was Hebrews 9:26, the one that had given so much hope and light to him. The sermon was both practical and Biblical and at the close of the service Randall went to the pulpit stairs to shake the minister's hand and congratulate him, intending to tell him a little of his own experience with this text.

However, he became so happy in his rememberings and spoke so freely and audibly that all in the house understood him distinctly. He invited the Englishman to come to New Castle and preach in his church, to which the man consented. When Mr. Randall took the good news to his pastor he was met with a positive refusal in regards to using the meeting house for the service. When the day of the meeting ar rived and minister and people came together, the town officers opened the house and the service progressed. Now another problem presented itself. The day of Communion was approaching and Randall did not know what to do. The alicnation between him and the pastor had grown so intense, and the church generally sympathized with the pastor. Randall supposed that the emblems would be refused him, and if so, he would have to insist on a trial. But when the day came, no hindrance was presented, so he examined himself and partook with the others.

Leaves His Church

His only alternative now was to stay away from the meetings and refuse the ordinances and await the action of the church. A few of the others did the same, and continuing their meetings by themselves, they soon became the subjects of reproach. The vitality of the church was so far gone that no action was ever taken, and for twenty-five years there was not a single addition to the church. By 1821 it was reduced to one member—a widow. Thus ended Mr. Randall's connection with the Congregational Church.

One day while walking alone, he began thinking about the lost condition of poor sinners. He was wondering who there was to really warn them to turn from sin, when a voice seemed to say, "Why don't you warn them?" So frightened and rebellious was he at such suggestions that he ran from the Lord. He joined the army and held the rank of orderly sergeant in Colonel Mooney's regiment.

Receives Truth on Baptism

A son of Colonel Mooney, who was his father's waiter at that time, has this to say of Randall's army life. "I had a very high regard of Mr. Randall, both as a man and a Christian. Whenever he heard that a soldier was sick he sought the first opportunity to visit him and pray with him . . ." He fought in the battle of Bunker Hill and also saw action in some of the other important contests in the Revolutionary War.

Another crisis came into Randall's life at the birth of their third child. For quite some time he had been in doubt on the matter of infant baptism, and now before having the child baptized he was determined to satisfy himself as to the teaching of the Bible on this matter. While he was in indecision on the matter, his wife had the child sprinkled. This spurred Randall on to a more fervent search of the Word and the result was that he was perfectly satisfied in his own mind that immersion, and the immersion of believers only, was the baptism of the Bible.

Accepts Immersion

Such conviction meant, of course, that Randall himself had not been properly baptized so he went to confer with his confidential friend, Mr. Trefethren on the subject. In the meantime, Mr. Trefethren had also been studying on the matter, and having reached the same conclusion, started to Mr. Randall's house to confer with him on the matter and thus they met each other, bent on the same errand. One other question remained now to plague Randall and that was concerning the ministry. The struggle was long and obstinate and at times Mr. Randall felt so unworthy and incompetent to be called to preach that he prayed God to take him out of the world rather than call him to preach the Gospel. The more he prayed, the more insistent became the call. At last, in a meeting with his group, the surrender came.

Begins to Preach

He took a volume of Dr. Watt's sermons and stood up to read. "As I read." he said, "I began to die; and the more I read the more I felt my life departing, till I dared not read another line, lest the Lord should leave me to hardness of heart and blindness of mind." He threw down the book, confessed his convictions of duty to preach, and his disobedience, and said, "Now, by the grace of God, I am resolved to be obedient, and give myself up to his service as long as I live."

The next day he wrote a covenant with the Lord, in which he laid himself and his all on the altar for service or sacrifice, as it might please God. After this consecration he received a renewal of his commission and a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. His former timidity about preaching now entirely left him. Instead of centering his thoughts upon his own incapacity, he was enabled more fully to realize God's exhaustless resources, and to grasp more firmly his promises of support.

In April, 1777, Mr. Randall gave his first sermon, using as a text Revelation 3:12, "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out."

Ministry Is Opposed

Opposition to Randall's ministry was not long in rearing its ugly head. A revival in New Castle in the spring of 1777 resulted in thirty conversions but much profane and evil talk against Randall arose because of his opposition to Calvinism. A brick thrown at him grazed his hair as it passed. A group gathered with tar and feathers at an appointed place where Randall was supposed to pass, but upon being informed that he had gone another way, put the tar and feathers on a nearby fence-post.

He was later invited to preach in Kittery, Maine, and again a mob was organized against him. When some of his friends informed him of the plot, he said, "Ah! that is the Devil's old regiment; he once raised forty men to kill Brother Paul, but he missed it, and I believe he will be disappointed now. God calls and I must go." He passed the tavern where the mob was waiting but not a move was made.

Man of Courage

No sooner had he started preaching, however, than they came and stood in a line before the door. Randall says, "As soon as I saw them I felt a most blessed degree of the power of God." As he preached, a storm came up outside and a drenching rain fell. After the meeting, Randall went out and spoke with each one of the mob, and not one of them gave an "unhandsome word." Later as Randall was going to an evening appointment, he saw the same group barring his pathway, but as he rode on unabated, they parted right and left and allowed him to pass unmolested, bowing and wishing him goodnight as he passed.

In 1777, Randall was invited to come to New Durham and he accepted. Writing of his trip he says, "It was a wonderful journey. Wherever I went my blessed Master was with me. The power of God fell on old and young; sinners were crying for mercy, and many were rejoicing in the Lord."

The people at New Durham wanted him to settle there, and after a day of fasting and prayer, both church and minister felt it to be the will of the Lord. The committee agreed to provide him a house and pay his moving bill as well as furnish him a definite salary from the town treasury as was the custom of the times. Randall accepted the house and allowed the people to move him, but the salary he refused, saying that it was not his purpose to confine his ministry wholly to one locality, but to hold himself at liberty to serve elsewhere as God might direct. On the 26th of March, 1778, he arrived in New Durham, New Hampshire, and settled there for life.

Refused Support by Taxes

"In his arrangements with the citizens of New Durham, Mr. Randall gave his first recorded protest against the legal mode of settling ministers then in vogue. He would have no man taxed, or compelled to contribute for his support. He would have everything pertaining to worship and religious support left to the volition of the people . . . Through only one, his voice should be heard and his example set in the right direction.

"We are by no means to infer by this that he ignored the teaching of the scriptures respecting the support of the Gospel ministry. But rather, like Paul who, from present necessity, and perhaps more from the corrective power of example wrought, in a few cases, at his handicraft, so Mr. Randall decided upon his present course simply as a temporary matter, to be changed as Providence might indicate. He had a good trade and later a small farm. To one or both of these he resorted as necessity required, but so managed as to secure time for study and extensive evangelistic work."

¹ Life and Influence of the Rev. Benjamin Randall, Rev. F. L. Willey, Chapter 8. (Continued on page 13)



Woman's Auxiliary

"His Command — Our Task"

MRS. H. B. SLOAN, Executive Secretary

Reports from the Field

MERRIMON, N. C.—New officers for the Woman's Auxiliary of Edward's Chapel church were recently installed. These were Mrs. Una Hardy, president; Mrs. Mary Tosto, vice-president; Mrs. Thelma Pittman, secretary-treasurer, and the following chairmen: Mrs. Mary Tosto, enlistment; Mrs. Vera Cannon, youth auxiliary; Mrs. Corretta Hardy, study course; Mrs. Laura Hardy, program; Mrs. Margaret Dawson, orphanage, and Mrs. Ellen Dixon, benevolence.

HOUSTON, Texas—An unusual installation service was held by the Woman's Auxiliary recently at the First church here. Each officer was represented by a rung in a crepe paper "ladder of success." Officers installed were Mrs. E. D. Hellard, president; Mrs. R. D. Rivette, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. T. V. Kankey, program chairman; Mrs. A. V. Jennische, youth chairman; Mrs. J. C. Carter, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Sherrouse, study course chairman, and Mrs. C. W. Washburn, enlistment chairman.

LEARY, Ga.—A Christmas project sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Patmos church brought a great deal of joy both to the givers and recipients. The women started out to embroidery the name of each of the children in the Alabama orphanage on a handkerchief as a Christmas gift. This part of the project went along fine until the Intermediate class decided to draw the names of the intermediates in the home and send gifts to them.

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This took care of 21 of the girls and boys. The auxiliary then made doll beds complete with mattresses, spreads and dolls for all the girls under six, while various types of toys were bought for the other children. The handkerchiefs? Oh yes, they were sent too.

MODESTO, Calif.—The Women's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist church here organized a YPA on January 18. Six girls were present for the organization and elected Mrs. Cleo Doss as advisor.

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ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A Woman's Auxiliary was recently organized at the Fourth church here. Seventeen members have joined the new organization. Officers were elected as

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follows: Mrs. Wilma Brakefield, president; Mrs. Jerry Bullis, vice-president, and Mrs. Lee DeWitt, secretary-treasurer.

Both a YPA and GTA have also been organized. Both of these groups were formed with ten members. Mrs. Oletha Hubbard is directing the YPA and Mrs. Jerry Bullis is sponsor of the GTA.

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TURBEVILLE, S. C.—February 12 was district YPA day at the Horse Branch church near here. Theme for the day was "The Road Ahead", with Rev. Eugene Waddell, student at Columbia Bible College as special speaker. YPAs from the following churches helped present the day's program: Mt. Elon, Bethany, Manning, Darlington, East Side, First Church at Florence, Sand Hill, and Beulah.

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HOBBS, N. Mex.—A candlelight installation service was presented by the Woman's Auxiliary Sunday night, January 30. The following officers, who were all dressed in white robes, were installed: Mrs. Katie Pinson, president; Mrs. Ada Holmes, vicepresident; Mrs. Fannie Gipson, secretary; Mrs. Emma Stafford, treasurer; Mrs. Lorene Fowler, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Cleta Webb, orphanage chairman; Mrs. Lillie Harless, study course chairman, and Mrs. Bessie Gartman, program-prayer chairman.

Guen Gipson was the speaker. At the close of the service an offering was taken for home missions.

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HENRYETTA, Okla.—The most recent project for the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist church was the purchasing of a mimeograph machine for the church. The church now produces a weekly bulletin. The auxiliary meets at night twice each month.

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DESLOGE, Mo.—An auxiliary workshop for the Southeast Missouri district was held January 12 at the Desloge church. Mrs. Blanche Poke, Fredericktown, presided over the activities of the day. Topics built around the theme, "Know God's Workers," were given by Mrs. Agnes Smith and Mrs. Hazel Scott. Devotionals during the day were brought by Mrs. Nellie Stegall and Mrs. Virginia Beasley. A mission study course was conducted in the afternoon by Mrs. Eunice Edwards, an officer of the WNAC.

ROSE BUD, Ark.—The district auxiliary convention of New Hope association met January 8 at Mt. Bethel church near here. Theme for the day was "Stop, Look and Listen." Rev. Curtis Lybarger brought the convention sermon. The afternoon program consisted of home and foreign missions highlights and a talent hour from the YPA members.

With the help of the quarterly conference, the district auxiliary convention has raised funds to cover the dining hall at the state league campground. The next convention will meet April 9 at Searcy. Theme for this meeting will be "Declaring His Glory through Soul-Winning."

PLEASANT VIEW, Tenn.—The spring workshop of the Cumberland district auxiliary convention will be held March 26 at the Oaklawn church. The program for the day will be developed around the theme, "Going Forward—Now!" One of the highlights of the morning program will be "Our Officers Tell Us How to Go Forward."

Brief messages will be brought by Rev. Jesse White and Rev. Bob King. The Olivet Auxiliary will present a playlet, "How to Have a Study Course," and the Sylvan Park Auxiliary will present, "Ideas for an Easter Program." Special music will be brought by the Gospel Couriers and the YPA trio from the host church. Ray Turnage is song leader for the day with Loyce Marshall serving as pianist.

* * * HECTOR, Ark.—Nine members and three visitors were present for the January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. The scripture was read by Mrs. J. D. Coffman followed with prayer by Miss Clytie Coffman. Mrs. W. A. Crouch presented the program, "Declaring His Glory Now through Stewardship," with Miss Coffman, Mrs. Jake Garrigus, Mrs. A. J. Churchill, and

Mrs. E. H. Langford taking parts. Officers who will serve during 1955 are Mrs. J. D. Coffman, president; Mrs. W. A. Crouch, vice-president; Mrs. E. H. Langford, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Crouch, program chairman, and Miss Coffman, personal service chairman.

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WARREN, Ark.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Pleasant Valley church was held January 11. "Declaring His Glory through Stewardship" was the program theme. Eleven members answered the roll call. The auxiliary began a study of the manual January 18.

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TULSA, Okla.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Lewis Avenue church held their annual enlistment program during January with 18 women present. Four new mcmbers were received into the organization. One of the projects for this auxiliary is wrapping bandages for the hospital.



MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS

Any sales person will tell you there are a few categories that will fit all kinds of customers. Regardless of what article the customer is buying, he will usually fit into one of the following groups. For instance:

There is the man who enters the store with a jaunty air. He has the money to pay for what he wants. He hasn't been fortunate enought to be as "well-heeled" very often before, so the gleam of the dollars in his pocket is reflected in his face.

He has a benevolent outlook on the whole world and he fairly exudes goodwill. He has the look of a man with the world on a platter on a down-hill slide. Any astute salesman will make a bee-line for him, for they know this is one sale they won't have to "sell" to make. In the vernacular of the trade, he is a "cash sale" or "sales value."

Then there is the customer whom salespeople call "trade-in" or "swappo." He enters the store with a pre-determined value of the article he intends to buy. He may not know much about cost of production, but he knows how much he intends to pay for what he wants. He wants the deluxe job at a "floor-sample" price.

He always has something to trade-in, which to him is worth almost as much as the article he wants to buy. No smoothtongued salesman is going to talk him into anything, he says. Salespeople avoid him like the plague.

If the salesman hasn't reached his sales quota for the week, he's very happy to see this next customer enter the store. You can sell him anything—he will buy the top brick off a chimney. He comes in to buy a spool of thread and buys a sewing machine before he leaves. Nothing is too good for the little woman, "Honeymoon Harry" says. He's nestled on a lovely pink cloud. Life is wonderful!

Of course, the amount of the down payment usually staggers him, but he manfully keeps his purchases.

Then there are the "regulars"—ordinary people who know what they want and how much they have to spend for it. They can neither be swayed nor shoved. They appreciate the salesman's efforts, but refuse to buy simply because he puts up a good "spiel." They are glad to be shown a good buy and will usually take it. These are a joy to know and a pleasure to serve. They are the repeaters who make for consistent sales quotas.

You know, the striking similiarity between these shoppers and some church members I've known has just struck me.

Good Night or Good-Bye?

Dr. Langdale of New York tells of a devoted businessman who was struck by an automobile and hurried to a hospital. Doctors informed him that he he had about two hours to live, but to him death was only a gateway leading to the presence of God and to his Lord.

The family was hurriedly called to his bedside, and as he embraced each one he had a parting word.

"Beloved," he said to his wife, "you have been the dearest woman in the world to me. Through sunshine and shadow we have walked together, and many times I have seen the Spirit of God shining in your face. Good night, my dear. I'll see you in the morning. Good night."

"Mary, you are our first born. What a joy you have been to your father. I see in you the sweet and beautiful young woman who left her home to be the builder and keeper of mine. And what a fine Christian you are. Good night, Mary dear, good night."

He then turned to the oldest son. "Will, your coming into our home has been an unmixed blessing. You love and seek to serve the God of your father. Continue to grow in every Christian grace. Good night, Will, good night."

Charlie was next. Charlie had fallen under evil influence and had greviously disappointed his father and mother. But the dying man skipped him and spoke to the youngest child.

"Gracie, your coming was like the breaking of a new day in our home. You have filled our hearts with music. When not long ago you surrendered your soul to Christ, our joy was full to overflowing. Good night, little girl, good night."

He then called Charlie to his side. "Charlie, you were a promising boy . . . but you have followed the broad and downward road. You have not hearkened to the call of the Saviour. But I love you, Charlie . . . God only knows how much I love you. Good-bye, Charlie, Good-bye. Good-bye."

Charlie seized his father's hand and between sobs he cried out: "Father, why have you said good night to the others and goodbye to me?" "Son, I will meet the others of the family in the morning because of the promises in God's Word that assure us of a reunion. But by those same statements, I have no hope of seeing you over there. It is good-bye, Charlie."

Charlie fell on his knees by the bedside. He cried out in the agony of his soul, praying that God would forgive his sins. "Do you mean it, Charlie?" "God knows I do," said the brokenhearted young man. "Then God will hear you and save you and it will not be good-bye. So good night, my son, good night."

Oh, members of home circles, when the circle is broken on earth with those you love, will it be just a short "good night" or "good-bye" forever?



CHURCH OF THE MONTH



The newly-organized Free Will Baptist church in Ontario, California, has purchased the building shown above. The church, which was started last July following a revival conducted by Rev. Francis W. Boyle, acquired their present building in October, 1953.

The building is valued at \$30,000, but was purchased by the new congregation for \$14,000. It is completely furnished and is in good condition. The main auditorium 'will seat up to 300. The church is located at 143 North Vine Ave. Outario is about twenty-five miles from Los Angeles. Mr. Boyle serves the church as pastor.

Work in Mexico May Be Enlisted For Free Will Baptists, Dodd Says

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Free Will Baptist denomination may soon extend her borders into Old Mexico if plans now in the making materialize. This word comes from Rev. Ramon C. Dodd, promotional secretary of the national Home Mission Board who recently made a trip to Laredo, Texas, and Mexico to determine the possibilities.

For the past six months the board has been in contact with the Rev. James Timmons, of Pearsall, Texas. Mr. Timmons has been working among the Mexican people for 12 years and is not only adept in his methods but is fluent in the Spanish language. Some years ago Mr. Timmons came in contact with Free Will Baptist people and learned through them of the doctrines. In an interview with Mr. Dodd he said, "When I learned of the Free Will Baptist doctrines, I know that I had found the church of my choice and I have been anxious ever since to become affiliated."

At the present Timmons is employed by another Home Mission Board and is in charge of a Mexican church in Pearsall, Texas. He and his wife operate a kindergarten in connection with this work. He also has a small mission in Loredo where he conducts services for Mexicans. In addition to this he has mission points in Mexico where he has preached and which, for the present, he has left in charge of national workers.

Whether or not it is coincidental or providential, these churches in Mexico are known as Free Baptist churches, signifying that they are not to be regarded as being affiliated with any Baptist convention. This name, Free Baptist, is the official name of our church in Latin America.

Arrangements are not complete yet as to when Mr. Timmons will take over Free Will Baptist work. Upon his employment by the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board, he will move to Laredo and set up a Mexican Free Baptist church. After this work is established, Timmons will go into Mexico and establish other Free Baptist churches in various parts of that country.

Since Mexico is on the North American continent, work in that country comes under the jurisdiction of the Home Mission Board. the board has been investigating for several years the possibility of beginning a work along the Texas-Mexico border.

Special Broadcasts Being Aired in Maine

HOULTON, Maine—The first in a series of radio programs produced by the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board was released over the local radio station here February 6. Rev. John Ruth, area pastor, made arrangements for thirteen of the programs to be aired in this vicinity.

The purpose of the series of programs is to renew the interests of Free Will Baptists in Maine who have been cut off from denominational ties since the merger of the Maine work with the Northern Baptists in 1913.

A number of churches remained independent after the merger, however, and the programs are designed to acquaint them with current Free Will Baptist work. Until last year they had not known that there was a National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The programs are being produced and transcribed in Nashville, Tenn., scene of denominational headquarters. They were written and produced by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretary for the Board of Home Missions. Speakers are Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, national executive secretary; Rev. C. F. Bowen, secretary of the League Board, and Mr. Dodd. "Christ as Saviour and Lord" is the general theme of the series of sermons.

Music for the programs is being furnished by the music department of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Planning Begins for \$15,000 "Loyalty Gift" Drive to Retire Debt

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Initial plans are now underway for the "Loyalty Gift" campaign approved by the national association last year to pay off the indebtedness of the denominational headquarters building, according to Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary.

The campaign, scheduled to climax on Sunday, May 22, with "Loyalty Gift" day in all the churches, will have \$15,000 as its goal. Mr. Mooneyham said this amount is urgently needed by then to pay off notes which will be due and to provide for necessary repairs.

State chairmen are already being selected to head the campaign in their respective states. They will in turn appoint district chairmen to acquaint churches in all the areas with the needs. Pamphlets, special offering envelopes, "Loyalty Gift" seals, and a set of color slides showing the work of the various departments in the headquarters building are being prepared, $Mr_{\rm top}$ Mooneyham said.

State goals and chairmen will be announced about the middle of March so they may begin planning well ahead of time, the secretary said. The actual campaign will get underway about April 25_1 allowing a month to finish it.

The Free Will Baptist Story

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Preached Free Salvation

Randall traveled much and preached often and was supremely happy in his ministry. He confidently affirmed that God "was not willing that any should perish," that in the great plan of redemption Jesus tasted death for every man. He urged all unsaved people to come to Christ, promising them by the Gospel that Christ would save all who came.

He exhorted saints to perserverance in the language of the apostle, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Inasmuch as Randall was so seldom in contact with his Baptist brethren, he was not aware that his doctrine was different from that of his contemporaries. In fact, there seems to have been very little said about Calvinism by the New Hampshire Baptists with whom Randall associated.

Questioned on Doctrine

However, early in 1779 he was unexpectedly called upon in a public assembly for the the reason why he did not preach the doctrine of election as Calvin held it. His answer was characteristic, "Because I do not believe it." Realizing that he was at variance with some of the leading ministers, Randall dug into the Scriptures, resolved to discover what the Bible taught and to stand on it, the opinions of his best friends to the contrary notwithstanding.

In June, 1779, a meeting was announced at Lower Gilmanton and Randall was summoned to answer for his errors before a public assembly. The debate continued for two days and at the close of the second day the minister who had conducted the argument for the Calvinists arose and declared, "I have no fellowship with Brother Randall in his principles." Mr. Randall, standing on a seat, answered, "It makes no odds with me who disowns me, so long as I know the Lord owns me.'

Receives Ordination

From this time on the breach widened. Randall was left by the denomination but he did not stand alone. The Loudon and Canterbury churches disowned the doctrines of Calvinism and in August, 1779, a church was organized at Crown Point as an independent church. It was with this church that Randall united in March of 1780.

In April of the same year he was ordained at New Durham as an evangelist after he had been preaching for three years. The sermon and charge were given by Elder Tozier Lord, Randall's pastor. The hand of fellowship was given by Elder Edward Lock. Thus began officially the Free Will Baptist ministry of Rev. Benjamin Randall.

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Glancing Around the States ...

Twenty-two Converted During Quarterly Meeting

STIGLER, Okla .--- Twenty-two persons trusted Christ as Saviour during the threeday quarterly meeting of the Eureka association. Twenty-one churches were represented at the meeting which was held January 28-30 at the Stigler Free Will Baptist church. Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor of the host church, announced that in addition to the 22 being saved, 15 new members were added to the church. Ministers appearing on the program included Norman Woodruff, V. C. Purdom, Clark Cariker, Delbert Akin, T. M. Arnold, Curtis Maxwell, Duel Cones, and F. A. McCage. Mr. Mc-Cage added, "Our people experienced real revival, and the fellowship was wonderful."

Fellowship Holds Extension School

FLAT RIVER, Mo.—Rev. Leroy Forlines held an extension school January 17-30 at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist church. Courses taught were "Bible Doctrine" and "The Church and Its Auxiliaries." Forty-nine enrolled for the two-week session and forty-five successfully completed the courses. Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor of the Fellowship church declares that, "these courses will help each person to render better service in his church."

Bob Jones and Tom Steele Together at Black Jack

GREENVILLE, N. C.—A Bible Conference will be conducted March 2-6 at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist church. Rev. F. B. Cherry, pastor, announces that the speakers will be Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University, and Rev. Tommie Steele, radio speaker and evangelist.

St. Louis Church Calls New Pastor

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Rev. John Rogers has accepted the pastorate of the Third Free Will Baptist church in St. Louis. The church reports that souls are being saved and the church is experiencing real revival. The young people are taking an active part in the church work. One of their activities is the printing of the weekly bulletin.

Quarterly Meeting Held at Bakerville

MT. VERNON, Ill.—The Franklin county quarterly meeting was held January 29-30 at the Bakerville church. Twenty-three churches were represented, and Rev. Dwight Dame served as moderator. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the national association, spoke at the morning session. One young minister, Gene Norris, was ordained during the session. The next meeting will be held at Eakin Grove church near Benton. Rev. Oran Kersh is the new moderator.

- BEN BARRUS, News Editor -----

Missionary Conference Planned by Union Hill

SLOCOMB, Ala.—A Missionary conference is being planned by the Union Hill association for March 3-6, at the Panther Creek Free Will Baptist church. Rev. Damon C. Dodd and Rev. Raymond Riggs will be the named speakers. Local ministers on the program will include Rev. Charles Craddock, Rev. Woodrow Messex, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Rev. W. L. Eldridge, Rev. D. W. Poole, and Rev. Hubert Henderson. Rev. Rufus Hyman will preside as moderator.

Southside Leaguers Hold District Rally

PAINTSVILLE, Ky.—The Southside Free Will Baptist church was host to the leaguers of this district on January 21. The theme of the program was "The kingdom of God First," with emphasis on the training service of the church. Rev. Homer Willis, pastor of the Southside church, reported that the program included the singing of hymns and choruses; special music, a flannelgraph lesson; and a program presented by the Senior league on the subject, "Be Thou an Example."

Panther Creek Church Dedicates New Building

SLOCOMB, Ala.—Dedicatory services were conducted for a new church building at the Panther Creek Free Will Baptist church on January 29. Rev. Rufus Hyman, pastor of the church, brought the main message. Mr. Hyman reported that two men were ordained during the services, and that the meeting was well attended by local ministers including representatives from the Assembly of God and the Missionary Baptist churches.

Dothan Church Holds Denominational Rally

DOTHAN, Ala.—The First Free Will Baptist church of Dothan conducted a denominational rally on February 13 with a theme based on "The Cooperative Ministry." Total attendance at the services was 305. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the national association was the principal speaker. Mr. Mooneyham's messages during the day included "What God Needs Most," "The Together Way," and "The Place Called Calvary." Rev. Charles B. Craddock serves the church as pastor.

Henryetta Group Holds S.S. Council

HENRYETTA, Okla.—The Sunday School officers and teachers of Henryetta Free Will Baptist church conducted a special meeting on February 1. A film, "The Principles of Teaching" was a special feature of the program. Rev. Elvis Priest, Holdenville pastor, presented the program. Rev. Homer Young is pastor of the Henryetta church.

Awards Presented for Sunday School Honors

FLAT RIVER, Mo.—Jean Williams and Lucy Shaffer were awarded their fifteen-year and fourteen-year Sunday school bars respectively for their outstanding attendance record at the First church. Other attendance awards were presented to Bessie Lincoln and Shirley White for an eight-year perfect record; one three-year bar was presented; three received their second-year wreath and fourteen earned their first-year pins including the pastor, Rev. H. C. Beasley.

Homecoming At Modesto

MODESTO, Calif.—The Modesto Free Will Baptist church conducted homecoming services on February 6, which recognized the sixth anniversary of the church. Services were held in the morning and afternoon with lunch being served by the host church. Rev. Wade Jernigan, pastor of Kerman church, spoke at the morning service; and Rev. Ralph Hampton, Concord church pastor, was the afternoon speaker. Rev. O. H. Doss is pastor of the Modesto church.

Flat River First Church Gives Progress Report

FLAT RIVER, Mo.—The First Free Will Baptist church of Flat River has recently purchased a new organ and have started plans for a \$20,000 church building. Special dedicatory services were conducted on January 16 for the organ which was presented to the church last October 19 by the Ladies Mission of the church. Rev. H. C. Beasley, pastor, revealed that the newly proposed church plant will be a 40' x 60' structure which will include a basement and a first floor sanctuary with a baptistry and choir loft.

Glancing Around the States ...

Brotherhood Organized At Sylvan Park Church

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-The men of the Sylvan Park Free Will Baptist church have recently organized a brotherhood which meets every Tuesday evening. Officers elected include N. J. Bell, president; Hughey George, vice-president; Paul Uselton, secretary-treasurer; and Jessie Knight, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Missouri Leaguers Meet at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo .- The Southeast Missouri league conference met at the South Side Free Will Baptist church on January 15. Rev. Buddy Hill was the guest speaker. Mr. Hill, a student at the Bible College, based his message on the spiritual atmosphere and student activities at the college. Concluding the program was a play presented by South Side league, entitled, "Aunt Sallie Joins the Adult League."

Florida Moves State Headquarters

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Headquarters for the work of the Florida state association have been moved from Dothan, Ala., to Florida's capital city. The headquarters had been located just across the state line in Dothan ever since Rev. D. W. Poole was elected promotional secretary.

The new office address is 1610 Jackson street, Mr. Poole announces. The property includes a home for the secretary and another building on the same property which houses the state office and printing press.

Oklahoma Ministers Confer at Norman

NORMAN, Okla.-The Oklahoma state minister's conference convened here on January 20. Officers elected for the coming year include Rev. Harry E. Staires, Tulsa, president; Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Duncan, vice-president; Rev. Homer Young, Henryetta, secretary-treasurer, and Rev. L. A. Yandell, Tulsa, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Turlock Church Enjoys Success

TURLOCK, Calif .--- The Turlock Free Will Baptist church reports twelve first-time decisions for Christ in January. There have been ten baptized and twelve additions to the church during this period. Rev. Earl Jenson, pastor, adds that with the spiritual progress, there has also been a material advance. A junior chapel and more educational facilities are in the process of construction.

Church Organized By Missouri Group

FARMINGTON. Mo .- The First Free Will Baptist church was organized here on December 18, 1954. This group started as a mission organized by Rev. Damon C. Dodd in October, 1954. Rev. Dean Burpo served as pastor until Rev. James Barker was called as regular pastor on December 2. The new church of thirty-one members has recently purchased a church from the Methodists for \$25,000 which they moved into on December 22. The church has adopted the Missouri state cooperative plan.

New Oklahoma Church Organized by Elliston

OKMULGEE, Okla .--- The Bethel Free Will Baptist church was organized here on January 6 by Rev. John B. Elliston with eleven charter members. The group plans to purchase a piece of property that is located next to the Oklahoma A & M College, School of Technical Training. Officers of the new organization include Rev. John Elliston, pastor; Kenneth Beveridge, deacon; Gay Beveridge, treasurer; Gladys Elliston, clerk; and Betty Smith, assistant clerk.

Golden Gate Group Meets at Modesto

MODESTO, Calif .--- The ministers and deacons met here on December 29 for the purpose of organizing into a conference. Rev. Willard Day of the national Home Mission Board was the guest speaker. Rev. O. H. Doss was the host pastor.

Family Day Recognized At Union Grove Church

COLUMBUS, Ga .- "Family Day" was recognized in special service at the Union Grove Free Will Baptist church on January 10. The purpose of the service was to emphasize the need of God in family activities. Special note was made concerning "family altars" and how they are maintained. Rev. Huey Long, pastor, led the group in this special service.

Fairborn Begins Junior League

FAIRBORN, Ohio .--- A junior league was recently organized at the Fairborn Free Will Baptist church with twenty-eight members. The group will meet on Sunday evenings for devotions and Thursday evenings for an activity period. Officers elected for this new group include Ronald Beverly, president; Rudy Jones, vice-president; Marsha Beverly, secretary; and Evelyn Strunk, treasurer. The organization was under the direction of Mrs. Paul Strunk.

Alabama City Is Site of New Work

SULLIGENT, Ala .-- Plans are underway for the organization of a new Free Will Baptist church here under the direction of the state Home Mission Board. Rev. J. W. Cobb, chairman of the board and pastor of the Vernon church, is conducting services each Sunday afternoon in the City Hall. A lot has already been secured and the organization is expected to be completed and a building begun in the near future.

Twenty-one Churches Report Revivals

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