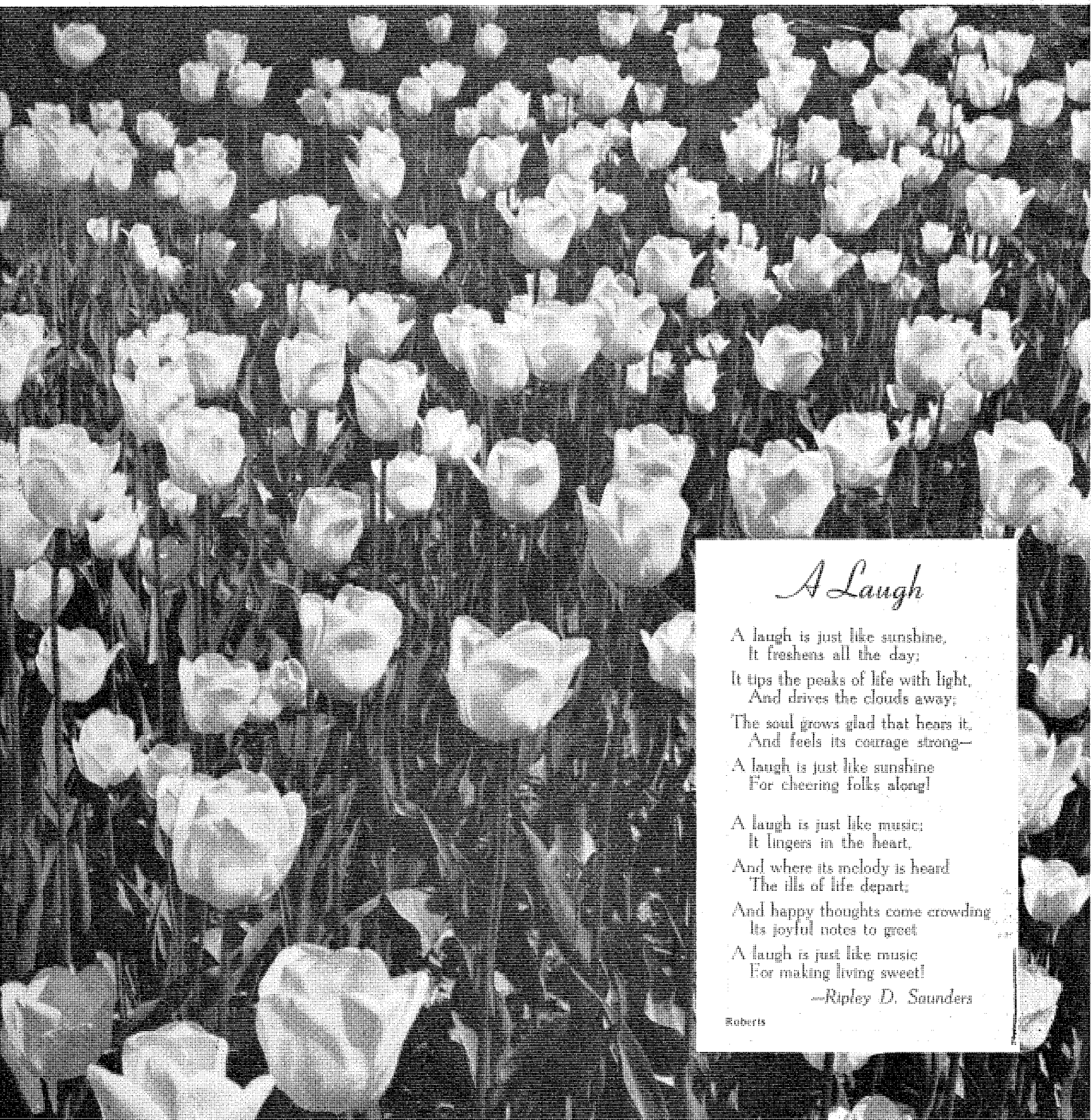


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## *A Laugh*

A laugh is just like sunshine,  
It freshens all the day;  
It tips the peaks of life with light,  
And drives the clouds away;  
The soul grows glad that hears it,  
And feels its courage strong—  
A laugh is just like sunshine  
For cheering folks along!

A laugh is just like music;  
It lingers in the heart,  
And where its melody is heard  
The ills of life depart,  
And happy thoughts come crowding  
Its joyful notes to greet  
A laugh is just like music  
For making living sweet!

—Ripley D. Saunders

Roberts



### Work of Faith

Dear Editor:

The dear Lord is still blessing us in a mighty way here in this virgin work in Louisiana. I trust that you all are praying for us here. It is rather a struggle at times to work among people who are not informed about the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Each family attending our services has been given a Treatise to study, and if any questions arise they are encouraged to approach me. Thus far we have had three families won to the denomination with at least three others definitely interested.

Last Sunday evening we inaugurated our young people's program, we have morning and evening services each Sunday, Sunday school, a mid-week Bible study and prayer service, and a mid-week visitation night. Our average in Sunday school is over 40. We are still looking for a lot on which to build. Some doors are being closed, but we know God has a place for us in this fast-growing city. Needless to say, this entire operation is a work of faith.

Rev. Malcolm C. Fry  
1801 Eleanor  
Lake Charles, La.

### All Are God's Children

Dear Editor:

This world is in need of more of Christ within each and every individual. God made all men in his image and likeness. He gave each of them a heart, soul, mind, and his love.

Who dares to feel they have the right to keep anyone from becoming educated and loved? God wants us to be kindly affectioned one to another, having the same mind which was also in Christ Jesus who did not measure a man because of his color. When Jesus was here on earth he did not walk about and examine the color of a

# Personally...

## PAY HIS EXPENSES

It is time for the churches which have not already done so to begin to make arrangements to see that their pastors have their expenses paid to the annual convention of the National Association. This is becoming increasingly the trend as the churches are made aware that this is their responsibility.

The annual convention is the business meeting of the denomination and every local church needs a representative there to help in the planning. Every local church should see to it that their pastor attends. He may not be able to, however, unless the membership sees to the financial arrangements. The number of churches which are doing this is increasing every year.

Most pastors do not draw enough salary that they can afford to pay their own expenses. Until recently when the churches started assuming this responsibility, however, many of them who had the work at heart made sacrifices to save enough to make the annual trip. This ought not to be the case any longer.

There are not many churches but what could make the necessary financial arrangements to assure the pastor that he would not have to sacrifice in order to attend the

man's skin. He asked them all to repent and turn to God.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" was meant for people of all races and nationalities. Too many of our problems come because we judge only by outward color and appearance. I would prefer to look through the eyes of Christ and see what color is inside. May God grant the miracle that every nation and tongue shall hear the Word of God and become as one in God.

Grace G. Dow  
Houlton, Maine

## New Church Progresses

Dear Editor:

I am happy to submit the following names for subscriptions to CONTACT. These are all of the seven families in our new church. I am glad to report a one hundred per cent vote of this new church to support the Cooperative Plan.

We feel that it is our chief business as laborers together with God to help advance every phase of our denominational work. We realize that it is the responsibility of the leaders of our churches to get these important facts before our people and explain to them how that all of us working together cooperatively can advance the great cause of Christ and strengthen our denomination.

We desire the prayers of all our people for the cause of Christ in New Mexico.

Mrs. L. C. Pinson  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

convention. We suggest a few ways in which this may be done.

(1) The church could include in their annual budget an amount adequate for the pastor's convention expenses.

(2) If this has not been done, a sum could be voted out of the church treasury.

(3) Some individual in the church could take it upon himself to raise enough among the members to pay the pastor's expenses.

Above all, do not wait until the pastor himself has to mention it. Make his heart glad by taking care of it yourself. The church will receive the ultimate benefit after all, for the pastor will come back from the convention a better minister.

## WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

We think you will like our new feature, "What's Your Problem?", conducted by Rev. Louis H. Moulton. He answers the questions with frankness and candor using the Scriptures as a basis for the answers he gives. We encourage our readers to seek his counsel and advice on any spiritual matter. The names of writers of all letters will, of course, be kept confidential.

## DON'T DEFEAT THE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Plan of Support continues to gain favor throughout the denomination as the simplest channel of support for all of the denomination's agencies. The suggestion that the churches give at least ten per cent of their budget to outside causes is seen as being reasonable and equitable.

The states like the plan of channeling the money from the local churches through the state offices because this provides them a record of giving and also helps supply funds for the state budget. Probably the state organizations benefit more definitely from this plan than anyone else.

There is a danger, however, that the districts and states might take advantage of the very plan which is meant to help them. Some districts have set up programs of their own and ask the churches to send their Cooperative money through the district office. Here a percentage is retained (sometimes much larger than is equitable) before the money is sent to the state office. We feel that in most every case the budget of a district would not be so large but what it could be met outside the cooperative budget without having to take from the funds. Should this not be true in an instance or two, the district should be very careful to keep only a small percentage that would be in the proper ratio with the much larger state and world-wide needs.

The same thing holds true for the state organization. If the states are not careful in their allocations to see that the world ministry of the denomination gets an amount large enough to meet its needs through the cooperative budget, they will be defeating the very program which is designed to give financial help to the states. As the very name implies, this must be a *cooperating* effort.

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# Where Is Revival?

Louis H. Moulton

## Sermon of the Month

TEXT:

"Wilt thou not revive us again:  
that thy people may rejoice in thee?"  
(Psalm 85:6)

Someone has said that the word "revival" is one of the most misused words in the vocabulary of the Christian. We hear about it and read about it from churches on every hand. One church may have one revival meeting a year, another two or more. There are cooperative revivals, city-wide revivals, revival crusades and others by other names and for every genuine effort put forth on behalf of Christ, I am deeply grateful. Daily I pray for these meetings and for revival, but where is the revival?

A revival to some means one thing and to others another thing. Perhaps we could answer the question if we could agree on our definition of revival.

Surely a revival is a time of testing; a testing of the Word of God, of God's Holy Spirit, of the Lord Jesus Christ. Does the Bible mean what it says? Is it the infallible Word of God? Does it work in this modern twentieth century? Is the Holy Spirit still in the world? Does He still convict and convert sinners and make real to them the power of God through the Lord Jesus Christ? Is it possible to tap the resources of heaven for our daily needs through prayer which desperately needs an answer?

### Time of Testing

A revival is a time of the testing of the people of God, of believers, of the blood-washed ones, of the church. Charles G. Finney tells in his autobiography of having not come to the Lord for salvation until he was almost thirty years of age. He regularly attended church, took part in the church activities, sang in the choir and yet did not come to know Christ until he was almost through his twenties.

On one occasion at prayer service he tells of having refused to allow the church to pray for him because he told them, "Your prayers do not accomplish anything. I have seen you again and again pray for revival. It has not come. I have heard you pray often for an infilling of the Holy Spirit. Nothing happens, so why should I allow you to pray for me?"

This is an awful indictment but it is just as true today. Preceding revivals we have cottage prayer meetings, we meet before service time each evening to pray for revival, we have prayer conferences, we spend hours on study courses on prayer, yet there is actually so little fire from heaven. Something is terribly wrong when a great man of God can make the statement that in his opinion "... at least eighty-five per cent of America's church members are lost."

Mr. Moulton is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church, Savannah, Georgia.

Another states that according to the way men live "... no more than one third of our nation's church members have experienced regeneration."

### Members Are Great Potential

I think from statements such as these and from observing conditions as they exist, you would have to agree with me that the greatest revival and evangelistic potential is the membership of our churches.

We, as individual Christians, must undergo testing as we examine ourselves to see if we are denying ourselves, taking up our crosses daily, allowing the Spirit of God to lead, guide and direct our every move. Do we take time daily to meditate and think on things eternal? Do we have a passion for the lost? Are we willing to spend and be spent for Christ and eternity? Are we living so as to hear Christ say to us, "Well done."

The pastor and the evangelist will certainly undergo a time of testing during a revival. If the shepherds of the flock, the

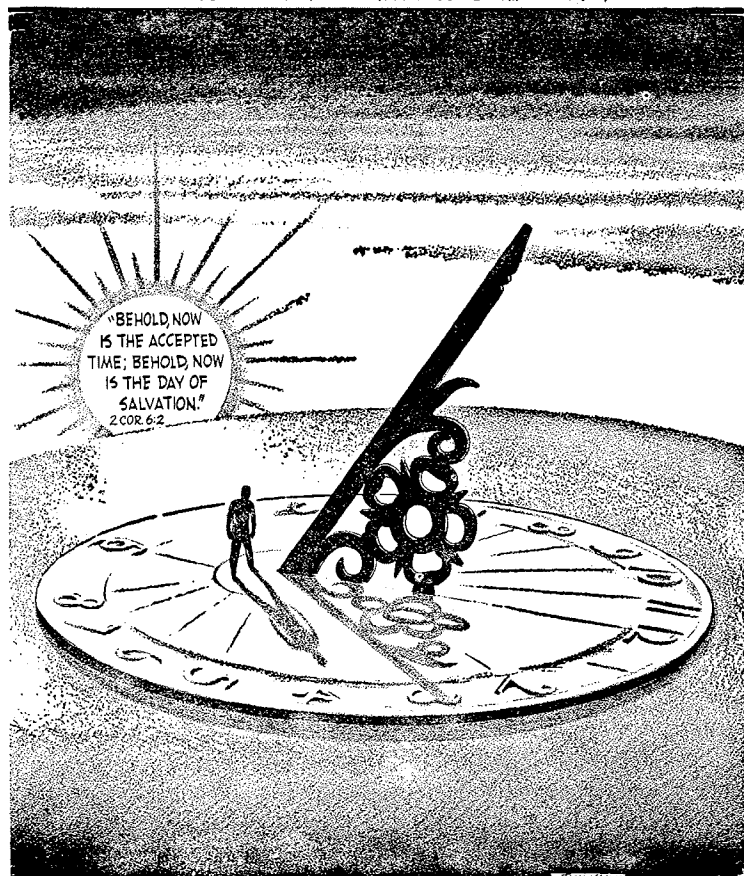
spiritual leaders, are in a right relationship with God, there will be souls who are blessed and a touch of revival, at least, will come. But if we see no moving of the Holy Spirit among the members of the church, we are too prone to pass the buck and blame each other. The pastor says the evangelist just wasn't the right man; the evangelist says the pastor did not make the right preparation.

### What about Sinner?

But what about the sinner; what part does he play in having a revival? None, whatsoever. The sinner is lost, under the condemnation of eternal separation from God and has nothing to do with revival until he has been made alive through faith in Jesus Christ. But when the church is right, the pastor, the evangelist and the Christians are yielded to God and filled with the Holy Spirit, then the sinner will be convicted and converted and brought into fellowship with God and man.

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"...WHILE IT IS DAY; THE NIGHT COMETH..." JOHN 9:4



# Why Distribute the Scriptures?

In a meeting of this nature, where we face the situation and the program of an important agency of the churches, it is always well to be clearly conscious of the basic motives that underlie all that is done. Why do we, why should we distribute the Scriptures?

The teacher of English literature would say: "There are thousands of allusions in English literature which cannot be understood without knowledge of the Bible. Indeed the Bible itself is a literary work of large importance. No cultured person should miss the Bible." The historian would say: "For such ground as it covers, it is an important historical record and gives the common man some sense of historical perspective." The moralist would say: "It holds up valuable standards of conduct and ideals that the social order greatly needs." The bigot would say: "Distribute the Bible because it proves everybody is wrong but me."

## Ministry to Lives

But the question is not asked of these distinguished citizens, it is asked of us. I think our answer must be—like so many points in sermons!—three-fold.

First—we distribute the Bible because of its ministry to the lives of individual men and women. A debauched young man in Milan reads it and becomes St. Augustine.

A medieval monk finds in it the teaching that can overcome the corruption of his Church, and with it creates a new epoch in history.

A precise little scholar, struggling with his unsatisfied soul, hears a passage sung, a commentary upon it read, feels his heart strangely warmed, and pours his life into the labors that reform a nation and alter the character of millions.

A Chinese general, injured in a coup d'etat and deeply discouraged, asks for a Bible, and his wife reads him the Psalms to bring him peace.

A Belgian parachutist, caught and flung into prison, finds himself alone, disheartened, and facing death. The secret tapping on the pipes brings him a message; a Bible is secretly passed to him; he reads and learns; and before the cell door opens to the guards who take him to the firing squad, he signals to his unseen friend, "I am going to life!"

## Constant as the Sun

An American business man, held a political prisoner in silent, solitary con-

## Eric M. North

finement in Communist Hungary, finds in the Bible inexpressible solace and strength.

Another, a jailed missionary, on the other side of the world in China, devotes his long hours to study of the Bible.

These instances of the ministry of the Bible to individual men and women are dramatic flashes out of the growing influence of the Bible upon millions and millions of people. Not always so dramatic, but as constant as the sun, their daily contact with the Bible warms, illuminates, purifies, and guides vast numbers of people. It is our faith that it can do this for every man.

That is why we distribute the Bible.

## Essential to Evangelism

The second reason why we must distribute the Bible is because it is indispensable to the Christian Church. The first duty of the Christian Church is evangelism by which men and women are brought into the Christian community. Though some modern methods of evangelism overlook the great value of the Bible as an instrument of evangelism, Dr. Chirgwin's book, *The Bible in World Evangelism*, gives us indisputable evidence of the essential relationship of the Bible to the Church's first duty.

The successful evangelist, the successful missionary, must have the Book near his hand or in it. In Formosa in 1941 there were but two baptized persons and some Bibles among the aborigines. In 1946 when the missionaries returned after the war, there were four thousand persons in the Christian community, and churches were being built.

The Bible not only brings men into the Christian community; it is the central element in their instruction in the Christian faith and the Christian life. It holds this place in the education of children and youth; it holds it in the training of new members; it is central in the training of new ministers for the churches.

## Strengthens the Church

The Bible not only brings men and women into the church and is the central element in the instruction of the church; it constantly strengthens and upbuilds the church. Can one imagine the worship of the church, and indeed the worship of the family, and the devotions of the individual without the contribution of the Bible?

The Bible is also both the inspiration

and the stabilizer of Christian thought. Great intellectual movements in the Church's life owe their origin to a deeper insight into truth caught from the pages of the Bible. How far, indeed how wildly, might the pendulum of Christian thought have swung under the pressures of ultra-radical and ultra-conservative were it not that the Bible is always pulling them back to the central truths that it sets forth! Thus, the Bible constantly makes for the inspiration and the reform of the Church, as is apparent to readers of current theological literature.

Finally, the Bible not only brings men into the church and nurtures and inspires them there; it binds them together there. This company is a witness to that! It is the constant experience of the Bible Societies that Christian groups which can be drawn together by no other cause can be drawn together about the Bible Societies and their work.

## Brings Christians Together

Nay more, in the words of a Christian theologian, "By universal consent of all Protestant bodies, the Scriptures are the one ultimate standard of faith and practice. Here we are on bedrock. The Bible is the very core of the Christian life for all Protestant Christians."

For this reason also, then, we must distribute the Scriptures. Every church must have adequate supplies of the Bible and make effective use of them. No economic barrier must stand in the way—younger churches in the African bush or the Indian village, older churches in city and town and tenement and countryside must have the Bible.

The third reason why we must distribute the Bible lies in the desperate need of the world. Men are shaken today by the extent of the world's upheaval. A score of new nations are "crowding to be born."

"Up from the shadowed land the murmur swells  
Of broken hearts, of discontent, of strife,  
Of faith perverted, quickened hope—it tells  
The multitudes have felt the surge of life."

And as if this were not enough, there hangs over us the bitter division between the free world and the totalitarian world and the appearance at man's hand of destructive forces able to ruin a nation in a night!

## Must Be Everyman's Book

No program anyone can conceive can prevent profound disaster to the human race except as each man possesses in himself the powers of self-discipline, the spirit of compassion, and ideals of human service which the Bible makes it possible for him to have. The Bible must be everyman's Book that all men may be free.

These, then, are the reasons why we must

*An address delivered to the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society. Dr. North is general secretary of the Society.*

distribute the Scriptures—because they minister to men's needs; because they enlarge, strengthen, instruct, enrich, reform, and unite the Church; because in them lies mankind's hope of righteousness, peace, and freedom.

But all this was said in just 26 words nineteen hundred years ago—

"These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name."

This is why we must distribute the Bible.

## Report of the American Bible Society for 1955

The American Bible Society has been set apart but must never be set aside. It belongs to your church, and at the same time it belongs to more than 54 other denominations.

*Translations* in 55 languages were examined in 1955; 18 new translations were printed; 14 are in the printers' hands; 20 translations or revisions of Testaments or whole Bibles are in process. The new Spanish Revised (Valera) Bible is now in the hands of the printers. (All or part of the Bible has now been translated into 1,084 different languages and dialects.)

*Headquarters Publication* will reach an estimated 14,500,000 copies in 1956, including 692,000 Bibles, over one million Testaments, and over 12½ million Bible portions. A notable production in 1955 was "The Good News," the illustrated New Testament with over 500 photographs. This new book is receiving wide acclaim.

*Distribution in the United States* continues at a very high level. The Society has for many years worked closely with home mission boards, supplying them with inexpensive Scriptures for Indian work, migrant work, and other special groups. Scriptures are distributed in the United States in some 85 languages. The Navaho New Testament will be available in 1956.

*Scriptures for Service Personnel* represents the largest single item in the national distribution budget. Chaplains requested and received more than 1½ million Scripture volumes for free distribution in 1955. The cost was over \$220,000. Only \$125,000 for this need could be included in the 1956 budget; \$100,000 more is necessary.

### Distribution Abroad

*Europe:* The Bible Societies have been at work for 150 years distributing Scriptures on the continent of Europe. There are 11 national Bible Societies with whom we cooperate in Europe.

Last year 150 tons of paper were sent to *East Germany* where Bibles, Testaments, and illustrated Gospels were manufactured and distributed. Fifty tons of paper were sent to *Hungary*. Twenty thousand refugees per month are still pouring into

*West Germany*. Each refugee, who wants one, is given a Bible or Testament in his own language. Additional work is being done in *Denmark*, *Belgium*, and *France*. Mats and reproduction copies were furnished to church leaders in *Russia* for Bible publication.

*The Middle East:* From the Aegean Sea to the headwaters of the Nile the American Bible Society distributes Scriptures in 34 languages. This is accomplished through sales (at below cost) across the counter of its offices in every capital in the Middle East, and through its faithful colporteurs who move up and down the Bible Lands. Circulation in *Iraq* increased almost 100% in 1955. Poverty of the masses required large subsidies to keep selling prices within reach of the average countryman.

*Latin America:* The distribution of over 3½ million volumes in Latin America accounts for over half the Society's total distribution abroad. Scores of churches in *Argentina* are each distributing 5,000 volumes annually. Two and a half million volumes in *Brazil* do not fill the annual demand. In *Mexico* and the *West Indies* the total annual circulation has almost reached the one million mark.

*Asia:* A great new factor in Asia is literacy. It is estimated that ten million people a year are learning to read. The Bible Society is meeting these new literates with the Word of Life. In *Korea*, for the first time since the war, the Bible Society again functions rather normally. The new colloquial Kogotai Bible was released in *Japan* in April 1955. More than 75,000 copies had been sold by the end of the year. The Scriptures are distributed in some 20 languages in the *Philippines*. Nearly 20 million *Chinese* are living outside the China mainland. China is closed but millions of Chinese are open to the Gospel. The American Bible Society is producing the Sermon on the Mount and illustrated Gospels to meet the need of new literates in *India*, *Pakistan*, and *Ceylon*.

*Africa:* In Africa people are on the move, and the Bible Society is following through with the Scriptures wherever they go. The American Bible Society is responsible for 35 languages in Africa. Its new office in *Liberia*, for instance, provided over 19,000 volumes in 1955.

### AN APOLOGY

Last month we failed to give our readers the location of the "Church of the Month." It was the Central Avenue church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Little by Little

The members sleep a LITTLE late.

They go straggling into the Sunday school assembly a LITTLE tardy.

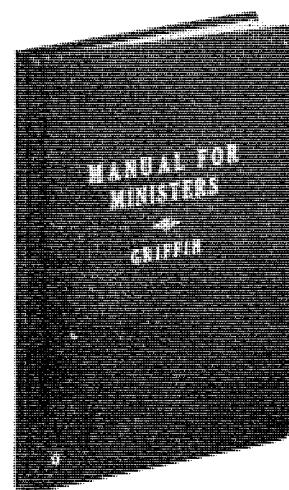
Some of the members chew gum a LITTLE, joke a LITTLE, and doodle a LITTLE.

Brethren in the class argue a LITTLE, figure a LITTLE, laugh a LITTLE, listen to the sermon a LITTLE, commune a LITTLE, and then give a LITTLE.

After dismissal they gossip a LITTLE; go home and forget what LITTLE they heard, and act a LITTLE like they cared but LITTLE for the greatest, grandest, holiest and most precious institution on earth—the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have exaggerated a LITTLE, but very LITTLE, and I think in some things I have omitted a LITTLE.

Brethren, will you think on this a LITTLE?



This manual has been written and compiled by Rev. J. C. Griffin, chairman of the Board of Publications and Literature and a Free Will Baptist minister for many years.

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## Where Is Revival?

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Though we see little of it in these days, we must confess that revival is a time of weeping. I have been in meetings in nearly every state in the southland and in the state of Michigan. Some have been highly organized and widely advertised, others have had no advertising or prior planning. But I have never been in a really successful revival where no one did any weeping and agonizing in prayer before God.

In churches everywhere, there is so much about which to weep. There is the fruitlessness of our own lives, the indifference and coldness of our own hearts, the powerlessness of our own testimony. To see the pitiful few in the Sunday evening service and the little handful of faithful ones at the midweek prayer service—this is indeed cause for weeping.

### Cause for Weeping

Statistics tell us that there are more church members now than at any like period in our history. In the year 1953 there were 58 million Protestants and 34 million Catholics in the United States. Does it not seem reasonable that if one out of three of these were really and genuinely converted, that we should take America for Christ within a year. But the number of these multiplied millions of church members who are lost is enough to break the heart of an angel.

There is plenty cause for weeping and a revival is a time of weeping over the unsaved. The multitudes of the unregenerate are unaware of their condition and certainly will not weep for themselves. How many of them today are trying to dull their senses in pleasure, seeking an easy religion in joining the cults and the other groups which deny the blood and the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

### Members Swept In

Many of the churches of today put on church membership drives. Great numbers are swept in rather than wept in and the results certainly reveal it. Many are joining the church on a "confusion of faith" rather than on a confession of their faith. So we have a machine-manufactured membership, a robot religion, so many with the idea that it is fashionable to be a member of the church. If the pastors and church leaders were to absolutely insist on a separated life, holy living, our church rolls would be reduced by the millions.

But we, who are the pastors and evangelists, like to point with pride to the number of additions we have had in our churches or in revivals held in other churches. We seem to be obsessed with the mania for success, we want recognition, we almost border on what we might call God-dishonoring competition to build our churches and get new members. Oh, how we need to weep and ask God to break our hearts as He did some of the great preachers in bygone years.

But you know and I know that tears are

out of style. Jeremiahs are not popular in this modern age. It's all right for the crooners to sobbingly pour out their appeals through some hit tune over radio or television but it's all wrong to weep in church. Liberace, with his wavy hair and the wink of his eye, can drive old women into hysterics with his piano antics but it's all wrong to show any emotion in church.

### Return to First Love

Of course the results of every revival should be not only the return of church members to their first love, to be set on fire for God's glory, but there should be a great reaping of lost souls. What would happen today if just one out of three of our church members were to get on fire for God?

If these were to pray and weep and yield themselves unreservedly to the Lord Jesus, what a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit we would witness. We would see the greatest spiritual awakening that America has ever experienced. I'm sure that you will agree that the greatest revival opportunity we have lies within those on the rolls of our church memberships.

But, someone begins to argue, weeping and emotion are low brow reactions of ignorant people. This same person begins to criticize, analyze and minimize with his scholarly philosophy but we have only to open the pages of the Bible and read where Abraham showed emotion when he pleaded with God for Sodom and Gomorrah.

### No Suppressed Hallelujahs

Moses was filled with emotion when he cried out, "Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made themselves gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not blot me, I pray thee, out of the book which thou hast written." There were no suppressed hallelujahs when the lame man at the beautiful gate of the temple was healed. He went walking and leaping and praising God and the people were filled with wonder and amazement.

But, may I hurry on to say, I do not believe in and do not want a whooping, hip-hip, hooray kind of emotionalism generated by the maneuvering of the flesh. We want only that which is genuinely of the Lord and comes through a visitation and the overwhelming outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Then there will be a time of rejoicing and a revival should very definitely be just that. When we see souls saved and get into a right relationship with God, oh, how our hearts rejoice. When we see lukewarm, backslidden Christians weep over half-hearted service and regain the victory in their lives, what a time for rejoicing. When we see old animosities and grudges swept away, sins confessed, barriers broken down, prayers answered, words cannot describe the joy.

### Revival Price Is High

How we need to weep and cry unto God for revival. Today there are more tears shed in the average movie theater than

## MOVING?

Be sure to notify the CONTACT of your new address if you are moving. This way you will be sure of not missing a single issue. Don't let your subscription wind up in a dead letter office!

### Honor Roll

#### "Every Church Family" Plan

Fellowship church, Flat River, Mo.  
Southside church, Paintsville, Ky.  
Pocahontas church, Ark.  
Airport church, Tulsa, Okla.  
Blythe church, Calif.  
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
First church, Tulsa, Okla.  
Oak Ridge church, Tenn.  
First church, Savannah, Ga.  
Beech Springs church, Saltillo, Miss.  
New Hope church, Joelton, Tenn.  
Myrtle church, Mo.  
Horse Branch church, Turbeville, S. C.  
Leadington church, Mo.  
First church, Hazel Park, Mich.  
Modesto church, Calif.  
First church, Russellville, Ark.  
Thomas Memorial church, Huntington, W. Va.  
First church, Panama City, Fla.  
Northside church, Phoenix, Ariz.  
New Prospect church, Long Lane, Mo.  
Wellston church, Mo.  
First church, Ardmore, Okla.  
East Side church, Florence, S. C.  
Silver City church, Jennings, Okla.  
Dorris church, Calif.  
Second church, Modesto, Calif.  
Bennington church, Shady Point, Okla.  
Corning church, Ark.  
Piney Grove church, Chipley, Fla.  
First church, Farmington, Mo.  
Bear Point church, Sesser, Ill.  
First church, Mountain Grove, Mo.  
Buncombe church, Carthage, Texas  
Pleasant Ridge church, Cookeville, Tenn.  
First church, North Little Rock, Ark.  
First church, Baxley, Ga.  
Wooddale church, Knoxville, Tenn.

#### Rules for Honor Roll

1. Send names and addresses of all families in the church. *Do not send any money.*
2. Your list will be checked against our circulation. Refunds on any subscriptions in effect will be credited to the church account.
3. The church will receive a bill quarterly and a form on which to list new families or drop any who have died or changed membership.
4. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued.

in our churches. There is more emotion shown over a television make-believe story than over the souls of men whom we know to be lost and under the condemnation of eternal death.

Where is the revival? Revival is a time of testing, of weeping, of reaping, of rejoicing. Jesus said in Luke 15:10, "... there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Revival costs something and the price is high, but it is worth the price. Oh, may God help us to pay it—now.

# Religious NEWSFRONT

## Program Features Announced For League Conference

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—“The Rock,” a religious drama which was given this month at the annual Bible conference, will be a program feature at the seventh nationwide League conference in June, according to Ray Turnage, secretary of the Free Will Baptist League department.

Another special feature will be a missionary service conducted by American missionaries to Cuba and a Cuban pastor. Rev. Thomas H. Willey and Miss Lucy Wisheart will attend the conference from Cuba and will bring with them a Cuban pastor who will address a conference session through an interpreter.

The three-day conference will meet June 12-14 on the campus of East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C. The drama will be presented Wednesday evening by the speech department of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The missionary service will be held Thursday morning.

Keynote for the meeting is “Faith is the Victory.” Accommodations for many attending the conference will be found on the college campus. Dormitories will be provided for 600 and the cafeteria will serve meals at regular student prices. Further information regarding accommodations may be had by writing to Free Will Baptist League Conference, Box 468, Greenville, N. C.

## Magazine Announces Nationwide Sermon Contest

NEW YORK, N. Y.—A nationwide contest has been launched by *The Churchman*, an independent journal of the Protestant Episcopal Church, inviting ministers of all denominations to participate in a “Freedom-of-Conscience Sermon Awards” program.

Each contestant is required to develop his own subject matter on the topic, “Freedom of Conscience in America Today,” then write and deliver a sermon or address to a congregation prior to July 1, 1956.

Immediately after delivery, the manuscript is to be mailed to The Freedom-of-Conscience Contest, Suite 708, 118 East 28th Street, New York 16, N. Y. They are to be typewritten, double-spaced, with author's name and address, and date of delivery stated in a sealed envelope attached to the manuscript. Gold, silver and bronze plaques will be awarded the authors of the three sermons judged “best”, and fifty distinguished-mention certificates will go to the fifty others considered most meritorious.

## American Bible Society Produces New Picture

NEW YORK, N. Y.—“... My Right and My Cause . . .,” a new 16mm sound motion picture produced by the American Bible Society, tells the true and dramatic story of the making of the Revised Hankul Bible for Korea. With the exception of one scene, the picture was photographed in Korea. The making of the Hankul Bible was filled with dramatic and stirring incidents, all of which have been faithfully portrayed in the film.

The Rev. Young Bin Im, secretary of the Korean Bible Society and responsible for the translation and production of the Bible, with Mrs. Im re-enact some of the more significant events of the four-year-period during the Korean war covered by this film.

The film is in Kodachrome Color and runs for about 26 minutes.

It may be secured on a free-loan basis from the Visual Materials Department of the American Bible Society, 440 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., or any of the Bible Society's district offices.

## Foreign Mission Department Publishes New Booklet

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—“How to Have a Missionary Conference” is the title of a new booklet published by the Department of Foreign Missions. Written by Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary, the booklet describes in detail the planning, arrangement, program, materials, and follow-up.

The booklet contains 16 pages and is five cents for a single copy or 25 for \$1.00. They may be ordered from the department at the headquarters address.

## NAE Will Feature Layman's Luncheon

CLEVELAND, Ohio—One of the features of the 14th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, which will be held here April 10-12 is the Layman's Luncheon scheduled for April 12.

Mr. Leon H. Sullivan, investment banker of Philadelphia, will speak on the “Layman's Testimony.” Mr. Sullivan is actively engaged in Christian work. The luncheon is being promoted by Mr. Kenneth Keyes, real estate broker in Miami, Fla., and head of the layman's undergirding program for the NAE. All interested laymen are invited to attend the luncheon, which will also be open to ministers and convention delegates.



**CUBAN PASTOR** Meet Raul Castillo and his congregation at Los Martinos, Cuba. Raul is the young man in the center with the dark shirt, one of last year's graduates of the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary at Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Rev. Thomas H. Willey, director of the Cuban field, writes: “Raul lives a life of sacrifice, his labors take hours on horseback over lonely stretches of sandy roads. I just completed a three-day trip with him. He lives alone in our church building, preparing his meager meals over a small stove. The usual meal is rice and beans. The homes of the believers where he might be visiting have even less to offer him due to the unspeakable economic slump in Cuba.”

Mr. Willey continues: “Our dream is to some day have a fully self-supporting native ministry. This can only be possible when we have a prosperous Christian community. We have for years been praying for an agricultural missionary to show our Christians that they must change their crops to productive ones. Please pray with us about it.”

## The Religion of Reason

Floyd B. Cherry

Unitarians parade as Christians, yet they deny much of that which is precious to all orthodox Christians:

They deny the doctrine of the Trinity.

They deny that the Bible is the revealed Word of God.

They deny the Bible doctrines of heaven and hell.

They deny that Jesus is the Son of God.

They deny the Virgin Birth of Jesus.

They deny that salvation is made possible by the blood atonement of Christ.

They deny the Bible doctrine of original sin and salvation by Grace through faith.

### Accent On Reason

Unitarians place accent on reason. To them the final authority in religion is human reason. They refuse to form a common creedal statement of their own, but delight in applying the "test of reason" to the doctrines of others. It is easy to see that such a belief humanizes God and defies man. It is humanistic rather than theistic.

In fact, Unitarians deny so many of the fundamental tenets of Christianity that one wonders why they claim to be Christian at all.

The roots of the Unitarian movement go back to the first century. There arose a group of heretics called the Ebionites. The Ebionites were Jewish Christians who insisted that the Jewish laws and customs should be observed by the Christian Church. They repudiated the writings of Paul because he recognized Gentiles as Christians.

### Began with Ebionites

These Ebionites tried to hold on to Judaism and yet be Christian. To them, Jesus was merely a man. They insisted that the Holy Spirit was a female; thus completely repudiating the doctrine of the Trinity. According to them, complete salvation can be secured only through Judaism. In fact, most of the things that present-day Unitarians believe or fail to believe were present in the heresy of the Ebionites.

The Ebionites gradually dwindled away. However, there was enough of the doctrine left to raise its head in the Arian controversy of the fourth century.

Arius set forth the doctrine that Christ, though higher than human nature, was

inferior to God, and was not eternal in existence, but had a beginning. Against these views, Athanasius argued. He asserted that the Father and the Son were one, and that the Son was eternal. The doctrines taught by Arius and Athanasius were diametrically opposed to each other, and their ideas admitted of no compromise. The Church was obliged to decide between them.

### Nicene Creed Adopted

Constantine called a council of the bishops at Nicea in Bithynia 325 A. D. The majority of the council voted to condemn the teachings of Arius. They agreed upon a creed which definitely and distinctly set forth the doctrine of the Trinity. This creed is known as the Nicene Creed.

Although there were those who denied the doctrine of the Trinity, they were few and of little influence until about 1600, when a sect called the Socinians arose. They, like their predecessors the Ebionites, denied the deity of Jesus. They maintained that "Jesus was a mere man."

The name "Unitarian" was first used in the sixteenth century. A distinguished Unitarian, Belsham, tells in the following statement why the group adopted the name instead of being called Socinians:

We do not answer to that name (Socinians), nor do we approve of being distinguished by it. In the first place, because the doctrine we hold is not borrowed from the Socinians, but is known and universally allowed, to have been coeval with the apostles. And further, we differ very materially from the opinions of that great and good man and his immediate followers, who strangely imagined that Christ, though a human being, was advanced by God to the Government of the whole created Universe, and was the proper object of religious worship. We call ourselves Unitarians to distinguish ourselves from other classes of Christians. . . .

### Began to Increase

The Unitarians as a group never attracted much attention in England until the end of the seventeenth century when they began to increase and to acquire some distinction through the writing of Dr. Priestley and his associates. Dr. Priestley met with much opposition in England, and in 1794 he retired to America.

Dr. Priestley may have been respected by many individuals in this country, but it does not appear that he met with much success in the propagation of Unitarianism. On his arrival in America, he was denied access to almost every pulpit. His congregation in Northumberland, Pennsylvania, where he lived, is said at no time to have exceeded thirty or forty persons. And even they refused to be called Unitarians.

Perhaps the most significant event in the rise of Unitarianism in America was the action taken by James Freeman and his congregation at Kings' Chapel, Boston, in 1785 whereby that first Episcopal Church in New England became the first church openly acknowledging Unitarianism.

### Harvard Became Hotbed

Harvard University soon became a hotbed of Unitarianism. In 1805 Henry Ware, an outspoken liberal was elected to the Hollis Chair of Divinity. The liberal theology was cultivated through the Anthology Club, through *The Monthly Anthology*, *The Christian Monitor* and the aggressive *General Repository and Review*. New England Congregationalism began to split into a conservative and liberal wing.

Whatever headway the Unitarian movement had made in America at the beginning of the nineteenth century, it remained for three men—William Ellery Channing, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Theodore Parker to crystallize Unitarian principles.

### Sermon Sparked Interest

It was just another quiet Sunday morning in May 1819 when Channing, the famous Boston minister, preached his famous *Baltimore Sermon*. He was invited to preach and share in the ordination of Jared Sparks as minister of the First Independent Church of Baltimore, Maryland. In this sermon Channing set forth the first concise doctrinal statement of the Unitarians. He said that reason is the ultimate authority, that Jesus was a human being only and that man is inherently good. This theology allows no place for the doctrine of the vicarious atonement of Christ. According to Channing, Christ's mission is "the recovery of man to virtue." He revived all the old Socinian arguments against the Trinity, yet his attitude toward such Socinians as Priestley and Belsham was only lukewarm.

Reports of this sermon were published far and wide. Probably no sermon preached

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in America up to this time had so many readers. It has been called the "Unitarian Declaration of Independence."

### Emerson Was Leader

Next to Channing, Ralph Waldo Emerson stands out as a leader of Unitarianism in America. After three years as pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Boston, he resigned because the church would not follow his liberal teachings. However, he continued to preach and lecture to large audiences until his death in 1882.

Emerson's theology was Unitarian and pantheistic. The word "miracle," as pronounced by the churches, is a monster. To him, the ultimate authority in religion lies in reason. The Unitarians of his day were not anxious to accept Emerson because of certain fundamental differences in his theology and theirs. Thus Emerson became the foremost exponent of what is called American Transcendentalism.

The Unitarian Transcendental principles set forth by Emerson were given more concrete application by Theodore Parker. His sermon on *The Transient and Permanent in Christianity* is a landmark in Unitarian history. This sermon was preached in South Boston in 1841. In this sermon, Parker says that Christianity is nothing but pure morality, that it is purely a product of the season, and that miracles are myths.

### Known for Liberal Views

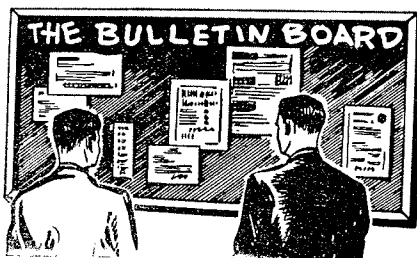
Through the years the beliefs of Unitarianism developed. Each new leader would add something until today the group is known for its liberal views. They are known much more for the things they do not believe than for their positive beliefs. Unitarianism is proud to be called the religion of reason because to it reason is the final authority in matters of religion.

By an unintentional coincidence, National Unitarian Organizations were formed on both sides of the Atlantic in 1825. These organizations are democratic and represent the member churches. The American Unitarian Association has its headquarters in Boston. There are in Great Britain and America at the present time some eight hundred churches about equally divided between the two countries.

### Influence Is Great

The Unitarian group has never been large in the United States. It has been estimated that only about one per cent of the total church membership is Unitarian. Yet its influence is great because of the famous people who have been Unitarians. Among noted Americans have been the following Unitarians: Henry W. Longfellow, Nathaniel Hawthorne, James Russell Lowell, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Thoreau, Julia Ward Howe, Louisa May Alcott, and William Cullen Bryant. Unitarians quote Thomas Jefferson as having said that he hoped that some day everybody would be Unitarian.

Unitarians do not have a missionary program as such. Their growth has been



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due to their intellectualism. Many Americans have a deep respect for anything that parades as education. This is especially true of college students. So when the professors in the classroom begin to cast doubts at Christianity and demand logical proof for every item in the Christian creed, the student is apt to first be confused and later come to accept the cynical, skeptical attitude.

### Defenses Suggested

There is no intellectual defense against Unitarianism. Christianity is reasonable yet it transcends reason. What person can explain love? Yet Christianity is a religion of love. What person can explain from logic alone the doctrine of the Trinity? Yet this doctrine is basic in orthodox Christianity. What person can explain the nature of immortality? Yet how blessed is "The house not made with hands" to the Christian. Christianity is a religion of experience and emotion as well as logic.

What defense can we offer our young people against Unitarianism? If logic fails, where can we turn?

### Revelation vs. Reason

We must teach our youth that the Bible is God's Word and is therefore, the final authority in matters of religion. It is revelation versus reason—the revealed Word of God against the reason of man. Youth who have a deep respect for the Bible as God's Word are not apt to be led astray.

Another defense against Unitarianism is experience. A man's beliefs cannot be removed from his experiences. You cannot convince one that fire is not hot when his experience with fire proves otherwise. If we can lead our youth to have definite experience with God and things spiritual, no Unitarian professor will be able to move them.

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## Choosing the better part...



MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS

Our kitchen work table has a plastic top with an intricate design of wild roses against a background of white. As I sat there this morning admiring the handiwork of some unknown designer, I was suddenly conscious of our missionaries. I really don't know why.

I began to look around me at some of the things I take for granted but which would be considered luxuries by our missionaries. I looked at our breakfast table still set before me. Here is good creamery butter and homogenized milk. There is no fear that these products are not wholesome and clean, for they have to measure up to standards set by the United States government.

I looked at the floor. It is covered with inlaid linoleum, and although somewhat worn in spots, it still responds very well to Johnson's Glo-Coat. These supplies for easy cleaning are not at our missionary's fingertips, though.

I went to the kitchen sink to wash the dishes and by simply turning a faucet, I had all the hot water I needed flowing right into the dish pan. Our missionaries can't turn a tap and have safe drinking water, much less running hot water. They must carry their water and boil every drop used for drinking and cooking.

The family wash was finished in a little less than three hours. I used a soap that is advertised as being "kind to the hands" as well as guaranteed to get the clothes clean.

For lunch, I am planning to have hamburgers, cokes and ice cream. A simple meal, but I can't help remembering just now seeing two returned missionaries eating six hamburgers each and saying, "You have no idea how good hamburgers really are."

Our radio has been tuned to the local station to get the correct time and late news. A minister friend of ours has just concluded the daily radio devotional program. The morning mail brought letters from three friends. Somehow my heart has been strangely humbled as I have revalued some of the things I have been taking for granted.

But do you know what our missionaries do have? They have the certain knowledge that God directed them to their field, that they are obeying God's command for them, and the assurance that His best blessings are theirs.

## The Greatest Victory

An aged caretaker of Winchester Cathedral in southern England loved to tell the story of how Wellington's victory over Napoleon reached England. In those days there were no modern means of communication. News of the history-making battle came by a sailing vessel to the south coast of England and then, by semaphore, was signaled overland to London.

Eagerly the Empire waited for news from the battlefield. Atop the cathedral the semaphore began slowly to spell out the message, letter by letter, "WELLINGTON DEFEATED"—and then a dense fog settled over the city. The signals could no longer be seen, and thus the sad, heart-sickening news of the incomplete message went to London, spreading gloom and utter despair—"Wellington defeated."

In due time the fog lifted, and again the cathedral semaphore became visible, spelling out the complete message: "WELLING-

THE GREATEST OF VICTORIES



TON DEFEATED THE ENEMY." The news spread like prairie fire over the land, lifting the people from gloom to gladness and praise.

Nineteen centuries ago, on a rough, barren hill outside the gates of Jerusalem, a battle of more far-reaching importance was fought and won. Jesus Christ entered into combat with sin and death.

To his disciples, at the time, it may have seemed a colossal defeat as his limp body was placed in the tomb of Joseph. To them Calvary meant but one thing: JESUS DEFEATED. Listen to the disciples' dismal dirge during those three days of Christ's entombment: "We trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel, and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done" (Luke 24:21).

But suddenly the fog lifted, and the glorious radiance of the first Lord's Day morning flooded Joseph's garden, announcing the joyful, gloom-dispelling news: JESUS DEFEATED DEATH. Thank God, he lives forevermore.



## The Prayer Fellowship

J. REFORM WILSON, Leader

We must answer the call to prayer with greater faithfulness in our private devotions of prayer and attendance at the prayer services of our churches. We must prevail in prayer for the presence and power of God to direct our lives and the affairs of our nation. We must be diligent in praying for the missionaries and for God to send more laborers into the harvest. Let us say with Samuel, "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way."

► Pray for Reverend and Mrs. Fred Hersey and their little son that they may have a safe voyage to Japan and that their ministry may be a fruitful one.

► Pray for the choir of the Free Will Baptist Bible College as it makes a tour to churches in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

► Let us pray again this month for the revivals in our churches and for the new members that they may be faithful soul-winners.

► Pray for the students at the Free Will Baptist Bible College that every need may be supplied as they prepare for service.

► Pray for the committees preparing for the seventh Nationwide League Conference meeting in Greenville, North Carolina, June 12-14.

► Pray for the annual board meeting of the Foreign Missions department in Hazel Park, Michigan, April 25-29.

► Pray for missionaries who may be sent of the Lord to South America and Africa and pray for people at home to give in order that they may be sent.

► Let us join in prayer for Sunday school teachers and officers and thank God for those who give themselves to the Lord for this service in the church.

► Pray for the Christians in the armed forces of our nation that they may be strong in the Lord. Pray especially for the chaplains.

► Pray for those who have committed crime and are imprisoned that they may be converted and rehabilitated to live a Christian life.

► Pray for your pastor. Your prayers for him will be as the two who held up the hands of Moses during the battle.

► Pray for your enemies. Such praying will be pleasing to God and refreshing to your own soul.

► Pray for your church. This will make the services more meaningful and you will be amazed at the results.

## Women at Work

The Tidewater district auxiliary convention met April 7 at the Fairmount Park church, Norfolk, Va. Convention theme was "Prayer" . . . *New auxiliary organized at Bethlehem church, Van Buren, Ark., February 10. Leading the organization were Mrs. D. D. Henley and Mrs. William Slack, president and field secretary of the Zion Hope district convention. Officers elected were Mrs. Lawrence Denton, president; Mrs. Jim Evans, vice-president; Mrs. Herbert Rogers, recording secretary; Mrs. Mae Spoon, corresponding secretary and treasurer. Chairmen are Mrs. Jack Craig, youth; Mrs. Kendricks, study course; Mrs. Albert Franklin, program-prayer, and Mrs. Vincent Franklin, personal service.*

WNAC office in Nashville announces they are out of stock on two items—1956 yearbooks and secretary record books. New auxiliaries needing program books may have the 1954 yearbooks at 25 cents each, the secretary says. The Executive Committee of the WNAC is working to revise the secretary's record book and the new ones will not be ready for some time . . . *State workshop was held March 1 at Ada, Okla. with the theme, "That Thou Mayest Know How," taken from 1 Timothy 3:15. Rev. Homer Young, Henryetta, brought the sermon. Among the subjects discussed, other than regular departmental sessions for the officers, were challenging programs, publicity, vacation Bible schools, and soul-winning.*

New auxiliary organized at First church, Baxley, Ga., March 6. Prior to the organization the auxiliary from Satilla church presented a complete auxiliary program. Mrs. Perry Hand, field secretary, led in the business period. Appointed as temporary chairman and secretary were Mrs. G. W. Quinn and Mrs. Henry Herndon . . . *Piedmont district convention was held March 10 at Charlotte, N. C., with Mrs. Ralph Staten presiding. Theme was "Our Need of a Workshop in Such a Time as This" . . . New officers for auxiliary at First church, Hector, Ark., are Mrs. W. A. Crouch, president; Miss Clytie Coffman, vice-president; Mrs. E. H. Langford, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Coffman, program and study course chairman, and Miss Clytie Coffman, personal service chairman and corresponding secretary.*

*Central Texas district convention met March 15 at Evergreen church, Keith. Theme was "Our Need for Such a Time as This." Eight auxiliaries were represented. New officers are Mrs. Edgar Morris, Bryan, president; Mrs. Molly Lawless, Huntsville, enlistment chairman; Mrs. Martha Mize, Huntsville, youth chairman; Mrs. A. B. Jennische, Houston, stewardship-study course chairman; Mrs. Charles Sapp, Bryan,*



# Woman's Auxiliary

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD



## Missionaries Have Visual Equipment; Auxiliaries Urged to Finish Drive

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Shown in the picture, above are Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk and their son, James Randall, with the visual aid equipment which has been provided by the Woman's Auxiliaries over the denomination for them to use in their missionary work when they return to India in June.

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention adopted the project last July and invited the women over the denomination to help in raising the \$1,000 needed to purchase the equipment. Included in the items are projectors, cameras, mimeograph machine, tape recorder, and an amplifying system. All of it is designed for use where electricity is not available.

Mr. and Mrs. Cronk have been in the United States on furlough after serving one term in North India. They will return to their field in June.

Of the \$1,000 goal set by the WNAC, nearly \$700 had been raised up to March 22. Eight states had reached their quotas, with five of them going over the amount asked. State standings are as follows:

	Quota	Paid	Balance
Alabama	\$ 45.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 23.00
Arkansas	20.00	36.75	—
California	45.00	10.00	35.00
Florida	25.00	25.00	—
Georgia	60.00	70.00	—
Illinois	30.00	3.70	26.30
Kentucky	20.00	25.00	—
Michigan	60.00	68.25	—
Mississippi	25.00	14.20	10.80
Missouri	100.00	69.85	30.15
North Carolina	175.00	15.00	160.00
Ohio	20.00	20.00	—
Oklahoma	100.00	79.50	20.50
South Carolina	80.00	125.55	—
Tennessee	100.00	62.00	38.00
Texas	55.00	5.00	50.00
Virginia	20.00	20.00	—
West Virginia	20.00	—	20.00

*prayer-program chairman; Mrs. Maydell Schultz, Harvey, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Ruby Withers, Bryan, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lucille Lawson, Bryan, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Iola, field worker . . . First Mission district convention met February 23 at Cushing, Okla. Theme was "Thou Shalt Be a Blessing" with the morning message by Mrs. Hattie Newman.*



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# Soul-Winning Is Biggest Business in the World

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Soul-winning is big business—the biggest business in the world. The saving of sinners is the thing which is nearest to the heart of God, for “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

Nothing can keep the Christian warm, fresh and alert like personal evangelism in the church and its auxiliaries of which he is a member. Soul-winning is the safeguard against dead and fruitless orthodoxy. The growth of every believer and the expansion of any church, whether large or small, depends upon a live and consistent soul-winning program. Without it no church can long survive and no Christian can grow strong.

Throughout the book of Acts we discover that the early church considered its one supreme task to be the winning of others—the saving of souls, with every believer a soul-winner.

As we study the lives of early Christians we will find them reaching out for others, as when Andrew brings Peter, his brother, and Philip finds the eunuch. They were anxious to win others to Christ. We believe that every real child of God has a desire to see others won to Christ. This desire is implanted in his heart at the time of conversion.

It is true, however, that most Christians seem to feel that they cannot do the work of a soul-winner. They will faithfully and regularly attend church; they will even live separated lives and avoid all forms of worldliness. They will give generously to support the work of the Lord and be faithful in praying and reading the Bible.

Many are willing to sing in the choir, teach a Sunday school class, or fill other offices in the different auxiliaries of the church, but feel they cannot win souls. Satan wants to keep them thinking this way, of course, and thus he is able to keep them from fulfilling this definite responsibility and privilege.

There are Christians who feel that they are not properly equipped for this work of soul-winning since they have not had the privilege of attending Bible training schools or seminaries. But all true believers can win souls for Christ.

The Bible has much to say about this business of soul-winning. Perhaps one of the most important verses is to be found in Psalm 126:6: “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

Here is a formula, or pattern, which if followed cannot help but yield blessed re-

# CHURCH OF THE MONTH



COPER'S CHAPEL CHURCH in Nashville, Tenn., named for its founder and first pastor, T. C. Coper, and now in its third location has served the community and the denomination since 1880. Several events of historical interest have occurred at this church. The General Conference of the East was reorganized here in 1921; the first session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was held here in 1935; and in this church the Woman's Auxiliary was organized in 1907 and the Free Will Baptist League in 1920.

The present pastor, Rev. J. L. Welch, assumed the pastorate in March 1909 and, with the exception of seven years, has served until now—a period of forty years. The Sunday school has an enrolment of 230. Both the Woman's Auxiliary and the Free Will Baptist Leagues have served continuously since their organization many years ago.

sults, according to the promise which it contains. You will notice that the first thing required by this verse is action on the part of the real soul-winner. God here shows us that the first requirement in soul-winning is going after souls. The word “go” is a common word of action.

In Isaiah 6 the voice of the Lord calls, “Who will go for us?” And in the Great Commission which our Lord gave to the church, he said, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.” The chief reason why Christians do not win souls is that they simply do not personally respond to this command of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Christian who is responsive and who keeps going at the business of soul-winning, who constantly is seeking others for Christ, who makes soul-winning his chief business in life is the one who will reap the soul-winner's reward and blessing. Too many of us are waiting for the “ideal” opportunity. Satan sees to it that there is no such thing.

If we are ever to be soul-winners it will mean more than offering prayers for the salvation of souls. It will mean more than just having concern for the lost. It will call for “putting feet to our prayers.” We will never win others to Christ through our church until we are ready to go after them.

That wonderful verse in the Psalm indicates that the real soul-winner will be a person of deep compassion for the lost. Great soul-winners have always been those

with broken hearts. The Lord Jesus was a man of compassion. The Apostle Paul wept over the Ephesian church. Great evangelists down through the ages have wept as their hearts were broken for the lost. Let us never be ashamed of tears as we seek to win the lost to Christ.

The next thing in this marvelous formula which God has given us is found in the words “precious seed,” or the word of God. Others are not saved by our tears, nor indeed by their own. If we win them, it will be by using the precious seed, the Word of God. The soul-winner must learn early that it is not by argument or human influence that souls are won to Christ. The use of God's Word is absolutely essential. We must rely upon the Word, which the Holy Spirit uses as a sword.

This wonderful verse also tells us that if we will be faithful in going and sowing the seed with hearts of compassion, we will most definitely have certain and blessed results. The promise is that He “shall doubtless come again . . . bringing his sheaves with him.”

It also indicates that great joy will accompany the faithful word of those who strive to be soul-winners. There is no joy on earth like this. This is the early reward of the soul-winner which God permits him to enjoy now, quite apart from the joy in heaven which is to come.

May we make this biggest business in the world *our* business.

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The book that has been fifteen years in the making has now been released. The first books were received from the printer on March 20 and nearly 1,000 copies have already been sold!

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## The Day Gopalan Died

VOLENA WILSON

I had known Gopalan about two years before he died and Wilson-raj took his place. The first time I met him was in December 1951. When I arrived in India in July of that year, he was studying carpentry in Madras and I did not have the privilege of making his acquaintance at first.

I remember a slender, serious lad coming forth to meet me with a gracious bow and the usual Indian greeting, "Salaam" (Peace.) Almost five years have passed since then and I have watched this youth grow into young manhood with an ever-deepening grasp of spiritual truths.

In January 1953 he was baptized and chose for his Christian name, Wilson-raj. Just before his baptism he read Psalm 32 as his testimony. Then he turned to the congregation and said: "I have already made restitution to those whom I have wronged as far as I know. But if there is anyone in this congregation that I have wronged, I want you to tell me now and forgive me."

A few days after his baptism a lad was heard to call him by his heathen name, Gopalan. He instantly said in disgust, "Gopalan, hm! He is dead; died last Sunday." As Wilson-raj, he was instrumental in leading his father, mother, and two sisters to the Lord.

In July 1954 he enrolled in the South India Bible Institute and completed the Christian Workers' course. Upon completion of his work there, he came to us and has been doing both evangelistic and school work as well as conducting two Sunday schools each week and assisting a third.

On January 28 of this year he was privileged to attend Billy Graham's meetings here in India and he was very specially met by the Lord and blessed. He went to those meetings with a hungry and expectant heart and the Lord did not disappoint him.

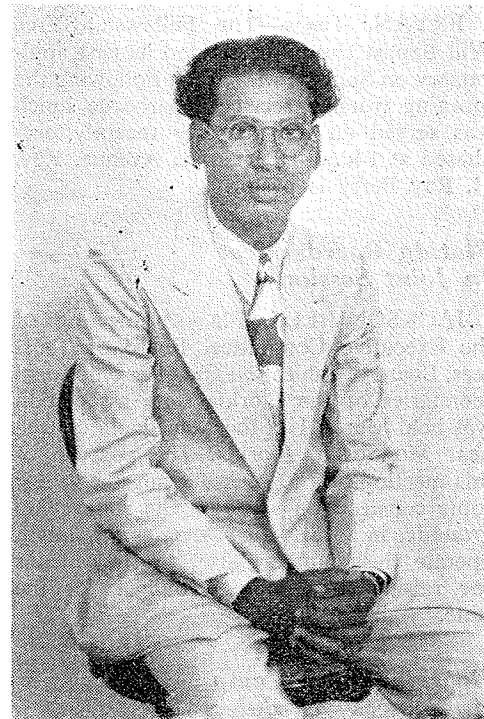
He is a young man all our Free Will Baptist people can be proud of. At the moment he is looking for a bride. Please hold him up in prayer, asking God to give him the bride of His choice. God's hand is upon him and we believe that Wilson-raj is going to be used in a very unusual manner in his beloved land to lead many to the Lord Jesus.

The following is the personal testimony he typed out and gave me just the other day:

"I do like to give my testimony of how the Lord blessed and saved me. I was born in a Hindu family, and in boyhood spent most of my school days in mission schools. I heard many messages about Jesus Christ, but I did not like to receive Him as my personal Saviour.

"When I was 22 years old God touched my heart and spoke to me through His Word in Ecclesiastes 11:9. He revealed my

sin and I had godly sorrow for that sin. After that I confessed my sin and I asked Him to wash my heart whiter than snow in the precious blood of the Lamb of God. He washed me whiter than snow. After that, joy and peace filled my heart and I realized the assurance of



WILSON-RAJ

salvation. Then I could sing the song, 'He brought me out of the miry clay.' Soon after that I dedicated my life to do His ministry and I prayed God to use my life for His glory. God heard my prayer and He called me to do His task and He is using me.

"This is my desire and prayer—I want to be an effectual soul-winner throughout my life. And also I am learning great lessons from the testimony of others. If I want to be an effectual soul-winner I must die every hour and minute to my opinions and to my preference and to my tastes and to my own will, and to approval or blame even of my people and live for Christ and do His blessed will. 'Which things I gain, those things I count as loss for Christ.' Praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings to me. He is leading me and guiding me in His path. Praise His holy name!"

My heart filled with joy and praise as I read this lovely testimony. He certainly has grasped the truths that are essential to a victorious Christian life, hasn't he? And all of it in the short time since the day Gopalan died and Wilson-raj took his place.

*Miss Wilson is working with Miss Laura Belle Barnard as a missionary in South India. She will return to the United States this summer on furlough.*

# GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

SAMMY WILKINSON, NEWS EDITOR

## **Texas Church Has Anniversary Service**

BRYAN, Texas.—The Fellowship Free Will Baptist church celebrated its first anniversary on Sunday, March 24. Following the morning worship service a barbecue lunch was served on the property recently purchased at 1406—10 Ursuline Avenue. Rev. H. Ray Berry is pastor.

## **Florida Boards Meet In Joint Session**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—A meeting of the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Board of Education and all promotional secretaries of the Florida state association was held March 1 at the Macedonia church near Monticello, Florida. The purpose of this meeting was to make arrangements for some construction work on the state camp grounds in order that the camp might operate this summer; also, to find means for raising the proposed budget for the state.

## **Georgia Youth Camp Announces Schedules**

TIFTON, Ga.—The schedule for Camp Mount Bethel, the Free Will Baptist youth camp near Ashburn, has been announced for 1956. The yearly schedule is as follows:

May 6—All day sing  
June 10-15—Minister's Institute  
June 14—Woman's Auxiliary Institute  
June 17-22—First youth session  
July 15-20—Second youth session  
July 29-Aug. 3—Third youth session  
Aug. 5-10—Fourth youth session  
Nov. 13-15—State Association

## **Floridian Licensed To the Ministry**

VERNON, Fla.—Mr. Leon L. Owens of Vernon, has been licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. Owens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Owens and is a member of the Piney Grove church near Chipley, Florida. His future plans are to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

## **North Carolina Church Dedicates Parsonage**

DURHAM, N. C.—The congregation of the Calvary Free Will Baptist church here dedicated its parsonage to the Lord on March 18. The pastor, Rev. Adam Scott, and his family are already in the parsonage and open house was held March 25.

## **Oklahoma Church Organizes Fellowship**

TULSA, Okla.—A Men's Fellowship Meeting was organized in the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist church here on March 9. Fifteen men became charter members and a constitution and by-laws were adopted. Those elected as officers were: Royce Puckett, president; Ralph Roberts, vice-president; Bob Chartier, secretary; Rev. D. B. Hellard, treasurer. The next meeting will be held the first Thursday night in April. Rev. H. E. Staires is the pastor.

## **Mount Olive College Host to Convention**

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—The 1956 session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School convention was held at the Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, on March 22-23. The convention theme was "I Will Guide Thee." The first session of the convention centered around the subject, "More Effective Teaching," while the second session dealt with Sunday school missionary endeavor.

## **California State League Rally to Meet**

MODESTO, Calif.—The California state League rally will convene with the Bell Gardens church May 5-6. Bud Jenkins, sponsor of the rally, and other officers met March 3 and planned the program.

## **New State Paper For Alabama Churches**

DOTHAN, Ala.—The promotional department of the state convention of Alabama is now publishing the "Communicator", which is a monthly paper of information for the state. Rev. Charles B. Craddock is the editor. The first edition was in February.

## **New Nashville Church Purchases Property**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Palmer Memorial church, Nashville's newest Free Will Baptist church organized last July, has bought a building site. The property consists of nearly two acres on U. S. highway 70N in the Horton Heights subdivision. Purchase price was nearly \$6,000. The congregation plans to have the first unit of the church plant ready within a year. Rev. Sammy Wilkinson is pastor.

## **South Carolina League Organized**

MANNING, S. C.—The First church of Manning, has organized a league with fifty-two charter members. The general officers elected were: Mr. Clarence Richburg, general director; Miss Jean Ardis, general secretary-treasurer; Miss Betty Richburg, pianist; and Mr. Eady Smith, song leader. Rev. Reedy Saverance is pastor of the church.



**NEW PARSONAGE** The newest project undertaken by the Tecumseh, Okla., church was the construction of this new parsonage last year. This was done after the church plant had been expanded and remodeled. The pastor's home is valued at over \$12,000. Much of the labor was donated in building the three-bedroom structure so that it was finished with only a small indebtedness. Rev. Delbert Akin is pastor.

# GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

## Michigan Summer Camp Is Set

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich.—The Great Lakes Youth Camp will be held at Mill Lake July 23-28. Rev. Mark M. Lewis is director. It is sponsored by the Wolverine association.

## Sunday School Convention To Meet With Alabama Church

ASHVILLE, Ala.—The second annual session of the Liberty No. 2 Sunday school convention will meet with the First Free Will Baptist church of Ragland, Alabama, on April 21-22.

## California Institute Reports Success

RICHMOND, Calif.—The first effort toward having a Free Will Baptist college on the west coast has been very successful. The first session held was a six-weeks institute at the First church of Richmond. Seventeen people received certificates for completing the course. Rev. Dean Moore and Rev. Wade Jernigan were the instructors.

## Texas Church Buys Property

LUBBOCK, Texas—The First Free Will Baptist church here has recently purchased a building and lot on 2817 East Fourth Street. It has been requested that if any-

one has relatives or friends living in or around Lubbock that they inform the church. The church was organized in January and is pastored by Rev. M. T. Holly.

## Wrong Minister Listed as Pastor

ASHVILLE, Ala.—In reporting a home-coming service at the Pleasant Grove church in the last issue of CONTACT, Rev. Chester O'Donnell was erroneously listed as pastor of the church. Rev. Floyd Barber is the pastor and Mr. O'Donnell is church clerk.

## Missouri S.S. Convention Has Training Institute

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The Triumphant Sunday school convention sponsored a training institute at the Third church here during March. Rev. William Mishler, promotional secretary for the national Sunday school department, conducted the classes with an average nightly attendance of 75.

## New Church Organized At Midland, Texas

MIDLAND, Texas—Under the leadership of Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, the Fellowship Free Will Baptist church was organized here recently with seventeen members. Before the charter membership roll was closed on March 26 the number had increased to 25.

## Cooperative Budget Shows Some Gain During March

### RECEIPTS:

ALABAMA  
State Association ..... 15.00  
First church, Dothan ..... 44.56 59.56

ARIZONA  
North Phoenix church,  
Phoenix ..... 36.17

CALIFORNIA  
Churches of California ..... 300.59

FLORIDA  
State Association ..... 333.65  
Central church, Tampa ..... 9.03 342.68

ILLINOIS  
First church, Waltonville ..... 22.44  
Eakin Grove church, Benton ..... 10.00  
Oak Grove, Sheller ..... 6.37  
Webb's Prairie, Ewing ..... 10.25  
Bakerville church,  
Okawville ..... 25.00  
Pleasant View church, Dix ..... 11.16  
Bethel church, Roxana ..... 20.26 105.48

KENTUCKY  
Southside church,  
Paintsville ..... 44.18  
Olivet church, Guthrie ..... 90.90 135.08

MICHIGAN  
Wolverine Association ..... 555.18

MISSOURI  
State Association ..... 408.55

NEBRASKA  
First church, Shelton ..... 12.00

NORTH CAROLINA  
First church, Swannanoa ..... 91.96  
Goshen church, Belmont ..... 80.00 171.96

OKLAHOMA  
State Association ..... 440.40

SOUTH CAROLINA  
Temple Original church,  
Darlington ..... 8.30

TENNESSEE  
Head's church,  
Chapmansboro ..... 30.33  
New Hope church, Joelton ..... 50.00  
East Nashville church,  
Nashville ..... 120.00  
Palmer Memorial church,  
Nashville ..... 36.21 236.54

TEXAS  
Northwest Brazos  
Association ..... 24.20

VIRGINIA  
Fairmount Park church,  
Norfolk ..... 260.67

\$3,097.36

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

Alabama State Association ..... 39.00  
Arkansas State Association ..... 203.76  
Florida State Association ..... 187.24  
Pleasant View church,  
Dix, Ill. .... 5.48  
Nason church, Bonnie,  
Illinois ..... 12.33  
Hyde Park church, Norfolk,  
Virginia ..... 34.67 482.48

\$3,579.84

Less returned check ..... 20.02

Total Receipts ..... \$3,559.82

### DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Department ..... 1,409.82  
Foreign Missions  
Department ..... 843.57  
Bible College ..... 507.14  
Home Missions  
Department ..... 457.33  
Superannuation Board ..... 135.65  
Sunday School Department ..... 100.23  
League Board ..... 69.40  
Radio-TV Board ..... 36.68 \$3,559.82

## Revival Campaigns

CHURCH	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	DATE	DEC.	ADD.
First church, Columbus, Miss.	J. Reford Wilson	Paul Kettelman	3/21—30		
First church, Bryan, Texas	O. T. Dixon	Charles Sapp	4/2—8		
New Interprise church, Iron City, Ga.	C. A. Huckaby	C. R. Houston	3/18—23		
Turner's Chapel, Butler, Ga.	C. A. Huckaby	Louis Sheffield	4/1—6		
First church, Malone, Fla.	C. A. Huckaby	Herbert Stalnaker	4/8—13		
Poplar Head church, Bonifay, Fla.	C. A. Huckaby	R. O. Johnson	4/15—20		
Greenbrier church, Ark.	Dale Munkus		4/8		
Hickory Chapel, Aho-skie, N. C.	Louis H. Moulton	Walter Reynolds	3/19—24		
First church, Bacliff, Texas	Bob Sheffield	B. M. Daniels	1/14—29	10	6
Beaverdam church, Canton, N. C.	Walter Carter	Ernest Strickland	4/2		
Oilton, Okla.	Ernest Harrison	Gene Womack	4/2		
Weleetka, Okla.	Jack Dodson	Fred Kirby	3/19		
Drumright, Okla.	Harry E. Staires	Ernest Harrison	4/15		
First church, McAles-ter, Okla.	Weldon Wood	Lynn Wood	3/19		
Howell Swamp church, N. C.	Michael Pelt		3/25—31		

# What's Your Problem?



LOUIS H. MOULTON

**Q. Assuming that only Christians will get to Heaven, what will become of those of other religions?**

**A.** God certainly does not recognize any religion which does not bear the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Those of all other religions together with the non-religionists fall into the category listed in Revelation 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

**Q. When God said, "Let us make man," to whom does the "us" refer?**

**A.** To the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It does not seem to bother men as to the fact that God the Father and God the Holy Spirit were in the beginning, but multitudes question the presence of Jesus, the Son, at the creation. However any doubt whatsoever concerning this is settled forever in John 1:1-3. Also note Hebrews 1:2.

**Q. What is your opinion of a person who says he believes in God, and yet does not attend church or take part in Christian service?**

**A.** I think his actions belie his profession. I John 2:4 says: "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." We are clearly told in Hebrews 10:25 that we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. One who deliberately refuses to attend church is disobeying this very plain teaching or commandment of the New Testament.

**Q. At what age should children be baptized?**

**A.** I don't think any person should be baptized until he has first repented of his sins. When a child reaches the age where he can understand the plan of salvation and realize that Jesus died for him, that is the time he should confess Christ and be baptized. I think this applies to individuals whether they are eight, eighteen, or eighty. Acts 2:38, 39 will help you on this point.

*Editor's Note:* This new feature answering questions of a Biblical or personal nature will appear regularly in CONTACT. Mr. Moulton, is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church in Savannah, Georgia. Address your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, in CONTACT, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

## Think a Minute! Is It Fair?

Is it fair to invite a man to become the pastor of a church and lay upon him the duty of preaching every Sunday and then stay away from the services you require him to lead?

Is it fair to leave that pastor to preach to empty pews because it is a little too warm (or too cool—or too rainy) for comfort and you prefer to stay home?

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