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### Needs Back Issues

Dear Editor:

Would it be possible to have a few lines in CONTACT asking some subscriber who has spare copies of Vol. 1, No. 1 (November, 1953) and Vol. 1, No. 3 (January, 1954) to please send them to me?

I need these in connection with a thesis which I am writing as a part of my seminary work on the history and work of the smaller Baptist movements in America. I have a complete file of all the issues of CONTACT except those two.

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*Editor's note: Any reader having the back issues requested by Mr. Nelson are urged to send them directly to him.*

### Word from Writer

Dear Editor:

I want to thank you for the honor of serving as the director of "The Prayer Fellowship" the past year. It has enriched my own prayer life and I hope that it has made many more conscious of the ministry of prayer. The accomplishments of our denomination, I feel, have come because of the prayers of petition to God for His help in what we are striving to do for the Lord.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson  
Pocahontas, Arkansas

### Paper Is Blessing

Dear Editor:

We enjoy so much our monthly issues of CONTACT. It has proved to be a blessing to our home. We are both young in the church and we receive encouragement through the news of progress of our beloved denomination.

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# Personally...

## To Have or Not?

The big question with many preachers is whether or not to elect coverage under government social security. It has not been long since ministers were denied coverage, but the law has been modified to allow them social security benefits if they want them.

Since the denominational retirement program is inadequate at the present time to meet the needs of so many pastors, it seems to us that here is an opportunity for a pastor to make some preparation for those years ahead. In electing coverage under social security the minister in no way obligates his church. It is strictly a transaction between him and government.

Our reason for mentioning the matter at this time is that there is less than a year left for those presently ordained to decide whether or not they want it. Application must be made by April 15, 1957 or you lose your right to apply. Then, too, you must be covered for six quarters (eighteen months) before your family can benefit from social security in case of your death. If you want social security, we would advise visiting your local office as soon as possible to make your application.

Social security payments are due at the time you pay your income tax, either quarterly or annually, and they amount to 3 per cent of your gross income up to \$4,200. In a forthcoming issue we will carry an article explaining completely the social security plan for ministers. Watch for it.

## Hello and Goodbye

With this issue we say goodbye to one of our writers and regular staff members and welcome a new one. With an expression of gratitude to Rev. J. Reford Wilson, pastor at Pocahontas, Ark., for his work in conducting "The Prayer Fellowship" the past year, we bid welcome to Rev. George Waggoner, pastor at Mt. Vernon, Ill., who will take over the column.

This is in keeping with our policy of using different ministers to prepare the list of prayer requests. Your use of this column in your prayer life is all the reward these ministers ask.

## Complementary Programs

Within half a decade home missions has

suddenly jumped to a place of prominence in our denomination. With the adoption of an expanding program on the national level, many of the states and even some district associations began to set up programs of their own.

These programs must complement each other. Each of them is directed at one or more phases of home missionary enterprise—the districts and states are working for new churches while the national department has both this and a push into new territories as its goal. All of this and even more is our home missions task. We repeat—they must be complementary programs, not competing ones. All of them need our support, and they need more than we've ever given them before.

## 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.  
Traveler's Rest church, Newton, Ga.  
Davis church, N. C.  
Palmer Memorial church, Nashville, Tenn.  
First church, Dearborn, Mich.  
Blue Bell church, Sapulpa, Okla.  
Grace church, Portland, 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.

# The Christian Home

Alan Redpath

There are many different standards by which people try to measure the success of a Christian church.

Some judge by the size of the congregation, but our Lord never accepted that standard. Others judge by the popularity of the minister, but that is certainly superficial. Some would judge by the purity of the church's doctrine, but that too is false, for we all know that a church may be pure in doctrine but still be dead.

Others still would judge by the basis of a church's financial position and missionary giving. You're getting nearer the mark, my friend, when you judge on that basis, for very often the state of a church's finances is a very good barometer of its condition.

## Look Further and Deeper

But none of these things really stand up to the New Testament measure of a successful Christian church. If we are really to assess correctly the success of the Christian church we must go further and look deeper. The test of a church is not merely in the ministry of the pulpit, but in that which is exercised by the congregation.

A New Testament church is not a building composed of bricks and mortars; it is a fellowship of people who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, who are indwelt by the Holy Ghost, and who share together one life—the life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In northern Ireland, the size of a church is assessed in terms of the number of families. The most searching test of the quality of a church's life is to consider its homes—the families that are linked with the church. I want to take my text as a window through which we may look into a New Testament home, "When Peter had considered the thing," says our text, "he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying."

## Mother Makes Home

It is interesting that this home is spoken of in terms of the woman, not the man. It may be that she was a widow, but nevertheless it is not without significance, for very often it is the mother who makes the home what it is. I want you to observe with me from this text three things which mark this New Testament home, and which, I believe, should be the outstanding qualities of every Christian home.

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First of all, it was a home to which people instinctively went when they were in need. "When Peter considered the thing," when he recovered his senses, when he discovered what God had done for him in the amazing, miraculous deliverance from jail. When he stood there a free man and yet in desperate need of help, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John.

You will observe that it was not a church to which Peter went, but a home. One of our great weaknesses today is that we look upon the church building as the base of all of our testimony and activity for the Lord. What tremendous strength there would be in the fellowship of a church if every home was a base of operation instead of just one church. That is always the New Testament conception.

## Need for Attractiveness

Why did Peter go to Mary's home? I suggest to you that her wealth of spiritual



experience was widely known. He went there because he knew that she was the kind of woman who would be able to help him in the time of difficulty. Do you think it is possible that your lack of spiritual experience is the reason why so few people come to your home when they are in trouble? Would they fail to come to you because they have no reason to think that you are the kind of person who could really help them?

They came to Mary's home, the neighbors went there and Christian people went there—she didn't have to go chasing after them. How much of our Christian activity is spent chasing after unconverted people who run to get away from us! Oh, what a need there is in Christian lives today for attractive Christian living—not a greater knowledge of doctrine, but a winsomeness, a radiance, a

## Sermon of the Month

**Text:** "And when Peter had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying" (Acts 12:12).

sweetness, a graciousness, a love, a gentleness that attracts to Jesus Christ.

## Came When in Need

The word, "pleasing", here is the word you get in the Beatitudes—"blessed are they" and the real meaning of the word is: "a happiness to be envied." I wonder how many of us are living like that, of how many people could it be said, "If only I had what she's got." Alas, let's admit it in the presence of God today—we are often so keen, so orthodox, so conscientious, but we are desperately unattractive.

They came to Mary when they were in trouble or in need, and they wanted help, comfort, strength, wisdom and guidance. She was known, not only for the quality and the depth of her Christian walk and character, but I am sure she was known as a woman who knew the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have often noticed in the New Testament how people came to the disciples and said to them, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." And the disciples came to Jesus time and again and said, "Master, all men seek for Thee." It must have been very humiliating for them to have to admit that they were not good enough, that people were seeking for Christ and these disciples did not have the thing that these people needed.

## Something Wrong with Character

The people of the world, we always say, are so indifferent to the things of God but they can always distinguish when there's real godliness in a Christian worker. They will bypass the man who is so busy that his life has lost its radiance, and will seek for the man and woman who have truly walked with God.

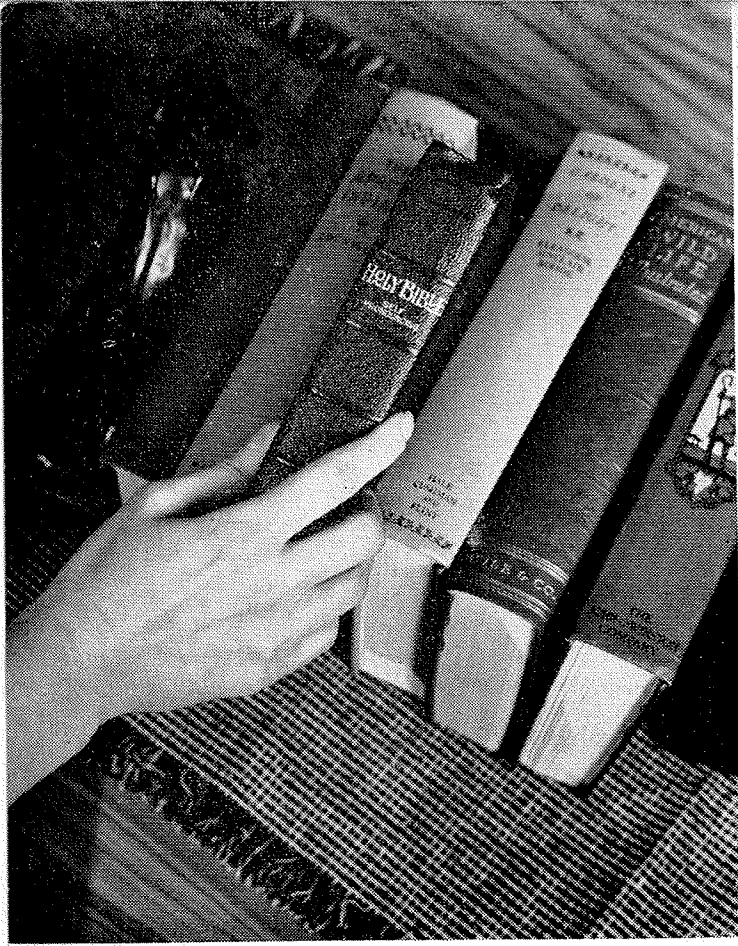
Doesn't this go right to the heart of the need of the church life? Alas, the spiritual ignorance, the spiritual immaturity, the impatience, the quickness to take offense, the criticism, the unsympathetic words—there is so much that is repellent about our Christian testimony that other people just won't come to us when they are in trouble.

Something is wrong, not with our doctrine, not with our beliefs, but with our character. Oh, that our homes would be like Mary's home, where people instinctively would go in time of need.

## Home of Prayer

The second thing that emerges from this text is this: Mary's home was a home in which people knelt in prayer. "He came to the house of Mary the mother of John,

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# Heaven Moves

## Into Our Homes

Richard A. Elvee

It was a great day when as a result of the Reformation the Bible no longer was kept chained to pulpits in churches but was read by the common man at an altar of prayer in his own living room.

If a home is to experience the blessing that flows from Jesus Christ, it will be a Bible-centered home. No one can estimate the dividends that are received for time and eternity when father and mother, sons and daughters, gather around and look into this, the source book of all wisdom. Following the reading or quoting together of the Word of God by a time of prayer in which each member of the family participates will produce the tie that will indeed bind hearts and lives together.

Heaven moves into our homes when we read the Bible.

With Christ the center of your life, kneeling at a common altar, dwelling in the Saviour's love, speaking a language all of you understand, and having the hope in your hearts of which neither is ashamed; this makes for a home with harmony and peace and happiness.

Plan for it. Pray for it. Prepare for it. As someone has said, "Harmony can only be obtained by establishing unity of a higher order where the original problem is not solved, but dismissed." This higher unity for the Christian home is found in the Bible. Fortunate that home where father and

mother and children can kneel before an undivided altar and dismiss their problems in the presence of a loving, prayer-hearing God.

*A Bible reading home is an intelligent home.* Bible reading in your home will help you to live intelligently. "When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee" (Proverbs 2:10, 11).

Man seems to know more today about everything else than he does about himself. Without doubt the greatest art is the art of living, and the application of a little Biblical intelligence in the average home would transform it from a dog house to a palace.

This Biblically-intelligent living would make a home that allows for the free play of affections between father and mother and parents and children, a home which will be full of kind deeds, a home which constantly will have gentle and affectionate words.

*A Bible reading home is a joyful home.* With the Bible as the center of your home, you will live joyfully. In Proverbs 5, we read, "Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth, and be thou ravished always with her love." There is no book which sends forth such streams of joy to the human heart as the Bible. The reality of this experience will bring joyful living to the home. It has its affect upon our tempers and our speech, and this in turn will affect those who live with us.

The attitudes of others are many times the reflection of our own. I think of that little boy standing on the edge of the woods

shouting, "Hello," and a voice returned, "Hello." Then he shouted, "Who are you?" and the voice returned, "Who are you?" Then he said, "Why don't you come out?" and the voice returned, "Come out." Finally he grew somewhat angry with the voice out of the woods and said, "I'll fight you." The voice returned, "Fight you."

He ran home and told his mother about the mean boy in the woods and his mother suggested that perhaps he should stand at the edge of the woods and say, "I love you." This he did, and the response came back from the voice in the woods, "I love you."

*A Bible reading home is a righteous home.* The Bible in your home will cause you to live righteously. Even old age can be faced with joy when one realizes that, "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness." The Psalmist has said, "These that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age. They shall be fat and flourishing."

When I was a boy, we sang the Psalms, and one psalm I shall never forget:

"Bless the man that fears Jehovah,  
Walking ever in His ways,  
By thy toil thou shalt be prospered,  
And be happy all thy days.

"In thy wife thou shalt have gladness  
She shall fill thy house with good  
Happy in her loving service,  
And the joys of motherhood.

"Joyful children, sons and daughters  
Shall about thy table meet,  
Olive plants, in strength and beauty  
Full of hope and promise sweet."

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# Building with the Bible in the Home

## Mrs. Billy Graham—

Just as a home is something far more than a house, so children are infinitely more than the biological products of marriage; they are immortal souls committed into the care and keeping of parents.

The foundation upon which we, their parents, must build is two-fold: the Christian home and the Word of God. In Psalm 11:3 David warns us: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Knowing this, Satan is doing all in his power to destroy these foundations.

The Christian home can be destroyed through neglect, indifference or distraction. It takes will power, firm resolve, careful planning and faithful, determined persistence to establish and maintain a Christian home.

Life itself is so uncertain. Our children need to be given something to guide them through life, something that will never let them down. The only source of infallible knowledge that we have is the Bible; and they must be taught from babyhood that while their parents may be wrong, their ministers may even be wrong, yet the Word of God is never wrong.

If we can send them forth into the world knowing that this is in truth God's Holy Word, they will be armed for the onslaught of doubt, insecurity and evil of every description. They will have with them the one sure thing in an unsure world.

The foundation must precede the superstructure. We dare not wait, as some say, until our children are old enough to decide for themselves in the matters of religion. We teach them how to eat properly, how to dress properly, and how to behave properly. Would we then leave the most vital part of all, their spiritual development, until too late?

As the Duchess of Hamilton said last spring in an address on the Christian home, delivered to the leaders of the Woman's Guild in Scotland in Edinburgh: "We cannot make our children into good Christians by training them how to behave. We have to teach them what to believe."

We need literally to raise our family on our knees. If they can have the background of a Godly, happy home and this unshakable faith that the Bible is indeed the Word of God, they will have a foundation that the forces of hell cannot shake.

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Mrs. Graham is the wife of the noted evangelist from Montreat, N. C.

## Frank Carlson—

Blessed are they who build families  
For they are the builders of the world.  
—Leland Foster Wood

The home is the basic unit of our society and someone has truly said, "as goes the home, so goes the nation."

Far too often parents have left the responsibility of the early training of their children to the church, the public school and the community.

While the above-mentioned institutions and agencies are important in the life of our children, the childhood training in a home determines largely the adult life of the individual.

The fundamental responsibility of every father and mother is the nurture of the religious life in the home. Fortunate indeed is the child that is nurtured in a home where the family altar is preserved in the worship of their Heavenly Father. As these children grow and reach adolescent age, they will have a knowledge of their Creator and an abiding faith in their Lord and Savior. These will serve as an anchor and be of inestimable value when trials and temptations beset them—as they most certainly will.

Some years ago a very prominent man told me how important he felt the early home training and Sunday School had been in helping his own son through the age period of fourteen to eighteen years. This man stated if our young people have the background to get through this period, we can feel that their future is secure. This has been my personal observation.

Not only that, I am deeply indebted to my parents, who have gone to their heavenly reward, for the early training in a Christian home—for the hours my mother spent in giving me instruction in the Scriptures—for their parental prayers and for a home where the atmosphere was conducive to the development of Christian character.

If we are to continue to enjoy the heritage left us by those who have given us this great nation, we must again restore the family altars in the home and give our children and their children the same sound, fundamental Christian training for which we are indebted to those who have gone before. We break faith with them and with God if we do less.

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Mr. Carlson is a U. S. Senator from Kansas.

## Clyde M. Narramore—

One time I heard a wealthy man and his wife say, "We are doing our best for our sons and daughter, but it is not our intention to leave them a financial fortune."

Naturally, I was surprised to hear such a statement, and I listened as they continued their explanation: "We have spent much time with our children—enjoying every minute with them. We have given them partial financial support through school, and we have lead each one of them to the Lord Jesus Christ. We have taught them the Word of God. They are prepared for life."

It is surely true that when a person knows Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and is instructed in the ways of the Bible, he is prepared for life. These are the most *important* things.

We are living in days of big business. Wheels are frantically whizzing around, producing items not by the dozens but by the millions. But for parents the greatest business of all is leading sons and daughters to a saving knowledge of Christ, and daily instructing them in the things of God!

How lamentable that so many men and women succeed at building a business or a reputation, but fail miserably at building a home. Parents who neglect their families, however successful they may be before the world, are failures before God.

"How," you may ask, "do you build a home?" The best way is for parents to know the Word of God themselves, then teach it to their children. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" Deuteronomy 6:6, 7.

For good mental health, for joy, and stability, there is nothing like the Word of God. "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" Isaiah 54:13.

When we build our homes with the Bible, we not only give our family members the best in the world, but eternal life—heaven, too!

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## The Christian Home

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where they were gathered together praying." I am sure that it wasn't the first time that people had met for prayer in that home. I have a feeling that John Mark would often remember the sound of voices lifted up to God in prayer.

I think of one home especially where I know a father or a mother could take me around every room of that home and tell me of answers to prayer that have taken place in that very room—a home where burdens are shared, a home marked by serenity and strength, an absence of strain and rush, where there is gentleness in conversation and sweetness in spirit and graciousness in manner. Could that be your home?

### *Touch of the Lord*

I heard sometime ago of a busy housewife who was seeing her husband off in the morning to business. Things had been a little more hectic than usual in that home for the last few days, and as he went out he said to her, "I think you need a day off." "Just like a man! Could I ever take a day off?" she retorted angrily.

She hadn't read her Bible lately, there had been no quiet time in that home for awhile but that day she took her Bible and she read of the woman who was sick with the fever, and the Lord touched her and her fever left her. She said, "Lord Jesus give to me and my home that touch today. Touch my home, take away from it the coldness, the formality and the deadness and once again Lord Jesus give us Thy love."

When her husband came home that night he looked at her and he said, "Oh, I see you took the day off, did you?" You see what what I'm talking about, don't you? It is perfectly simple, but very practical.

### *Burdens Were Shared*

They knelt in prayer in Mary's home and they took the burdens of other people upon their hearts. Everything didn't just center around their own little family circle with their troubles and their complaints. There was always a concern for other people—that's why other people went there.

Do you think that there's a room in your home which, if the walls could speak, could tell of prayers offered and wonderful answers. Could you say to me, "Pastor, you see that chair? My neighbor next door was unhappy—it wasn't a Christian home and there was trouble and gossip had started. I went last week and left her some flowers. Nobody had ever done that before and she cried. Then she came just a day or two ago and unburdened her heart to me. I opened the Word of God to her and told her about my Saviour and she knelt down beside that chair, pastor, and there she was born again." Do things like that ever happen in your home? Is it a home in which people kneel for prayer?

### *Left Home to Serve*

There is one other thing that I want you

## Ten Reasons for a Family Altar

1. It will sweeten home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can.
2. It will dissolve all misunderstanding and relieve all friction that may enter the home.
3. It will hold our boys and girls to the Christian ideal and determine their lasting welfare.
4. It will send us forth to our work for the day, in school, home, office, store, and factory, true to do our best and determined in what we do to glorify God.
5. It will give strength to meet bravely any disappointments and adversities as they come.
6. It will make us conscious through the day of the attending presence of a Friend and Helper.
7. It will hallow our friendship with our guests in the home.
8. It will reinforce the influence and work of the church, the Sunday school, and agencies helping to establish the Christian ideal throughout the world.
9. It will encourage other homes to make a place for Christ and church.
10. It will honor our Father above and express our gratitude for his mercy and blessing.

to observe from this text. It was a home from which people went out into the service of the Lord. In the 25th verse of this chapter we read, "Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John whose surname was Mark." This wasn't a home simply where people came in and out to visit, but where people went in and out—in for prayer and out to serve, a home that was a true center and a base of missionary operation.

In that mother's heart, even though she might have been a widow, there was a great concern concerning her son, John. Many times she went to the Lord and said, "Lord, I have given this boy to you, I want to see him out in the field, I want to see him a missionary, I want to see him blazing a trail for you." How many parents make that your ambition?

Isn't it true that many of us are satisfied to see our children grow up and have a good job and perhaps step right out of the will of God in doing it. Our greatest longing is to see them happily married and living not too far away so that we may continue to have, at least part of them. How many fathers and mothers really make the supreme longing of their heart that at least one member of their family will blaze a trail for God?

### *Test of Church Is Homes*

If I know anything about a mother heart I'm quite sure that the day when John Mark went to this mother and said goodbye as he set out for missionary service for the first time, there was many a tear shed. But I'm sure that when he'd gone Mary knelt down and thanked the Lord for an answer to prayer.

You see, the test of a church is not its crowd, not its money, not its preacher, but its homes! Let's search our hearts about this thing. We have our orthodoxy, we have our doctrine, we have our belief, we have our finances—God has blessed us in these

things and we are thankful indeed to our Heavenly Father. But how rich are we in terms of Christian families and Christian homes like that?

Have we homes where people come when they are in trouble because the wealth of your spiritual experience draws them? Have we homes where people meet around one common mercy seat and frequently kneel in prayer, and when people are burdened they know perfectly well that somebody in that home will understand?

Have we homes whose supreme passion and desire is that at least one of our children might blaze a trail for God on the mission field of the world? Has God been looking through the window of your home today and put His finger upon some spot, and showed you that you haven't got the thing that people want today?

### *Is Sincerity Lacking?*

In spite of what you believe, in spite of your orthodox church attendance, in spite of your sacrificial giving, somehow in your heart and in your home is there a lack of the ring of sincerity and reality? Are sympathy and graciousness and love and kindness and tenderness missing? Would you look up into the face of the Lord Jesus today and say, "Lord Jesus Christ, it's you I need, come into my home and make it like Mary's home."

"O God our Father, may Thy Holy Spirit be searching our hearts today and if there be in our homes that which is empty, that which is formal, that which is superficial, that which is a contradiction of all that we believe, Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and come afresh in all the fulness of Thy Spirit into our hearts. Make them tender and loving and Christlike, and make our homes a base of operation to which people may come when they are in need, where we often kneel in prayer and out from which home there shall go one precious jewel to serve the Lord. For Jesus' sake! Amen."

## Program Announced for National Association

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—“Christ Shall Be Magnified,” taken from Philippians 1:20, is the theme for the twentieth annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists which meets July 10-12 in Huntington, W. Va.

Five major messages will be featured on the three-day program which includes business sessions and inspirational periods. One of these messages will be brought by Dr. Ivan L. Bennett, Major General of the U. S. Army (retired) who is a former Chief of Chaplains. Dr. Bennett, who is now director of scripture distribution among service personnel, will speak on “Our Obligation to the Young People Who Serve in the Armed Forces.”

Two special features on Wednesday, July 11, are in store for the delegates. At the Wednesday morning service tribute will be paid to the former moderators of the national association. All of them are living at the present time and will be introduced and then presented with special certificates of merit for their services. Rev. John L. Welch, the first moderator and now a pastor in Nashville, Tenn., will preach at that service.

A special missionary service will be held Wednesday night under the direction of the foreign and home missions departments. The speaker will be announced later. About 1,800 are expected for all the sessions.

## Scriptures Now in 1,092 Languages

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,092 languages and dialects as of December 31, 1955 according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society. Eight new languages have been added to the list since the last report.

The whole Bible has been published in 207 languages, the entire New Testament in 265 more, and at least a gospel or other whole book in 620 more, bringing the total to the record number of 1,092.

There are some 80 languages in which short passages or collections of passages have been published, but in which no complete book of the Bible has appeared.

## Home Missionary Couple Organize Third Church

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.—Rev. and Mrs. Homer Parker, home missionaries for Arkansas, have organized their third church since taking over last fall. The newest organization was here on March 14. It followed a revival conducted by Mr. Parker.

On the organizational council were Rev. R. G. Lane, Rev. V. B. True, Rev. Tom Day, and Rev. George Been. The charter membership roll was closed on April 1 with 25 names. A Sunday school was organized with 34 members and a Free Will Baptist League with 44 members. The missionary was assigned to the church until a full-time pastor can be called.

Services are being held in the exhibition hall at the fair grounds.

## Graham Preaches to Over 110,000 in Orient

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In half-a-dozen appearances in the Orient and Far East during the early part of the year, Billy Graham preached to crowds totalling over 110,000 and registered an estimated 9,000 decisions for Christ. The largest crowd turned out at Manila in the Philippines with over 40,000 present and 4,470 converts. The cards showed that about 30 per cent of the decisions were made by Roman Catholics.

More than 30,000 persons jammed one of Hong Kong's largest stadiums to listen to Billy's gospel message. He also appeared in Formosa, Japan, and Korea.

In eight weeks the team traveled 30,000 miles. In the public meetings the average attendance was approximately 40,000 persons.

## Airlines to Reconsider Liquor Service "Code"

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Liquor-serving airlines are going to take another look at a “code” which would regulate the practice aboard domestic flights.

The Air Transport Association has been ordered by its board of directors to draft a code of standard practice for the liquor service. ATA is the trade association for the airline industry.

The code will be submitted to the six airlines which now serve “hard liquor” aloft: American, Eastern, National, Northwest, TWA and United. According to the Associated Press, an ATA spokesman said the six airlines already have fairly uniform practices on liquor service. They all exercise control over the amount served, says the spokesman.

Last fall, the ATA president drafted a “code” for liquor service aboard aircraft and submitted it for approval to member airlines. In the early part of November, airline representatives met in San Francisco behind closed doors and rejected the proposed “self-control” measure, finding the code “unacceptable.”

The suggested code, submitted by then president Harold L. Pearson, contained certain minimum controls for alcohol service such as no service for minors or intoxicated persons, no service before noon or on flights of less than two hours, no attempts to solicit drinking. Commenting on the proposed code, the *Christian Science Monitor* said:

“If what it proposes to do or cease doing is any key to what the offending lines have been permitting, then the situation is no less than shocking.”



**ADDRESSES LEADERS** Dr. Albert McClellan (third from left), director of publications for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the speaker at a dinner sponsored by the executive department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for denominational leaders and state representatives. The dinner was held in Nashville during the annual Bible conference and was attended by 38, with twelve states represented.

Shown with the speaker above are (left to right) Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, a pastor from Greenville, N. C.; Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, moderator of the national association, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. McClellan, and Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary for the foreign missions department, Nashville, Tenn. The executive department plans to make the dinner an annual affair.

# Nationwide Conference Program

## Offers Great Time for Leaguers

GREENVILLE, N. C. — About 1,500 young people, youth leaders, pastors, and visitors are expected to attend the nationwide League conference to be held here June 12-14. This will be the seventh time the conference has met since the first one in 1948.

All sessions of the conference will be held on the campus of East Carolina College, with many of those attending finding accommodations on the campus. Dormitories will be provided for 600 and the cafeteria will serve meals at regular student prices.

The program, with "Faith Is the Victory" as the keynote, offers inspiration and information with its variety of features. One of the highlights, as in previous years, will be the simultaneous conferences. There will be four such sessions. These conferences will deal with League methods, missions, and vocational counseling.

There will be more than 30 denominational and youth leaders, missionaries, college students, and pastors appearing on the program, according to Ray Turnage, national League secretary. Music director for the conference will be Rev. Billy Melvin, Richmond, Va. Organist will be Mrs. Paul Braxton, Greenville, N. C., and Miss Loyce Marshall, Nashville, Tenn., will be the pianist.

The program features, session by session, are as follows:

### Tuesday night

The opening session will feature special music by the conference choir composed of 100 voices from the eastern North Carolina area. The choir will be under the direction of Rev. Henry Melvin. Ray Turnage, national League secretary, will be presiding. The Leaguers will be welcomed by Rev. R. B. Crawford, Greenville pastor and chairman of the general committee.

Main feature of this opening session will be the presentation of a pageant, "The Kingdom of God First," an original drama by Mr. Melvin. The cast will be from the churches in the conference site area.

### Wednesday morning

This session will have a stewardship emphasis aimed at helping young people become good stewards of what God has given them. Two pastors and two college students will speak briefly on these four phases of stewardship: influence, leisure, talent, and possessions. These speakers will be Rev. Michael Pelt, Gene Outland, Elizabeth Guthrie, and Rev. Eugene Waddell.



Entrance to East Carolina College where sessions of the seventh nationwide League Conference will be held.

A message by Rev. William Hill, pastor of East Nashville Church, Tenn., will precede the simultaneous conferences which will be held at 11 a.m. These conferences will be on League methods and organization. Rev. R. B. Crawford will preside over the morning service.

### Wednesday afternoon

Rev. W. Burkette Raper, League Board member and Mt. Olive College president, will preside. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the national association, will speak to the entire group on the subject, "How Readest Thou?", which will be followed by another simultaneous conference period. This will be a continuation of the morning conference session.

An early adjournment is scheduled to allow for a visit to the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, about 12 miles from Greenville. There leaguers will see how denominational literature is produced.

### Wednesday night

This entire service will be given to the presentation of a religious drama, "The Rock," by the speech department of the  
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### WHAT THEY SAY

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### WHAT THEY DO







WILLIAM HILL

sionary?" Following this, there will be a panel on vocational counseling.

### Thursday Night

Two of the big events of the conference are traditionally reserved for the last night. These are the nationwide Intermediate Sword drill and a consecration service. The Sword drill will be led by Mr. Turnage with contestants expected from 10 or 12 states. (See box on this page for additional information.)

The consecration service will be led by Rev. Henry Melvin, chairman of the League Board. This has been traditional since the second conference. After this, goodbyes will be said and many cars and busses will begin the trips back home, with the occupants tired, but their hearts still warm with the memory of great spiritual experiences.



HENRY MELVIN

Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. The drama will be under the direction of Miss Naomi Brant, speech instructor.

The leading role will be played by Joyce Gore, Tupelo, Miss., who will portray the disciple, Peter. Other main characters are Jack White, Norfolk, Va.; Peggy Morris, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Jacksie Whitehurst, Portsmouth, Va., and Barrie Sue Colson, Bryan, Texas. The drama was first presented at the annual Bible conference in April and was very favorably received.

### Thursday morning

Thursday morning will be a missionary service with a number of special features. Rev. Dale Munkus, League Board member and pastor at Russellville, Ark., will preside. Featured at this service will be Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey and Miss Lucy Wisheart, missionaries to Cuba, and Benito Rodriguez and Estenio Garcia, Cuban pastors. The national pastors will address the congregation in their native language, which will be interpreted by Mr. Willey. Mrs. Willey will bring the principal message of the morning.

The 11 a.m. simultaneous conferences will be conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Miss Wisheart, and Rev. Homer Willis. They will discuss the missionary potential of our denomination.

### Thursday afternoon

Two separate sessions will be conducted during this period. One will be for ministers and will feature the director of public relations for East Carolina College and the manager of a local television station. They will discuss in two 45-minute periods church publicity through newspapers and over radio and television.

Another session will be for young people and their leaders. It will feature a period conducted by college students who are members of the Foreign Missions Fellowship. They will discuss "Why Be a Mis-



MRS. T. H. WILLEY

### Busses to Conference

Every session a number of states charter busses to take a group to the League conference. Two groups from three states have already made their arrangements this year. Alabama and Mississippi are teaming up to charter a bus and Tennessee has made arrangements to transport 45 leaguers to the conference on a bus.

Usually the cost is far less on a chartered bus than by other forms of transportation. Other states which have not done so are urged to investigate the possibility of taking a group of young people to Greenville, N. C. on a chartered bus.

**The "Apostles of Discord" feature which has been appearing on these two pages for several months will be back next month.**

### Intermediate Sword Drill

Contestants from ten or twelve states are expected to participate in the nationwide Intermediate Sword drill this year. The names of six of these contestants have already been received. They are: Sue Foster, Oklahoma; Sylvia Ann Brooks, Missouri; Connie Boswell, Illinois; James Evans, Arkansas; Peggy Alley, Tennessee, and Frances Weeks, Georgia.

Contestants from other states will be selected before June 10. Each contestant will receive a suggested drill for study prior to the actual contest. The five parts which the drill contains are Scripture searching, unfinished quotations, character drill, book drill, and topical and doctrinal drills.

Each contestant is scored, with the one giving the correct answer first getting 10 points; second place, 5 points, and 1 point each for those who find the answer before "time out" is called. All contestants will use standard Sword drill Bibles furnished by the national League Board. Contestants must be between the ages of 13 and 16, inclusive, at the time of the nationwide drill.

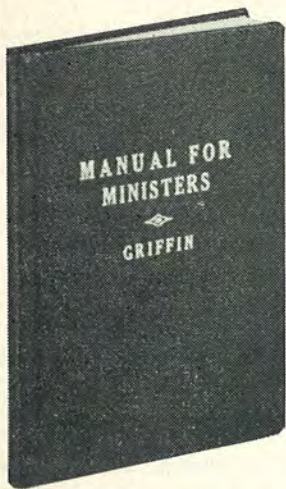
An attractive engraved sunray plaque will be awarded the first place winner, with the second place winner receiving an attractive Bible. All contestants are allowed to keep their costumes and Sword drill Bibles as souvenirs.

# CHURCH OF THE MONTH



East Tupelo Church in Tupelo, Miss., was organized in 1931 by Rev. M. L. Hollis who served as first pastor for 13 years. Rev. L. C. Johnson served the church for three years and was followed by the present pastor, Rev. Luther Gibson, who is serving his ninth year.

Present membership is 324 with an average attendance in Sunday school of 260 and a League attendance of 122. Since 1948 three additions have been made to the original building. The latest of these was completed last fall when the educational facilities were expanded and the auditorium enlarged to accommodate 375 people. At this time a baptistry and choir loft were added and a public address system was installed.



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- Ohio state association meets June 14-15 at Woodland Chapel church, near Ironton.

- Virginia state association meets June 15-16 at Mary's Chapel church, near Coeburn.

## Next Month

Read the heart-warming story of C. J. Pelt, Marianna, Fla., who has four sons and two grandsons in the ministry. Complete with pictures.

Complete information about the national convention which meets July 10-12 at Huntington, W. Va. will include program, pictures of speakers and convention city.

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# For Christ in the Homeland

DAMON C. DODD

Our newest venture in home missions is Mexico. This country offers one of the most challenging mission fields of our present day to Free Will Baptists.

There are 30 million people in Mexico and only 250,000 of them are Christians. It is estimated that 425 Protestant missionaries are working there, which means one missionary to 71,000 population. The ratio of missionary to people is more staggering in view of the severe restrictions under which the gospel must be preached. One of these handicaps is that the Mexican Constitution regulates church organizations in the country and states that "places of public worship are the property of the nation as represented by the federal government, which shall determine which of them may continue to devote to their present purpose." The constitution also stipulates that "state legislatures are given the power to determine the maximum number of ministers of religious creeds, according to the needs of each locality, and only a Mexican by birth may be a minister of any religion." What, then, is the answer?

The dilemma has been partially solved by stationing missionaries in the American border towns and sending them in on short excursions to reach the towns nearby. This is the method which we are presently using. In this way we are serving two Mexican towns, Monterrey and Jiminez.

## Serves Without Salary

Monterrey is located south of Laredo and west of McAllen, Texas, in the state of Nuevo de Leon. It is an important and busy city and the center of trade for the state of Nuevo de Leon. Our Free Will Baptist mission has an attendance of 55-60 and has been in operation about two years. The Mexican pastor is Juan Lopez.

Rev. Lopez carries on a small rural mission near Monterrey as well as the work in the city, and for all of his work he receives no pay whatever. In fact, he actually supports the work out of his own earnings as a day laborer, paying rent on the building in town and providing for its upkeep.

Recently the church in North Belmont, N. C., of which Rev. Ralph Staten is pastor, volunteered to underwrite the rent for the building, which is 100 pesos Mexican (\$12.50 American) per month, as well as \$10 per month toward the support of the pastor. This church is to be commended most highly for this wonderful gesture, and

especially so, since they were already sending \$40 per month to support two national workers on foreign fields.

## Only Protestant Church

Our other Free Will Baptist mission is in Jiminez, Mexico. This town of 700 people is south of Eagle Pass, Texas, in the Mexican state of Coahuila. The pastor, German Rodriguez, is assisted in the work by deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez. The attendance ranges from 35 to 45 and is growing slowly. This is the only Protestant church in town and one of the very few in the entire area. It reaches many of the rural people who have not before had a chance to hear the Gospel. The pastor receives nothing for his services and supports himself and family by day labor. The group is building an adobe church and is having a struggle financially to keep going.

Piedras Negras, Mexico, a thriving city of 25,000 is situated in Coahuila, just across the Rio Grande river from Eagle Pass. This is a needy city spiritually, since there are few Protestant churches there. Like Monterrey, it is the commercial and social capital of its state and offers a real challenge to us in our missionary program. We are told that a Free Will Baptist church could easily be established there, as well as in the small rural communities surrounding it.

## Needs are Listed

These are our immediate prospects in Mexico. We have two missionaries, Rev. James Timmons and Miss Bessie Yeley, and the three national workers, Rev. Juan Lopez, Rev. German Rodriguez and Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez. This staff is pitifully small but it is all we can afford financially at this time. We are looking forward to the time when we will have at least twelve American missionaries to assign to this field.

What are our needs? Briefly, here they are:

1. An additional \$25 per month for the pastor in Monterrey. This would make a salary of \$35 per month for him.
2. A salary of \$25 per month for the pastor in Jiminez.
3. At least \$150 to complete the church now under construction in Jiminez.
4. Twenty-four churches to give \$10 a month to underwrite the salary and house rent for Rev. James Timmons, one of our missionaries to Mexico.
5. Above all things, 100,000 prayer warriors to pray daily for the success of this work.
6. Missionary volunteers to go to Mexico and give themselves to the task of seeking out the lost.

If you or your church, league, Sunday school class, Woman's Auxiliary, YPA, GTA, or any other group can help the Home Mission Board meet any of the above needs, please let us hear from you. Our address is 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

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# Woman's Auxiliary

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## Women at Work

### The Christian Home Is the Happy Home

MALCOLM R. CRONK

The Holy Scriptures make it very plain that the Christian home is the practical center for the propagation of true religion. The influences of home are first and foremost in the life of the child. It is there that he is most loved and best understood.

Christian parents have in their home opportunity for worship, for education, for discipline, for loving example and leadership—thus the home is a miniature church, and it is so pictured in the fifth and sixth chapters of Ephesians. The husband and wife love each other, delight in each other, and bless each other even as Christ and His church. Fathers are exhorted to nurture their children in the admonition of the Lord.

As the homes are strong, so the church will be strong; as the church is strong, so will it minister to the homes; as both are strong, the impact in the community will be great, and the contribution to the extension of the Gospel will be generous.

As the center and symbol of these happy and holy relationships stands the family altar. There the Word is reverently read and explained. Family problems and needs are discussed in the light of its teachings. Family life is thus charted and challenged by the living Word of God.

Where family prayer is daily said,  
God's Word is regularly read,  
And faith in Christ is never dead, —  
That is a Christian home.

Where father, mother, sister, brother,  
All have true love for one another  
And no one ever hates the other, —  
That is a Christian home.

Where family quarrels are pushed aside  
To let the love of God abide  
Ere darkness falls on eventide, —  
That is a Christian home.

Where joy and happiness prevail  
In every heart without a fail  
And thoughts of God on high set sail, —  
That is a Christian home.

Where Jesus Christ is Host and Guest,  
Through whom we have eternal rest  
And in Him are forever blest, —  
That is a Christian home.

### Missionary Martyrs Prompt Auxiliaries to Re-evaluate

Probably not since the martyrdom in China of missionaries John and Betty Stam on December 8, 1934 has anything stirred the Christian world as the massacre by the South American Auca Indians of the five missionaries on January 8. These men were married and all but one had small children. They possessed a deep burden for this tribe of "barbarians" and made very thorough and remarkable preparations for an entrance into their territory.

Two days after the first friendly contact was made, they returned and made specific preparations for an all-out attempt to reach these Indians. Within hours their bodies were all pierced with lances, mutilated with machettes, and thrown in the nearby Curu-ray River.

This incident brings us to a place of re-evaluation, not only of our personal lives, but in the activities of our auxiliary. Somehow the new air conditioners we provided the church do not seem so necessary. Somehow the money-raising projects, so thoughtfully planned, have lost their appeal. Hours spent in planning interesting socials and suppers bring a haunting sense of spiritual delinquency from the more vital tasks of the auxiliary.

The WNAC adopted as a project sending out a missionary in the "person" of visual aid equipment. The Cronks plan to take these needed materials with them when they return to India in June, 1956. Most of the states have been faithful in sending their quotas, but you may have been negligent since you thought you had several months yet.

But the time is NOW.

The states which have been using the Indian convoy as a publicity aid will be interested to know that the South Carolina convoy reached India first. Congratulations, South Carolina!

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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	104.00	—
Texas .....	55.00	5.00	50.00
Virginia .....	20.00	20.00	—
West Virginia .....	20.00	—	20.00

Officers for new auxiliary at Carlsbad, N. Mex., installed April 8 after organization on March 21. They are: Mrs. L. C. Pinson, president; Mrs. O. H. Palmer, vice-president; Mrs. O. F. Sweem, treasurer; Mrs. W. L. Summers, recording secretary, and Mrs. R. S. Pinson, corresponding secretary. Chairmen are Mrs. C. W. Holman, study course; Mrs. G. R. Newton, personal service; Mrs. T. B. Bryant, program-prayer, and Mrs. V. E. Collier, youth auxiliary. First services of new group was pre-Easter week of prayer and first project is placing of roadside signs on all highways leading into city . . . *Tide-water district convention met April 7 at Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va., with five auxiliaries represented. Speaker was Rev. Tommy Willey, Jr. Mrs. Mildred Little was recognized as the outstanding woman for 1955 and trophies were awarded to Juanita Deuell and Robert Bryan for the YPA and GTA declamations on missions. Both of them are from the First church, Warwick, Va. All three of those honored will attend the 1956 session of the WNAC. Mrs. J. K. Bryan is the convention president.*

New Hope district convention met April 7 at First church, Searcy, Ark., with four auxiliaries represented. Theme was "Time for Revival," with Rev. Lawnie Coffman bringing the message. New project adopted to finish the wall around the platform of tabernacle at state assembly grounds. Mrs. Lawnie Coffman is president . . . *Average attendance for pre-Easter week of prayer at Trinity Temple, Tulsa, Okla., was 20. Mrs. Leona Mayfield led a study course for the group during March.*

A GTA was organized recently at the Mt. Olive church, near Henderson, Texas, with nine members. Officers are Jane Oliver, president; Linda Morris, vice-president; Vera Williams, secretary; Johnny Lynn McDonald, treasurer, and Naomi Clark, program chairman . . . *District convention of the Social Band association in Arkansas held all-day workshop session March 15 at Pochontas. Five auxiliaries were represented. Mrs. J. Reford Wilson is president.*

A dedication service for all workers in the vacation Bible school sponsored by the auxiliary of the Allen church, Sapulpa, Okla., will be held at the regular Sunday morning service, June 3. The school will begin on June 4. This auxiliary also sponsored a pre-Easter week of prayer for the entire church . . . *An auxiliary was organized at Artesia, New Mexico, on May 2 after a visit to the church by Mrs. L. C. Pinson, vice-president and field secretary of the Northwest Brazos district convention . . . Treasurers of state or district conventions which will represent at WNAC should send dues to Nashville office by July 1. Secretaries should send reports to national secretary, Mrs. Ralph Staires, 828 South Harvard, Tulsa, Okla., by same date.*

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MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS

Look about you and see if you can find one thing that is completely independent. I have not found a single thing that does not need a complement or a support of some kind to complete it.

Take the rug on the floor, for example. It needs many things to complete its beauty and usefulness. It must have wool from many sheep, dye from many plants, skilled hands to weave the design into it and, finally, the burlap backing to hold it together.

What would a clock be without hands? A button without thread? Thread without a needle? Cloth without scissors? Paint without a brush? A house without a foundation? Each needs something else to complement it or to support it to make it usable and enjoyable.

On the other hand, let's look at the reverse of the above. What good would the hands be without a clock? Thread without a button? A needle without thread? Scissors without cloth? A brush without paint? A foundation without a house?

We need each other. Perhaps you do not need me as much as I need you, but you do need me. Christ said that we were to love one another. He knew we would need each other and he knew also that the surest way for us to complete one another was through love. If we *need* mutual love and God's Word *commands* it, why don't we love one another?

Could it be that we have become so self-centered that we think we are a law unto ourselves? The philosophy of this world is "Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost," but the trouble with this is that the devil is always out in front of such a thoroughly unChristian attitude.

The Bible advises us to "let love be without dissimulation," or without hypocrisy. We are warned of the consequences of a life lived wholly unto ourselves with these words, "Take heed, lest ye be consumed one of another." Selfishness and hypocritical love will destroy our homes, our churches, our nation, and most certainly ourselves.

God wills that we bless one another, not curse. Churches need the mutual love and respect of each other. We need to pray for our sister churches instead of seeing if we can outdo them. Through shared strength, both will be made stronger.

The Christian word is not *independent*—it is *interdependent*.

## Saying vs. Doing

CLIFFORD LARSON

As evangelical Christians we have been proclaiming a truth and practicing the opposite in the most important area of religious education.

### *This is what we have been saying:*

1. The Bible places first responsibility upon father and mother to educate their children in all spiritual matters.
2. The home is the most important influence in the lives of children.
3. A church is spiritually strong only as families within it are spiritually strong.
4. The home is the foundation of society.
5. The church has the responsibility to see that the homes within its fellowship are positively Christian.

### *This is what we have done:*

1. Set up an educational program in our Sunday schools and churches that functions quite separately from the home.
2. Placed first emphasis upon this church program in the expectation that the home then would promote it as something of primary importance.
3. Allowed parents to shift their responsibility (quite without their realizing it) to the church as the specialized agency for the Christian nurture of their children, and to have the church, in this respect, actually contribute to the disintegration of the Christian family and its God-given task.

Thus, we find ourselves today proclaiming Bible truth in opposition to Bible methods and means and in contradiction to what we know concerning the primary influence of the home.

### *We must, therefore, first come at least to these basic convictions:*

1. The home is the first place of Christian training and therefore must be made effective. Our church program will never succeed apart from this. Religious education must be a mutual task of home and church. When the families within the church experience a Christian revival, only then will the church's influence become truly dynamic.
2. The traditional pattern and attitude of our Sunday schools must be changed in the interest of getting back to this more Biblical approach. A church must thus be willing to experiment.
3. A church must anticipate the necessity of and must so plan for making as great or greater effort in solving this problem as it has done in such other important activities as developing a missionary program, erecting a new building or liquidating a church debt.

Dr. Larson is president of Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn.



## The Prayer Fellowship

GEORGE W. WAGGONER, Leader

Nothing that anyone has said about prayer, or on any subject for that matter, is so real as what the Bible teaches. It is a good thing to "hide in our hearts" many prayer promises.

But there are those who have given good advice along this line. We'd like to suggest here a few quotes that have been picked up over the years. Think on these things as you consider this matter of prayer:

"When the outlook is dark, try the up-look."

"Be specific. Don't just pray around the world to kill time."

"You'll never find time to pray. You must take time."

"Pray where you are. God is present, ready to listen."

"Too many people pray for emergency supplies when they should be praying for daily rations."

"Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray."

"Prayerless pews make powerless pulpits."

Join us in prayer this month for the following requests:

▶ Pray for your pastor as he ministers to the church each week.

▶ Pray for your Sunday school superintendent and teachers that more of the people in your community may be reached for Christ through your Sunday school.

▶ Pray for the district associations as they meet this month for business and fellowship.

▶ Pray for the newly-organized churches and those that are changing pastors this month.

▶ Pray for the revival efforts near you.

▶ Pray for the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville and Mt. Olive College in North Carolina and for the faculty members as they close out another year.

▶ Pray for the entire headquarters staff and the work of the different departments there.

▶ Pray for Dan and Trula Cronk as they prepare to return to India.

▶ Pray for Fred and Evelyn Hersey as they begin their work in Japan.

▶ Pray that many churches will use the "Every Church Family" Plan for getting CONTACT into the homes of the members.

▶ Pray that many more churches will support the Cooperative Plan for our denominational agencies.

▶ Pray for the nationwide League conference next month.

▶ Pray for the Bible college students as they seek God's will for the summer months.

# GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

SAMMY WILKINSON, NEWS EDITOR

## **Oklahoma Church Host To Quarterly Meeting**

SALINA, Okla.—The First Free Will Baptist church here was host to the quarterly meeting of the Grand River association on April 26-28. Rev. Ed S. Sunday was moderator. Rev. Carl Pollard is pastor of the Salina church.

## **Texas Ministers Have Conference**

HUNTSVILLE, Tex.—The Texas State Free Will Baptist minister's conference convened at the Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist church near here on May 3-4. The speakers for the conference were Rev. J. M. Goode of Carthage and Rev. H. Z. Cox of Dallas.

## **West Virginia Church Builds New Addition**

WINIFREDE, W. Va.—The Old Glory Free Will Baptist church here has just completed a large addition, which will take care of the Sunday school which had an attendance of 237 Easter Sunday. The building was done without leaving the church in debt. Rev. Elmer Stevens is pastor of the church.

## **League Convention Meets With Missouri Church**

FLAT RIVER, Mo.—The Southeastern Missouri League convention was held at the First Free Will Baptist church here on April 21. The convention was well attended with approximately fifteen churches representing. The pastor of the host church is Rev. H. C. Beasley.

## **Arkansas Church Host to League Rally**

SPRINGDALE, Ark.—The Old Mount Zion association League rally was held at the Pilgrim's Rest church on March 26. Six churches from the association presented programs which were a blessing to all. The next rally will meet again at the Pilgrim's Rest church on June 24.

## **Texas Church Observes Twenty-second Anniversary**

FORT WORTH, Tex.—The Trinity Free Will Baptist church here observed its twenty-second anniversary on May 6. The program for the day began with Sunday school and worship services after which a basket lunch was served at the church by the Woman's Auxiliary. An old-fashioned singing was held in the afternoon. The evening services were closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet. Rev. M. L. Sutton, who

organized the church on May 6, 1934, has served the church as pastor since the organization.

## **Arkansas Gains New Church Group**

BRADFORD, Ark.—The Oakland Union church near here was organized into a Free Will Baptist church March 18 with eleven of the twenty prospective members present. Rev. Lawnie Coffman, state home mission director, and the New Hope district executive board were on the organizational council. Rev. W. F. Prichett was called as pastor.

A Free Will Baptist League was organized April 1 by Mr. Thomas McDaniel, president of the New Hope district League rally.

## **Tennessee Church Has Sunday School Study Course**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist church had a study course for the teachers and prospective teachers of their Sunday school April 16-20. Rev. William Mishler, promotional secretary for the national Free Will Baptist Sunday school department taught the course. Rev. J. L. Welch is pastor of the church.

## **Oklahoma Pastor Occupies New Home**

BRISTOW, Okla. — Rev. Paul Purcell, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church here, and his wife are now enjoying the new parsonage at 434 West Second Street, which was recently purchased for the price of \$8,000.

## **West Virginia Church Gives Sunday School Awards**

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — Four members of the Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist church here were given special awards by their pastor, Rev. Carl Vallance, for perfect attendance records established in Sunday school. Those awarded were Mr. L. E. Johnson, teacher in the men's Bible class, who has not missed Sunday school for fourteen years; Mrs. Barbara Stewart and Mr. Paul Scarberry for fifteen years and Miss Mary Bays for fourteen years. Others receiving special recognition were Mrs. Rebecca McClasky, Mrs. Ella Templeton and Jimmy Johnson for twelve years and Mrs. Zena Mays for ten years.

The Sunday school is reported to have had a record attendance last year. The first quarter of this year was above last year's with an average of two hundred and eighty-four.

## **Arkansas Church Builds New Parsonage**

WARREN, Ark.—The Willoughby Free Will Baptist church near here has just completed a new parsonage, which is valued at seven thousand dollars. The parsonage is located near the church. Rev. John M. Rich is pastor.

## **Ohio State Association Sets Meeting June 14-16**

IRONTON, Ohio—The 17th annual session of the Ohio State association of Free Will Baptist churches will meet June 14-16 at the Woodland Chapel church, on route 75 east of here. The Woman's Auxiliary convention will meet on Thursday, the 14th, with Rev. Andrew Workman bringing the sermon.

The state association will open sessions on Friday morning, June 15, and continue through Saturday afternoon. Speakers during the convention are Callie Adams, Mickey Wilds, Edward Percell, Olen Gould, Forrest Chamberlain, and Robert Meade. Convention officials are Rev. Forrest Chamberlain, president; Rev. Edward Stevens, vice-president; Mrs. Grace Peach, clerk, and Rev. Homer Nelson, treasurer.

## **Mission Conference Scheduled in Florida**

MARIANNA, Fla.—A series of special missionary services have been scheduled for May 30-June 3 in the Salem association, according to Rev. Walter Eldridge, moderator. Speakers will be Rev. J. B. Bloss and Rev. Damon C. Dodd, chairman and promotional secretary for the Board of Home Missions. Services have been tentatively scheduled for the following churches: Damascus, Traveler's Rest, Salem, Cedar Grove, Holly Grove, and Marvin Chapel.

## **Texan Ordained to Gospel Ministry**

COMANCHE, Texas—Rev. Roy Norie, Jr., was ordained to the gospel ministry March 11 at the Gartmans View church, of which he is pastor. Rev. A. D. Marchant delivered the charge. Others who served on the council were Rev. A. F. Ferguson and Rev. J. W. Arnold.

## **New Church Organized At Dearborn, Michigan**

DEARBORN, Mich.—Twenty-two charter members joined the First Free Will Baptist church which was organized here March 13 by the presbytery of the Wolverine association. The group had been holding serv-

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ices since September 1955 under the leadership of Rev. William T. Newsome. Mr. Newsome was called as pastor by the church, with other officers being elected as follows: Opal Barrett, clerk, and Henry Newsome, treasurer.

Even before the group was officially organized they had purchased property valued at \$16,000 at 4621 Pelham Road. A remodeling program provided a sanctuary, educational rooms, church office, etc.

## Alabama Congregation Begins New Building

SLOCOMB, Ala.—Construction is under way on a building for the Free Will Baptist congregation which was organized here last November 6. The cement block building will be 28 by 50 feet and will provide for the sanctuary, four educational rooms, and

a baptistry. Plans call for it to be finished by June 1. Rev. Rufus Hyman is pastor.

## Texas Churches Form New Association

FORT WORTH, Texas—A group of churches in the Fort Worth-Dallas area were scheduled to form a new district association on May 11-12 in a meeting at Trinity church here. A preliminary meeting was held April 13 at the Bethel church here with five area churches represented. They were First, Bethel, and Trinity churches, Fort Worth; Concord church, Dallas, and First church, Weatherford.

A temporary organization was set up at the first meeting with Rev. C. J. Hearron as president and Rev. C. J. Turrentine, secretary. The new organization will be called the Fellowship association.

# Revival Campaigns

CHURCH	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	DATES	DEC.	ADD.
Allen church, Sapulpa, Okla.	Gene Clay	Carl Hembree	4/6-	8	
Leadington, Mo.	Homer Willis	Eunice Edwards	4/8-21		
Johnston City, Ill.	W. S. Mooneyham	Claude Childers	4/8-15	11	
Henryetta, Okla.	Paul Purcell	Homer Young	4/15-		
Trinity Temple, Tulsa, Okla.	F. A. McCage	Melvin Bingham	4/15-		
Hull Road church, Snow Hill, N. C.	F. B. Cherry	Michael Pelt	4/15-21		
New Home church, Tulsa, Okla.	Gilbert Pixley	L. A. Yandell	4/15-		
East Nashville church, Nashville, Tenn.	Luther Gibson	William Hill	4/8-17		
Loyal Chapel, Columbia, Tenn.	Eustace Riggs	J. B. Bloss	4/5-13		
Highland Park church, Mich.	Luther Gibson	Charles Thigpen	4/29-5/13		
First church, Salina, Okla.	E. S. Sunday	Carl Pollard	4/16-25		
Tecumseh, Okla.	Homer Young	Delbert Akin		3	
Silver City, Okla.	Ernest Harrison	Hattie Newman	3/18-29		
First church, Ada, Okla.	Hattie Newman	Weldon Wood	4/1-15		
First church, Houston, Texas	John H. West	E. D. Hellard	4/9-		
Lawnwood church, Tulsa, Okla.	E. M. Kennedy	H. E. Staires	3/25-4/7	3	
Central Ave. church, Oklahoma City, Okla.	Charles Sapp	Jack Dodson	4/30-5/4		
Ozias church, Pearson, Ga.	Bobby Jackson	Paul Long	3/4-11	4	
St. James church, Phenix City, Ala.	R. P. Ritch	Walter E. Jones	6/10-22		
First church, Bryan, Texas	O. T. Dixon	Charles Sapp	4/2-8	6	5
Crusader's church, Detroit, Mich.	Carl Osborne	Thurman Pate	4/8-20	14	11
Philadelphia church, Detroit, Mich.	John Floyd, Sr.	John Floyd, Jr.	4/8-		
Amory, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	M. L. Hollis	4/1-6		
Lovewell church, Richton, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	G. W. Pearson	4/22-26		
Fulton, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	M. L. Hollis	5/6-12		
First church, Sulligent, Ala.	M. L. Hollis	M. L. Hollis	5/13-18		
Fawn Grove church, Miss.	Bobby Jackson	M. L. Hollis	5/27-6/2		
Hollis Chapel, Columbus, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	M. L. Hollis	6/3-8		
Aliceville, Ala.	M. L. Hollis	Leon McAdams	6/17-22		

MAY, 1956

## April Cooperative Receipts Down \$700 from March

### RECEIPTS:

#### ALABAMA

First church, Dothan	32.36	
Alabama State Association	10.55	42.91

#### CALIFORNIA

Churches of California		284.80
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#### FLORIDA

Central church, Tampa	10.58	
Florida State Association	125.68	136.26

#### ILLINOIS

Johnsonville church, Johnsonville	3.00	
Webb's Prairie church, Ewing	8.98	
Oak Grove church, Sheller	11.90	
First church, Waltonville	23.97	
Pleasant View church, Dix	10.77	
Gertrude Bowe, Chicago	5.00	
Eakin Grove, Benton	10.50	
Bethel church, So. Roxana	7.50	81.62

#### KENTUCKY

Southside church, Paintsville		53.80
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#### MISSOURI

State Association		705.99
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#### NORTH CAROLINA

Goshen church, Belmont	70.70	
Hickory Chapel church, Ahsokie	91.52	162.22

#### OKLAHOMA

State Association		554.00
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#### TENNESSEE

Head's church, Chapmansboro		93.26
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#### TEXAS

Trinity church, Fort Worth		50.00
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#### VIRGINIA

Fairmount Park church, Norfolk		308.81
		<u>\$2,473.67</u>

#### DESIGNATED FUNDS

Illinois	3.62	
Arkansas	205.72	
Florida	164.97	374.31
		<u>2,847.98</u>
Error in deposit		.10
		<u>\$2,847.88</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Department	1,133.54
Foreign Missions	720.27
Bible College	420.56
Home Missions	318.88
Superannuation	106.22
Sunday School Department	74.21
League Board	49.47
Radio-TV Board	24.73
	<u>\$2,847.88</u>

## Pastoral Changes

A. F. Pierce to First church, El Paso, Texas.  
John M. Rich to Willoughby church, Warren, Ark., from Grace church, Bonifay, Fla.

Howard Flota to First church, Mt. Vernon, Ill., from Oak Grove church, Sesser, Ill.

Bill McClintock to Milton-Freewater, Ore.

# What's Your Problem?



LOUIS H. MOULTON

Q. *I was saved about six weeks ago. Do I sin by continuing to smoke cigarettes?*

A. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (I Cor. 3:16). If your body has become the temple of the indwelling Spirit of God (and so it has according to Acts 2:38), then does not common sense itself teach us that we should be very careful not to defile the human body? If you argue that it doesn't hurt you and that being saved gives you certain liberties, I would remind you of Paul's words in I Cor. 8:9 "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak." Again in Romans 14:13 "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." From such scriptures as these I would say the answer to your question is yes.

Q. *Is the baptism of the Holy Spirit necessary to get to heaven?*

A. We are commanded very definitely in Ephesians 5:18 to "... be filled with the Holy Spirit ..." However, our salvation is not contingent upon our being filled (completely controlled) with the Spirit. Isaiah 1:18, John 5:24, Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9, 10, are all passages dealing with salvation and are very definite promises upon which we may stand even at the bar of judgment; however, none of these refers to the necessity of the Holy Spirit baptism.

Q. *Do you believe in divine healing today?*

A. I not only believe in it but I have experienced it with a definiteness which defies any doubt whatsoever. "... I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). "... the power of the Lord was present to heal them" (Luke 5:17). "... pray ... that ye may be healed" (James 5:16). However, if you mean do I believe in all of those who claim to have the power to divinely heal, and in the methods which they employ today, the answer is no. If space permitted, I could tell of an instantaneous touch from God, and complete permanent delivery from an ailment when I was in the hospital and to which medical science could not find the an-

swer. Hebrews 13:8 says "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Yes, I believe in divine healing today.

Q. *When Jesus cast people out of the temple, was he mad?*

A. In the commonest use of the word, yes. He was very angry, out of patience. In the sense of being enraged, frenzied, crazy, furious with rage, no. In Ephesians 4:26, Paul teaches that it is possible to "Be ye angry, and sin not . . ."

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