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## CONVENTION OFFICERS



*Front Row: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary; Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Nashville, Tenn., moderator, and Rev. H. A. Pitts, Winfield, Ala., assistant moderator. Back Row: Rev. Dean Moore, El Sobrante, Calif., clerk, and Mr. John T. Morgan, Elizabethton, Tenn., assistant clerk.*

# Association Personnel

One star means elected at this session; two stars means re-elected.

## Officers

Moderator—\*Charles A. Thigpen, Nashville, Tenn.  
Assistant Moderator—\*H. A. Pitts, Winfield, Ala.  
Clerk—\*Dean Moore, El Sobrante, Calif.  
Assistant Clerk—\*John T. Morgan, Elizabethton, Tenn.  
Executive Secretary—W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn.

## General Board

\*A. J. Lambert, Fayette, Ala.  
R. E. Pixley, Ft. Smith, Ark.  
George McLain, Campbell, Calif.  
\*W. B. Hughes, Chipley, Fla.  
\*G. C. King, Sylvester, Ga.  
\*W. T. Turnbough, Sesser, Ill.  
\*F. S. Vanhoose, Paintsville, Ky.  
\*Carl Kilgore, Detroit, Mich.  
Wilburn Beasley, Saltville, Ohio  
Benjamin Scott, Fredericktown, Mo.  
\*M. L. Johnson, Mt. Olive, N. C.  
\*Russell Milam, Minford, Ohio  
Lonnie DeVault, Holdenville, Okla.  
\*Rufus Coffey, Darlington, S. C.  
\*William Hill, Nashville, Tenn.  
C. B. Thompson, Iola, Texas  
\*Billy Melvin, Richmond, Va.  
\*John M. Henson, Hurricane, W. Va.

## Executive Committee

Charles A. Thigpen, H. A. Pitts, Dean Moore, Lonnie DeVault, Henry Melvin, Rufus Coffey, M. L. Johnson.

## Foreign Mission Board

\*Joseph G. Ange, Mich. 1958  
Raymond R. Riggs, Tenn. 1959  
Mark M. Lewis, Mich. 1960  
J. Reford Wilson, Mich. 1961  
\*Rolla Smith, Mo. 1962

## Home Mission Board

R. H. Jackson, N. C. 1958  
Willard C. Day, Okla. 1959  
Homer E. Willis, Tenn. 1960  
Harvey E. Hill, Mo. 1961  
\*Harry E. Staires, Okla. 1962

## College Trustees

Luther Gibson, Miss.; Floyd B. Cherry, N. C.; \*Marvin E. Howard, Va. 1958  
K. V. Shutes, Ga.; Paul Kettelman, Miss.; Ralph Lightsey, Ga. 1960  
Melvin Bingham, Okla.; James F. Miller, Mo.; J. R. Davidson, N. C. 1962

## Superannuation Board

J. O. Fort, N. C. 1958  
Roy Rikard, N. C. 1959  
E. M. Kennedy, Okla. 1960  
C. A. Huckaby, Fla. 1961  
\*D. W. Hansley, N. C. 1962

## League Board

W. Burkette Raper, N. C. 1958  
Henry Melvin, N. C. 1959  
Dale Munkus, Ark. 1960  
C. F. Bowen, Tenn. 1961  
\*R. B. Crawford, N. C. 1962

## Publications Board

J. C. Griffin, N. C. 1958  
I. J. Blackwelder, N. C. 1959  
L. E. Duncan, Miss. 1960  
E. C. Morris, Ga. 1961  
\*Rufus Hyman, Fla. 1962

# Report of Resolutions Committee

1. Whereas, the scope of activity of the Executive Department is not clearly understood, and

Whereas, we feel that it is necessary to more clearly establish the relationship of the Executive Department to other departments and boards of the National Association,

Therefore, be it resolved

That a committee consisting of the chairmen of the eleven standing boards of the National Association be directed to study and interpret the duties of the Executive Department and report to the 1958 session of the National Association, such committee to meet and organize at its own discretion.

2. Because the Billy Graham Evangelistic Campaigns are doing much for the spiritual life of America and the world.

Be it resolved that this convention instruct the executive secretary to send a telegram to Billy Graham in New York assuring him of our prayers in his evangelistic efforts.

3. Be it resolved that the National Association extend a rising vote of thanks to the Alabama state association, to the Rev. Charles B. Craddock, and to all the committees who served, and to all other agencies and individuals which have made contributions in the entertainment of this convention.

Be it further resolved that the clerk of this convention send letters of appreciation to the management of the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel, the Chamber of Commerce, Commissioner J. A. Waggoner for their services and to the *Birmingham News* and *Birmingham Post-Herald* for news coverage.

## Sunday School Board

John H. West, Okla. 1958  
O. T. Dixon, Mo. 1959  
Charles Sapp, Texas 1960  
L. H. Moulton, Ga. 1961  
\*Earl Smith, Ark. 1962

## Headquarters Trustees

J. J. Poole, Tenn. 1958  
H. D. Bailey, Tenn. 1959  
J. B. Reding, Tenn. 1960  
D. W. Alexander, N. C. 1961  
\*G. W. Hunt, Tenn. 1962

## Master's Men

\*Ezra Walker, Mich. 1958  
\*Wayne Smith, N. C. 1959  
\*Francis Elliot, Mo. 1960  
\*Robert Hill, Tenn. 1961  
\*E. T. Burwell, Ill. 1962

# Committees Appointed

*Committee on Committees:* Ralph Staten (N. C.), Carl Vallance (W. Va.), Robert King (Tenn.), A. F. Lawter (S. C.), F. L. Chamberlain (Ohio).

*Nominating:* O. T. Dixon (Mo.), E. M. Kennedy (Okla.), W. J. Mishler (Tenn.), Julius Vause (S. C.), Homer Nelson (Ohio).

*Resolutions:* George Waggoner (Illinois), Wayne Smith (N. C.), Robert Shockey (Tenn.), E. D. Hellard (Texas), Dale Munkus (Ark.).

*Temperance:* Willard C. Day (Okla.), Paul Woolsey (Tenn.), Bobby Jackson, (N. C.), Paul J. Kettelman (Miss.) Eugene Waddell (Va.).

*Placement:* Robert Picirilli (Tenn.), H. A. Pitts (Ala.), Elvis Priest (Ariz.), W. S. Mooneyham (Tenn.).

*Program:* Executive Secretary and Executive Committee.

# Report of Budget Committee

We recommend the adoption of a total denominational budget of \$456,350 for 1958 as proposed by the following departments:

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Superannuation       | \$ 20,000 |
| Home Missions        | 53,100    |
| Foreign Missions     | 153,215   |
| Sunday School        | 17,000    |
| League               | 7,500     |
| Executive Department | 27,000    |
| Bible College        | 178,535   |

We further recommend the following percentage allocation of the cooperative funds until such time as the budget of the Executive Department has been met, at which time we recommend the allocations be made according to the second column of figures:

|                      |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|
| Superannuation       | 4  | 5  |
| Home Missions        | 14 | 20 |
| Foreign Missions     | 30 | 36 |
| Sunday School        | 4  | 5  |
| League               | 3  | 4  |
| Executive Department | 24 |    |
| Bible College        | 21 | 30 |

## In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Rev. H. J. Kelly, Columbus, Ga., and Mrs. E. E. Morris, Richmond, Calif., both of whom were buried July 22.

Brother Kelly, who was pastor of the First church, in Columbus, died in his sleep, and Mrs. Morris, who was the wife of the Richmond pastor, passed away after a lingering illness.



# CONVENTION

## HIGHLIGHTS

### General Business

1. Approved a constitutional change to allow a local church to represent directly to the National Association provided there is no state or district representation from its area. Representation fee is \$5.00 and each such church may send one lay delegate.

2. Upheld a ruling of the Oklahoma state association in settling a controversy between two groups of the Grand River association in that state. In essence, the action said that those churches which voted to abide the *Treatise of Faith and Practices* comprised the legal Grand River association.

3. Voted down a proposal from the General Board that would have prohibited full-time employees of any board being members of that board.

4. Adopted a statement calling for enlistment of all churches and associations not affiliated with their state conventions and the National Association. The statement offered the services of the National Association in helping any group desiring such affiliation.

5. Adopted a "25th Anniversary Advance Program" which will climax in 1960 on the silver anniversary of the National Association calling for 1958 to be the "Year of Evangelism and Missions," 1959 to be the "Year of Enlistment," and 1960 to be the "Year of Stewardship." (See page 15 for full text of the program.)

6. Unanimously approved in the report of the executive secretary a statement which in essence extended the hand of Christian brotherhood to 150,000 Negro Free Will Baptists in the United American Free Will Baptist Church and opened the way for cooperation with them on the administrative level. The action also approved their sending a fraternal delegation to the next convention.

### Foreign Missions

1. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Merkh were commissioned for service in Africa in a

very impressive missionary service on Wednesday evening.

2. A recommendation was endorsed which called for the employing of a full-time field worker for the Foreign Mission Board.

3. The budget of \$153,215 was adopted.

### Home Missions

1. The pastor of the First Cuban church in Miami, Rev. Melitino Martinez, stirred the convention in a brief message. When he commented that he had no car in which to make his pastoral calls, Daniel Merkh, who was to sail for Africa the last of July, immediately offered to give the Cuban pastor his own car.

2. Introduced to the convention were Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley, Jacksonville, N. C., who have been appointed as the first Free Will Baptist missionaries to Alaska.

3. A check for \$2,000 from the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention was presented to the home missions secretary to purchase a large tent for use in organizational revivals.

### Bible College

1. The president announced that a low bid of just over \$69,000 had been received on the proposed student center and kitchen and that construction would begin as soon as possible.

2. A record budget of \$178,535 was adopted.

### Laymen's Movement

1. A five-man board was established to continue the work which had been started by a temporary committee elected two years ago.

2. A laymen's breakfast was attended by 139 at which Dr. E. T. Burwell, layman from Johnston City, Ill., brought a stirring message.

3. Several laymen were named to various positions in the National Association, including the post of assistant clerk.

### Miscellaneous

1. The Superannuation Board sponsored a luncheon at which a new program of insurance was presented. No final action was taken, but it was discussed thoroughly.

2. The Radio-Television Board was allowed to suspend operation this year with a view to dissolving the board next year and leaving all radio and television programming up to local groups.

3. Voted down a motion from the floor that the salaries of all association and board employees be included in their reports.

4. Elected Charles A. Thigpen for a fourth term as moderator.

5. Selected Asheville, N. C., as the convention site for 1959.

### Editorial Observations

1. Over 1,500 attended the sessions of the convention. That number was present for the Wednesday evening service alone, hotel officials said, which led convention officers to believe that the total attendance was probably close to 1,600.

The convenience of having everything under one roof and the overwhelming favorable response to it has led convention officials to give this factor extra consideration in recommending future convention sites. Delegates reserved over 200 rooms in the convention hotel, local officials said, with scores being turned away who failed to make reservations.

3. The convention next year will be held at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in Saint Louis, Mo. *Special notice should be taken that the convention will meet one week earlier next year (July 8-10) because the facilities in Saint Louis were not available at the usual meeting time.*

4. The worship services and messages this year were without a doubt some of the best we have ever had at a convention. On the whole, people remained in the auditorium for these services much better than previously. Then, too, there is little question but that the emphasis on prayer the last two years has done much to put a spiritual tone to the entire convention.

5. Again it was proven that no one can dictate to a Baptist body. On a number of questions the convention spoke its mind rather forcefully after the questions and issues had been discussed thoroughly. It voted down some things, amended others, refused to amend still others, and put its stamp of approval on what it liked. We have quit worrying that anyone will be able to capture the mind of our national convention. And we are glad, for we like it just the way it is.



# THE WRITINGS of JAMES ARMINIUS

• *The first in a series of reviews of one of the most significant sets of books to be published this century—the writings of the man who sparked a revival of “free will, free grace, free salvation”*

*by Charles A. Thigpen*

THIS IS A BOOK of theology. Theology means the study of God or the study of things of or about God. I believe that every minister and Bible teacher in churches and Sunday schools should make a personal study of this subject.

I heard a prominent preacher say once in a sermon introduction, “I do not care for the subject of theology because it reminds me of botany. To determine the makeup of a flower you have to tear it apart piece by piece. When you are finished you may know the component parts of the flowers, but the beautiful flower is gone.” His implication was that the beauty of God departs when you make an intensive study of things that pertain to Him. With this idea I have no sympathy.

God says in Deuteronomy 29:29, “The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” The revealed things belong to us and to our children. True theology then, is the logical presentation of that which has been revealed concerning God and His Holy Word. In fact, God says that those things, “belong unto us.”

Permit me to make a definite statement at the outset concerning my personal opinion of the three volumes of *The Writings of James Arminius*. I feel that this is one of the most valuable theological works

that I have ever had the privilege of reading. Every Free Will Baptist preacher should possess a set and become thoroughly acquainted with it.

Now I am not suggesting that you throw your Bible away, but I am recommending that you have Arminius handy as a reference source, just as you have in ready access your Bible dictionary or Bible encyclopedia. The Word commands that we be able to give a reason for the hope that is within us. As most of the works on theology are written from a Calvinistic viewpoint, those of us who are Arminian in emphasis should rejoice that the writings of Arminius have been made available to us. This, then, will aid us in more logically stating our views.

Then too, every informed layman in our church should read this set to further establish him in our beliefs. Would it be too much to insist that before a deacon is ordained or a minister licensed that he should read these three volumes? It would also be a very fine thing if every church library would make this set available to its readers.

And now concerning Volume I, of the *Writings of James Arminius*. You will find in the table of contents that the author has divided this entire volume into four main divisions. The remarks, quotations and observations that I shall make shall follow this outline.

## I. ORATIONS

This is a series of five public orations given by James Arminius on various occasions. The first of these is, “The Priest-

hood of Christ.” This address was given at the University of Leyden when Arminius was receiving the Doctor of Divinity degree. This is a powerful and stirring message dealing with the advocacy of Christ. Arminius lays the groundwork for his presentation by pointing out the new covenant that Christ effected here on earth.

“Such a covenant could not be contracted between a just God and sinful men, except in consequence of a reconciliation, which it pleased God, the offended party, should be perfected by the blood of our High Priest, to be poured out on the altar of the cross. He who was at once the officiating priest and the Lamb for sacrifice, poured out his sacred blood, and thus asked and obtained for us a reconciliation with God. When this great offering was completed, it was possible for the reconciled parties to enter into an agreement.

“Hence, it pleased God, that the same High Priest who had acted as Mediator and Umpire in this reconciliation, should, with the very blood by which he had effected their union, go between the two parties, as a middleman, or, in the capacity of an ambassador, and as a herald to bear tidings of war or peace, with the same blood as that by which the consciences of those who were included in the provisions of the covenant, being sprinkled, might be purged from dead works and sanctified; with the very blood, which sprinkled upon himself, might always appear in the sight of God; and with the same blood as that by which all things in the heavens might be sprinkled and puri-

The author of this series is dean at Free Will Baptist Bible college and moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

points as a limit and measure of the goodness of his nature and to the communication of himself . . . Nothing can be added to him, and nothing can be taken from him; with him 'is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.' (James 1:17.) Whatsoever obtains stability for a single moment, borrows it from him, and receives it of mere grace. Pleasant, therefore, and most delightful is it to contemplate him, on account of his goodness; it is glorious in consideration of his greatness; and it is sure, in reference to his immutability."

## II. DECLARATIONS OF SENTIMENTS

The first of these sentiments is "On Predestination". Here Arminius lists and discusses twenty different reasons for rejecting the Supralapsarian view of predestination. I believe this is one of the finest statements rebuking the Calvinistic "decrees of God."

Another of these divisions is, "The Free Will of Man." The author makes this statement, "But in his lapsed and sinful state, man is not capable, of and by himself, either to think, to will, or to do that which is really good; but it is necessary for him to be regenerated and renewed in his intellect, affections or will, and in all his powers, by God in Christ through the Holy Spirit, that he may be qualified rightly to understand, esteem, consider, will, and perform whatever is truly good. When he is made a partaker of this regeneration or renovation, I consider that, since he is delivered from sin, he is capable of thinking, willing and doing that which is good, but yet not without the continued aids of Divine Grace."

And now for his statement in this series dealing with "The Perseverance of the Saints." "My sentiments respecting the perseverance of the Saints are, that those persons who have been grafted into Christ by true faith, and have thus been made partaker of his life-giving Spirit, possess sufficient powers (or strength) to fight against Satan, sin, the world and their own flesh, and to gain the victory over these enemies—yet not without the assistance of the grace of the same Holy Spirit." "We should," he goes on to say, "institute a diligent enquiry from the Scriptures, whether it is not possible for some individuals through negligence to desert the commencement of their existence in Christ, to cleave again to the present evil world, to decline from the sound doctrine which was once delivered to them, to lose a good conscience, and to cause Divine grace to be ineffectual."

"Though I here openly and ingenuously affirm, I never taught that a true believer can either totally or finally fall away from the faith, and perish; yet I will not conceal, that there are passages of Scripture which seem to me to wear this aspect . . . On the other hand, certain passages are produced for the contrary doctrine (of unconditional perseverance) which are worthy of much consideration."

It is of particular note that Arminius gives as one of his declarations, "The Assurance of Salvation." Many a poor soul has wandered around in the "slough of despond" believing that those with Arminian leanings could not preach a doctrine of assurance. But such is not the case. Many of us could readily quote verses of Scripture that give confidence and assurance regarding salvation.

Consider these words by Arminius on this subject, "With regard to the certainty (or assurance) of salvation, my opinion is, that it is possible for him who believes in Jesus Christ to be certain and persuaded, and, if his heart condemn him not, he is now in reality assured, that he is a son of God, and stands in the grace of Jesus Christ."

## III. DEFENSES

This third division deals with Arminius apology or defense against thirty-one defamatory articles that had been circulated against him. These articles were put out by Arminius' enemies accusing him of error and heresy. He, at first decided to remain silent and hope that, "those articles in their infancy would die a natural death." But such was not the case, and finally, out of desperation, Arminius writes his defense to these articles. These extended statements show the candor and depth of thought possessed by this great theologian.

## IV. PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS

The fourth and final division of the book presents public disputations on various theological themes. In these, we see that Arminius was not a timid soul in his stand as a true protestant. Three of these disputations deals with Roman Catholicism or some of its inventions. He discusses the titles attributed to the Roman Pontiff, idolatry and the invocation of saints.

Concerning idolatry he says, "It always has been, and is now, the chief design of diabolical perverseness—that even the devil himself, should be considered and worshipped as a deity—than which nothing can be more reproachful and insulting to the true God; or that all thought and mention of a Deity being removed, pure atheism might obtain, and, after conscience was taken away, men might be hurried along into every kind of flagitious wickedness. But since he could not effect this, on account of the notion of a Deity, and indeed of a good one, which is deeply impressed on the minds of men; and since he knew it to be the will of the true God that he should himself alone be considered and worshipped as God, without any image. The devil has been trying to persuade men to consider and worship as God some figment of their own brain or some kind of creature, or, at least, to worship the true God in an image."

I trust that these quotations and observations will stimulate you to a thorough study

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fied. Through the intervention, therefore, of this blood, another covenant was contracted, not one of works, but of faith, not of the law, but of grace, not an old, but a new one—and new, not because it was later than the first, but because it was never to be abrogated or repealed; and because its force and vigor should perpetually endure."

From the above paragraph you may grasp something of the depth and persuasiveness of his messages. Arminius concludes his article on the priesthood of Christ in this way: "This priesthood was imposed by God himself, 'with whom we have to do,' on Christ Jesus—the Son of God and the Son of man, our first-born brother. formerly encompassed about with infirmities, tempted in all things, merciful, holy, faithful, undefiled, and separate from sinners; and its imposition was accompanied by a sacred oath, which it is not lawful to revoke. Let us, therefore, rely with assured faith on this priesthood of Christ . . ."

Let us consider another of these initial orations, namely, "The Object of Theology." Here we find one of the most exalted statements of God Himself. "God is himself the object of theology . . . He is the best being; he is the first and chief good, and goodness itself; he alone is good, as good as goodness itself; as ready to communicate as it is possible for him to be communicated: his liberality is only equaled by the boundless treasures which he possess, both of which are infinite and restricted only by the capacity of the recipient, which he ap-



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*Victims of hurricane Audrey flee the onslaught which practically levelled the town of Cameron, La. In the background is the only building left intact, the courthouse.*

# In a Hurricane's Fury, The Peace of God

by Mae Fry

The sky looked somewhat peculiar. It was streaked with red and rolls of clouds all seemed to point in one direction.

Someone said, "That's a hurricane sky. I've seen it before." Soon thereafter came news flashes over radio and television. A hurricane was headed our way—hurricane Audrey.

The report came in the form of a warning—a warning to prepare for what was ahead. The announcer said that those who lived in the low areas near the Gulf of Mexico should evacuate their homes immediately. A wave of anxiety and excitement swept over the city.

The winds were already beginning to blow. We discovered on our way home from

prayer meeting that it was becoming increasingly difficult to stand outside. "The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth"—or what the result will be!

The reports indicated that Audrey would arrive in full force the evening of the next day, but that night she came "as a thief" blowing huge waves from the Gulf of Mexico into the homes of the people who had so recently been warned to evacuate. They frantically searched for a place of escape, going as high as the attics of their homes and then out onto the rooftops.

When the water reached the tops of the houses, some rode the roofs or pieces of them or anything that might take them to safety. One man chose a door and soon found himself struggling with a cow that had the same idea. Fortunately, he had a knife with which he killed the cow, after

which he stuck the doorknob in the cow's wound. This made the animal bloat and thus kept the man from sinking.

Many other such incidents might be told. A Baptist minister and eleven other people, for instance, took refuge on a four-square-foot air conditioning unit in the auditorium of the high school where they were trapped for 12 hours and 20 minutes.

"In such an hour as ye think not," Jesus said. A very small percentage of the people in the disaster area heeded the warning and moved from their homes. Many—too many—were washed out into the gulf and swallowed by the angry waves or drowned as they lay heedlessly in their beds. How Christians need to be reminded to constantly sound the warning, "Prepare to meet thy God!"

Meanwhile in Lake Charles, about 35 miles from Cameron which took the brunt of the blow, the storm was raging more

*Editor's Note:* Mrs. Fry is the wife of Rev. Malcolm C. Fry, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church, Lake Charles, La.

violently. The phone rang early at the parsonage when J. M. Pumpelly, chairman of our board of deacons, called to tell us that the storm was coming earlier than expected and that we should begin to prepare for the worst.

He named off the things we would need—plenty of matches, candles, canned goods, bread, and water in every available container since we might be without utilities for some time. Most of all, we agreed, we must pray. And pray we did.

Very early that morning we had a house full of people from the church. The winds were getting stronger and the radio announcer said just before the electricity went off that the worst of the storm would hit at noon. About 11:30 we could see he was right.

We could see trees being uprooted, shingles flying off houses, tree limbs of all sizes going by, shutters being ripped from windows, and signs of every description being blown away by the fury of the storm. (Fortunately, we rescued our Free Will Baptist parsonage sign.) Small buildings such as garages and tool sheds were being blown off their foundations and next door a porch pillar went sailing through the dining room window.

Needless to say, the fury of the storm also brought some inner distress. Should we fear for ourselves and what might happen

to us? The words of a chorus came to my mind, "Why worry when you can pray?" Gathered in our home amidst the violence of a hurricane, we all fell to our knees and poured out our hearts to Him who sees even the sparrow fall. An indescribable peace filled our room and we arose from our knees with a song of thanksgiving.

Surely "God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble." How blessed it was to take refuge in Him.

The poem below expresses not only my thoughts, but it might well express the thoughts of all our people here as we reflect back upon the terror of hurricane Audrey.

Oh storm, how cruel is thy blast  
How merciless thy wind and rain  
That howls around about us here,  
And whips against our windowpane.

So frightening, so terrible  
To know without a doubt  
That lives weigh in the balance,  
And disaster all about.

Oh storm, you've troubled anxious hearts  
You've caused the strong to fear;  
But, storm, you do not know about  
My Saviour's presence near.

I'm sure you do not know there is  
A promise in His word,  
That He'll be with us always.  
No. I'm sure you've never heard

That Jesus said he'd give us peace,  
And in this we can rest;  
We know that by His presence  
We are forever blest.

He said, "My peace I give you,"  
And another promise made;  
"Let not your heart be troubled  
Nor let it be afraid."

The storms of life are raging  
About us every day,  
In every form and fashion—  
In every kind of way.

So you are not a stranger,  
Although you're different, still  
You're just a storm and storms we've  
had,  
And on this earth we will.

Oh storm, you do not scare me,  
For Jesus said you'd come;  
I only look the sooner now  
For Him to call me home.



Photo courtesy of LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN-PRESS

*When the floodwaters receded, the little town of Cameron looked something like this. Many agencies, including church groups, aided in the clean-up operations.*



# Great Time in BIRMINGHAM

When the 21st session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists met last month in Birmingham, Ala., the CONTACT camera was there to record the events both for the present generation and for posterity. On these two pages you will see some of the scenes and people at this great convention which was attended by over 1,500 people.



**SET APART . . .** Members of Foreign Mission Board lay hands on the Merks in commissioning service (above). Other missionaries and members of Home Mission Board are on platform.

**BREAKFAST . . .** At the speakers' table for first laymen's breakfast which was attended by 139 are Luther Gibson (Miss.), Dr. E. T. Burwell (Ill.) who spoke, Mrs. Burwell, Claude Childers (Ill.), Robert Hill (Tenn.), O. T. Dixon (Mo.), and Charles Thigpen (Tenn.).

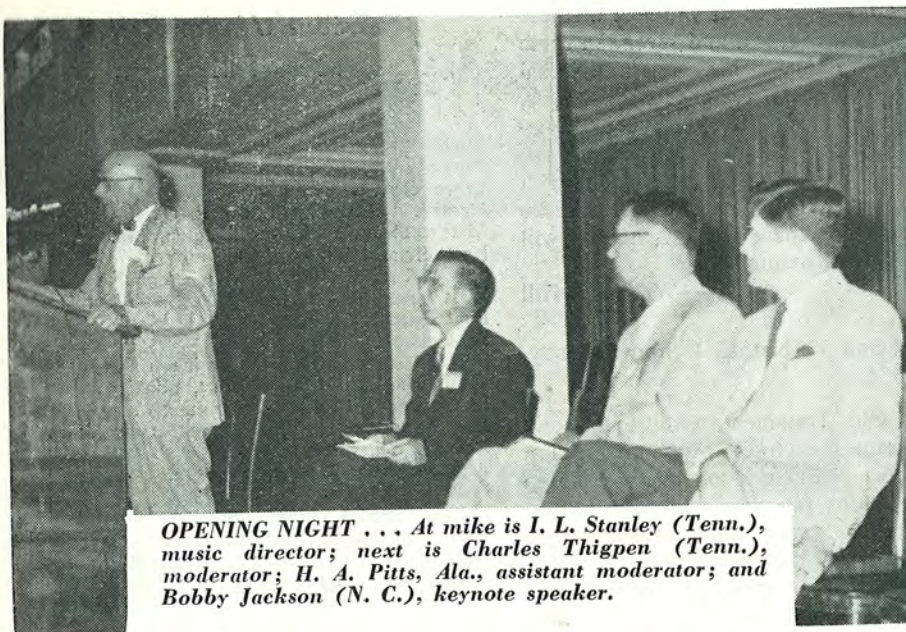


**COMMISSIONED . . .** Daniel and Margaret Merkh are hearing the charge in the missionary commissioning service. Behind them (left) are Rev. W. A. Hales, their former pastor, and (right) Rev. Joe Ange, their present pastor.



**WEST INDIES . . .** Jimmy Mahara, student from the British West Indies, gives his testimony on missions night. He pleaded for the gospel to be sent to his people. On platform are I. L. Stanley and Raymond Riggs.





**OPENING NIGHT . . .** At mike is I. L. Stanley (Tenn.), music director; next is Charles Thigpen (Tenn.), moderator; H. A. Pitts, Ala., assistant moderator; and Bobby Jackson (N. C.), keynote speaker.



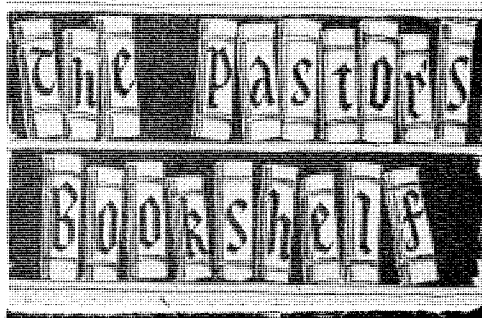
**MISSIONARIES . . .** Miss Bessie Yeley, missionary to Mexico, interprets for Melitino Martinez, pastor of First Cuban church, Miami. On platform are other missionaries, pastors, and members of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.



**TO ALASKA . . .** Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley (N. C.), were presented to the convention as our first missionaries to Alaska going under the Home Mission Board. Their two sons are Rodney, 5, and Vernon, 7.

**IN PRAYER . . .** Hundreds attended a midnight prayer meeting on the opening night led by Henry Melvin (N. C.). The presence of the Lord was very real not only in this service, but in every service.





*1,000 Plans and Ideas for Sunday School Workers*, by J. Vernon Jacobs. Zondervan. 257 pp. \$1.95.

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It is chock-full of valuable information which may be successfully adapted to your own Sunday school and is recommended by your Sunday school department.

—William J. Mishler

*Parents are Teachers*. Concordia. 56 pp. 60c.

This is another one of the fine books for families issued by Concordia. This small, but jam-packed booklet, receives the same kind of high recommendation which other books of its type have received in this column. Authored by three men noted in the field, the booklet is outlined for use in study classes, but may also be used for individual study.

We would recommend its use by any group in your church which has in it parents with young children. If you get a copy and see how practically it approaches child-rearing situations, we believe you'll want to start a special class for your parents.

—W. S. Mooneyham

*The Improved Funeral Manual*, by William H. Leach. Baker. 224 pp. \$2.00.

This book is one of the most outstanding funeral manuals I have ever read. It is especially helpful to the young minister starting his pastoral work. It answers many questions of ethics and procedure that have arisen with every minister.

The manual is divided into seven helpful

sections. I found the most valuable of these to be one, two, five, six, and seven. In these sections, the minister has at his disposal appropriate Scripture readings for all ages, prose and poetry by such great men as Longfellow, Whittier, and Bryant. There are also outlines for funeral sermons and a chapter on the military funeral. Both the experienced preacher and the novice will find help in this manual.

—William J. Hill

*Names of God*, by Nathan J. Stone. Moody. 128 pp. 35c.

In the Old Testament, God had many Hebrew names each of which pictured a facet of his character. In this volume, a former orthodox Jew who has been on the faculty at Moody Bible Institute since 1940, presents a thorough study of all of these names. It is good for inspirational reading and contains much good preaching material.

—W. S. Mooneyham

*So You Are a Teen-Ager*, by H. Roy Brilling. McBeth Press. 24 pp. 35c.

There is little question but that the ages between 12 and 20 are difficult years. Dr. Billinger gives some down-to-earth Christian counsel to both the teen-agers and their parents and he presents it interestingly. We believe young people will like it and benefit from it. A copy of this booklet would make an excellent presentation to each teen-ager in your church.

—W. S. Mooneyham

*The Dead Sea Scrolls*, by Charles F. Pfeiffer. Baker. 107 pp. \$2.50.

What are the Dead Sea scrolls? Do they harmonize with the Scriptures as we have them? Will their discovery change our theology? These questions crowd the mind of ministers and laymen. A minister should be as well informed as possible on the progress made in studying them.

The author, who is teacher in the Old Testament at Moody Bible Institute, is well qualified to write on such an important subject. He gives the account of the findings of the scrolls, an historical background, the approximate dates, and the relationship of the scrolls to the Bible. This is a scholarly work.

I would not recommend this book to the average reader. The reader would need a background in history and Biblical knowledge to get any real benefit from this book. I think it would serve better as a textbook in a seminary rather than on the average minister's shelf. However, it would be very useful with the aid of other books on the same subject.

—William J. Hill

*Any book reviewed in this column may be ordered from Free Will Baptist headquarters.*

## Second Honor Roll

### "Every Church Family" Plan

Salem church, Missouri  
Hurryville church, Farmington, Mo.  
Grace church, Blount, W. Va.  
Pleasant Valley church, Butler, Okla.  
Martinstown church, Worthington, Mo.  
First church, Sapulpa, Okla.  
Trinity Temple church, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
West Side church, Johnsonville, South Carolina  
First church, Bryan, Texas  
First church, Corning, Ark.  
Central church, Tampa, Florida  
Union church, West Frankfort, Illinois  
First church, Wenatchee, Washington  
Jameson Memorial church, Henderson, Texas  
First church, Lake Charles, La.  
Bethel church, West Plains, Mo.  
First church, Pine Bluff, Ark.  
Buffalo Springs church, Bellevue, Texas  
Woodbine church, Nashville, Tenn.  
Oakland church, Bradford, Ark.  
First church, Blakely, Ga.  
New Home church, Tulsa, Okla.  
Mt. Olive church, Laneville, Texas  
First church, Searcy, Ark.  
First church, Midland, Texas  
First church, Chipley, Florida  
Victory church, Kansas City, Mo.  
Trinity church, Nashville, Tenn.  
New Love Well Church, Richton, Miss.  
Beacon church, Raytown, Mo.  
Pretty Water church, Sapulpa, Okla.  
First church, Dothan, Ala.  
Old Lovewell church, Richton, Miss.  
Village Chapel church, Ceres, Calif.  
Pikeville church, Ky.

Three churches join the list this month to give us a total of 35 churches on the second honor roll and a total of 73 churches now using the Family Plan. Fifteen more churches would complete this second honor roll. Why not enroll your church families this month?

The Family Plan is the simplest way of seeing that each member gets the denominational paper. Each month the paper goes directly to the mailbox of each member whose church uses the Family Plan and the subscription is paid for by his tithes and offerings given to the church.

We will send our new folder telling about the plan, "Contact in Every Home in Every Church," and complete forms for enrolling your families if you will write and request it.

### 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 for 25 cents for each subscription and a form for adding or dropping any names desired.
4. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued.



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# Woman's Auxiliary

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## Unity and Progress Mark Auxiliary Convention Sessions

From the moment the president, Mrs. LaVerne Miley, called for prayer at the opening of the Executive Committee meeting until the closing benediction of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, the sessions were blessed with the presence of the Lord.

Not one dissenting vote was cast in the entire session. This did not mean, however, that the women were indifferent to the business that was presented. They simply voted as one and with an eagerness that was in itself a blessing. This was one of the greatest conventions Free Will Baptist women have ever enjoyed. The sessions were marked by unity and a spirit of progress.

Among the resolutions adopted were the following:

1. Inasmuch as the aim and purpose of the Auxiliary is to help the churches teach and support missions, and inasmuch as the youth auxiliaries are a vital part of this purpose, be it resolved that each GTA and YPA group receive a special missionary offering and the monies from the GTA groups be used for visual aid equipment for the mission stations, and the monies received from the YPA groups be used for the purchase of bicycles for the mission stations.

Be it further resolved that these offerings be received in February and sent to the WNAC office with full particulars.

2. Be it resolved that each Auxiliary receive an offering for the Bible College expansion program during this convention year.

3. Be it resolved that a national Auxiliary workshop be conducted during the time of the missionary conference (Oct. 8-9, 1957) and that all state and district convention officers be urged to attend.

4. Be it resolved that the rules, regulations, committee policy, application blanks and loan contract for the student loan fund as presented by the special committee be adopted.

5. Whereas the purpose of the Auxiliary is to help the churches teach and support missions and whereas the Foreign Mission Board is this year planning to open a field with four stations on the Bondoukou Circle in French West Africa, therefore be it resolved that the WNAC project for the year 1957-58 be that of raising \$10,000 to be used to establish one of these stations and that this amount be allocated to the various states in the convention. It is suggested that the states make allocations to the district conventions and they in turn make allocations to the local auxiliaries.

The state quotas for this project are as follows: Alabama, \$450; Arkansas, \$200; California, \$450; Florida, \$250; Georgia, \$600; Illinois, \$300; Kentucky, \$200; Michigan, \$600; Mississippi, \$300; Missouri, \$1,000; North Carolina, \$1,750; Ohio, \$200;

Oklahoma, \$1,000; South Carolina, \$800; Tennessee, \$1,000; Texas, \$550; Virginia, \$200; West Virginia, \$200.

Another highlight of the convention was the presentation of a check for \$2,000 to Rev. Homer Willis, promotional secretary for the Home Mission Board, signalling the completion of the tent project sponsored by the women during the past year. The tent will be used for church organizational purposes.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, a past executive secretary of the WNAC from Ashland City, Tenn., made the first gift to the Memorial student loan fund as established by the convention. Her gift amounted to \$500.

Officers elected for the next two years are Mrs. LaVerne Miley, president, 2543 Cantor Ave., Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Rufus Coffey, vice-president, Darlington, S. C.; Mrs. Eunice Edwards, executive secretary, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Ralph Staires, recording secretary, 828 S. Harvard, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Irvin Hyman, assistant secretary, Route 4, Alma, Ga.

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### Newsletter Soon

Plans are underway to begin issuing a newsletter from the WNAC office for the women of the denomination. The executive secretary has asked for a list of the names and addresses of all members of local auxiliaries so they may receive this periodical.



**PROJECT COMPLETED . . .** Mrs. LaVerne Miley, president of the WNAC, presents a check for \$2,000 to Rev. Homer Willis, home missions secretary, at the national convention marking the successful completion of the project to purchase a large tent for home mission purposes.



## GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

### **Desloge Church Will Rebuild Destroyed Church**

DESLOGE, Mo.—Construction on the new Parkview Free Will Baptist church will begin soon. On May 21 a tornado severely damaged the building and it was agreed to raze the old building and erect a new and larger church. Rev. John Long has been re-elected pastor for the fifth consecutive year.

### **Fifth Eastern Has S. S. Convention**

NEW BERN, N. C.—Rev. Robert Picirilli, Nashville, Tenn., brought the convention address when the Fifth Eastern district Sunday school convention met June 30 at Gethsemane church. The lesson sermon was brought by Charles J. Hines, former president. Walter R. Sandlin is president of the convention.

### **Tulsa First Has Consecration Day**

TULSA, Okla. — Over \$22,000 of a \$31,500 budget was pledged in a day-long consecration service early in July at the First church, according to Rev. John H. West, pastor. The day's service began with a breakfast at 6:30 a.m. followed by a worship service at 10 o'clock. Rev. E. M. Kennedy, state promotional secretary, was the speaker for the day.

A covered dish supper at 7 p.m. was followed by a stewardship service at 8 o'clock. Pledge cards in the above amount were turned in at the close of the evening service. The consecration day is an annual affair at First church.

### **Piedmont Association Meets in Conference**

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—The Piedmont association and its ministers' conference and auxiliary convention met at the Independence Square church August 1-3. Rev. Harold Goforth was the host pastor. Rev. R. J. Reynolds was moderator of the association; Rev. Billy Yawn was president of the minister's conference, and Mrs. William Calvert was president of the auxiliary convention.

### **Zion's Rest Association Meets at Corinth Church**

LAUREL, Miss.—The quarterly meeting of the Zion's Rest association met June 29-30 at Corinth church. With three churches represented, the delegates gave offerings totalling over \$200 for the Bible College and home missions. They voted to affiliate with the national association and sponsored a revival in Laurel July 21- August 2 for the purpose of organizing a

church. Rev. J. D. O'Donnell conducted the meeting.

### **Missouri State Will Meet at Monett**

MONETT, Mo.—The 44th session of the Missouri state association will meet here August 19-23. It will open on Monday night with an evangelistic rally at which Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, national executive secretary, will be the speaker. Tuesday will be Sunday school and League day with Rev. William Mishler as speaker. The Woman's Auxiliary will present a program on Wednesday afternoon and the rest of the convention through Friday noon will be given to the business and worship of the association. Rev. O. T. Allred is moderator.

### **California Church Adds to Building**

BLYTHE, Calif.—Some extensive remodeling is being done by the First church, Blythe, which includes adding 70 chairs to the auditorium, installing a cooling system, adding restrooms, and painting. Two new classes have been added in the Sunday school and a VBS is planned for late summer. Rev. Lonnie McAllister is pastor.

### **Tulsa Church Starts Second Mission**

TULSA, Okla.—When a mission of the Lewis Avenue church was organized into a full-fledged church, the parent church started another mission the next Sunday. The Owasso mission was organized into a church on June 30 with 33 members. Rev. Don Payne, who has been working with the group, was called as pastor. Then on July 7 the Lewis Avenue church started another mission at Sperry, Okla., under the direction of John Wood and Robert Spencer. The new mission reported 20 in Sunday school the first day. Rev. Willard C. Day is pastor at Lewis Avenue church.

### **Texans Schedule Summer Encampment**

BRYAN, Texas—The annual summer camp is slated for August 12-17 at Pineywoods camp, Woodlake, according to Rev. Charles Sapp, director. Rev. Bobby Jackson will be the evangelist. Cost of the week is \$11.00. Mrs. H. Ray Berry is registrar.

### **New Church Organized At Ceres, California**

CERES, Calif.—The Village Chapel is the name chosen for the Free Will Baptist church organized here June 30. Twenty-one charter members came into the organization and the roll was left open for 30 days. The church plans a full program of ac-

tivities. They are presently renting a building, but have under consideration a two-acre site which adjoins a subdivision with 500 new homes.

Church officers are Rev. Joe Mooneyham, pastor; Reba Kirk, clerk; Leon Kirk, treasurer; B. A. Jenkins, deacon; Leroy Burger, Sunday school superintendent; Christine Burger, secretary, and Don Doss, choir director.

### **Minister's Conference Sets Up Scholarship**

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C. — The North Carolina minister's conference which met at the Cragmont Assembly June 3-7 voted to establish a scholarship for a worthy student to Mount Olive Junior College. New officers for the conference are E. E. Edwards, president; Boyd Shook, vice-president; C. H. Overman, secretary, and Willie Renfrow, treasurer.

### **Missouri Camp Has 49 Decisions**

NIANGUA, Mo.—The Missouri state youth camp which met at the campgrounds here June 25-29 recorded 49 decisions. Rev. Roger C. Reeds, St. Louis, was the evangelist.

### **West Speaks to Texas Convention**

BRYAN, Texas—Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Okla., was the principal speaker at the Central Texas District Sunday School convention which met June 30 at the Bright Light church near here. He also conducted a worker's clinic in the afternoon.

### **Alabama Summer Camp Slated for Aug. 12-17**

LEEDS, Ala.—The summer camp for Free Will Baptist young people will be held August 12-17 at Cook Springs camp, ten miles east of here on highway 78. Serving on the faculty and as counselors are Rev. and Mrs. Malone Cobb, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Rollins, Dave Franks, Patsy Williams, Annette Jones, and Charles Hollingshead. Cost of the full week is \$13.00.

### **St. Louis Churches Organize Conference**

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The St. Louis district quarterly meeting was organized here July 20 and received into membership the Free Will Baptist churches in the St. Louis area. Officers were elected as follows: Rev. Harvey E. Hill, moderator; Rev. John Rogers, assistant moderator; Rev. Elmer Turnbough, clerk, and Mrs. Kathy Knott, assistant clerk. Named to the Executive Board were Harry Asher, Floyd Cantrell, Roger Reeds, William Hughes, and Floyd Arnold.

### **Texas Churches Launch Cooperative Revival**

FT. WORTH, Texas—An evangelistic campaign sponsored by the Fellowship as-

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Cooperative receipts for the month of July climbed to over \$4,500, just about \$250 short of the amount needed to meet the budget for the month. This is one of the best months for the budget during the year.

Churches desiring to support all the phases of national association work with one check may do so by making their contributions to the Cooperative Plan of Support.

The July receipts were as follows:

### RECEIPTS

|                               |        |          |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------|
| ALABAMA                       |        |          |
| First church, Dothan.....     | 30.19  |          |
| ARIZONA                       |        |          |
| Antioch crurch, Glendale .... | 23.90  |          |
| ARKANSAS                      |        |          |
| State association.....        | 723.93 |          |
| CALIFORNIA                    |        |          |
| Churches of California .....  | 197.79 |          |
| FLORIDA                       |        |          |
| Northeast Florida Assn.....   | 2.00   |          |
| GEORGIA                       |        |          |
| State association.....        | 304.18 |          |
| ILLINOIS                      |        |          |
| Harmony S. S.,                |        |          |
| West Frankfort .....          | 68.69  |          |
| Union church,                 |        |          |
| West Frankfort.....           | 24.36  |          |
| Waltonville church .....      | 52.73  |          |
| Oak Grove church, Sheller     | 24.50  |          |
| Pleasant View church, Kell... | 24.40  |          |
| Webb's Prairie church,        |        |          |
| Ewing .....                   | 12.15  |          |
| Johnston City church.....     | 100.00 |          |
| Nason church, Ina .....       | 12.74  | 320.56   |
| MISSISSIPPI                   |        |          |
| Northeast association.....    | 10.94  |          |
| MISSOURI                      |        |          |
| State association.....        | 765.89 |          |
| NEW MEXICO                    |        |          |
| First church, Hobbs .....     | 69.71  |          |
| Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Gartman....  | 5.00   |          |
| First New Mexico Assn. ....   | 6.26   | 80.97    |
| NORTH CAROLINA                |        |          |
| Goshen church, Belmont.....   | 89.00  |          |
| Davis church.....             | 92.00  | 181.00   |
| OKLAHOMA                      |        |          |
| State association.....        |        | 613.35   |
| TENNESSEE                     |        |          |
| Palmer Memorial church,       |        |          |
| Nashville .....               | 44.52  |          |
| South Side church, Memphis    | 21.77  |          |
| New Hope church, Joelton ...  | 70.00  |          |
| Wooddale church, Knoxville    | 33.00  |          |
| Mt. Zion church,              |        |          |
| Ashland City .....            | 28.40  | 197.69   |
| TEXAS                         |        |          |
| State association .....       |        | 89.08    |
| VIRGINIA                      |        |          |
| Fairmount Park church,        |        |          |
| Norfolk .....                 |        | 372.00   |
| MISCELLANEOUS                 |        |          |
| Radio-TV Board .....          |        | 644.19   |
|                               |        | 4,557.66 |

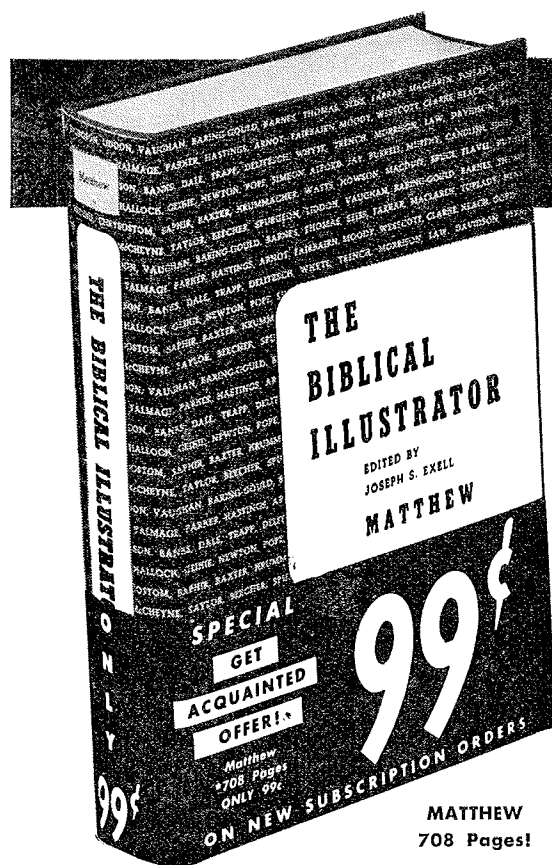
### DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| North Carolina.....     | 151.58 |
| Tennessee .....         | 98.47  |
| Illinois .....          | 18.00  |
| Radio-TV (account)..... | 24.80  |
|                         | 292.85 |

### DISBURSEMENTS

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Executive Dept.....         | 1,601.34 |
| Foreign Mission Board ..... | 1,311.48 |
| Bible College.....          | 928.88   |
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### Degrees of Rewards

Dear Editor:

The ministers and deacons conference of the Southern California association appointed a committee to draft a statement regarding our belief about rewards in heaven in reply to a question in the June issue.

We believe in the eternal equality of every individual in the sight of God. Can there be any greater reward than entering into heaven and eternal life? In Hebrews 2:3, Paul describes salvation as a "great salvation." Can we find reason to believe there are degrees of salvation? As salvation is the gift of God to all who believe, so the reward of eternal life is given to all who submit to God's will.

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## personally . . .

The National Association of Free Will Baptists in its annual session last month overwhelmingly adopted the "25th Anniversary Advance Program" which calls for many new projects and goals in the next three years. The program will climax in 1960 which is the silver anniversary of the organization of the National Association.

Now that the program has been adopted, the boards and agencies will begin making plans to implement each part of it. The entire program is given below for your information. You will be hearing more—much more—about it in the months to come.

### 1958—The Year of Evangelism and Missions

Goals for revival crusades during March and April:

1. Personal soul-winning classes in the local churches in February
2. Issuing study course material and new gospel tracts
3. Goal of 10,000 enrolled in the training classes
4. Organization of practical work groups in local churches
5. Issuing instruction booklet for new converts
6. Revivals in 1,000 churches during March and April (promotional material to be prepared by Home Mission Board)
7. Results of every revival reported to national home mission office for tabulation

Foreign Mission Goals and Projects:

1. Opening new fields in Africa and Brazil
2. More mission volunteers—at least 8 for Africa and 6 for Japan
3. Budget increase to \$153,000—33% increase

Home Mission Goals and Projects:

1. Opening new home mission areas in Alaska and Mexico
2. Organization of new churches in metropolitan centers of Washington, D. C., and Denver, Colo.
3. Establish work in the following new states—Colorado, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana
4. Budget increase to \$53,100—16½% increase

### 1959—The Year of Enlistment

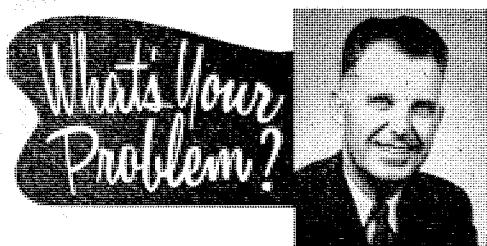
Goals and Projects:

1. Enlistment of total church membership into various service auxiliaries of the church (Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, etc.)
2. Projects of League Board
  - a. Publication of Story Hour materials
  - b. Issuing General League Manual
  - c. *Free Will Baptist League Monthly* developed to quarterly magazine
  - d. Separate program quarterlies for senior and adult groups
  - e. A League organized in every church
  - f. Raise \$15,000 to furnish "Kitchen for College"
  - g. Each League reporting quarterly with 10 per cent of offerings
  - h. Employment of full-time promotional secretary
3. Projects of Sunday School Board
  - a. Employment of an executive secretary who shall be responsible with the Sunday School Board for the overall planning of the denominational Sunday school program
  - b. Furnishing of graded literature for lower departments
  - c. Placing of lesson outlines in hands of prospective writers for producing new and more up-to-date Sunday school lessons
  - d. Furnishing of personnel to conduct worker's conferences and clinics in local churches
  - e. Publishing of a monthly Sunday school magazine with helps for teachers and administrators
  - f. Setting up a teacher training program with a goal of 3,000 teachers and prospective teachers enrolled by 1960
4. Enlist every church and conference into affiliation with the national association
5. Denominational membership goal: 250,000

### 1960—The Year of Stewardship

Goals and Projects:

1. Stewardship study classes in local churches in February
2. Stewardship Sunday—March 13
3. 10,000 new tithers enlisted during the year
4. Denominational budget of \$750,000
5. 1,000 churches giving at least 10% through the Cooperative Plan of Support
6. Denominational Loyalty Sunday—October 2



**Q. Was the cross upon which Jesus died made of a dogwood tree?**

A. If it was we have no record or account of it given in the Bible.

**Q. Recently you attributed to superstition the belief that there is in the Bible a passage which can be used to stop bleeding. There is such a passage and we know of the infallibility of this wonderful Scripture.**

A. Since you stated in your letter that you would be happy to pass on to anyone this passage if they were genuinely interested, we are glad to include your name and address if there are those who would like to write to you: W. J. Porter, P. O. Box 208, Pinole, Calif.

**Q. What is the difference between the names Christ Jesus and Jesus Christ?**

A. The name Christ is a title. When used in the New Testament it generally has the word "the" prefixed, and means the Messiah of the Old Testament prophecy (Matt. 16:16, 20; Mark 8:29; Luke 3:15). Sometimes the word "the" is omitted (Matt. 26:68; John 4:25). The name Jesus is the personal name of our Lord. Joseph was told in Matthew 1:21 concerning Mary, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus . . ." Christ, though really used in the primary sense, is so constantly appended to Jesus, the distinctive personal name of our Lord, given from his birth, as virtually to constitute part of the proper name (John 1:17; Acts 11:17; Romans 1:1; 5:1).

**Q. Why do Baptists vote a member into the membership of the church?**

A. As Free Will Baptists, we are in agreement with our Treatise which says the local church is an independent body, so far as relates to its own government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers, etc. Persons who believe the truth as it is in Christ, and give evidence of true piety, are, upon examination or recommendation, received into membership according to regular methods of the local church and upon the condition of baptism (Treatise, page 45). There is nothing that says members have to be received by voting them in, but since we believe in the baptistic form of government which certainly is democratic, then we practice government of the church by the people, even to saying who shall be members.

## GLANCING

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sociation began July 22 in the Western Hills addition of Fort Worth. All of the churches in the association are cooperating in the effort and the various pastors were assigned duties. Rev. Doc Baber is the evangelist.

### **Tulsa Scout Troop Wins Scoutarama Honors**

TULSA, Okla. — Trinity Temple Boy Scout troop won several honors at the recent citywide Scoutarama, according to the church reporter. The troop has 30 members and Mr. Wood is scoutmaster.

**REVIVALS . . .** First church, Dothan, Ala.; Ronald Creech, evangelist; Bob L. Jones, pastor; June 17-26; 39 dec.

Richwoods, Mo.; Harvey E. Hill, evangelist; Bud Arnold, pastor; June 30-July 12. Pine Level, N. C.; Bobby Jackson, evangelist; Herbert Waid, pastor; June 16-23; 52 decisions.

Fellowship church, Bryan, Texas; Dale Burden, evangelist; H. Ray Berry, pastor; July 21-31.

First church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Howard Flota, pastor and evangelist; May 19-June 2; 15 dec.; 7 add.

West Wayne church, Wayne, Mich.; Milton Hollifield, evangelist; Max Albritton, pastor; 17 decisions.

Burl's Chapel, Sweetwater, Tenn.; Roy Thomas, evangelist; Paul Woolsey, pastor; June 14-26; 8 dec.

First church, Ft. Worth, Texas; J. B. Ewing, evangelist; C. J. Hearron, pastor; July 8-14; 8 dec.; 1 add.

First church, Northport, Ala.; Bobby Jackson, evangelist; Charles Hollingshead, pastor; July 3-14; 43 dec.

Artesia, Calif.; Eual Gorman, evangelist; Don Bias, pastor; June 12-21.

Bethlehem church, Ashland City, Tenn.; Ted Greene, evangelist; Bob Shockey, pastor; July 21-Aug. 4.

Rock Springs church, Neptune, Tenn.;

**Q. Did Jesus live with the Holy Trinity before being conceived by Mary?**

A. John 1:1 answers your question. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Jesus answered certain doubters of his divinity and Messiahship in John 8:58 " . . . before Abraham was, I am."

Address your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, c/o CONTACT, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

W. S. Mooneyham, evangelist; Paul Sitton, pastor; July 1-10; 19 dec.

Little Brown church, Booneville, Miss.; M. L. Hollis, evangelist; J. S. Whitehead, pastor; Aug. 18-23.

Soundside church, Columbia, N. C.; M. L. Hollis, evangelist; Aug. 24-Sept. 2.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS . . .** St. John's Chapel, Stacy, N. C.; av. att., 94.

Burl's Chapel, Sweetwater, Tenn.; enr., 86; dec. 8.

West Wayne church, Wayne, Mich.; av. att., 110; dec., 27.

*Pastoral Changes . . .*

Lloyd Reddick to Huntington Park, Calif.

Cecil Fassio to Bell Gardens, Calif.

Walter Ramsey has resigned at New Hope church, Rockingham, N. C.

Chesley Ray Hill to Myrtle, Mo., from Oakwood church, Nashville, Tenn.

Henry Van Kluyve to Davis, N. C.

Rex Weatherman to Stobtown church, Ardmore, Okla.

J. F. Peterson to Silver City church, Okla.

Lonnie McAllister to Blythe, Calif.

Roy Thomas to Springfield church, Tenn.

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