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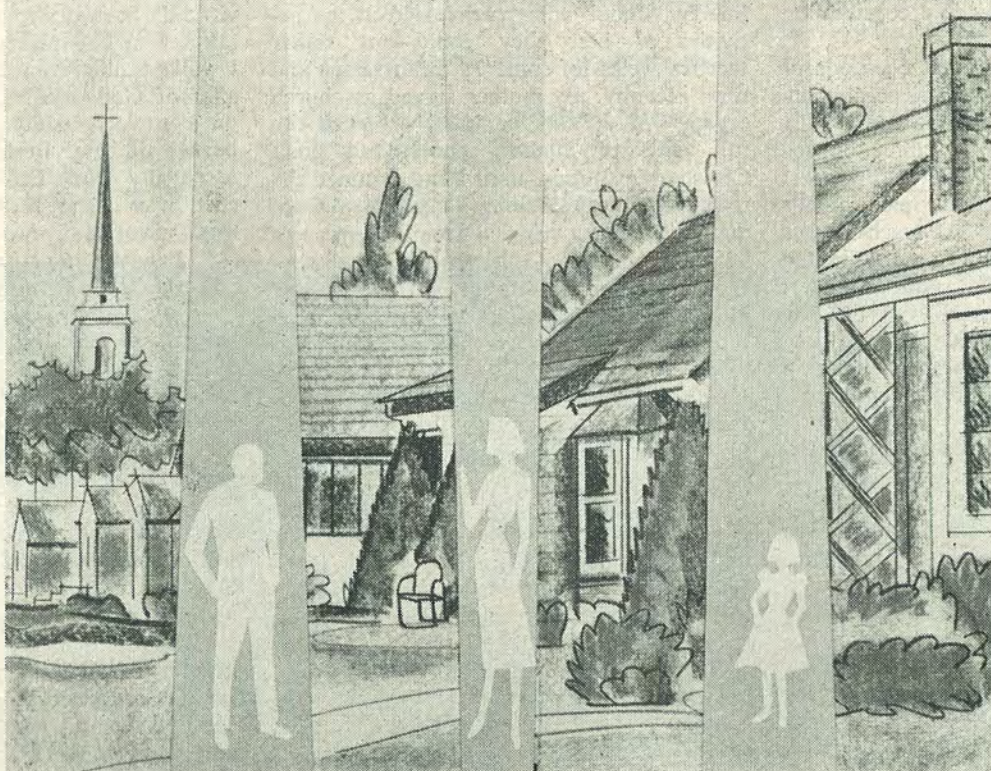
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A Governor Looks at the Sunday School

by Frank G. Clement

Governor of the State of Tennessee

Some months ago, a group of my church friends came to the governor's office on Capitol Hill in Nashville and asked me to teach a new Sunday school class. It was an unusual request to make of the governor of a state, but after prayer and consultation I accepted the challenge.

Teaching *The Way* class has been one of the most richly rewarding experiences of my life and has impressed on me more fully the responsibilities to the nation of the Sunday school, which is one of the most profitable investments we may make of our time on Sunday morning. As teachers, our responsibility and opportunity are unlimited in the development of Christian character; in learning more fully the Holy Bible—the basis for obedience to our Creator; in promoting Christian friendship and fellowship among the members and in attracting new members.

To some, our meeting place seems like a strange Sunday school classroom. We meet in the foyer of a downtown movie theater in Nashville. Just a few steps away is the sidewalk, and beyond, the street. Our membership consists mostly of those men who would not normally attend a Sunday school class, and many of the passers-by who stop and enter as often from curiosity as interest.

Some weeks ago, the class had a very inspiring visitor—an elderly gentleman who spoke briefly to the assemblage of his faith, his spiritual gratitude, and the responsibility he felt and the importance he placed in being present in God's house on the Lord's Day. This man truly exemplified

his faith and for more than 59 years he has not failed to be in a Sunday school class on Sunday morning!

Even though I grew up in a family whose members regularly attended church and Sunday school, who participated in the activities as best they could—my father teaches a class of some 75 businessmen and until recently, my mother served as church organist—I did not completely realize the full value of Sunday school, this great Christian institution, until I had assumed the responsibility of teaching a class. It was not until then that I realized from the nation's Sunday schools come citizens of Christianity. It has often been said that in the home, the church, and the school there are developed those characteristics which are fundamental to a democracy such as ours. Of the three, I consider the church the most important, for it is from the church that we get the faith which keeps our homes and our country strong.

In our Sunday school classroom, as we exchange ideas, thoughts and opinions, we understand better Christianity and more fully comprehend our instructions to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Regular and conscientious study enables us to worship God more acceptably. Of course we learned early in life that faith is the gift of God: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast," but our concepts are broadened through our class discussions knowing

that "without faith it is impossible to please God."

In November, 1955 it was my privilege to tour South America. In Buenos Aires, Argentina, I was led to a cathedral that had virtually been destroyed by a mad-man dictator, who had placed himself above God. I walked quietly toward the spot where the altar of God once stood, and my eyes fell on a crudely fashioned cross made of two burned timbers. Beside the cross, scratched in equally crude fashion on the fire-blackened wall, were these words: "*Christ always victorious, always King!*"

I knew then that I was looking at a symbol of faith, a fighting faith that could not be quenched or killed. Today as I stand before my Sunday school class, I see another symbol of faith—the faith that says to me: "It does not matter where you meet to worship your God, so long as you worship Him in humbleness and sincerity." And again: "It matters not that you are governor and that because you teach here you have been criticized for mixing politics and religion, for if your politics and your religion don't mix, then there is certainly something the matter with your politics."

The faith that says to me: "As long as there are churches, and homes where children are reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; as long as an altar of God can be erected every Sunday in the foyer of a downtown theater; so long and only so long will ours be a nation of people dedicated to the greater glory of God and the betterment of all mankind."

200,000 Attend Times Square Rally

The New York Billy Graham Crusade, after three and a half months of "unbelievable reality," came to a triumphant conclusion Sunday evening, September 1, when some 200,000 persons jammed into the Times Square area of New York City for a mighty farewell rally. Like Madison Square Garden before it, Times Square for one brief hour became like a hallowed cathedral. Unnumbered hundreds—perhaps thousands—made soul-saving decisions or spiritual commitments in that brief hour. The world had never witnessed such a spectacle.

One half hour before the rally began at 7 p.m. the United Press wire service reported to the world that there were 250,000 persons in Times Square. Introducing the television portion of the rally, broadcast over the full ABC network, newscaster Paul Harvey said there were over 200,000 present. Chief Inspector Thomas A. Nielson estimated that the throng numbered only 75,000 saying, "I counted them." Those who were present agreed with the evangelist who said: "Certainly everyone present knows it was far more than the police estimate . . . I am certain that it was the largest crowd that it has been my privilege to address."

Graham, to those near enough to see him, had the appearance of a holy prophet as he thundered out the message that God

had given him for the occasion. He began his address, saying: "Times Square has been called 'The Crossroads of America'. This is the spot that thousands of tourists think of as New York. Many foreign visitors judge America by Times Square. Scores of nationalities jostle each other, speaking many languages. Some stare in wonderment at the blaze of lights; others hurry along the streets to the theatres and places of amusement.

"Here in Times Square is the dope addict, the alcoholic, the harlot . . . along with the finest citizens of the world. It is primarily a place of amusement, money making, drinking, eating and merry making.

"Tonight for a few moments it is being turned into a great cathedral as a symbol of spiritual revival that is now in progress in America. Let us tell the whole world tonight that we Americans believe in God.

"Let us tell the world tonight that our trust is not in our stock pile of atomic and hydrogen bombs but in Almighty God. Let us tell the world tonight that we desperately

want peace but not peace at any price.

"Let us tell the world tonight that we are morally and spiritually strong as well as militarily and economically.

"Let us frankly admit our moral and social sins and humbly bow in repentance before God.

"Much of the world doubts that we have the moral and spiritual qualities of international leadership. Let this meeting be a symbol of our renewed faith in God which we believe is putting a new moral fiber into our society.

"Let us say also a prayer tonight for those millions that have no freedom.

"Let us tonight make this a time of re-dedication—not only to God but to the principles and freedoms that our forefathers gave us.

"On this Labor Day weekend, here at the Crossroads of America, let us tell the world that we are united and are ready to march under the banner of Almighty God, taking as our slogan that which is stamped on our coins . . . 'In God We Trust'."

Taking his text from Acts 17:23 which refers to Paul's reference to the Mars Hill altar with its inscription "To the Unknown God," Graham used the titles of Broadway theatre marquees as topic headings in his message.

He began with the current film THE

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Special News Report from Evangelical Press Service



THE SECOND VOLUME of *The Writings of James Arminius* is divided into five sections. The first division has seventy-nine theological lectures. The second portion is a commentary on the seventh chapter of Romans. This is followed by a series of letters which Arminius wrote to Hippolytus A. Collibus. The fourth division consists of twenty-nine articles, "to be diligently examined and weighed." The final part is a letter on the sin against the Holy Spirit.

The first section, the lectures, was given by the author in the classroom. These "private disputations," as Mr. Arminius chose to call them, are not complete. In the preface to the first edition, published in 1610, it is said that about twenty lectures are missing. From the ones that we have we can readily see the scholarship of the author. These lectures make for interesting reading, especially to the student of theology. Even though the lectures were written in another language almost four hundred years ago and written to be spoken by the author, there is still persuasiveness and depth in each of them for the present day reader.

Time and space make it impossible to consider the entire volume in this review, therefore we shall concentrate on the theological lectures.

I. THE PURPOSE OF THEOLOGY

The third lecture in this opening division demonstrates the author's ability to glean many gems of theological truth from a single statement. Arminius seems to delight in developing to minute completeness every theme. His greatest ability lies in his facility to express this completeness and content of his thought. To demonstrate this, let me quote from, "On Blessedness, The End of Theology."

1. "The end of theology is the blessedness of man; and that not animal or natural, but spiritual and supernatural.

2. "It consists in fruition, the object of which is a perfect, chief and sufficient good, which is God.

3. "The foundation of this fruition is life, endowed with understanding and with intellectual feeling.

4. "The connective or coherent cause of fruition is union with God by which that life is so greatly perfected, that they who obtain this union are said to be 'partakers of this divine nature and of life eternal.'

5. "The medium of fruition is understanding and emotion or feeling—understanding, not by species or image, but by clear vision, which is called that of face to face; and feeling, corresponding with this vision.

6. "The cause of blessedness is God himself, uniting himself with man; that is, giving himself to be seen, loved, possessed, and thus to be enjoyed by man.

7. "The antecedent or only moving cause is the goodness and the remunerative justice of God, which have the wisdom of God as their precursor.

8. "The executive cause is the power of God, by which the soul is enlarged after the capacity of God, and the animal body is transformed and transfigured into a spiritual body.

9. "The end, event, or consequence is two-fold, (1) a demonstration of the glorious wisdom, Goodness, justice, power and likewise the universal perfection of God; and (2) his glorification by the beautified.

10. "Its adjunct properties are, that it is eternal, and is known to be so by him who possesses it; and that it at once both satisfies every desire and is an object of continued desire."

Please consider carefully the progression of thought in the above disputation. The sequence and logic is self-evident.

II. INSPIRATION OF GOD'S WORD

We would expect Arminius to have something definite to say about the inspiration of the Word of God. The Word of God had not been challenged by unbelievers in his day to the extent that it has in our day. Nevertheless, many positive arguments are put forward by the author. The following quotation is taken from his lecture entitled, "On the Rule of Religion, the Word of God, and the Scripture in particular."

"The primary cause of these books is God, in His Son, through the Holy Spirit. The instrumental causes are holy men of God,

who, not at their own will and pleasure, but as they were actuated and inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote these books, whether the words were inspired into them, dictated to them, or administered by them under the divine direction."

The lecture, "On the Authority and Certainty of the Holy Scriptures," contains a fine statement which constitutes the author's view of the Scriptures. "The Scriptures are canonical in the same way as they are divine; because they contain the rule of faith, charity, hope and of all our inward and outward actions. They do not, therefore, require human authority in order to their being received into the canon, or considered as canonical. Nay, the relation between God and his creatures, requires that his word should be the rule of life to his creatures. We assert that, for the establishment of the divinity of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, this disjunctive proposition is of irrefutable validity: Either the Scriptures are divine, or (far be blasphemy from the expression!) they are the most foolish of all writings, whether they be said to have proceeded from man, or from the evil spirit."

At the close of the above lesson, Arminius defends his view against the position taken by the Roman Catholic church. "To affirm that the authority of the Scriptures depends upon the church, because the church is more ancient than the Scriptures, is a falsehood, a foolish speech, an implication of manifold contradictions and blasphemy."

III. GOD'S KNOWLEDGE

A very interesting chapter in this first division is concerning God's knowledge. "The understanding of God is certain and infallible; so that he sees certainly and infallibly, even, things future and contingent, whether he sees them in their causes, or in themselves. But this infallibility depends upon the infinity of the essence of God, and not on his unchangeable will."

Arminius further states, "The succession of order, in the objects of the divine knowledge, is in this manner: First, God knows himself entirely and adequately, and this understanding is his own essence or being. Secondly, he knows all possible things, in the perfection of his own essence, and therefore, all things impossible. In the understanding of possible things, this is the order: (1) He knows what things can exist by his own primary and sole act. (2) He knows that things from the creatures, whether they will come into existence or will not, can exist by his conservation, motion, assistance, concurrence and permission. (3) He knows what things he can do about the acts of the creatures consistently with himself or with these acts. Thirdly, he knows all entities, even according to the same order as that which we have just shown in his knowledge of things possible."

IV. THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Four of these lectures have to do with the attributes of God. Arminius describes the grace of God in the following way. "Grace is a certain adjunct of goodness and love, by which is signified that God is affected to communicate his own good and to love the creatures, not through merit or of debt, not by any cause impelling from without, nor that something may be added to God himself, but that it may be well with him on whom the good is bestowed and who is beloved, which may also receive the name of 'liberality.' According to this God is said to be 'rich in goodness, mercy,' etc."

Another of God's attributes written upon is justice. "Justice in words is three-fold. (1) Truth, by which he always enunciates or declares exactly as the thing is, to which is opposed falsehood. (2) Sincerity and simplicity, by which he always declares as he inwardly conceives, according to the meaning and purposes of his

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mind, to which are opposed hypocrisy and duplicity of heart. And (3), fidelity, by which he is constant in keeping promises and in communicating privileges, to which are opposed inconstancy and perfidy."

Concerning the power of God, our author makes it clear that the capability of God is infinite. "He can do all things possible," is a summary statement made by Arminius. "All created things depend upon him, as upon efficient principle, both in their being and in their preservation. Hence, Omnipotence is justly ascribed to him."

V. BAPTISM

I hope that the impression has not been given that James Arminius speaks officially for the Free Will Baptist denomination. Such is not the case. He does express a view that coincides with ours on many issues. Please keep in mind that he was a product of a state church—a church that had not removed itself as far away from Roman Catholicism as we have. Or should I say, the church of his day had not returned to the simple New Testament truth to the extent that we have today.

For instance, Arminius follows the teaching prevalent in his day regarding baptism. He speaks only of "sprinkling" as the mode of baptism and accepts the teaching of infant sprinkling as baptism. "Baptism is the initial sacrament of the New Testament, by which the covenant people are sprinkled with water, by a minister of the church, in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost—to signify and to testify the spiritual ablutions which is effected by the blood and Spirit of Christ. By this sacrament, those who are baptized to God the Father, and are consecrated to his Son by the Holy Spirit as a peculiar treasure, may have communion with both of them, and serve God all the days of their life."

He states further, "The object of baptism is not real, but only personal; that is, all the covenanted people of God, whether they be adults or infants, provided the infants be born of parents who are themselves in the covenant, or if one of their parents be among the covenanted people of God, both because ablution in the blood of Christ has been promised to them; and because by the Spirit of Christ they are ingrafted into the body of Christ."

VI. SANCTIFICATION

Another teaching by James Arminius that is foreign to the Free Will Baptist concept is that of sanctification. We believe that sanctification is an act with a process. It begins with conversion and continues through the lifetime of the believer. Complete or final sanctification does not come into effect until this mortal shall have put on immortality and this corruptible shall have put on incorruption. This does not rule out the possibility of a "consecration" experience, but it does eliminate the possibility of a so-called "second definite work of grace."

Here are statements which reflect the Arminius concept of sanctification, "But when we treat about man, as a sinner, then sanctification is thus defined: It is a gracious act of God, by which he purifies man who is a sinner, and yet a believer, from the darkness of ignorance, from indwelling sin and from its lusts or desires, and imbues him with the Spirit of knowledge, righteousness and holiness, that, being separated from the life of the God, to the praise of the righteousness and of the glorious grace world and made conformable to God, man may live the life of God, and to his own salvation."

VII. THE CHURCH

Arminius is very clear in his definition of the church. "The

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**A review of Volume Two of the
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free grace and free salvation**

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church is a company of persons called out from a state of natural life and of sin, but God and Christ, through the Spirit of both, to a supernatural life to be spent according to God and Christ in the knowledge and worship of both, that by a participation with both, they may be eternally blessed, to the glory of God through Christ in God."

VIII. LORD'S SUPPER

At least seven lectures are dealing with so-called "sacraments". Of course we refrain from using this term to refer to the ordinances of the church. Arminius states very definitely that he believes in the Lord's Supper as a memorial service. "Is not the proximate and most appropriate, and therefore, the immediate end of the Lord's Supper, both as it was at first instituted and as it is now used, the memory, or commemoration, or annunciation of the Lord's death, and this with thanksgiving for the gift of God, in delivering up his Son to death for us, and in having given flesh to be eaten and his blood to be drank through faith in him?"

After reading this article some will say that because Arminius does not agree with Free Will Baptists completely, they will

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An Open Door

by W. S. Mooneyham

Last winter an air mail letter from Holland came to our executive office. It was from the Rev. Johann Visser in Amsterdam, Holland, who writes a brief greeting on this page.

Brother Visser stated he was a pastor of a Free Will Baptist church in his city and wondered if we would be interested in establishing some kind of fellowship with his church. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee who said they were interested and authorized the executive secretary to make the contact.

Mr. Visser is secretary of an Association of Independent Churches in his country. At a recent convention of this association held in Amsterdam, some 3,000 attended. He is in touch with Free Will Baptist churches in France, England, Ireland and Belgium, as well as Spain.

Since then considerable correspondence has transpired across the Atlantic and all of that correspondence will reach a climax when the executive secretary flies to the Netherlands and Spain for a month of services and conferences with church leaders during November. He will leave the States October 31 for two weeks in the Netherlands and two additional weeks in Spain. Much prayer is requested for this trip and the services to be held.

The trip by the executive secretary will be of an exploratory nature with the primary emphasis on preaching and evangelism. While there he will also try to visit our missionaries in language school in Switzerland. Pray for the entire trip that we may know how to step into this door which God has opened.

A Voice from Europe

by Rev. Johann Visser

The name of your magazine is *CONTACT* and sometimes God is making contacts in His own mysterious way.

The beginning of our Baptist movement was in 1609 at Amsterdam, the Netherlands, when John Smyth got the vision of the New Testament church. Those Baptists preached free grace, free salvation and free will and that is what we are preaching in this same old town of Amsterdam.

God led us to open this work 14 years ago and by His grace we have the largest Baptist church of this town now with 300 members. It was our privilege to lead them to Christ and to baptize them. In this country we have many "sprinkling" churches teaching the people that as soon as a child is sprinkled (they call it baptism) he is in the Covenant. They teach the so-called "supposed regeneration." They believe that by sprinkling the child must be "supposed" to be born again. Of course, the Bible does not say that. We are born again or we are not, and as long as we suppose we are wrong.

Then in this little country we have about 15 kinds of Calvinists, all quarreling among themselves on the doctrine of predestination. According to their scheme it seems to be

few, fewer, fewest, hardly anybody. We believe John 3:16 and 1 Timothy 2:3-4 to be God's message for everybody.

About 20 years ago, the Holy Spirit gave me a new life and God has brought us as missionaries over a good deal of the world to preach the blessed story. We praise God for having met your missionaries, the Reverend and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, and we are looking forward to the visit of Brother Mooneyham.

The big three — Romanism, Communism, and Modernism — are terrible in Europe, but God is still preserving His Church. We want your prayers for our Free Will Baptist mission work in Europe and we shall be happy to receive word from you that you pray for us.

In our personal life we have known the hardships of war, the losing of a beloved wife and mother with cancer, but, praise God, we also know the joy of being a Christian. We have six children—three girls and three boys, rightly divided.

We wish to give our real Christian love and greetings to you all from the Free Will Baptist mission in old Europe and from our Christian family.



The Rev. and Mrs. Johann Visser, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, pose with their six smiling children. His church is the largest Baptist church in the city.



Because of the terribly high price of property in Amsterdam, the Free Will Baptist congregation which was organized 13 years ago still worships in this rented hall. These pictures were made by Rev. Lonnie Sparks.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS and said:

"This is God's moral law given through Moses. These commandments express the requirements of a righteous God. To transgress even one of these commandments is sin, the result of which is eternal separation from God. The whole human race has broken God's law. That is why nations war and fight. Individuals who make up the nations are rebellious law breakers having no peace in their own lives and none in the world. Men for generations have fought, bled and died on thousands of battle fields simply because we refuse to keep God's law. I warn you tonight, there can be no peace until the law is kept and there is no power within us to keep the law. Human nature is bankrupt. That is why Christ came to give us a new nature and to set in motion forces that would bring about a new world order.

"Secondly, on one of the marquees there is the announcement of a picture entitled **THE LONELY MAN**. There are thousands of people in New York and throughout America that are lonely. Millions are separated from God. This separation brings about an eternal loneliness. Unless you give your life to Christ your loneliness will last for eternity. Even though you may have friends and your life is filled with much activity, there is a lonely spot in your heart—a void—that only God can fill."

(Departing from his prepared text, Graham cited another movie title, **3:10 TO YUMA**, and declared that "some of you are going to miss the train to Heaven . . . unless you dedicate your life to Christ.")

"Third, another picture is entitled **THE WALKING DEAD**. The Bible teaches that we are more than lonely; we are spiritually dead apart from Christ. There is a sense of lostness among millions today. They don't seem to fit. They are restless, confused, perplexed, bewildered by life. They may have temporary fun and pleasure but their lives are empty. They are the walking dead . . . physically alive but spiritually dead. The Bible says that sin brings about spiritual death. The Gospel of Christ offers new life to the soul. You don't really begin to live until you know Christ who has promised abundant spiritual life to all that would put their confidence and trust in him.

"Fourthly, there is another picture entitled **LOVE IN THE AFTERNOON**. I imagine this is a love story. I have not seen it! But the modern day world has spoiled the word 'Love'. Many of our love songs are now lust songs. Many of our stage plays and movies portray lust instead of pure love, though they often call it love. The greatest love story of all time reached its climax in the afternoon. When 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life'

(John 3:16). On that first Good Friday at about three o'clock in the afternoon Christ died for our sins and paid the supreme sacrifice that we might have new life. This was **LOVE IN THE AFTERNOON** in capital letters!"

Following the television broadcast, Graham gave a modified version of his invitation for people to register their decision for Christ. How many persons responded is an unanswered question, but a record of those who responded by filling out a special decision card will be forthcoming from Crusade headquarters.

Immediately after the rally, Graham left New York by train for his home in Montreat, North Carolina. His first stop: "To see Mom and Dad"; second stop: "Home to Ruth (Graham) and the children"; third stop: "No comment."

Official but incomplete statistics on the Crusade are:

Total attendance at Crusade meetings, May 15 to August 31, including attendance at regularly scheduled meetings in Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, Forest Hills Stadium, plus special meeting at Harlem, Brooklyn, Wall Street, Central Park and Times Square: 2,205,600.

Total recorded decisions at Crusade meetings, not including weekly TV decision or Times Square Rally: 56,767.

Graham's future plans: a tour of nine countries in the Caribbean Area beginning in mid-January 1958. Included in the tour will be meetings in Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Barbados, Trinidad, Panama, Guatemala, Venezuela, Costa Rica and Mexico. The exact dates and sites for the meetings have not been announced, but will be decided upon after representatives of the Graham Team visit the area later this Fall. It is anticipated that the tour will take approximately five or six weeks.

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Missions Conference Program

Features Auxiliary Workshop

The 8th annual missionary conference will be held October 8-9 on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, according to an announcement from the two mission departments.

A new feature of the conference this year will be an auxiliary workshop to be conducted during the two afternoon sessions. The program for this workshop will also give emphasis to the denominational missionary program.

The conference theme is ". . . both in Jerusalem . . . and unto the uttermost part of the earth" while the workshop theme is "Holding Forth the Word of Life." Featured will be pastors, missionaries, missionary appointees, mission board members, auxiliary leaders, and college personnel.

The complete program is as follows:

Tuesday Afternoon (WNAC Workshop)

- 1:30—Call to Worship—Mrs. Billy Melvin
—Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life"
—Mr. Ross Dowden directing
—Greetings—Mrs. LaVerne Miley
- 1:45—Message, "Holding Forth the Word to Our Youth"—Rev. C. F. Bowen
- 2:15—Missionary cantata—College Music and Speech departments
- 2:45—Simultaneous conferences—WNAC officers in charge

Tuesday Evening (Missionary Conference)

- 7:30—Congregational singing—Mr. Ross Dowden
—Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. Harvey Hill



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To Be Commissioned

- 7:50—Introducing the program and personalities—Rev. Raymond Riggs
- 8:00—Special music—College Music Department
—Missionary offering
- 8:15—The Message, "The Impetus of Missions"—Rev. LaVerne D. Miley

Wednesday Morning—(Missionary Conference)

- 8:00—Prayer and praise service—Rev. Robert Shockey
- 8:30—To His Glory, We Sing—Mr. Dowden
—Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. Mark M. Lewis
- 8:45—"The Ministry of Prayer in Missions"—Mrs. Eunice Edwards
- 9:15—Special music—College Music Department
- 9:20—"Our Witness to Brazil"—Rev. Dave Franks
- 10:05—Congregational singing—Mr. Dowden
- 10:10—"Our Witness to Alaska"—Mrs. Lee Whaley
- 10:55—Recess
- 11:15—Music arranged by Mr. Dowden
—Presenting the speaker—Rev. Homer E. Willis
—"Our Witness to Mexico"—Rev. James E. Timmons
- 12:00—Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon (WNAC Workshop)

- 1:30—Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life"
—Mrs. Dowden directing
—Greetings—Mrs. Billy Melvin
- 1:40—Message, "Holding Forth the Word to Alaska"—Rev. Lee Whaley
- 2:10—Skit by youth from Cumberland Association—Mrs. Charles Sublette
- 2:30—Message, "Holding Forth the Word in Africa"—Rev. Raymond Riggs
- 3:00—Question and answer period—WNAC officers on platform
- 3:30—Adjournment

Wednesday Evening (Commissioning Service)

- 7:30—Congregational singing—Mr. Dowden
—Prayer
—Special music
—Message—Rev. Joseph G. Ange
—The Charge—Rev. Homer E. Willis
—The Commissioning Prayer—Rev. Raymond Riggs



JOE ANGE
Will Speak

—We wish the missionaries well and bring our missionary offerings
—Benediction

Program Personalities

- Rev. Joseph G. Ange—Foreign Mission Board member and pastor at Highland Park, Mich.
- Rev. C. F. Bowen—College faculty member and pastor of Palmer Memorial church, Nashville, Tenn.
- Mr. Ross Dowden—Head of College music department
- Mrs. Eunice Edwards—Executive Secretary of WNAC, Nashville, Tenn.
- Rev. Dave Franks—Missionary appointee to Brazil
- Rev. Mark M. Lewis—Foreign Mission Board member and pastor at Hazel Park, Mich.
- Rev. Harvey Hill—Home Mission Board member and pastor at Berkeley City, Mo.
- Mrs. Billy Melvin—WNAC study course chairman, Richmond, Va.
- Rev. LaVerne D. Miley—Medical missionary student, Memphis, Tenn.
- Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley—WNAC president, Memphis, Tenn.
- Rev. Raymond Riggs—Foreign Mission Board promotional secretary, Nashville, Tenn.
- Rev. Robert Shockey—Pastor of Bethlehem church, Ashland City, Tenn.
- Mrs. Charles Sublette—WNAC youth chairman, Nashville, Tenn.
- Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley—Missionary appointees to Alaska, Jacksonville, N. C.
- Rev. Homer E. Willis—Home Mission Board promotional secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

On Being Broad-Minded

The preacher is sometimes accused of being narrow-minded because he insists upon the Christian's forsaking all to follow Christ.

Yet all of life is narrow, and success is to be found only by passing through the narrow gate and down the straight way.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the chemical laboratory. Water is composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. The slightest deviation from that formula is forbidden.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in music. There can be but eight steps in an octave. The skilled director will not permit his first violin to play even so much as one half-step off the written note, chord and key.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the mathematical classroom. Neither geometry, calculus, nor trigonometry allows any variation from the exact, even for old times sake. The solution of the problem is either right or it is wrong—no tolerance there.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in biology. One varying result out of a thousand experiments will invalidate an entire theory.

There is no room for broad-mindedness

on the athletic field. The game is played according to the rules with no favors shown for charity's sake.

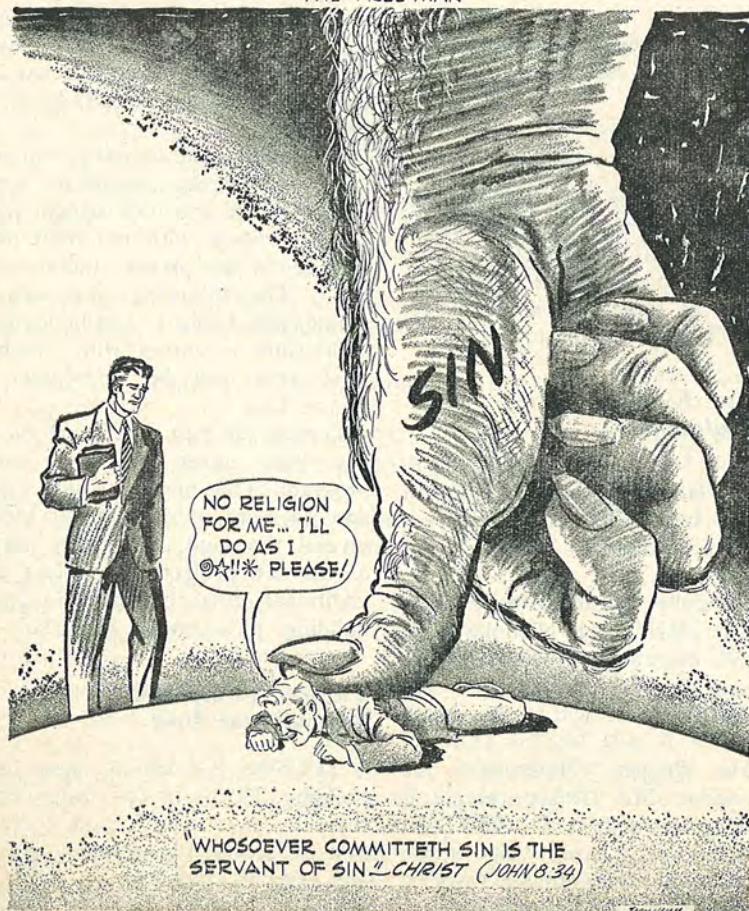
There is no room for broad-mindedness in the garage. The mechanic there says that the piston rings must fit the cylinder walls within one-thousandth part of an inch. Even between friends, there cannot be any variation if the motor is to run smoothly.

How, then, shall we expect that broad-mindedness shall rule in the realm of religion and morals?

Why should a God-called, God-anointed preacher spend his time dealing in generalities when he knows positively that the way to heaven is *one* way and that is a narrow, strait way? He knows that all men must come the same way. Why tell folks to be good when it is absolutely required in the Bible for men to repent (Luke 13:3), which means to not only confess sins but also forsake them (Proverbs 28:13)? Why have as the main goal getting folks to join the church when we know what that they are required to receive Jesus personally as Lord and Savior (John 1:12)?

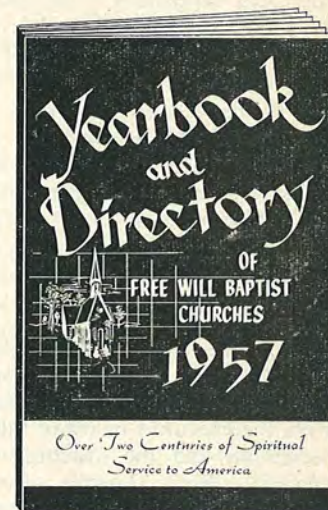
Broad-mindedness cannot be tolerated when it relates to the requirements to enter God's heaven.—Savannah, Ga., Mid-Wek Reminder.

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GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Dedication Held for Piedmont Bible Institute

CRAMERTON, N. C.—A dedication service was held September 1 for the new Piedmont Bible Institute that has been constructed under the supervision of Rev. Roy Rikard, Cramerton pastor.

Principal speakers were Mr. W. J. Farr, president of Stowe Mills, and Mr. J. D. Barbee, a vice-president of Burlington Industries and general manager of the Cramerton Division.

Arkansas Ordains Young Minister

SEARCY, Ark.—Norman Richards was ordained to the gospel ministry in a special service August 7. Serving on the ordaining council were the executive board of the New Hope association and the deacons of his home church. Rev. Lawnie Coffman preached the ordination sermon. The young minister is now a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

College Secretary Visits Missionaries

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Miss Olena Filkins, secretary to Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College spent the month of July in Europe and visited with Lonnie and Anita Sparks, missionaries in language study, in Switzerland on a weekend. She reported them well and happy.

Missouri Re-elects All General Officers

MONETT, Mo.—Rev. O. T. Allred was re-elected as moderator of the Missouri state convention at the annual meeting here August 19-23. Other officers re-elected include Rev. O. T. Dixon, assistant moderator; Rev. Albert Halbrook, clerk-treasurer, and Mrs. Leona Thompson, statistician.

The treasurer reported that receipts for the state cooperative plan were over \$13,000, an increase of \$3,000 during the year. The percentages of allocations for the coming year are: national cooperative plan, 60 per cent; state general fund, 5 per cent; state missions, 22; state paper, 5; youth camp, 5, and state superannuation, 3. The convention unanimously passed a resolution deploring what was termed "unjustified and unnecessary" criticism toward the national executive and Sunday school departments and expressing complete confidence in the work of the departments.

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones were renamed

state missionaries and a plan of financial assistance to new churches was adopted. The 1958 session will be held August 18-22 at the youth camp, Niangua.

Mount Olive College Gets Professional Library

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—Dr. Carl L. Adams, who retired this year as head of the Department of Psychology at East Carolina College, Greenville, has given his professional library to Mount Olive Junior College, W. Burkette Raper, president, has announced. Dr. Adams served on the faculty of East Carolina College for 33 years. The receipt of Dr. Adams' library has materially assisted Mount Olive College in its drive toward an accredited library.

Florida Pastor Receives Degree

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Rev. Huey B. Long, pastor of the Capital City church here, has received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Florida State University. He has also received a fellowship from the institution to work toward a Master's degree. He is moderator of the Southeastern Alabama association.

Church Moves into New Building

IRVING, Texas—The First church congregation, organized a year ago, has moved into a new building at 3304 Herring St. The unit is 20 by 40 and will be the educational building when the sanctuary is completed. Rev. R. O. O'Dell is the pastor.

Bible College Expects Record Enrolment

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A record enrolment was expected when Free Will Baptist Bible College began its sixteenth year September 4, according to Rev. Charles Thigpen, dean.

Two new faculty members have been added this year. Mrs. Louis Nicholas, who holds her B.A. degree from Hope College and B.M. and M.M. degrees from the University of Michigan, will teach piano and organ.

Mrs. Charles Thigpen will return to the speech department. Mrs. Thigpen taught at the Bible College from 1948 to 1952. She holds her B.A. degree from Bob Jones University and has done graduate work at Winona Lake School of Theology.

Social Band Association Will Meet Sept. 27-28

O'KEAN, Ark.—The quarterly meeting of the Social Band association will meet here September 27-28 with Rev. Melvin Shelton preaching the opening sermon. Association business will be taken care of the final day with the sermon to be delivered by Rev. Grady Linebaugh.

Mrs. Shutes Employed as Superannuation Treasurer

THOMASTON, Ga.—Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Route 5, Thomaston, Ga., has been named secretary-treasurer of the Superannuation Board, according to a recent announcement. The board took this action when Mr. Shutes resigned as promotional secretary. All checks for this cause should be sent to the above address.

New Mexico Holds Quarterly Meeting

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex.—The fourth quarterly meeting of the First New Mexico association met here August 1-2. Mrs. J. R. Wooten was elected associational clerk. The association held its first youth camp at the Sky Line ranch near Cloudcroft, N. Mex., with 48 registered for the week and 22 conversions reported.

Construction Begins on New College Building

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Construction began August 1 on the new dining hall and student center at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Completion is expected about January 1, according to Dr. L. C. Johnson, president.

Cardinal Contracting Company, Nashville, was awarded the job for a low bid of \$66,000. The fireproof structure will be of concrete block with red brick veneer and will adjoin the present auditorium built in 1951. The following units are included: dining hall, kitchen, student lounge, and an auditorium extension with basement. The total area will be approximately 8,000 square feet.

During the past year more than \$20,000 has been given on the improvement program. This made possible the purchase and payment of the Dunbar building with several thousand dollars left over to start on the new project. The college appeals for additional gifts, however, to pay for the building now under construction.

Tucson Completes Educational Unit

TUCSON, Ariz.—A new educational building 20 by 76 has been completed at the First church in Tucson. It houses three Sunday school departments and a kitchen and pastor's study. It was built during the pastorate of Rev. John B. Elliston, who

resigned in June. The cost was \$3,500 with much of the labor donated.

Mount Olive College Adds Faculty Members

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—Four new faculty members and eight returning instructors were present when Mount Olive Junior College began its fourth academic year September 6. New faculty members include Mr. M. J. Perret, DeLand, Fla., head of the foreign language department; Mr. W. L. Carson, Jr., Richmond, Va., instructor in mathematics; Rev. Michael Pelt, Marianna, Fla., head of the department of religion and college chaplain, and Mrs. Lorelle Martin, Mount Olive, head of the science department.

Oklahoma Church Builds Educational Unit

DUNCAN, Okla.—Construction is under way on a 40 by 90 educational building at the First church here. Rev. Gilbert Pixley is now beginning his fourth year as pastor.

An ordination service was held at the church September 2 and L. T. Woodall was ordained to the ministry and Chester Bailey as a deacon. Both of them will serve the church at Lawton.

Tennessee Convention Meets in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The 20th annual session of the Tennessee state association will meet October 23-24 at the Sylvan Park church, Nashville. Theme will be "Unification Through Revival." The convention will open at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 23, and close at 4 p.m., the following day.

Speakers will be Rev. Charles Thigpen and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, both of Nashville. Rev. Horace Teague, Knoxville, is the moderator.

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REVIVALS . . . First church, Gastonia, N. C.; Damon C. Dodd, evangelist; Sept. 9-20.

Bainbridge, Ga.; Damon C. Dodd, evangelist; Sept. 22-Oct. 2.

First church, Savannah, Ga.; Damon C. Dodd, evangelist; Louis H. Moulton, pastor; Oct. 6-13.

St. Mary's church, New Bern, N. C.; Damon C. Dodd, evangelist; Cecil Campbell, pastor; Oct. 14-25.

Antioch church, Bridgeton, N. C.; Cecil Campbell, evangelist; John Grimesley, pastor; Aug. 19-28; 7 dec.; 7 add.

Heads church, Cedar Hill, Tenn.; Arthur Billows, evangelist; Robert King, pastor; 34 dec.; 22 add.

Friendship church, Ashland City, Tenn.; Arthur Billows, evangelist; Luther Reed, pastor; 30 dec.

Greenbrier church, Pryor, Okla.; Arthur Billows, evangelist; Howard Gage, pastor; Aug. 4-11; 23 dec.

Oxnard, Calif.; George McLain, evangelist; Claudie Hames, pastor; June 16-23; 5 dec.; 5 add.

New Lovewell church, Richton, Miss.; Lawnie Coffman, evangelist; J. T. Quick, pastor, July 21-28; 13 dec.

Jerusalem, Ark.; Lawnie Coffman, evangelist; Ellis Warren, pastor; Aug. 11-18; 2 dec.

St. John's Chapel, Stacy, N. C., (youth revival); Bobby Aycock, evangelist; Paul E. Lee, pastor; Aug. 19-24.

Glennville, Ga.; Floyd Cherry, evangelist; Oct. 14-20.

Myrtle, Mo.; Bill Hill, evangelist; Bud Hill, pastor; Sept. 2-10.

Tifton, Ga.; Homer E. Willis, evangelist; Sept. 15-22.

Pleasant View church, Dix, Ill.; Wilburn Beasley, evangelist; Leslie Elliot, pastor; Aug. 19-31.

First church, Columbia, Tenn.; J. B. Bloss, evangelist; Wallace Paul, pastor; Aug. 14-28; 16 dec.; 12 add.

Columbia, Tenn. (united meeting under home mission tent); Gilbert and Rupert Pixley, evangelists; Sept. 15-29.

Ft. Worth, Texas (associational revival); Doc Baber and C. J. Hearron, evangelists; July 22-Aug. 2; 31 dec.

Harmony church, Warren, Ark.; Robert King, evangelist; J. E. White, pastor; July 31-Aug. 11; 21 dec.; 16 add.

Brilliant, Ala.; Dennis Bias, evangelist; G. E. Pauley, pastor; July 21-30; 14 dec.; 14 add.

Cramerton, N. C.; Homer E. Willis, evangelist; Roy Rikard, pastor; Sept. 1-10.

PASTORAL CHANGES . . . Pete Robertson to Ontario, Calif., from Richmond, Calif.

F. W. Boyle to Arvin, Calif., from Ontario, Calif.

J. R. Hall to Lindsay, Okla., from Arvin, Calif.

Lester Maynard to Blanchard, Okla.

Lonnie Hall to Okmulgee, Okla., from Mounds, Okla.

Lewis E. Perry to First church, McAlester, Okla.

Chester A. Huckaby has resigned Piney Grove church, near Chipley, Fla., effective October 13. His future plans are indefinite.

Arthur Finney to First church, Tucson, Ariz., from Phoenix, Ariz.

Alton Loveless to First church, Jonesboro, Ark., from Friendship church, Conway, Ark.

Claude Chism to Cross Roads church from Calvin, Okla.

Henry P. Brown to Willoughby church, Warren, Ark.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS . . . Henryetta, Okla.; enr., av. att., 112.

Hazel Park, Mich.; av. att., 65.

First church, Ada, Okla.; enr., 172; av. att., 131.

Capital Hill church, Oklahoma City; enr., 225.



Round-Up of
WORLD-WIDE
Religious
News Reports

● **MINISTERS WHO** missed deadline for filing for Social Security have another chance. President Eisenhower has signed a bill extending the time to April 15, 1959. A 1954 amendment permitted ministers for the first time to elect coverage as "self-employed" persons.

● **EVANGELICAL CHURCHES** throughout America will observe October 20-27 as "NAE Week." The theme will be "The Strength of Spiritual Unity," and emphasis will be placed on the services provided evangelicals by the National Association of Evangelicals for the past 15 years.

● **MORE PEOPLE WERE** in prison in this country at the end of last year than ever before, the government reported recently. Prisons Bureau Director James V. Bennett said ratio of prisoners to civilian population was 114.2 per 100,000. A year ago it was 114 even. Total number in prisons: 188,730.

● A "GET TOUGH" POLICY against lewd literature has been announced by the Georgia Literature Commission, headed by a Baptist minister. It has recommended prosecution of persons selling any of 36 issues of 22 specified magazines of the "girlie" type.

● A GALLUP POLL of the British people reveals that 28 per cent of the Britons go to church at least once a month. Formerly it was estimated that only about 10 per cent of the British people went to church.

● **IN COATICOOK, QUEBEC,** a Baptist missionary was injured August 2 when a group of French Catholic men turned an open air gospel meeting into a "howling mob." He is Pastor Flahaut, a new missionary to French Canada and a member of the Central Baptist church of London. The report stated that "blood was shed."

● **THE AGRICULTURE** department says a 1955 survey shows tobacco smokers in the U.S. and overseas armed forces number 60 million people 18 years or older. About six out of ten men and three out of ten women smoke cigarettes. The majority of cigarette smokers consume 10 to 20 cigarettes a day.

Plans for African Project

MRS. LORENE MILEY, WNAC President

Colquitt, Ga.—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, WNAC executive secretary, will teach a study course on stewardship here September 17-19. The classes will begin at 2 p.m. and are sponsored by the Midway district auxiliary convention.

Nashville, Tenn.—"Dear Mrs. Edwards: Please accept this letter as a token of our appreciation for the recent successful project of the WNAC. I send this letter of thanks from the national Home Mission Board and from all those who will benefit from the use of the tent. I also wish to express my personal thanks to the Woman's Auxiliaries of the various states, to you, to your committee, and to our Lord. May you be as successful in raising your goal for this year is my prayer.—H. E. Willis, Promotional Secretary for Home Missions."

Russellville, Ark.—The women of the Antioch district auxiliary convention met with the Slaty Crossing church for their annual meeting. Mrs. Bettye Sawrie, president of the state auxiliary convention, was present for the meeting.

Savannah, Ga.—Mrs. Louis H. Moulton was elected president of the local group at a recent meeting and Mrs. Roberta Blanton was elected vice-president.

Henryetta, Okla.—New president of the auxiliary is Mrs. Ina Daniel and the new secretary is Mrs. Mary Hale.

Phenix City, Ala.—A district convention was organized at St. James church in August and named the East Alabama convention. The executive committee of the state convention assisted in the organization with Mrs. W. H. Ryland presiding. Named as officers were Mrs. Sanford Hale, Opelika, president; Mrs. Odell Harris, Opelika, vice-president, and Mrs. Lottie Windham, Phenix City, secretary.

Greenbrier, Ark.—The New Hope district convention met here and used as a theme, "Send Out Thy Light Through Fruit-Bearing," with Rev. Raymond Patrick bringing the sermon. Mrs. L. E. McKay was elected president and Mrs. Lawnie Coffman is vice-president.

Monett, Mo.—The state auxiliary convention met here with a large number in attendance. The convention message was delivered by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the national association. Mrs. Lester Jones was re-elected president.

Stacy, N. C.—The August meeting of the local group was well-attended and an offering of \$14.25 was received for missions.

What was your reaction when you heard that the WNAC had adopted a \$10,000 project for this coming year? Was it "We struggled along with a \$2,000 project, how can we hope to reach \$10,000"?

Or was it as many others expressed themselves at the convention—"I'm so anxious to get back home and get started." Or "Our state is going to be the first to reach our quota."

The mission station in the Bondoukou Circle will be a reality as each woman realizes the privilege that is hers in helping support this worthy project.

How can we make each woman see this privilege and experience the blessings that come with giving? At least one person in each circle or auxiliary should appoint herself the promoter of this project.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Become familiar with the area in which the station will be located. Study a map.

2. Find out all you can about prospective missionaries to this field—the Sparks and Merks who are now in language school in Switzerland.

3. Secure a stand-up cut-out booklet of Africa—*Our World*. This shows the type of homes, people, animals, occupations, etc., native to this land.

4. Prepare banks for each person in your group. You may use large glass salt shakers, missionary globe banks are good, or you may make yours by sealing an ordinary envelope and pasting a black silhouette of Africa on the front and back. Make a one-and-a-half inch slit at one end near the top of the front of the envelope.

5. Make additional posters and publicity materials, if desired.

6. Visit as many auxiliaries and circles as possible and

- ... display a world map and the stand-up scene of Africa.

- ... tell about the field of Africa.

- ... tell about the missionaries.

- ... tell about the mission station project.

- ... distribute the banks.

- ... have special prayer.

- ... announce a collection time.

It is suggested that the banks be collected and emptied quarterly and the money sent

regularly to the national WNAC office. Each would then take his bank and fill it again.

God's Word says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And in the wonderful, miraculous way our Savior moves, we receive untold blessings that completely obliterate any sacrifice that we might have felt in giving.

National Auxiliary Workshop Scheduled for October 8-9

The first national auxiliary workshop will be held October 8-9 on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College in conjunction with the annual missionary conference, according to the WNAC office.

The complete program follows:

Theme: "Holding Forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

Tuesday Afternoon, October 8

1:30—Call to Worship—Mrs. Billy Melvin, WNAC study course chairman
—Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life"
—Mr. Ross Dowden directing
—Greetings—Mrs. LaVerne Miley, WNAC president

1:45—Message, "Holding Forth the Word to Our Youth"—Rev. C. F. Bowen

2:15—Missionary cantata—College Music and Speech Departments

2:45—Simultaneous conferences with WNAC officers in charge

Wednesday Afternoon, October 9

1:30—Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life"
—Mr. Ross Dowden directing
—Greetings—Mrs. Billy Melvin

1:40—Message, "Holding Forth the Word to Alaska"—Rev. Lee Whaley

2:10—Skit by Cumberland Association youth—Mrs. Charles Sublette, WNAC youth chairman

2:30—Message, "Holding Forth the Word in Africa"—Rev. Raymond Riggs

3:00—Question and answer period by WNAC officers

3:30—Adjournment



Women's Auxiliary

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MR. AND MRS. HERBERT PHENICIE

Returned Missionaries Available for Services

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie, missionaries to Cuba, have returned to the states for six months of rest and visiting Free Will Baptist churches. "We believe that these missionaries should have at least two months rest and the other four months can be used in visiting our churches and sharing their experiences on the mission field," Rev. Raymond Riggs, missions secretary, said.

State directors or pastors wanting them should try to arrange services for at least a week in a given area, Mr. Riggs said, since the time and expense involved in travel would be considerable. Requests for their services should be directed to the foreign mission office.

"They are practical missionaries and will bless the hearts of our people," Mr. Riggs added. "Mrs. Phenicie has served as dietician of the girl's dormitory and as bookkeeper. Mr. Phenicie is a mechanical missionary and has been a great asset to our work."

During their services they present a film of the work in Cuba and give their testimonies.

State Conventions

Arkansas — Oct. 2-4 at Phillips Chapel Church, Springdale.

Oklahoma — Oct. 22-24 at Lewis Avenue Church, Tulsa.

Tennessee — Oct. 23-24 at Sylvan Park Church, Nashville.

Texas — Oct. 29-31 at First Church, Midland.

Alabama — Nov. 7-9

Georgia — Nov. 12-14 at Cool Springs Church, Norman Park.

South Carolina — Nov. 13-14.

2,000 Tribes Without Gospel

Editor's Note: This article was recently published in a Mennonite church paper. We think it will also say something to Free Will Baptist hearts. As one editor said, "May God give us victory over the increasing lust of materialism."

"More than two thousand tribes, according to the Wycliffe Bible Translators, still are without any portion of the Scriptures translated into their language." These are the first lines in an item in a recent issue of the *Gospel Herald*. Did you read it?

"The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." If ever there was a time when this was true, it is not now. The item continues with "... recent surveys indicate that there are about 1,200 languages in New Guinea, Indonesia, the South Pacific Islands, and interior Australia alone—only 100 of which have any portion of the Bible at present."

As an example of the multiplicity of dialects, Ethiopia has about 31, and is only a small country.

At the present rate of translation of the Bible into new languages of twelve per year, it will take yet 160 years before all of the tribes will have any portion of the gospel. One hundred and sixty years! Five or six generations who must continue to be lost, without hope and without God in the world. This means that as far as the gospel gives us any information, these people must remain without salvation, with no possible escape from hell, the last of those reached, for five generations. O brethren! Can we stand this? If we can stand it now, do you think we can in the judgment day? But a sense of duty must not be the motive. "The love of Christ constraineth." But does it constrain us? But even if we could stand it, can those people endure it? "Who . . . shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"

Brethren, the Mennonite Church has thousands of young people whose only contribution to God's program is little more than their church membership. Some are even a spiritual liability. But our youth is a product of its environment. What we

shall say now concerns every person of accountable age in the Mennonite Church.

Let the "leaders" of the Mennonite Church "take the lead" in getting every member consecrated and sanctified to the Lord's work of getting to gospel out to all people. And let the translation of the Scriptures into all languages be a first must in our foreign evangelism. When we reach this degree, it will be easy to consecrate two hundred young people for the work of translation, and pay whatever it costs to get them into the various fields and support them there.

Brethren, it can be done. Our pocketbooks can afford it, and here is the proof. Several years ago when 10,000 to 15,000 people were assembled at the tent revivals, the cars on the grounds were easily worth several millions of dollars. And this was only in one Mennonite community. If every man present had lost his car by some misfortune, he would likely have gone and bought another car immediately, even if he would have had to borrow the money. Borrowing money is no barrier for a Mennonite when he thinks he needs a new car, or tractor or machinery, or a new house or gadgets for it.

If it costs \$5,000 to get one trained young person into an area to begin work for an eventual translation of the Scriptures years later, 200 young people would cost only \$1,000,000. If it should cost \$10,000 per person, 200 young people would cost \$2 million. This still is less than the cars were worth at one tent revival service.

Let's talk like this to our people and make the Lord's work as urgent upon our people's minds as it actually is. All things will lose their relative values for us, and we will be as realistic as the event itself, on the judgment day.

The Minister Looks at Himself

by Wayne C. Clark



A unique and significant book. Although it enables the minister to see himself as others see him, it never becomes critical or censorious. Instead, it gives sympathetic and friendly counsel. The six problems discussed—resentment, immaturity, inferiority, doubt, guilt, and conceit—are those most likely to plague the minister.

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Cooperative Receipts Over \$4,000 for August

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Because some checks were late arriving last month, the cooperative receipts were down to just over \$4,000. This is about \$800 short of the amount needed each month.

Churches are urged to send at least 10 per cent of their offerings each month to the Cooperative Plan of Support. The money is then allocated to the various departments on the percentage basis adopted at the National Association.

RECEIPTS

ALABAMA		
F.W.B. church, Cordova	13.30	
First church, Dothan	86.99	100.29
ARIZONA		
Arizona-Mexico Missions,		
Tucson	10.94	
Antioch church, Phoenix	45.85	56.79
CALIFORNIA		
Churches of California		256.48
GEORGIA		
State association		288.13
ILLINOIS		
Blue Point church, Rinard	61.48	
Union church, West Frankfort ..	8.47	
Waltonville church,		
Waltonville	20.52	
Oak Grove church, Sheller	13.30	
Pleasant View church,		
Kell	16.09	
Webb's Prairie church,		
Ewing	12.69	132.55
MISSOURI		
State association		1,117.89
NEW MEXICO		
First church, Hobbs	50.20	
Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Gartman	5.00	
First New Mexico		
association	2.80	58.00
NORTH CAROLINA		
Davis church, Davis		58.87
OHIO		
Mr. Watson Dixon, Dayton		4.00
OKLAHOMA		
State association		547.00
TENNESSEE		
Palmer Memorial church,		
Nashville	28.14	
South Side, Memphis	14.77	
East Nashville church,		
Nashville	375.00	
Head's church,		
Cedar Hill	106.35	
Wooddale church, Knoxville	23.06	
Trinity church, Nashville	100.00	647.32
TEXAS		
State association		405.80
VIRGINIA		
Fairmount Park church,		
Norfolk		366.81
		4,039.93

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

North Carolina	120.73	
Tennessee	35.06	
Illinois	1.71	4,187.33

DISBURSEMENTS

ILLINOIS		
Executive Dept.	1,360.02	
Foreign Missions Board	1,135.75	
Bible College	812.56	
Home Missions Board	530.12	
Superannuation Board	175.10	
Sunday school Board	142.43	
League Board	41.45	4,197.33

ARMINIUS

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not read or study his writings. I personally feel that it is invigorating to read works that have sections of disagreement with our position. I often tell my students one reason that books have margins is for readers to state differences.

A quaint country philosopher said to me

one day that we should have the wisdom of chickens when they eat corn and leave the rocks. That is what we have to do with all our reading exclusive of the Bible. Devour the good and leave the bad; and pray for wisdom to discern the difference. As Arminius is one of the greatest exponents of the "free will, free grace, free salvation," read him carefully and prayerfully!

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Evangelist Writes

Dear Mr. Mooneyham:

Billy Graham has asked that I write and thank you for your very encouraging telegram and for the tremendous prayer support of your fellow ministers and delegates at your national convention.

God is blessing most abundantly and moving in answer to the prayers of His people throughout the world.

Grady B. Wilson
Associate to Billy Graham
New York, New York

Need Clothing, Books

Dear Editor:

The Oasis Free Will Baptist Mission in Tucson was organized the first of July with John B. Elliston as director. During August our Sunday school average was 18. On Tuesday evenings we help conduct services at the Yaqui Indian village and Wednesday evenings at the Indian hospital. Another project is the Free Will Baptist Academy at Nogales. We need prayer for this school which began September 3. Miss Bessie Yeley is the teacher. We have grades one through four and classes are held in the basement of a Mexican Methodist church.

Our need for used clothing is increasing since the Nogales work has been opened. We hope our dear brothers and sisters in the churches will take this as a project and send clothing to this work. We can also use some simple, good, wholesome books for grades one to eight for our Nogales school.

This work is not sponsored financially by any group, but we are sending a check each month to the Cooperative Plan of Support. We ask your prayers for our work.

Mrs. John B. Elliston
202 W. Ft. Lowell Road
Tucson, Arizona

New Church Progresses

Dear Editor:

The YPA of our church would like to report some news. We are a new church, having had our first full-time pastor (Rev. Odell Harris) about ten months. During this time we have purchased a building site at a cost of \$1100 and are building

our church. This has been done without incurring any indebtedness. We are also a full-program church, subscribing to the Cooperative Plan. During this period of time both our membership and attendance have doubled and we are enjoying financial and spiritual growth.

Our YPA has been organized five months and is the only one we know of in this part of the state. Our projects include the distribution of CONTACT throughout the city and raising \$50 for our building fund.

Barbara Mitchum
Opelika, Alabama

Serviceman Writes

Dear Editor:

I have been in Italy now for nearly two months stationed at an Italian Air Force Base. There are only a few Americans here and so I am in constant contact with Italians. I am trying to learn the language and even though the language barrier is a big problem, my biggest problem lies in service to God and worship. There is an Episcopalian minister in the city from England. He has a small mission and has not been very successful. Of course, everyone belongs to the Catholic Church, or so it seems.

What a longing I have in my heart to be able to worship in the church of my choice once again. I don't believe I can tell just what a feeling it is not to have an old-fashioned, gospel-believing church anywhere within reach. I have been experiencing a terrible burden. I ask your prayers for me. I try to conduct my own personal worship each day. I have a hymnbook with me and I sing hymns and pray by myself. This is my only way of worshipping according to my belief.

I pray that all goes well with the work of the National Association and may the work be blessed. May God's choice blessings be upon you and all my brethren in the USA is my prayer.

A/2c Ralph Frye
APO 289
New York, New York

Sails for India

Dear Editor:

I leave New York for India September 6. Continued prayer support will be very much appreciated. We're expanding our South India field and the more we expand, the more we need prayer. Of course, Communism is raging, nationalism is rising, and the picture presents anything except a pleasant one.

However, I turn my face toward that land without fear because I'm assured of one thing—"When he putteth forth his sheep, he goeth before." Therefore, one can walk fearlessly into the unknown.

Miss Volena Wilson
Kotagiri, South India

personally . . .

In a recent issue of his *Promotional Bulletin*, Rev. E. C. Morris, promotional secretary of the Georgia state association, had some things to say editorially that we think are pertinent. The spiritual stature of the man who wrote them and the knowledge that he helped pioneer the work of the National Association, make them even more meaningful. We hope you will read them carefully. Here is what he had to say:

"Even though the denomination has been greatly blessed since the National Association was established, there are those who think there is great danger in the huge organization. They speak of centralized power and of the whole being controlled by a few which eventually leads to dictatorship. They point to the fact that Baptists believe the supreme power lies in the local church and that every individual is free to act as he so desires.

"On the other hand, there are those who see a great danger of disintegration should the National Association be dissolved. It is true there is power in the National Association, but it is equally true that there is weakness in a divided denomination.

"You may ask, which way shall we take? The answer is obvious. Power is good when under control. Should opposition to the National Association be crushed? By no means. We need to see the danger in power. We should welcome criticism, but let it be constructive and not destructive.

"Anyone with an open mind and fully informed knows that the National Association has been a heaven-sent blessing and we cannot get along without it. Let us keep it under control and ever seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit to guide, then it will be a power for good and all can afford to cooperate."

To which we say, "Amen, Brother Morris."

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What's Your Problem?



REV. C. H. MOULTON, Savannah, Ga.

the same Spirit. . . . For to one is given by the Spirit . . . the gifts of healing. . . . According to this scripture, some have the gift of healing. However, Satan is the great counterfeiter and we need to "discern the spirits" (this is another of the gifts of the Spirit). Paul says " . . . covet earnestly the best gifts. . . ." (1 Cor. 12:31). While there are counterfeits a plenty, there also are those who have these various gifts of the Spirit. The counterfeit always implies the true, let's not condemn them all.

Q. I would like for you to explain to me Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:14-20. Are we not now living in the fulfillment of these scriptures? If so, then women as well as men have a scriptural right to prophesy (preach) in these last days. I have been ordained to the ministry for 25 years in the Missouri state association. God has graciously blessed my life and labors and I've seen a goodly number of souls saved. Has this been wrong simply because I am a woman?

A. The scriptures referred to above pertain to the promise of the Spirit to be poured out on all flesh in the latter days. In Acts 2 after those in the upper room had received the pentecostal experience of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Peter said that it was a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. I can find no record of any of the women doing any preaching on the day of Pentecost even though there were women in the group in the upper room. However, there is nothing recorded saying they did not preach or testify, either. So, I can only say to you, my sister, if you feel that God has called you to preach, who am I or who is anyone else to refute your testimony or your calling. I am glad to join with you in saying, thank God for every one who has come to Christ through your efforts.

Q. What do you think about these so-called faith-healers of today?

A. Before I answer your question, may we say thank you for all the very kind remarks about CONTACT and about this column in particular. I believe very definitely that the Bible teaches healing and I have experienced some miraculous answers to prayer in my own body. There are many scriptures pertaining to healing but my favorite has always been James 5:14-16. I do not believe in all the so-called faith-healers of today, although I would in no sense discount all of them either. Paul in Romans 12:6 says Christians have " . . . gifts differing according to the grace that is given us. . . ." Then in 1 Cor. 12:4, 8, 9, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but

Q. A man at our church passed away and I felt that I just could not go to the funeral. It takes me at least six months to get over one. Would God punish a person if he did not go to funerals?

A. I do not think so. I know numbers of people who are affected the same way by death and especially the funeral service. However, it would be a good thing to make this a matter of earnest prayer that God would help you overcome your complex or fear or whatever it is that causes you to feel this way. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Q. Do you think it wrong to pocket the proceeds from the sale of gospel music?

A. Certainly not, but in this as well as in every other occupation, we should not forget to honor the Lord with the first fruits of that with which He blesses us. To be assured of success and prosperity, I think the tithe should be the starting place or the minimum in our giving.

Q. What is your idea on planned parenthood?

A. Space does not permit much discussion on this question. I think, however, that parents should definitely plan their families, asking for and seeking the wisdom and leadership of the Holy Spirit. Many children are brought into the world only to be neglected by parents because of no forethought or planning. These and other questions should be considered: What about finances? To how many children can we give proper care and rearing? What about environment, social conditions, health? If parents would give proper consideration to such questions as these, perhaps we'd have less poverty, fewer orphans, less juvenile delinquency, etc.

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

Second Honor Roll

"Every Church Family" Plan

- Salem church, Missouri
- Hurryville church, Farmington, Mo.
- Pleasant Valley church, Butler, Okla.
- Martinstown church, Worthington, Mo.
- First church, Sapulpa, Okla.
- 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.
- North Fresno church, Fresno, Calif.
- Emmanuel church, Columbus, Ga.
- South Side church, Memphis, Tenn.
- Bakersfield church, Calif.

Four new churches are added to our second honor roll this month, but two others were dropped so there is a net gain of only two churches. This brings our total to 37 churches, just 13 short of completion of this second honor roll. Pastors and churches using the "Every Family Plan" are enthusiastic in their endorsement of it. We urge you to investigate it for your church.

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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.

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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.