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CONVENTION ISSUE

The Church in Russia

This evaluation of religious life in Russia was written after Dr. Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., returned the last of May from a seven-week speaking-observation tour of Europe and the Soviet Union. During this period he had private interviews with ex-Premier Pflimlin of France, Queen Juliana and Princess Wilhelmina of Holland, the American ambassadors in France and Russia along with people from all walks of life.

My visits to the Protestant church of Russia were the most wonderful, but frightening, experiences of my ministry.

I was thrilled to see the churches overflowing with Christians who deeply love Jesus Christ. The hunger for the Word of God is so great that the Baptist Church in Moscow (only one in a city five million people) holds three two-hour services every Sunday, with over 2,000 present at each. Three week-night services also are jammed.

I wept for joy as I looked into the glowing faces of Christians in Kiev and heard them sing "Revive Us Again." How I wished that all America could have stood there with me! The same spirit was evident in Kharkov and Leningrad.

Wonderful news came from Dr. Jacob Zhidkov, president of all Soviet Union Baptist Communities. He told me there were more than 5,400 Baptist churches in Russia, with a baptized membership of 530,000—representing families of about three million persons. He said the churches baptized approximately 15,000 new members each year.

The apparent religious freedom was marvelous. But frightening answers came when I asked questions and probed beneath the surface.

The Kremlin, as an outward show, does grant freedom of worship now. But the Communist rulers have in progress an ingenious diabolical plan that is killing the Christian Church at its roots.

The Church must not baptize any person under the age of 18. There are no Sunday schools. Education is compulsory. From the age of seven, every boy and girl in school is pressured to join the Communist-sponsored Young Octobrist and then the Young Pioneers. They are given special privileges and wear colorful neckerchiefs as identification. What child would have the courage not to join? But a child of Christian parents cannot belong to these organizations unless he renounces the faith of his fathers and swears allegiance to the glorious Communist Party. Lenin said give him the formative years of a child and his future as a Communist was assured.

This is why the vast majority of Protestant churches in Russia are filled with persons of middle-age and beyond.

I was frightened to discover that the

Protestant Church does not have one seminary. *The last one closed in 1930.* The Kremlin says the Church is free to have a seminary but, unfortunately, a building isn't available. Some aging pastors do their best to train young men in private sessions.

I was frightened by the lack of Bibles. It was heartbreaking to see Christians trying to keep the decaying leaves of their Bibles together with strings, carrying what was left of them in bags. It is impossible to buy a Bible in a Russian book store. The only distribution is through churches. But look at these incredible figures: Russia, by far the world's number one publisher of books, printed 10,000 Bibles in 1957. The last previous printing of Bibles in Russia occurred 30 years before, when 10,000 were

published. The year before that, in 1926, 25,000 were printed. What a shocking realization—only 45,000 Bibles in over 30 years by a nation almost three times the size of the United States!

The Communist plan is clever. And it is working. The Church in Russia could be destroyed in another generation. But I don't believe this will happen. The Kremlin masters reckon without Almighty God. He is still in control. He can destroy the best of man-made plans.

God answers prayer. The inspiring Protestants of Russia desperately need the prayers of every American Christian as they struggle for survival.

The Living Scriptures— Handwriting on the Wall

by Jack Hamm





A sky view of St. Louis with the Mississippi River in the background. Large building in foreground is Kiel Auditorium.

Convention Information

Welcome

The National Association of Free Will Baptists welcomes you to its 22nd convention. The city of St. Louis and others throughout the state of Missouri have been preparing for your coming for over a year. Literally dozens of people have worked in various capacities to assure you every comfort and facility while you are in St. Louis.

You are welcome in the Lord. Remember—this is not just another convention. It is a spiritual gathering. Every act, thought and motive should have God's approval. Do or say nothing about which there would be a question in your mind. Pray without ceasing. Give yourself to the Holy Spirit for his complete and constant control during these days.

Accommodations

The Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, where convention sessions will be held, will be able to accommodate most of the delegates and visitors provided an early reservation is made. It is possible to get a room at almost any price from \$7.50 to \$45.00. (See reservation form on opposite page.)

All the motels in St. Louis are at the outskirts of the city which is some 15 or 20 miles from the downtown area where the convention hotel is located. Because of the distance and traffic problem, the local committee strongly urges out-of-town visitors to stay in the downtown area.

Parking

A 600-car garage adjoins the hotel. Motorists have a choice of two convenient entrances—one on Twelfth Blvd. and the other on Locust Street.

For those arriving by train, the hotel is only a short walk from Union Station, the railroad depot of St. Louis.

Guests arriving by air are brought to the St. Louis Airlines Terminal in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel by limousine.

Convention Office

A convention office will be maintained daily in the East Room on the mezzanine floor. It will be staffed and equipped with telephone, mail facilities, typewriters, etc. You may have your mail and calls directed to this office if you desire.

Nursery

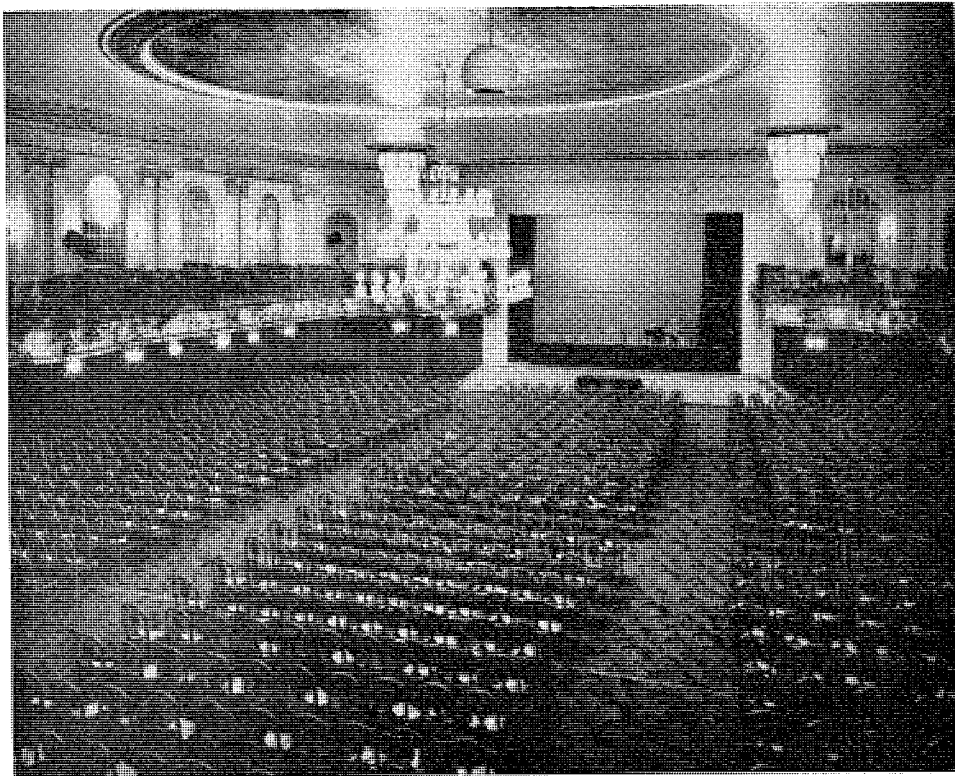
A well-equipped and staffed nursery will be open on the mezzanine floor every day. This is a courtesy of the local entertainment committee. You may leave your babies and small children here without charge while you attend the convention sessions.

Exhibits

The Crystal Room and the hallway between the Gold and Crystal Rooms will be the exhibit area. Here you will find many valuable and informative things. A convention bookstore will also be operated in the Crystal Room and you may find many supplies for your church and Sunday school here. The exhibits will be closed during all worship services, but you are free to visit them at other times.

Registration

Every person attending the convention should register. Upon registration, you will receive an attractive badge identifying you as a "Minister," "Delegate," or "Visitor." Ministers and delegates will need a badge



REV. HARVEY E. HILL

All day sessions of the convention will be held in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in downtown St. Louis. This room will seat 1,800 people.

in order to be eligible to participate in the convention business sessions. Your badge will be your key to the hospitality of the hotel and the city.

Pre-Convention Meetings

At least three important pre-convention meetings will be held. Other boards and commissions may also have meetings scheduled. Those of which we have received notice are:

- Monday, 2 p.m.* — Executive Committee —Room 5, Second Floor
- Monday, 7 a.m.*—General Board—Room 2, Second Floor
- Tuesday, 9 a.m.*—General Board—Room 2, Second Floor

Local Committees

General Officers

- Harvey E. Hill, General Chairman
- Roger C. Reeds, Publicity Director
- John Rogers, Treasurer

Steering Committee

- Harvey E. Hill
- John Rogers
- Roger Reeds
- Harry Asher
- Elmer Turnbough
- Johnny Land
- Elizabeth Hesselmeier
- Wayne Parsons

Information Committee

- Wayne Parsons

- Bob Wright
 - Floyd Hesselmeier
- Registration Committee**
- Elmer Turnbough
 - Bud Arnold
 - Frank Guinta
- Ushering Committee**
- Harry Asher
 - Loy Smith
 - Fred Harris

Transportation Committee

- Johnny Land
- Lehman Riggs
- Arthur Francis

Entertainment Committee

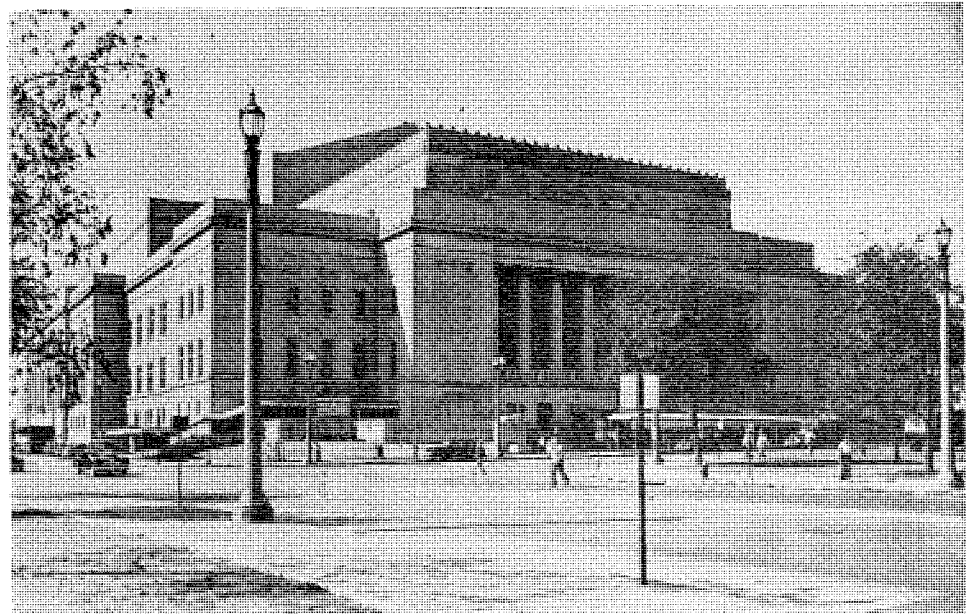
- Elizabeth Hesselmeier
- Oleatha Parsons
- Helen Rogers
- Dorothy Asher
- Gladys Turnbough

Publicity Committee

- Roger Reeds
- Howard Kennedy
- Harvey Hill

Budget Committee

- John Rogers
- Bill Hughes
- Floyd Cantrell



Beginning Tuesday, the night services will be held in the Opera House of Kiel Auditorium. This auditorium, only two blocks from the hotel, will seat 3,500.

Dedicated Cushions

Sir: The Rev. Robert L. Lemon, of Bethany, West Virginia, has sent me, air mail and special delivery, a plea for a fellow pastor who is in a deep quandary. Here it is:

DEAR SIMEON: A friend of mine has been asked to prepare a service for the dedication of new pew cushions. Please rush. You can see that the need is urgent. Perhaps you can help.

My first suggestion is (without thinking much about it, which is by far the easiest way to meet a problem) to tell the inquiring pastor to anoint the new cushions with holy oil and throw them out the windows. During that Throw-Out Service, preach a rousing sermon on "Endure hardness as a good soldier." Point out that soldiers' bunks have been notoriously lacking in upholstery ever since the days of Sennacherib and Rameses II. No form of service for dedicating cushions has come down from the early church: cushions were not a problem. In the first church, which was, of course, "the church in thy house," they probably sat on the kitchen table or the workbench. Nor were cushions a problem in the Puritan churches. The earliest ones did not even bless a stove, for a good reason. When one minister in New England, after the Revolutionary war, urged putting a stove in the meetinghouse, an irate deacon said that he had fought for freedom in the war and slept on hard ground in freezing cold, and that if minister wanted to be warm in church let him go where it was very warm all the time!

But that radical throw-out operation is probably too hasty. After all, the church has paid for the cushions. So how about a service of prayer that the congregation will use the cushions to sit on? That would be the greatest gift of grace to any congregation. If one-half the members of the Protestant churches in America, instead of the miserable one-third that usually come (and often not even that), sat on the church cushions every Sunday it would be the greatest advance since the Reformation. In many places the weakness of the Protestant churches in attendance, as compared to the Roman Catholic attendance, is ascribed to immigration from Europe. The alibi is too easy. The weakness is largely due to a lack of conscience on church attendance. That is why so many churches have labored breathing, indicating that the death watch is on.

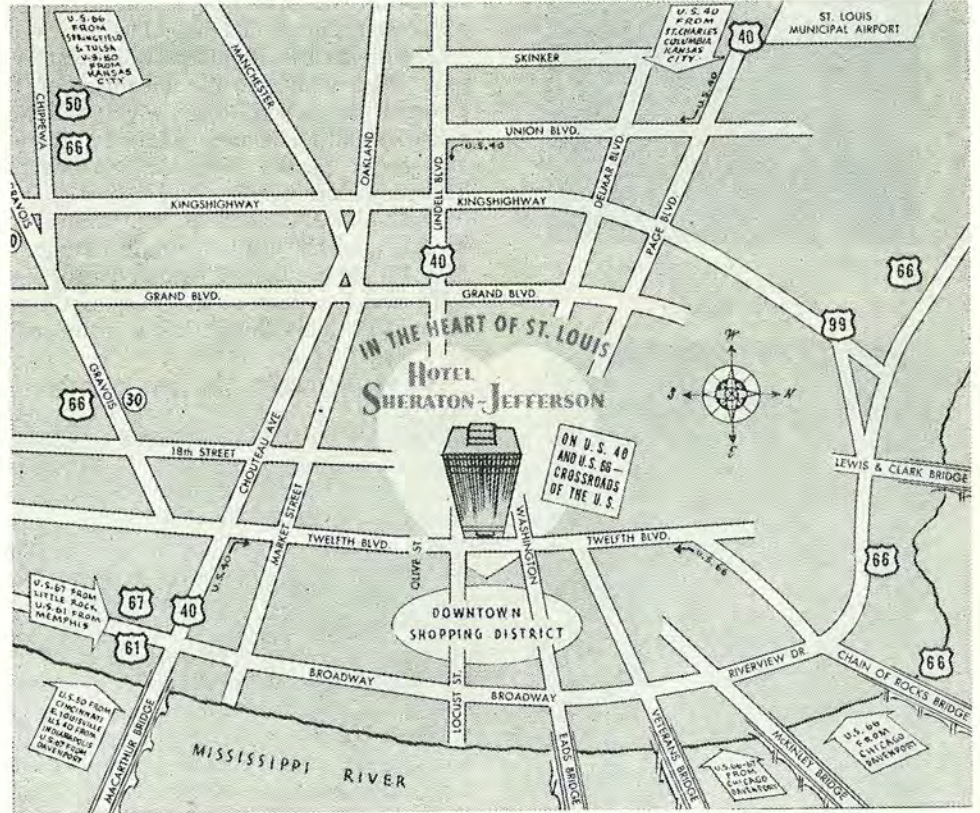
Or—a final suggestion—dedicate the pew

cushions by putting needles in them. That might help (temporarily) to halt the malignant disease of being "at ease in Zion." It would keep folks awake—a great boon. Some genius has figured out, by differential calculus, that the amount of energy wasted by people trying to keep awake at public meetings would turn all the dynamos in the country. Needles and burrs

in the church pew cushions might turn that energy into constructive channels.

But maybe not all the blame belongs to the cushions. Maybe, in some places, fewer tranquilizing pills from the pulpit would help. Or the pastor might try this: Dedicate the people instead of the cushions.

Yours,
SIMEON STYLITES...



RESERVATION FORM

Clip the coupon below and mail to Reservation Office, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, 12th and Locust, St. Louis, Mo.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
SHERATON-JEFFERSON HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MO.
July 8, 9 and 10, 1958

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▶ To insure your reservation, please reserve your room at least 2 weeks before arrival date.

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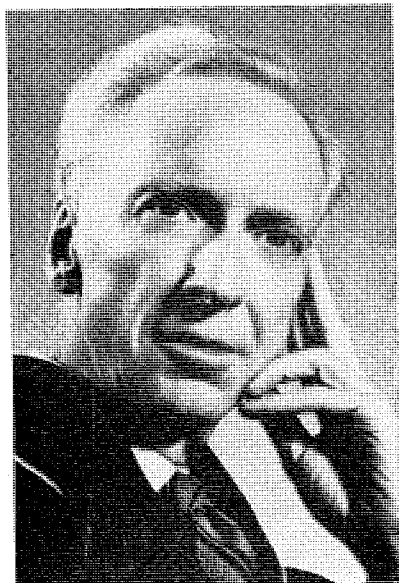


Remember!
*On your vacation
your Sundays
belong to God.*

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



RUFUS COFFEY
Keynote Speaker



DR. OSWALD J. SMITH
Will speak three times

Heading an outstanding list of speakers for the convention sessions this year is Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the famed Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada. Dr. Smith's major message will be at the missionary service on Wednesday night, but he will also speak at a dinner and breakfast.

The dinner he will address will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday for the members of the General Board and their wives and missionaries and missionary candidates. He will also speak at the laymen's breakfast on Thursday morning.

Dr. Smith celebrated his 50th anniversary in the ministry just a few weeks ago on May 18. He has been a Toronto pastor since 1915 and has been at the Peoples Church since 1928. This church has a membership of 3,000.

As an evangelist, he has preached in Spurgeon's Tabernacle and Westminster Chapel, London; the Moody Church, Chicago, and other centers in Great Britain, the United States, South Africa, South America, Australia and New Zealand.

As a missionary statesman, he has led his church in a program that has netted four million dollars for missions and is now contributing toward the support of 360 missionaries. *The Church Herald* speaks of him as "the pastor of the leading missionary church on the face of the globe."

He has written over 600 hymns, poems and gospel songs, including such world-famous numbers as "Then Jesus Came," "God Understands," "The Glory of His Presence," "Saved" and others.

A noted book publisher says of him: "There is fire in his bones. Those who have heard him have seen fire in his heart, his eyes, his speech—a fire which has leaped

out to set them afire. He has started in our world a great blaze of hope."

Billy Graham writes: "The name, Oswald J. Smith, symbolizes world-wide evangelization. His books have been used of the Holy Spirit to sear into the very depths of my soul and have had a tremendous influence on my personal life and ministry."

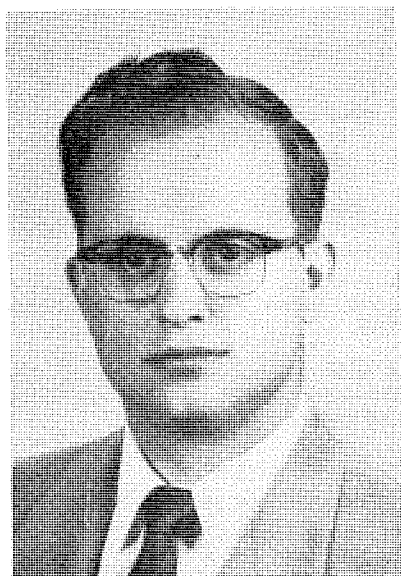
Other speakers include Rev. Rufus Coffey, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church, Florence, S. C.; Rev. Harold A. Pitts, evangelist and pastor from Winfield, Ala., and Rev. Dean Moore, pastor of Sherwood Acres Free Will Baptist church, El Sobrante, Calif.

Mr. Coffey will be the keynote speaker with a message on "The Christian's Trade-mark." The entire convention theme will center around love and the Tuesday night service will emphasize love for one another.

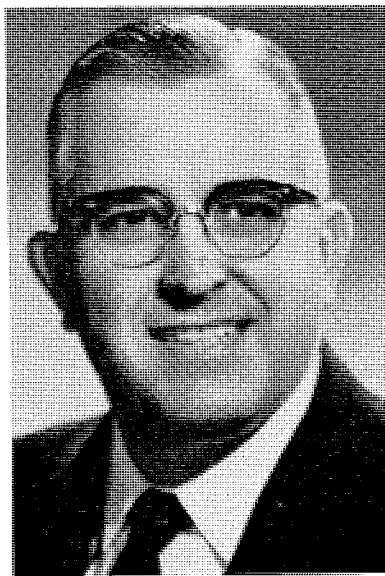
Mr. Pitts will preach on the subject, "Love's Finest Hour," on Wednesday morning and Mr. Moore will bring the last message on Thursday morning on "The Greatest of These."

An additional speaker will be Rev. John Visser, pastor of the Free Baptist church in Amsterdam, Holland who will speak briefly Wednesday afternoon on "God Is Working in Europe Today." Mr. Visser is in the United States to get acquainted with the Free Will Baptist work following a visit last winter to Europe by the denominational executive secretary.

The Tuesday night prayer meeting will be under the direction of Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. The prayer meeting will begin at 10:30 p.m. in the hotel auditorium and continue until about midnight.



DEAN MOORE
Speaks Thursday



DR. L. C. JOHNSON
Will lead prayer meeting



HAROLD A. PITTS
Speaks on Calvary

"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"

Mound builders once occupied the site of St. Louis. Their burial mounds survived only long enough to provide a nickname, "Mound City." Indians in the area were Sauk, Fox, Peoria and Osage (none were resident on the city site at the time of settlement, but Indians visited the city until after the Civil War).

The first white settlement in Missouri was a mission at the mouth of the River des Peres, in what is now St. Louis. That was in 1700, but by 1703, the mission was gone.

Next came the French, fur traders from New Orleans. In December, 1763, the merchant Pierre Laclède Liguest selected a site for a trading-store settlement that became the village of St. Louis. The "First Thirty" landed at the site on Feb. 14, 1764. Next day they began clearing the area under the leadership of 13-year-old Auguste Cheuteau. The village was laid out with five streets; within six months, 40 families were there. They named the town in honor of Louis IX, crusader king of France who was sainted.

It is to this city that some 2,500 Free Will Baptists will come July 7-10 for the 22nd session of their national association.

The convention rallying cry for many gatherings, "Meet Me in St. Louis," got its impetus more than half-a-century ago. St. Louis began the 20th century with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, the World's Fair of 1904. At a cost of \$50,000,000, some 1,272 acres of Forest Park (at the city's western edge and spilling over into St. Louis County) were transformed into a magical city. Forty-three states, five territories and 62 foreign countries had exhibits. In its seven months, the Fair attracted almost 20,000,000 persons.

This Fair gave birth to the ice cream cone. Spectators saw the first demonstration of the Bell method of transmission of speech by light wave—fore-runner of marvels of our electronic age.

There are many points of interest to the visitor in St. Louis. A 37-block area on the river front is the cradle of St. Louis. Now it is a part of the National Park Service, a memorial to Thomas Jefferson, the Louisiana Purchase and westward expansion of the nation. This area includes the Old Courthouse, Rock House and Old Cathedral.

From this area the Lewis and Clark Expedition left on May 14, 1804; they returned Sept. 26, 1806, to a big parade and celebration. Near the foot of Walnut Street, a monument marks the spot where "Laclède's Village" was born. Spanish

Government House once stood at Second and Walnut; there, on March 9, 1804, the Upper Louisiana Territory was officially transferred to the United States. Here began the western trails route, as early as 1772; it went to St. Charles, then into Boone's Lick Trail, the Santa Fe Trail, Salt Lake Trail and Oregon Trail.

The Academy of Science of St. Louis, 4642 Lindell Boulevard, contains exhibits of archaeology, natural history, minerals and air transportation.

The Missouri Historical Society museum in the Jefferson Memorial includes special exhibits of American firearms, and military trophies from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War. Recalling the days of river transportation are steamboat models and parts of old river boats. Also, there are exhibits on the growth of St. Louis, handiwork of the prehistoric Mound Builders and Western Plains Indians; volunteer fire-department apparatus, and early-day costumes; fur-trade items, and displays on the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Just west of Kirkwood, on Barretts Station Road, is the Museum of Transport, the nation's only public museum devoted exclusively to all forms of transportation. On a 54-acre tract are old locomotives, cars, trolleys, busses and other vehicles, and Barretts Tunnel, bored in 1851.

Of such is Missouri's largest city. Here the visitor or newcomer is welcome.

Statue of Saint Louis, crusading king of France, for whom the city was named.



Program of the 23rd Session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

Theme: Thy Word Hath Quickened Me

Watchword: The Word

Convention Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

MONDAY, JULY 7

Thought for the day: The Bible is no ordinary book. Every believer should discover that only the Word can give him what he needs for daily strength, spiritual growth, and Christian living.

Memorize: 1 Peter 2:2

Monday Morning

10:00—Executive Committee meeting at Third Free Will Baptist Church, 1330 Geyer Avenue. (All state presidents and field workers are invited.)

12:00—Luncheon at Third Church

Monday Afternoon

1:30—Declamation contest preliminaries in Room 1, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel

Monday Evening

Keynote: "The Word Reflected"

7:30—"One Jungle Night"—A dramatic reading by Mrs. Charles Thigpen—Special music by St. Louis Youth Choir under the direction of Rev. Roger Reeds
Appointment of committees

8:00—"The Impact of the Word in India"—Rev. Carlisle Hanna

8:30—"My Right and My Cause"—A film story of Bible translation work in Korea

9:00—Benediction

TUESDAY, JULY 8

Thought for the day: "Dig into God's Word and know the exulting joy of meeting with the Lord. But don't be surprised if you find it costs you something to do it."—*Moody Monthly*

Memorize: 2 Timothy 2:15

Tuesday Morning

9:00—"The Word of God in Africa"—Devotional by Miss Eula Mae Martin

—Special music by Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite

9:30—"The Word in Action"—Challenges from the national officers

10:00—"Our Youth Declare the Word of God through Missions"
—Declamation contest under the direction of Mrs. Luther Sanders

—Special music by Free Will Baptist Bible College Auxiliary

11:00—Keynote: "The Quickening Power of the Word"

—Testimonies by Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid, missionary appointees to Japan

—Special music

—Message by Miss Laura Belle Barnard

12:00—Benediction

(Be sure to visit the auxiliary exhibit in the Crystal Room)

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—"The Teacher of the Word"—Devotional by Mrs. Carlisle Hanna

—Special music by Mrs. James Earl Raper

2:00—Business session

3:30—Adjourn

Song leader—Rev. Eugene Waddell, Portsmouth, Virginia

Organist—Mrs. Donna Tipton Morris, Florence, South Carolina

Pianist—Mrs. Jo Ann Thomas, Monett, Missouri

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. LaVerne Miley, Memphis, Tenn.

Vice-president—Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Florence, S. C.

Executive secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Nashville, Tenn.

Recording secretary—Mrs. Ralph Staires, Tulsa, Okla.

Assistant secretary—Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Alma, Ga.

Chairmen:

Study Course—Mrs. Billy Melvin, Norfolk, Va.

Stewardship-Prayer—Mrs. Lester Jones, Kansas City, Mo.

Personal Service—Mrs. Everett Hellard, Houston, Texas

Youth Auxiliary—Mrs. Helen Sanders, Monett, Mo.

Program NATIONAL

Theme

Above All These . . . Put on Love

Scripture

"And above all these things put on charity (love), which is the bond of perfectness"—(Colossians 3:14)

Hymn

"More Love to Thee"

Tuesday Evening, July 8

Opera House—Kiel Auditorium

Keynote: The Badge of Discipleship

Scripture: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another" (John 13:35).

7:30—"Our Grateful Songs Before Thy Throne Arise"—Mr. I. L. Stanley, music director; Mrs. E. T. Burwell, organist; Mrs. Earl Miller, pianist.

7:45—"Come and Thy People Bless"—Scripture meditation and prayer by Rev. Frank Davenport

8:00—The Association called into official session and introduction of the officers by Rev. Dean Moore, clerk
—The moderator's message—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen
—The appointment of Committee on Committees

8:20—We Are Glad You're Here—Rev. Harvey E. Hill

8:25—Welcome address—

8:35—"Heavenly Sunshine"—Time to get acquainted

—Offertory

—Special music

8:50—The Keynote Message—"The Christian's Trademark"
The Messenger—Rev. Rufus Coffey

9:30—Adjourn session

10:30—The prayer meeting held on the opening convention night has almost become traditional. It has proven such a blessing to each convention and to so many lives, that it will be held again this year. Please return to the hotel auditorium for this time of blessing and fellowship in prayer. It will continue as the Lord directs. Dr. L. C. Johnson will lead this service.

Wednesday Morning, July 9

Gold Room

9:15—"Let Thy Praise Our Tongues Employ"—Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Burwell and Mrs. Miller

9:25—"Before Thy Throne We Wait"—Scripture meditation and prayer by Rev. W. B. Hughes

9:35—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee
—Seating of delegates

—Recognition of visiting messengers from other religious bodies

10:00—Report of General Board—Rev. Dean Moore, secretary

10:50—Intermission

11:05—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

Keynote: To Know the Love of Christ

Scripture: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

—"To Him Raise the Glad Hosanna"—Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Burwell and Mrs. Miller

Special music

of the 22nd Session of the ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

11:20—The Message—"Love's Finest Hour"
The Messenger—Rev. Harold A. Pitts
12:00—Adjourn session

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—"Praise Thee Without Ceasing"—Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Burwell and Mrs. Miller
—Scripture meditation and prayer by Rev. Ted Greene
1:45—Miscellaneous business
2:30—Report of Laymen's Board
2:40—"God is Working in Europe Today"—Rev. John Visser
2:55—Report of Sunday School Board
3:45—Report of Board of Foreign Missions
4:15—Partial report of Nominating Committee and election of all board members
4:30—Adjourn session
5:30—Dinner for officials and wives, missionaries and missionary candidates in the dining room at Mrs. Hulling's Cafeteria. Dr. Oswald J. Smith will be the speaker.

Wednesday Evening

Opera House—Kiel Auditorium

A SERVICE OF MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

Keynote: That None Should Perish

Scripture: "For the love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Corinthians 5:14a).

7:30—"Sing of the Precious Blood He Gave"—Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Burwell and Mrs. Miller
—Special music
7:45—"Strong in Thy Strength, We Witness for Thee"—Scripture meditation and prayer by Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite
—Offertory
—Special music
8:15—The Message—"What Is the Supreme Task of the Church?"
The Messenger—Dr. Oswald J. Smith
—Service of dedication

Thursday Morning, July 10

Gold Room

7:30—Laymen's breakfast sponsored by the Master's Men. It will be in the Flower Garden room at Mrs. Hulling's Cafeteria, 11th and Locust (one block from the hotel). Tickets are \$1.25 and are available at the Master's Men exhibit booth.
9:00—"Streams of Mercy Never-Ceasing"—Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Burwell and Mrs. Miller
—"Reign Over Our Wills"—Scripture meditation and prayer by Rev. J. B. Chism
9:15—Report of Superannuation Board
9:25—Report of Stewardship Commission
9:35—Report of Commission on Chaplains
9:45—"Christ's Love Constrains Us to Give the Bible to All"
—Report of the American Bible Society by Rev. Albert C. Johnson
10:00—Report of Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College
10:25—Report of Board of Home Missions

10:50—Intermission

11:05—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

Keynote: Love—the More Excellent Way

Scripture: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity (love), these three; but the greatest of these is charity (love)" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

—"Let Us Sing to the God of Our Salvation"—Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Burwell and Mrs. Miller
—Special music

11:20—The Message—"The Greatest of These"
—The Messenger—Rev. Dean Moore

12:00—Adjourn session

Thursday Afternoon

Gold Room

1:30—"Praise Ye the Lord"—Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Burwell and Mrs. Miller
1:35—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board
1:45—Report of Executive Secretary
2:05—Report of Publications Board
2:15—Report of Budget Committee
2:25—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
2:30—Report of Board of Trustees for Headquarters Building
2:40—Report of Placement Committee for 1960 session
2:50—Miscellaneous business
—Reports of committees
—Final report of Nominating Committee and election of officers
4:00—Final adjournment

Program Personalities

Mrs. E. T. Burwell—Johnston City, Ill.
Rev. J. B. Chism—Warwick, Va., pastor of First Church.
Rev. Rufus Coffey—Florence, S. C., pastor of First Church.
Rev. R. B. Crawford—Greenville, N. C., chairman of Stewardship Commission.
Rev. Frank Davenport—Kinston, N. C., pastor of Hugo and Faith Churches.
Rev. Ted Greene—Morehead, Ky., pastor of First Church.
Rev. J. C. Griffin—New Bern, N. C., chairman of the Publications Board.
Rev. David Hansley—Kinston, N. C., chairman of the Superannuation Board.
Rev. Harvey E. Hill—St. Louis, Mo., pastor of Berkeley City Church and general chairman of the Arrangements Committee.
Rev. Robert Hill—Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Laymen's Board.
Rev. W. B. Hughes—Chipley, Fla., pastor of First Church.
Rev. Albert C. Johnson—New York, N. Y., assistant secretary of visual materials for the American Bible Society.
Dr. L. C. Johnson—Nashville, Tenn., president of Free Will Baptist Bible College.
Rev. Henry Melvin—Winterville, N. C., chairman of the Free Will Baptist League Board.
Mrs. LaVerne Miley—Memphis, Tenn., president of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.
Mrs. Earl Miller—Johnston City, Ill.
Rev. William Mishler—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the Sunday School Board.
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham—Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the National Association.
Rev. Dean Moore—Richmond, Calif., pastor of Sherwood Acres Church, El Sobrante, Calif.
Rev. Harold A. Pitts—Winfield, Ala., pastor of First Church and assistant moderator of the National Association.
Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite—Wenatchee, Wash., pastor of First Church.
Rev. Raymond Riggs—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the Foreign Mission Board.
Dr. Oswald J. Smith—Toronto, Canada, pastor of Peoples Church.
Mr. I. L. Stanley—Knoxville, Tenn.
Rev. Charles A. Thigpen—Nashville, Tenn., moderator of the National Association and dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College.
Rev. John Visser—Amsterdam, Holland, pastor of Free Baptist Church.
Rev. Homer E. Willis—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the Home Mission Board.



... by Mrs. LaVerne Miley

Is It Election Time?

Nashville, Tenn.—In conjunction with Christian Home Month on the denominational calendar, the Woman's Auxiliary of Palmer Memorial church held a special study course in the home of the chairman, Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham. The study consisted of reports made from booklets on family life, childhood problems, etc. Pastor C. F. Bowen commended the study highly and hopes the auxiliary will have other such practical studies in addition to the ones regularly assigned.

Tampa, Fla.—A district worship was conducted recently at Central church. Theme for the day was "Evangelism" with Rev. Robert Wilfing serving as instructor.

Nashville, Tenn.—Workshop packets for the various departments are available from the WNAC office at twenty-five cents per packet. Each packet contains enough material for one person for a complete workshop on that particular department. They are especially recommended for district or state workshops.

Mountain Grove, Mo.—The GTA's presented a Mother's Day program before the Woman's Auxiliary on May 6.

Johnston City, Ill.—The district convention met here April 23 with about 100 women present. Rev. Bill Turnbough, pastor of Bear Point church near Sesser, was the morning speaker. The afternoon program included a playlet presented by the host church. The women decided to give the offering for the day to the "One Hundred Club" which uses the funds to help establish new churches.

New officers elected include Aileen Hanna, Mt. Vernon, president; Marjorie Dame, vice-president; Aileen Spann, youth chairman; Mayme Edwards, study course chairman; Mabel Ketteman, program-prayer chairman; Jane Norris, personal service chairman; Chesta Clampett, recording secretary; Catherine Waggoner, treasurer, and Elna Turnbough, field worker.

The next district convention will be October 23 at Bethel church, South Roxana, Ill.

Bryan, Texas—The Texas state auxiliary convention met at the First church June 10 with Mrs. C. B. Thompson, president, in the chair. Rev. Dale Burden, pastor at Lake Charles, La., preached the morning sermon. An installation of new officers was conducted by Mrs. E. D. Hellard.

Greene County, N. C.—The N. C. state

The plague of poor leadership has sometimes choked the life out of an auxiliary. A hastily planned election with little prayer has blighted groups of women of little vision and poor insight. Don't let this happen to your group. Here are some guiding principles to use in electing your officers.

1. Look for women who know Christ as a living person. This does not mean perfection. It means that she depends upon the leadership of the Holy Spirit when problems arise and not just on "this is the way it has always been done."

2. Seek women whom God is already using. We can elect a woman to an office because of human qualifications, but only the Holy Spirit can give a ministry of spiritual leadership. The election does not create leaders, but rather acknowledges the ones God himself has raised up. If we forget this important point, we produce a man-

made, sterile organization—not a spiritual, live organism.

3. Make sure the women will provide enough time to do the job. Don't look for women who have extra time—there aren't any. Look for the woman who will make time.

4. Appoint your nominating committee prayerfully. Instruct them in the importance of their task. If your officers are nominated from the floor, separate the nomination period from the election time to allow time for His definite leadership.

5. See that each officer knows exactly what she is to do and provide her with materials to aid her in fulfilling her service responsibility to the best of her ability.

6. Before and after the election, pray for the officers. Pray that they will faithfully follow Christ as they help advance His cause through the Woman's Auxiliary.

woman's auxiliary convention met May 22 at the Free Union church. Theme for the day was "I Have Set a Watchman" with the emphasis on missions. Reports showed that the state over-subscribed its quota for the African project. The goal was \$1,750 and over \$1,800 was given.

Mrs. Carl Dudley of Fuquay-Varina was re-elected convention president.

Monett, Mo.—The Woman's Auxiliary at the First church had their annual mother-daughter banquet on May 5 with 67 in attendance. Featured speaker was Mrs. LaVerne Miley, Memphis, Tenn., president of the national convention.

Nashville, Tenn.—The national office wishes to thank those in the various states responsible for adding the WNAC office to their mailing lists for bulletins and state papers.

Paintsville, Ky.—The Eastern Kentucky district convention met at the Southside church May 12. Officers elected for the next two years were Mrs. Clifford Burton, Paintsville, president; Mrs. Byrd O. Preston, Paintsville, vice-president; Mrs. E. H. Over-

man, Paintsville, secretary; Mrs. Luther Mills, Thealka, assistant secretary; Mrs. Virgil Rowland, Ashland, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Johnny Castle, Thealka, treasurer.

Mrs. Mary Young, Thealka, youth chairman; Mrs. Gertie Hall, Ashland, publicity chairman; Mrs. Edith Dobbins, Louisa, literature chairman; Mrs. Betty Booth, Louisa, personal service chairman, and Mrs. William N. Keith, Paintsville, study course chairman. Mrs. Chester Patrick conducted the installation service.

Churches represented at the convention were Inez; Thealka; Second church, Ashland, and Southside church, Paintsville. Visitors were also present from the First church, Paintsville.

Joplin, Mo.—The district auxiliary convention met here May 6. Mrs. LaVerne Miley, national president, conducted a workshop on an A-1 auxiliary.

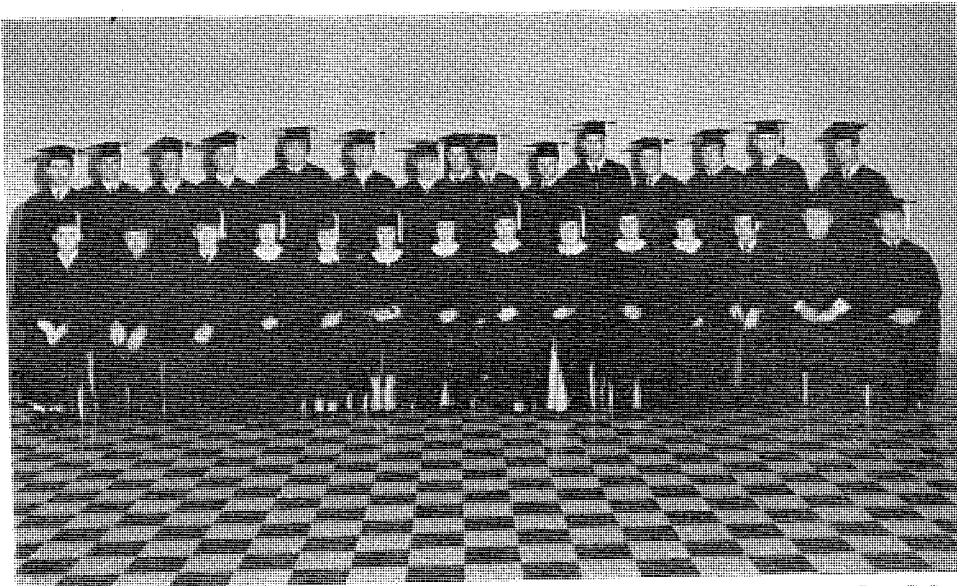
Black Mountain, N. C.—Woman's Auxiliary week at Cragmont Assembly has been set for August 18-23. The cost for the week is approximately \$30. Mrs. L. E. Ballard directs the conference.



Sixteen persons attended the first service held in Alaska when a Free Will Baptist church was started in Anchorage on May 18. Rev. Lee Whaley (left) preached.



Graduates of the 1958 class at the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary in Pinar del Rio, Cuba, sing of the "Marvelous Grace of Jesus". The men are almost hidden in the back.



Degrees were awarded May 29 to 21 graduates from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. Eleven others received diplomas from a three-year course.

← First Service Held In Alaska in May

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—The Free Will Baptist work in Alaska was inaugurated May 18 when the first service was held here under the direction of the missionary to Alaska, Rev. Lee Whaley. Sixteen persons attended this service (see picture at left) and pledged their support to the task of opening the new church.

Services are being held regularly in the basement of the missionary's home with an average of 12 in attendance.

"For \$2,500 a lot could be purchased in an ideal location and a government surplus building could be erected on the lot which would serve very adequately until the work grew to demand a permanent structure," Mr. Whaley writes. "This is our most urgent need."

In addition to the work in Anchorage, plans are being made for a survey of the territory and the establishment of at least three more mission points in the southern part this summer.

Degrees Awarded to 21 by Bible College

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Twenty-one graduates received Bachelor of Arts degrees and eleven received diplomas from the Christian Workers Bible Course during graduation exercises at Free Will Baptist Bible College May 29. Dr. Monroe Parker, Owatonna, Minn., was commencement speaker and Rev. Homer Willis, home missions director, preached the baccalaureate sermon.

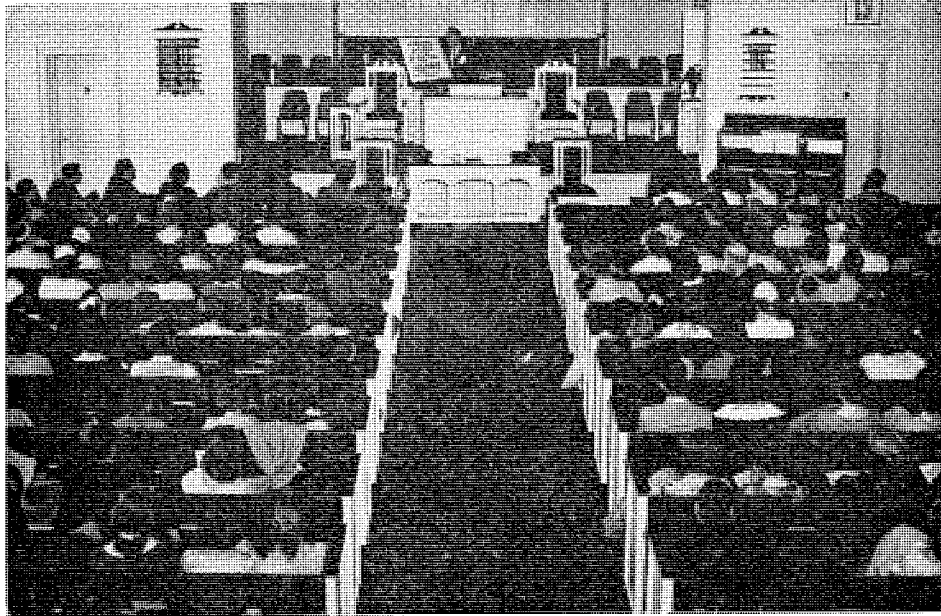
Those receiving degrees were Josie Baker, Farmville; Molly Barker, Morehead City; Luther Burns, Pinetown; Randy Cox, Washington; Ann Johnson, Jacksonville; Sterl Dixon Paramore, Winterville, and Ronald Peele, Durham, N. C.

Ellis Cravens, Mountain Grove; Theodore Davis, Monett, and Billy Sherrill, Flat River, Mo.; Donald Hollingshead, Cordova, and Wilma Ann Jones, Leeds, Ala.; Willie Jean Deeds, Monticello, and Patsy Swann, Pocahontas, Ark.

Moses Earnshaw Deeds, Oilton, and Paul Inbody, Tulsa, Okla.; J. B. Fletcher, Jr., Manchester, Tenn.; Ralph Hampton, Jr., Modesto, Calif.; Luther Morgan, Huntington, W. Va.; Kenneth Walker, Wheelersburg, Ohio, and Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Miss.

Graduating from the Christian Workers Bible Course were Mary Ellen Rice, Morehead City; Mack C. Owens, Fountain; Kirby Joe Godwin, Dunn; Leroy Cutler, Pantego; Billy Ray Livesay, Tarboro, and Daniel Gaskins, New Bern, N. C.; Naudja Collier, Pine Creek, W. Va.; Bobby Poole, Clarks-ville, Tenn.; Robert Shockey, Catlettsburg, Ky.; Kay Whitaker, East Tupelo, Miss., and Bill Gardner, Norfolk, Va.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES



Ray Turnage, secretary of the National League Board, speaks to the nearly 500 who attended the North Carolina state league convention held May 2-3 at Wilson, N. C.

N. C. State League Convention at Wilson Draws 500 Youth Leaders for Sessions

WILSON, N. C.—Some 500 young people, youth workers and ministers converged here for a two-day session of the state league convention on May 2-3. Frequent appearances of the King's Messengers quartet from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and addresses by Ray Turnage, national league secretary, and Miss Laura Belle Barnard, missionary to India, highlighted the convention.

Special forums designed, according to convention president C. H. Overman, to aid young people find their places in life, and workshops stressing needs for higher education among Free Will Baptist youth took prominence on the two-day calendar. Rev. Billy Jackson, Greenville, N. C., was a featured speaker in addition to Mr. Turnage and Miss Barnard.

On the closing night, the leaguers from St. Mary's church, New Bern, presented a drama, "The Challenge of the Cross." The Intermediate Sword Drill was also conducted with Vicki Proctor of the Saratoga church as the winner.

New officers are Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, Davis, President; Rev. Gene Outland, Beulaville, vice-president; Alton Cowan, Mt. Olive, recording secretary; Leah McGlohon, Mt. Olive, corresponding secretary; Rev. Adam Scott, Saratoga, treasurer, and Shirley Graves, New Bern, Bible drill leader.

The 1959 session will be held at the Edgemont church, Durham.

New Oklahoma Church Purchases Building

ENID, Okla.—The First Free Will Baptist church of Enid which was started nine months ago by Rev. Fred Kirby has recently purchased a 37 by 88 building that belonged to a church of another denomination. The building, which will accommodate 300, is located at Wabash and Independence.

The pastor writes: "We have been giving ten per cent cooperatively since our church was started and we give every fifth Sunday offering to foreign missions."

Arkansas Church Dedicates Parsonage

STAR CITY, Ark.—A new parsonage was dedicated to the Lord May 18 by the Pine Hill church. A former pastor, Rev. John Lindsley, brought the dedicatory message. Rev. Bob King, present pastor, led the ceremony and prayer. The parsonage, a three-bedroom modern brick home, is located on property adjoining the church. The congregation called its first full-time pastor in 1956.

Alabama Church Reports Bible School

DOTHAN, Ala.—Twelve conversions in the Junior department and two rededications in the Intermediate department were reported during the vacation Bible school conducted at the First church. An average at-

tendance of 107 was recorded out of an enrolment of 119.

Smithfield Girls Win Declamation Contest

SMITHFIELD, N. C.—Two Smithfield girls were declared state winners in a declamation contest held in May at Mt. Olive and sponsored by the state Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Genevieve Johnson was the winner in the YPA competition and Linda Higgins won the Go-Tell Auxiliary contest. Both of the girls will represent the state in the national contest, Mrs. R. B. Crawford, state youth chairman, said.

Oklahoma State League Meets at Drumright

DRUMRIGHT, Okla.—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, moderator of the national association and dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College was the principal out-of-state speaker at the state league convention held at the campground near here June 18-20. One thousand young people and their leaders from all over the state were expected to attend.

St. Louis Church Has Laymen's Revival

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The laymen of the Berkeley City church were the speakers for a revival held May 11-18. The services were sponsored by the Master's Men with a different laymen speaking each night. The men also conducted visitation during the week for the revival. Rev. Harvey Hill is pastor of the church.

Edgemont Church Has S.S. Contest

DURHAM, N. C.—A Sunday school campaign to break the previous attendance record of 657 was started May 11 at the Edgemont church. It will last five weeks, concluding on June 15. A Wednesday-through-Sunday revival effort led by Rev. Eugene Waddell, Portsmouth, Va., will climax the campaign. Each department is offering an award to the person bringing the most people during the period. The Young Adult and Intermediate departments are awarding a trip to the Youth for Christ summer camp at Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. Ronald Creech, pastor, announced that the goal for June 15 was 658.

Rev. J. B. Bloss Expresses Appreciation

COLUMBIA, Tenn.—Rev. J. B. Bloss, pastor at Loyal Chapel for many years, was stricken with a heart attack early in May that left him inactive. He is improving and has asked us to express his gratitude and appreciation for the many remembrances during his illness. He has received over 300 cards, he said.

Texas Church Leaders Meet at Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas—The Texas state minister's and deacon's conference met May

1-2 at the First church. New officers are Rev. J. B. Estes, president; Rev. E. E. Zoellers, vice-president; Rev. R. O. O'Dell, secretary-treasurer; Rev. H. Z. Cox, assistant secretary, and Rev. M. L. Sutton, publicity director.

First church, Dallas, will be host to the next meeting.

Prayer Meeting Turns into Revival

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich.—From the bulletin of the Highland Park church we learn that a recent Wednesday night prayer service turned into a revival with 79 decisions being made. Five of these were conversions and 74 people confessed sins and rededicated themselves to God. Eight came to surrender themselves to God for full-time service, Rev. Joe Ange, pastor, reports.

Missouri Laymen Have Meeting

MOUNTAIN GROVE, Mo.—The Master's Men honored their wives with a pot luck supper recently. In the meeting, the men decided to sponsor a field day for the vacation Bible school. Mr. Spig McCarty spoke to the group. Edwin C. Wade is president.

Fifty-Seven Join New Jersey Church

ELMER, N. J.—Fifty-seven charter members joined the Free Will Baptist church which was organized here April 20. Rev. Milton Hollifield, Canton, N. C., led a revival preceding the organization and assisted in the organization. Rev. Wilburn Massie, founder of the work, was named pastor. Other officers include Ray Mull, clerk, Fred Caldwell, Sunday school superintendent; Ernest Hold, choir director, and Paul Sprouse and Clyde Reynolds, deacons.

This is the only Free Will Baptist church in the state and the congregation voted to unite with the Blue Ridge association in North Carolina until other churches are organized in the area. The group has a small building leased and plan to add to it. Property has been given for the future building site.

The pastor writes, "Our country is filled with people who are starving for spiritual services and it would be easy to start a Free Will Baptist church in any of these towns if someone will come and preach." He even offers to start another mission if someone will come and pastor the Elmer church.

Tulsa Scout Given Highest Award

TULSA, Okla.—Melvin Junior Bingham II was given the "Eagle Scout Award" during a Court of Honor held April 28 at Trinity Temple church. He is son of the scoutmaster, Melvin Junior Bingham, and the grandson of the pastor, Rev. Melvin Bingham.

New Church Effort Made in Ohio

LEWISBURG, Ohio—An effort is being made to establish a Free Will Baptist church in this city which is a new area for the denominational work. A revival was begun June 8 in the old Lyric theatre on Commerce street. Lewisburg is about 42 miles west of Springfield and 20 miles northwest of Dayton.

Tennessee Church Has Mortgage-Burning

CHAPMANSBORO, Tenn.—Oak Lawn church had a mortgage-burning service on May 25 with Rev. Charles A. Thigpen preaching the sermon. The congregation raised in one Sunday over \$3,500 to completely pay off the indebtedness on their new building. Rev. Joyce Gore is pastor.

REVIVALS . . . First church, Erwin, Tenn.; Homer E. Willis, evangelist; Johnnie Floyd Jr., pastor; May 18-25; 26 dec.; 22 add.; 20 bap.

Capitol City church, Little Rock, Ark.; Elvis Priest, evangelist; Jimmie Bundy, pastor; June 23-July 2.

First, church, Shawnee, Okla.; Gilbert Pixley, evangelist; Clyde Cain, pastor; 11 dec.; 9 add.

St. James church, Phenix City, Ala.; E. B. Ledloy, evangelist; Walter E. Jones, pastor; April 20-25; 34 dec.; 23 add.

Fellowship church, Flat River, Mo.; Dean Moore, evangelist; Rolla Smith, pastor; July 13-23.

North Knoxville church, Tenn.; Thurman Pate, evangelist; W. H. Teague, pastor; April 27-May 4; 9 dec.; 3 add.

East Tupelo, Miss.; O. T. Dixon, evangelist; Luther Gibson, pastor; June 1-8.

Holston Hills church, Knoxville, Tenn.; Thurman Pate, evangelist; Dewey Kitts, pastor; 3 dec.

Spring Grove church, Durwood Long, evangelist; Sammy Wilkinson, pastor; April 20-26; 12 dec.; 12 add.; 12 bap.

Grant Ave. church, Springfield, Mo.; Harry E. Staires, evangelist; Lester Hilton, pastor; 6 dec.; 6 add.

Timmons ville, S. C.; Joe Ange, evangelist; Billy Morris, pastor; April 20-27; 53 dec.

PASTORAL CHANGES . . . Roy Bingham to Lewis Ave. Church, Tulsa, Okla. Last month we erroneously reported that Robert King had accepted this church.

Adrian Condit to Airport church, Tulsa, Okla., from Coffeyville, Kan.

Malcolm C. Fry to First church, Bryan, Texas, from First church, Lake Charles, La.

Dale Burden to First church, Lake Charles, La., from Columbia, S. C.

J. B. White has resigned Harris Memorial church, Greeneville, Tenn. Future plans indefinite.

J. B. Fletcher, Jr. has resigned Ashland City, Tenn. He plans to enter full-time evangelistic work.

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Cooperative Receipts Show Increase in May

Amid great rejoicing, checks totalling nearly \$5,000 were distributed to the various departments on June 1. This represented the church gifts through the Cooperative Plan of Support which was near an all-time high for monthly contributions. This was in marked contrast with the extremely low month of April when gifts dropped below \$3,000.

Undesignated receipts for May were \$4,956.76, over \$2,000 more than the previous month. There is an urgent need to step up this giving to at least \$6,000 a month since the Cooperative budget for the year is \$75,000. The only way to reach this figure is for additional churches to start tithing to the denominational program, the executive secretary said.

All undesignated offerings sent to the cooperative treasurer are allocated as follows: foreign missions, 30 per cent; executive office, 24; Bible College, 21; home missions, 14; superannuation, 4; Sunday school, 4; League, 3.

Contributions should be sent to the Cooperative Plan, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

RECEIPTS

ALABAMA			
First church, Dothan	48.68		
Goodwater church, Slocomb	10.00	58.68	
ARKANSAS			
State association			623.08
CALIFORNIA			
State association			194.32
FLORIDA			
State association			422.24
GEORGIA			
State association			285.08
ILLINOIS			
Johnston City church	101.37		
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon	43.85		
Waltonville church, Mt. Vernon	18.58		
Oak Grove church, Scheller	8.40		
Pleasant View church, Kell	16.36		
Oak Valley Sunday School	9.28	197.84	
KENTUCKY			
Southside church, Paintsville		56.00	
MISSOURI			
State association			1,064.99
NORTH CAROLINA			
Beaufort church		81.50	
NEW MEXICO			
First church, Hobbs	114.11		
State association	15.13	129.24	
OKLAHOMA			
State association			630.40
TENNESSEE			
Wooddale church, Knoxville	21.90		
South Side church, Memphis	20.74		
Olivet church, Clarksville	300.00		
Palmer Memorial church, Nash.	44.37		
East Nashville church	112.55	499.56	

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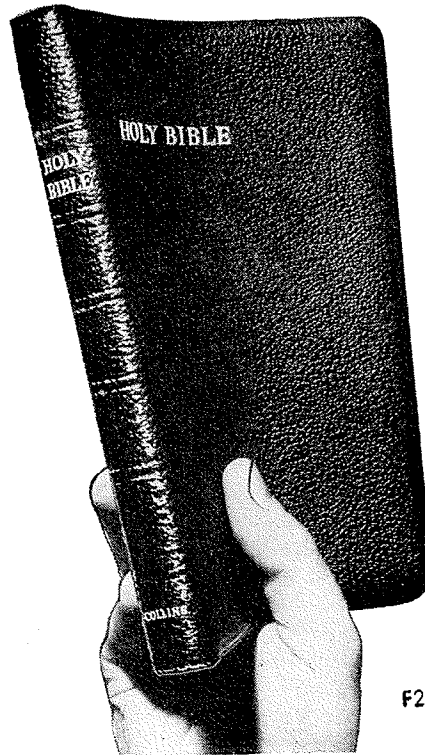
State association	662.83		
Bible church, Odessa	51.00	713.83	
		4,956.76	
			Designated
North Carolina	118.22		
Illinois	38.49	156.71	
		5,113.47	

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions	1,560.98
Executive Department	1,207.36
Bible College	1,076.40
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came to pass, that a whole year they 2 Tim. 4. 11.
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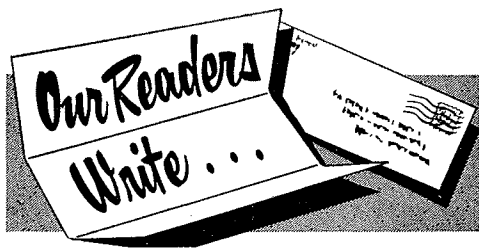
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Shepherd Station Next?

A short time ago a letter from a North Carolina pastor came to the foreign missions office. Because of its challenging nature we want to share it with you—especially the preachers who read CONTACT.

The letter is from Robert L. Edwards, Arapahoe, N. C. Here is what he said:

"Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$50. This is the final installment on my pledge of \$100 for the minister's mission station in Africa. I had hoped that other ministers of our beloved denomination would follow suit and send in the \$10,000 needed to build this station.

"I am sure there are at least 99 other ministers whom God has blessed to the degree that they could give a like amount for this urgent need if they only would. I have pledged and paid this amount because God has been very gracious to me and I want to help someone else have the opportunity to hear the Word of Life.

"This pledge was made in faith since I did not have the money, but I knew that God would supply my needs if I would trust Him. This is not part of my tithe because that is given to my local church, but this is a faith offering over and above my tithe."

Relative to this project, Rev. Raymond Riggs, foreign missions director, said:

Within a few weeks the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention will have raised enough for the Co-Laborer Station. One hundred preachers giving \$100 each will build the second station, which we might call the Shepherd Station. The following have already contributed: Robert Edwards, \$100; J. M. Herrald, \$100; Bobby Jackson, \$100. L. S. Joyner, \$10; L. D. Norman, \$10; James Miller, \$10. Will you add your name to the list?"

We think it's a good idea. Come on, preachers, let's all join in.

Mothers Honored

Dear Editor:

Instead of awarding flowers to the oldest and youngest mothers and the mother with the most children as we have done in the past on Mother's Day, we decided to change this year and recognize them with a subscription to CONTACT. I know that you will agree that this is a good idea.

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$3.75 to take care of subscriptions for the following: Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Sr., Box 902, New Bern, N. C.; Mrs. Ralph Wetherington, Box 902, New Bern; and Mrs. J. R. Forrest, Route 3, Box 874, New Bern.

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Dear Editor:

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What's Your Problem?



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all his needs do you think it a sin if he goes to a doctor for bodily healing.

A. Certainly not. I do believe that God answers prayer in regards to bodily healing (I have personally experienced this) and it is true that when He was here upon the earth Jesus healed all who came to him. However we do not find that he said anything about doing away with physicians or that there should be no physicians.

Q. Was the fruit of which Eve partook an apple?

A. No. We are not told what manner of fruit it was. Perhaps this was the way which God had of expressing Eve's rebellion against himself. It could have been called disobedience without changing the context of the Scripture because it certainly was in direct disobedience that she ate of the forbidden fruit.

Q. Do you think there will be Christian people on the earth during the tribulation?

A. Without a doubt there will be people who will become Christians during the tribulation period. Revelation 7:14 says, "... These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb." All pre-millennialists are convinced that even after the rapture of the church there will be those who believe even though they will be be-headed for their testimony.

Q. Please explain the word "millennium." I cannot find it in the Scripture.

A. You are quite right, it does not appear in the Bible. The prefix "mil" means thousand. The word "millennium" means one thousand years. This is the period of time in which Christ reigns upon the earth. Satan will be bound during this time. Read Revelation 20:1-7.

Q. I know I am a Christian. I have been saved but I lack joy and happiness which so many Christians have. I know others like me. Can you help me?

A. It could be because of a lack of faith in God that makes you feel the way you do. Looking at temporal things of life rather than looking at the spiritual, occupied with the things now rather than things hereafter, giving way to temptation and having to repent often, these could be some of the things that hinder you from enjoying your Christian life. We have to mortify the flesh, our members which are upon the earth, to take our place in Christ and realize that the things of this life are perishable and they will soon be gone. We find peace and joy in knowing that our trust is in HIM and through HIM we can do all things. Phil. 4:13. We endure by seeing him who is invisible.

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Quotables

SPARKLETS BY OR ABOUT EVANGELICALS

▶ A Christian should be like a clock—open face, busy hands and full of good works.

▶ We may travel the sea of life without Christ, but what about the landing?

▶ Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere.

▶ Man is free to rebel against God, but he is not free to escape the consequences.

▶ God sometimes trusts you with disappointments, too.

▶ God looks not at the quantity of the gift, but the quality of the giver.

▶ Better not to have been born at all than never to have been born again.

▶ Don't talk louder than you live.

▶ God does not count our prayers, He weighs them.

▶ The best way to save face is to keep the lower end of it shut.

▶ The world needs fewer man-made gods and more God-made men.

▶ God causes many a tight place to open into the right place.

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Third Honor Roll

"Every Church Family" Plan

Conway church, Arkansas
Waltoville church, Illinois
New Ebenezer church, Cochran, Ga.
Oskaloosa church, Liberal, Mo.

One more church was added this month, giving us four with 46 to go to complete the third honor roll. "Family Plan" subscriptions seem to have hit a slump the past few months.

Many pastors testify that this plan is the finest and best way to see that the members keep up with church and world-wide religious news. Besides that, you save 25 cents on every subscription. Nearly 100 churches are now using this plan. If you've been thinking about recommending it to your church, please do it this month. We need to hear from a lot of churches very soon.

Rules for Honor Roll

1. Send names and addresses (zone numbers, too, please) of all families in the church. You need 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 treasurer 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.

Q. Please tell us what is your opinion on the scriptural way to handle a situation where an official in a church is caught stealing money from the church. If you don't have a scriptural opinion then tell us your honest Christian opinion. I say he should go before the whole church and confess and ask God to forgive him. Am I right?

A. Exodus 20:15 says "Thou shalt not steal." This means what it says whether it be church official or any other human. I think such a man should be removed from his place as an officer in the church. Even though he repents and makes restitution to the extent of replacing that which he stole, I think the church would be wise in allowing the man to prove himself over a period of time lest further temptation send him deeper into the mire. As to his confessing before the whole church, to be sure it would satisfy some people, it might make him stronger in the Lord. On the other hand, it might cause someone else to stumble and it might hinder the man himself and make him bitter. If the man has been dealt with and has repented, leave it at that. Remember, "... Vengeance is mine . . . saith the Lord." Romans 12:19. Also please bear in mind that Paul says in 1 Cor. 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Q. Please tell me what Free Will Baptists teach about backsliding. Is it true that Free Will Baptists teach that there is only one thing that will keep a person from going to heaven who has been born again, that is shipwreck of faith?

A. There are Free Will Baptists who teach repeated regeneration, that is that a person can be born again, lost, born again, lost, etc. That is not biblical doctrine and it surely is not Free Will Baptist doctrine. A person is born again once. If he should make shipwreck of his faith, and this is Free Will Baptist doctrine, then according to Hebrews 6:1-6 it is impossible for that person to ever be saved again. The same is taught in Hebrews 10:26-31, in 2 Peter 2:20-22 and in many other scriptures. This is the doctrine whereby we are known to Armenian Baptists in contrast to the Calvinistic Baptists. Free Will Baptists very definitely teach the possibility of apostasy.

Q. If a Christian is really trusting God for