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Contact was represented recently at the annual Evangelical Press Association Convention which met in Minneapolis. Pictured above (l. to r.) is editor Billy A. Melvin, Larry Ward, executive secretary of EPA, and Ed Runyan, editor of the General Baptist Messenger, as they look over a member publication of the association. 127 editors and writers attended the two-day session.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Sunday School Rally

NORFOLK, VA.—The Tidewater Sunday School Rally met with the Hyde Park Free Will Baptist Church on February 5. A very inspiring program was presented. Special music was rendered by the Newport News Youth for Christ trio and a very interesting feature on "How To Build Sunday School Attendance" was presented by the various churches. The film, "Bible on the Table" was shown. Rev. Raymond Riggs was elected president.

Youth Week Observed

JOELTON, TENN.—National Youth Week was observed at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church here January 25-29. The neighboring Free Will Baptist Churches were invited to participate. Each night a young person brought the message except for the last night when Rev. Rolla Smith, National Director of the Foreign Mission Board, brought the message. There were 4 conversions during the week.

Quarterly Meeting Meets

BONIFAY, FLA.—The first quarterly meeting of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association met January 16 at Pleasant Hill Church. All eleven churches composing the association were represented by delegates. Rev. W. E. George is the

moderator. Those on the program were Rev. D. W. Poole, devotion; Rev. Bobby Register, welcome; Rev. Leon Owens, response; Rev. H. D. Harrison, morning message; Rev. H. D. Shumake, afternoon devotion. The climax of the day was the ordination of Rev. Freeman Edwards, pastor of Piney Grove Church.

The reports reveal that in the association there are 11 Sunday Schools, 8 Leagues, 6 Woman's Auxiliaries, and 4 Master's Men Chapters. The churches gained 6 members during the quarter. The records also show a record high in finances, which include \$49.00 for associational purposes, \$624.40 for the cooperative program, \$119.43 for foreign missions, and \$29.00 for home missions, making a total of \$821.83. This does not include the \$33.05 for foreign missions and \$171.26 for home missions sent in before the meeting.

Moulton Visits Churches

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Rev. Louis Moulton was in this area recently for missionary services beginning on January 24. He visited many of the churches in the area. Among the churches visited was Oak Grove Church which was formerly pastored by Dave Franks, now missionary to Brazil, and Ensley Church where a record offering of \$140.00 was received.

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IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Home Wills, Home Missions Director**, recently held missionary services in the Esserville, Norton, and Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Churches.

■ **Executive Secretary, Billy Melvin**, held services in Southside Church, Paintsville, Kentucky, February 7, and spoke at the Eastern Kentucky Auxiliary convention on February 8. He will be in revival services at Howard's Grove Church, Ashford, Alabama, February 28-March 4. On March 12, he will preach at the Unicoi County Preaching Mission, Erwin, Tennessee.

■ Two missionary conferences will feature **Rolla Smith**, Director of Foreign Missions, this month. He will be in Philadelphia Church, Detroit, Michigan, March 16-20, and South Side Church, St. Louis, Missouri, with Third Church also participating, on March 25-27.

■ **Dr. L. C. Johnson**, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, spoke at a Bible conference at First Church, Savannah, Georgia, February 5-7, and will conduct a revival March 20-27, at First Church, Columbus, Mississippi.

■ **National League Director, Ray Turnage**, recently conducted services in Russellville, Alabama, and Headland, Alabama, on March 6.

■ **Louis Moulton**, Promotional Secretary of Foreign Missions, had services in Black Jack Church, Greenville, North Carolina, March 2-6, a missionary conference at First Church, Savannah, Georgia, March 11-13, and will be at Core Creek Church, Cove City, North Carolina, March 27.

■ **Mrs. Eunice Edwards**, WNAC Executive Secretary will attend services in the Carolinas this month. She will be in First Church, Florence, S. C., on March 19, and will continue through March 24, at the district Auxiliary convention. She will then have services in the Kinston, N. C., area March 25-30, for the district convention.

COMING! NEXT MONTH

Foreign Missions Issue
— LOOK FOR IT —



Preparation for Revival

Proper Preparation Is Essential for a Successful Revival Effort. Read This Stimulating Article Which Deals with the Basics of Revival Preparation.

IT IS EVIDENT to most of us that many revival meetings and evangelistic series have few results. Very little fruit is harvested in the average local church revival effort. Why do we suffer so many failures?

This article is not a full answer to the question, nor a complete solution to the problem; but maybe it will offer some profitable suggestions for more successful soul-winning revivals.

It is this writer's conviction that one basic reason for our fruitless meetings is lack of proper ground work before the opening service. Any abundant harvest is preceded by proper ground breaking, planting, and growing of the crop. This is the work of preparation and needs to be done before the reaper arrives.

Let us break down this preparation into four areas of discussion—as it relates to prayer, personal visitation, publicity, and preacher.

Prayer Preparation

Genuine revival and evangelism are impossible without a foundation of prevailing prayer. This is not the ordinary kind of praying. There is much prayer saying, but too little real prayer praying. The "Now I lay me down to sleep" type of muttering syllables and repeating words never brings results. We need the kind of praying that in days gone by shook the throne of God until the fire from Heaven fell.

Moses did that kind of praying. His prayer of confession and intercession for a sinful people came from a broken heart moved with compassion. Listen to him cry unto the Lord, "Oh, Lord, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt, forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written" (Exodus 32:31-32).

Daniel prayed and reached God. "I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting, and

sackcloth, and ashes: and I prayed unto the Lord . . ." (Daniel 9:3-4). "I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, . . . till three whole weeks were fulfilled" (10:3). In earnest crying his soul is poured out to God, "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God . . ." (9:19).

Read Hezekiah's prayer when his people were in danger of destruction by Sennacherib. "O Lord of hosts, . . . incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see . . . O Lord our God, save us from his hand" (Isaiah 37:16-20). That night an angel from God slew 185,000 of the Assyrian army. God heard and answered that kind of praying.

We need the kind of praying Nehemiah did. He said, "I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven. And said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven . . . Let thine ear now be attentive and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night . . ." (Nehemiah 1:4-6). He wept and mourned and fasted and repented and prayed day and night. God gave him the desire of his heart—revival for his people.

Paul prayed with compassion. He said, "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Romans 9:2-3). Listen to the one driving, passionate, cry of his heart, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Romans 10:1).

"Do you believe in praying for people to be saved?" you ask. I not only believe in it; I doubt seriously if anyone were ever saved who was not prayed for first. Therefore one reason for our fruitlessness is a lack of effective praying for the lost.

One of the most effective prayer meetings in the Bible is in Acts 12. The church was in special prayer at John Mark's mother's house for the release of Peter from Herod's prison. In the fifth verse you read their

method of prayer. Using a rather free translation, note these things: Prayer was being made (that is continual, persistent prayer) earnestly (with genuine concern) of the church (not just ladies auxiliaries, but the whole church) unto God (He is able to answer) for him (specific praying.) God heard and released Peter from prison.

The contention is this. If the church of our day prayed as this New Testament church, the same God would move in behalf of souls in prison. He would break the chains of sin and release those held unto death. In response to prayer, He would revive, refresh, and awaken His people, and give much fruit in a harvest of souls.

Any revival series needs to be preceded by this kind of praying. These prayer meetings may be conducted in the church, in homes, in groups, or in private. The organization and place are insignificant. The important thing is that the prayer be earnest, effective, fervent, and from a compassionate clean heart.

Personal Visitation

A visitation program is without doubt the most effective soul-winning method for any church. Yet, it is the most neglected ministry in preparation for evangelistic meetings. In my brief experience in revival work, the most fruitful meetings have been the few where personal visitation has been used to lay the ground work for the actual preaching of the gospel. This must be God's method for evangelizing the world.

The four Gospels are filled with the command to go to sinners with the message of salvation. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19). "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5:19). He sent forth the twelve two by two and said to them, "As ye go, preach . . ." (Matthew 10:7). "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). "And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:2). "And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways

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Bobby Jackson is a full-time evangelist. He has held revival campaigns throughout the ranks of the Free Will Baptist denomination. This article comes out of his close association with revival effort.

Enlarge Your League In March



IN THE denominational calendar for 1960, March is designated as League Month. Our goal for Free Will Baptists is to add 10,000 to the present League enrolment. If every church will enter seriously into the enlargement effort in March, we can go beyond our goal. Let's do it!

Every new citizen coming into God's kingdom by way of the spiritual birth should be enlisted immediately in the League. Unenlisted, inactive church members will become interested and active in the life of a church when they enter into training in church membership. We should go after them for League.

All deacons, Sunday School officers, and teachers should set the right example by

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joining the League. Life enrichment should continue for all church workers. The League is just the program they need.

The goal of every church should be to lead every church member to be a personal witness for Christ to the lost. The League emphasizes the training of personal soul-winners.

The time is now! The challenge is to pastors, educational directors, general League directors, and to all good church members. Let's enlarge our Leagues in March.

Each church is responsible for training its own leaders. The pastor must lead if the members are to show any interest. If you have an educational director, he should roll up his sleeves and get into the game. Each church that will follow the suggestions given in this article will enlarge its League during March.

A Suggested Schedule for Enlargement Month

1. Survey Week, March 6-12

A careful survey must be made to determine the condition of the League and to find the prospects for membership. Compare your League enrollment with that of your Sunday school to find out the names of those who do not belong to your training organization. This should give you a good list of prospects. It is absolutely essential to make this survey in order to get ready for a real enlargement campaign in your church.

2. Blueprint Week, March 13-19

After making a careful study of the condition of your League, you are ready to decide upon the next step. Study very closely the chapter on organization in the *Free Will Baptist League Manual*. The prospect list should reveal the approximate number available for each department. This so-called blueprint should provide for enlargement possibilities. Now you are ready to use your plans for making your efforts become reality.

3. Enlargement Week, March 20-27

During the week of March 20-26 conduct study courses to suit the age level. Use the manuals, which contain methods and ideas for maintaining good Leagues. Enlist several workers to help with the study courses. Visit aggressively and continuously the prospects for membership and for taking the study course at night.

To organize additional departments in your League follow the suggestions given in the manuals as closely as possible. Complete the organizations by electing the necessary officers, dividing into groups, and appointing needed committees. Each League should be provided with all of the literature and equipment needed to carry on its work. The leaders in each department should see that the officers are instructed properly in getting the work done. Seek to lead the new members to make a high grade on the Seven Point Record System every Sunday. The work of enlargement

week should continue through Sunday, March 27.

Miscellaneous Suggestions

Study courses in methods should be conducted at night during the Enlargement Week. There should be two forty-five minute periods each night with a general conference in between.

1. In small churches which do not need departmental instruction, the pastor or some other church leader could teach the entire group in a class composed of all the adults, all the young people, all the general officers, and the adult workers for the younger age groups.

In the general period between classes each night, the enlargement of the various age groups should be discussed. As plans are discussed, they should immediately be put into action.

2. In large churches where there are facilities for separate departments, study courses for each age group should be taught. The general period between classes should be devoted to considering the needs of the various age groups. Classes should also include instruction for the care of Nursery, Beginner, and Primary groups.

An attractive program should be provided for this week of special study of League methods. There should be reports of what is presented and discussed during the general conference period each night. Reports of attendance and visitation in all departments should be given to incite interest in the campaign.

By Thursday or Friday night put on the blackboard in the general period the goals for attendance on the following Sunday night and for increased enrollment for the whole League.

The Visitation

Visitation during the enlargement campaign and continuously following it is the key to success in building a better League. A list of prospects should be given to each one who is assigned to lead a group. The visitation prospect record slips should be used to keep a permanent record of those available for membership. This record should be kept up to date by adding names of new prospects and removing names from the prospect list when they become members.

Publicize the Campaign

Start now publicizing the campaign. Keep it before the entire church. Emphasize that the major objective of the campaign is to help the church to undertake League work as a church enterprise, and to make the League strong enough to reach and hold all the members of the church in its training ministry.

An Important Suggestion

Be sure to season your efforts with much prayer. God's guidance is absolutely necessary. Enough prayer, and work, will make Enlargement Month a complete success in your church.



POINTERS ON CHURCH ADMINISTRATION



A Complex Task

I. Introduction.

It has been said that there can be no "Administration" unless there first be "Organization." To this statement your writer is in complete agreement. At this point, however, is where we meet with a "Complex Task"—that of setting an organization up within a church so that it can be properly administered for the benefit of the local church, the denomination, and the Glory of God. In this article, we shall deal in a very frank manner with some of the problems of setting up an efficient organization. It is very doubtful if any of these problems will be new to any of us. Most of them are problems with which we are all familiar; but about which little has been done. It is not the purpose of this article to provide some magic formula whereby the preacher may efficiently organize his church for good administration. It is the purpose of this article to point out some problems, make suggestions concerning them, and pass on to you some ideas that might work in your particular case:

II. The Mountain that Confront Us.

1. *The Old Versus the New.* Everyone of us who have taken a good look at our local church, our state associations, yea, even our National Convention, will have to admit that there is a general restlessness in almost every place. The question at this point is two-fold: (1) are we aware of this restlessness and (2) is this restlessness good or bad? To the first question we must answer that it is very doubtful that most of us are fully aware of this restlessness. Recently, your writer was speaking to one of our outstanding denominational leaders about

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this very thing, and to my surprise, I found that he had closed his eyes to this problem altogether. One cannot help but wonder how many other leaders have done the very same thing. As to an answer to the second question, it is purely conditional, depending upon our honest answer to the first. If we are aware of our needs, problems and, what I have called "restlessness," and are willing to do something about them, it is good; if not, it is bad. Yet a third question comes to light at this point, (3) what has caused this restlessness that runs through every thread of our work from the local church to the National Association? The answer seems very obvious. Here is what seems to me to be the answer to question three. Free Will Baptist people all over the world have stopped taking things for granted. Every department, every program, every effort, every organization, method and system from the local church through the National Association is undergoing a real searching and evaluation from our lay people, local churches, and state conventions. Here we meet the real problem, "the old versus the new." Most of our people drive a good automobile, have nice clothes, have good homes, and more and more are becoming better educated. These people, whether we like it or not, will not be happy to ride to church in their new car, to be faced with a "horse and buggy" organization, administration and ministry. Either we meet the challenge and provide for them organizations and administration consistent with their need or else we will lose them. This

explains, to a great degree, the presence of so many Free Will Baptist people being in the churches of other denominations—we have failed them!

2. *"Growing Pains"*. There is yet another side to this "mountain" with which we are dealing. In addition to the restless spirit caused by a shifting from the old to the new, there is the factor of growth or "growing pains", as I have called it. Free Will Baptists are growing, locally and nationally, even internationally! We are no longer a "minor Baptist group." We have passed from the former category to our rightful place among the major denominations of the world! Growth demands changes in administration and organization. Visualize, if you will, a ten-year-old boy trying to wear the pants he wore when he was eight. As our children grow we put clothing on them consistent with their size. Why don't we do the same thing with our churches and the Lord's work? Why should Free Will Baptists settle for one or two educational institutions? Why should we settle for one publishing house, or for one book store? On the local level our people are asking *why* to all these things. We must give them an answer. What will our answer be? Somehow your writer feels, to answer our people, meet the challenge and the need of our people, we must begin on the local level. Here is where effective church administration comes in. Regardless of what is done in the National Convention when it is in session, it is of absolutely no value unless the local church be organized to meet the need. It is my thinking that we should start at the bottom and go up, not the other way around, therefore let us consider:

III. The Problem of Personnel.

We have heard many pastors lament, "I
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Religious NEWSFRONT

Religion and Politics

LOUISIANA (EP)—A Roman Catholic lost to a Protestant in Louisiana's gubernatorial election January 9. Now politicians are looking more closely at the returns to see what role religion played in the race, and to find a clue as to what may happen to a Catholic candidate for President.

According to *U.S. News & World Report* magazine, Mayor de Lesseps S. Morrison of New Orleans, a Roman Catholic, carried all of the 15 counties in which there was a majority of Catholic voters. He carried only seven of the 49 counties in which there was less than a majority of Catholic voters.

Obscenity Fight Won

RALEIGH, N. C. (EP)—Newsstands in Buncombe and New Hanover Counties in North Carolina are being swept clean of smutty literature as a result of action taken by ministerial groups in those areas.

Magazine stands in Pamlico County are also scheduled to be cleaned up by the ministers.

Sheriffs and citizens committees, and other individuals, are aiding the ministers in the clean-up campaign. Committee members include representatives of churches, schools, PTA groups, civic clubs and public agencies. Local newspapers are also supporting the movement.

The campaign was triggered by ministers in Buncombe County after a North Carolina law was passed prohibiting the sale and delivery of obscene literature. Their efforts are said to have had great influence in spurring other clergymen to action in surrounding areas.

Duty of Deacons

JACKSON, Miss. (EP)—A nine-year-old girl in a Mississippi church, participating in a Baptist Training Union, was asked: "Why were the deacons chosen?"

Her answer almost broke up the meeting. She said: "To take care of the windows and organs."

College Is Film Setting

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (EP)—A new cinemascope entitled "High Time" has picked for its setting the campus of Wake Forest College here. The film, starring singer Bing Crosby, will be filmed in February with a cast including teen-age singer Fabian and actress Carol Linley.

Wake Forest College, a Baptist Institution, was selected "because of the beauty of its

campus and because weather conditions should be better in the South during Feb.," according to 20th Century-Fox. A company of 40 to 50 people, including actors, press agents and technicians, will arrive at the Wake Forest campus around Feb. 1, and will be on location approximately four weeks.

New Youth Paper

REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (EP)—George Santa of the Christian Workers Service Bureau announces publication of *Christian Teens*, an eight-page paper for young people's groups. Publication of the two-color, illustrated paper will begin Feb. 8, and will be issued weekly.

Christian Teens is edited by Roy B. Wolfe, Christian artist-journalist-photographer, who says the format will include inspirational stories, daily teen devotionals, a music column, cartoons and photo features.

CWSB is in its eighth year of publishing youth materials.

Most Faithful

NEW YORK (EP)—A survey conducted by four Lutheran Church bodies showed that members who live farther from church are more regular in their worship attendance than those who live nearer by.

The results of this interesting survey showed that congregations in which more than half of the members resided five or more miles from the church reported an average attendance of 54 per cent of their confirmed members, compared to 45 per cent average attendance in congregations with over half of the membership living within walking distance.

Church Construction

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The Department of Commerce predicts that more than one billion dollars will be spent on church construction in 1960—which would be the first billion-dollar-year in history for the building of religious edifices.

The U.S. Census Bureau shows that \$935,000,000 was spent in 1959, setting a new record.

"New" Sunday School

MOSCOW (EP)—Moscow Radio announces that a new kind of "Sunday school" is appearing in various parts of the USSR. It is described as a "Sunday school of atheistic knowledge," featuring courses by leading scientists.

Kansas Churches on the Move

WICHITA, KANSAS now has three Free Will Baptist churches, all with a full schedule of services. The Westside Church owns a nice brick basement and has a good active membership. The Liberty Church uses a remodeled store building and has a good attendance.

The First Church, 1701 S. Sedgewick, was host recently to a three-day missionary revival, with National Home Missions Director, Rev. Homer E. Willis, as speaker. All three churches, with their pastors, participated in the meeting. The First Church has recently built a lovely new building. The Rev. J. R. Proctor is pastor.

The Kansas City area churches are also moving forward. There are now four churches, all with good buildings. The Raytown and New Hope Churches have recently built new buildings, and the Raytown Church has built a new parsonage. There is a mission at the Skyline Community Center, which is operated by Rev. Elmer D. Russell, who is a Free Will Baptist minister.

The First Church in Kansas City was host recently to a Home Missions rally with Rev. Homer E. Willis as speaker. All the churches took part in the service. Rev. Alice

Home News

Dickey, 5504 Appleton, is pastor of First Church.

Other churches, to our knowledge, in Kansas are at Coffeyville and Haddam. The Sunflower State offers a real challenge and opportunity to Free Will Baptists. It is hoped that some of our young men will go to this state and help those who are already working, and that others will go to Kansas as pioneer missionaries.

Looking on the Fields

REV. TED GREEN, pastor at Morehead, Kentucky, conducted a revival meeting at the new mission in Louisville, Kentucky, February 14-21. The mission is located at 2717 Montana. The Rev. Glen Thomas is pastor. . . . REV. CHILDERS, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church at Street, Maryland, conducted revival services at the new mission in Baltimore February 7-14. Those interested in this new work should contact Mrs. Stanley Fortner, 12 East Hickman Road, Baltimore 20, Maryland. Missionary Kenneth Walker was with the church for services on February 20. . . . Any Free Will Baptist people living in Salt Lake

City, Utah, should contact REV. EMERALD ROE. He would like to begin a church. His address is 764 S. 2nd, Apartment 5. Brother Roe is formerly from Portsmouth, Ohio. . . . The church in Atlanta, Georgia continues to grow under the leadership of REV. J. R. DAVIDSON and the sponsorship of the Georgia State Missions Board. Those desiring to contact the Atlanta church may write Brother Davidson at 52 Uinson Drive, S. E., Atlanta 11. . . . Please send names and addresses of any Free Will Baptist people living in the state of Washington to: REV. J. J. POSTLEWAITE, missionary, 645 Highline Drive, East Wenatchee. For those living in Oregon write: REV. VIRGIL FLORENCE, pastor, 3529 Onyx Avenue, Klamath Falls. For those living in Hawaii contact: REV. LUTHER SANDERS, missionary, P. O. Box 1201, Waipahu. . . . Those with knowledge of Free Will Baptists living in Alaska should contact Missionary LEE WHALEY, P. O. Box 277, Anchorage. For those living in the New England States write: Missionary MACK OWENS, 225 Main Street, Littleton, New Hampshire. . . . The address of REV. KENNETH WALKER, missionary to Washington, D. C., is 4471 MacArthur Blvd., N. W.

Missions Flash

What's Happening in Anchorage

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley write: "Our work looks more promising than ever before. Yesterday (January 31) was the best day we have ever had. I believe it was the best spiritual service I have had. Praise the Lord. We had the largest attendance ever

"Our radio broadcast Sunday morning at 7:45 is a blessing to the work. We baptized three members last month. Our Ladies' Auxiliary and Master's Men, each has an enrollment of twelve.

"We are experiencing a heartfelt revival in our church and among our people. Rev. Roy Rickard and Rev. Travis Huffman will be with us for a revival in March. Please pray for this meeting.

"We are working on the church and now have the steeple and cross up. Hope to have everything completed for the revival. We hope to dedicate the church on our second anniversary, which will be the third Sunday in May.

"We still have need of building fund money, but the Lord has been gracious to provide for us this far."

A Complex Task

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would like to set up a better organization, but I just don't have anyone to do it." This statement reflects a certain weakness in the pastor—he obviously is not a teacher. Your people will go no further, rise no higher, do no more than you teach them! Most every Free Will Baptist Church has a strong pulpit ministry. That is, when it comes to preaching, Free Will Baptist preachers are just about the best in the world, are they not? Yet, when it comes to teaching and leadership we reflect a certain weakness. As a preacher and pastor, I hate to admit the following, but it is true, "Our churches are what they are because of what we are." Therefore, preachers, let us "take heed unto ourselves and to the flock of God."

A problem that will be faced early when we attempt to set up a more effective organization is that of:

1. The "Old" members and the "New."

It is indeed sad that church members are thus catalogued, but they are. Therefore, we must be aware of this and do everything in our power to keep harmony in the household of faith. As a rule, it is wise to use mostly "old" members in the basic organization. This is not because they are to be petted or honored more than the so called "new" members; but as a rule are more capable of doing the job well. At the same time we must not overlook the new members and their potential. It is up to us to develop them for leaders, and when they are ready for leadership, see to it that they are given an opportunity to serve. Sometimes we are very foolish in ordaining a "novice" to the office of a deacon, or placing a new convert in the position of a Sunday School teacher. Such practices are almost always hurtful either to the program of the church or to the person themselves. Another thing to consider in the matter of personnel as it relates to the "old" and "new" is the matter of jealousy. Many times the older members are outright jealous of the new ones if the new ones are given positions formerly held by them. Jealousy is dangerous in a church just as it is anywhere else—or more so. The entire program of the church should be so thoroughly sold to the members of the congregation that such a spirit will not exist. The program of Christ and the

denomination should be constantly drilled into the minds of our people. The philosophy, "It matters little who does the work but that the work is well done is the essential thing" will work well here; but our people must be taught.

2. Spiritual, Moral and Academic Considerations.

There are many things to be considered in the matter of personnel for an organization; but for our purpose, three seem to be essential. They are: (1) Spiritual, (2) Moral and (3) Academic.

(1) Spiritual. Make certain the person to be used in a certain position is a born-again person. But how can one be sure? By their lives, attitudes and fruit: "By their fruits ye shall know them." How sad indeed is the situation when an unregenerate person teaches our boys and girls—yet it does happen.

(2) Moral. Just about all the gates and fences of our moral code have been let down in our day. A great Christian principle is involved here. The New Testament speaks out clear and plain against immorality. Although our organizations and administration must change to fit the demands of the time, our code of doctrine must not change. Methods must change, principles do not change is what I mean to say. Your writer questions the rightness of a person who takes an occasional drink to be a leader in a church. He further questions the use of tobacco, the overuse of make-up among women, the attendance of dances and other questionable practices being tolerated among those who are our church leaders—but such is often tolerated.

(3) Academic. Before placing a person in a position of leadership, his or her academic standing should be considered. Some positions in the church do not demand as much academic training as others. This is a thing that must be carefully weighed to determine the fitness of the person for the position. Here is where a nominating committee is of great value in the selection of the officers and leaders of the church.

Our task is, indeed, a complex one. There are many angles to consider but we must face them and do something about them. Next month we will consider "Perfecting a Master Plan". We will offer suggestions as to an efficient church organization and administration at that time.

Are You Interested?

Several of our people have expressed interest in chartering a plane out of Nashville for the trip to Fresno, California, and the National Association this summer. Would you be interested in a seat on this plane? If we can fill an 80 passenger plane, the round-trip price would be approximately \$160.00. This is about \$60 to \$70 less than the regular price on a scheduled flight. Provision will be made to park your car in Nashville if you wish to drive to this point. If there is sufficient interest, we will plan to charter the plane. Your letter of interest will hold your seat on the plane if one in chartered.

Send Your Letters to—

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
3801 Richland Ave.
Nashville 5, Tenn.

CUBA

AS I SAW IT

AMERICANS ARE being sold a bill of goods concerning Cuba. The propaganda appearing in many American newspapers recently would make one think that it is dangerous for an American to walk on the streets of any of the Cuban cities. Such is not true. I know because I have just returned from three weeks there.

I am not an expert on foreign affairs, simply a layman when it comes to such. But I am sure that American and Cuban relations and the feelings of both our peoples could be bettered with just a little more effort on behalf of our government and a little less sensationalism created by some of our newspapers and their reporters.

Take for example the Miami, Florida reporter who was recently expelled from Cuba and then followed up his expulsion with a series of syndicated articles which did no earthly good but only worsened relations and the general feelings of our people toward Cuba. This reporter actually got exactly what he deserved.

Imagine a reporter from a Cuban newspaper coming to the United States to interview a criminal accused of plotting to overthrow our government. This criminal is in jail but he escapes and the reporter finds him hiding in a hotel. After his interview, the reporter goes to the corner drug store to obtain medicine and bandages to assist this criminal who was injured in his escape. Do we for one moment think that our government would smile upon this foreign reporter and simply bid him bon voyage on his way back to his own country. Let's not kid ourselves, we would not. And so I repeat, this American reporter got exactly what he deserved and then got a lucky break.

On January 8, I sat in the very court in Pinar del Rio in which both Young and Buchanan were tried. I listened as about thirty Cubans were being tried for counter-

Louis Moulton

revolutionary activities. Some of them were convicted, some were released. They were represented by counsel, they had freedom of speech, they had an open court trial. I saw no "punk teen-age soldiers" bullying them around. There were soldiers all right, plenty of them, with pistols, automatic rifles and machine guns. Between the individual trials we talked with some of the defense lawyers. We discovered that there is a lot more freedom and justice than we had been led to believe. Our court visit was not planned, no one knew we were coming, there was nothing staged for our benefit, we just dropped in.

During the Christmas season I read where Cuba was having no Santa Claus celebration this year. The inference was that conditions were such that the people had no heart for any celebration. I found just the opposite to be true. There were Christmas trees everywhere and the stores and store windows reflected the atmosphere of the season. Streets were criss-crossed with banners and decorations. To say they had no Santa Claus celebration is partially true because instead of Santa Claus the Cubans observe the night of the Kings. The Kings bring the toys and gifts instead of Santa Claus. Their observance is based on the story of the Wise Men who brought gifts to Jesus that first Christmas and is actually more biblical than our Santa Claus myth.

On the night of the Kings the downtown section of Pinar del Rio was closed to traffic (similar to our halloween celebration) and thousands of people filled the streets. Up and down they walked blowing whistles, exchanging greetings, and generally making merry. On the sidewalks scores of toy vendors and gift sellers had set up shop. After parading the streets with them for a while, my friends and I stopped at one side

to watch. Seeing my enjoyment at watching the scores of thousands in their merry-making a man stopped and said to me, "This is Cuba libre!" Free Cuba he was saying and he believed it.

During the nearly three weeks of my visit I was in the cities of Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas and the smaller towns of San Juan, San Jose, Guines, and many others. I walked the streets, frequented the shops, the restaurants, the churches, and nowhere saw any anti-American feeling. There was no spitting, no "go home yankee" demonstrations, nothing but friendliness and cordiality in every place.

The Cubans point with pride to the fact that they have at long last an honest government. Since to them there is such a difference in Castro and Batista they simply cannot understand why our government is not more understanding and friendly. They point to the fact that the United States was friendly to Batista, a dictator. The Cubans say that not only was Batista a dictator but he was a butcher, a fiend, a murderer.

It was not an uncommon sight under Batista to find a body or several bodies hanging from a tree having been hanged by Batista's henchmen on the slightest pretense of suspicion. Usually those hanged would be found with their stomachs ripped open and their intestines hanging out as a warning to any who might oppose the dictator's reign.

I passed a monument in the Pinar Province erected to three young men who happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time and witnessed a Batista atrocity. They paid with their lives and were left ripped and hanging from a tree. When these boys did not return home the father went to the police station to inquire about them. He was told that the police knew nothing about his sons. Later when they were found the father took his fourth son to police headquarters and said, "You've murdered three of them. Do you want my fourth one also?" Sneeringly he was told that the police were satisfied.

Rev. Moulton is Promotional Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. He wrote this article after a recent three week visit to the Island of Cuba.

A young girl was dragged from her home in the middle of the night suspected of giving aid to the rebels. After several hours of questioning by Batista's men, she was thrown into a cell with ten or twelve big burly men who were known criminals. She came out almost a raving maniac having to have several operations on various parts of her body.

The Cubans have not forgotten such as this and they remember that our government was friendly to Batista, the dictator, the murderer, the fiend. They remember that Batista's men would walk into a fruit stand or a store and pick up anything they wanted and walk out without paying. They remember too that one of the first orders issued by Fidel to his men after liberation was that they pay for every article the same as anyone else. They remember the graft, the corruption, the political rottenness under the former regime. Castro has done much to correct the immorality and lift the standards of the people. Gambling has been mostly outlawed, the red light districts closed. This does not mean that gambling does not exist—it does. Neither does it mean that prostitution has ceased. Walking down the streets of Havana we were propositioned twice in three blocks, but the same thing happens in the states.

To be sure there are many things to be desired in the present Cuban setup. There are many difficulties and problems to be worked out. There is much to be desired by the Cuban himself. There are many of the Cubans who are not happy about the trend toward Communism appearing in certain actions and decisions of their government. It is a known fact in Cuba that the head of the banking system, along with Fidel's brother Raul, has definite Communistic leanings.

The new agrarian reform wherein much of the land is being taken from certain landowners and distributed among the poor is being lauded by the poor. The same reform is being frowned upon by many who are not necessarily landowners or affected thereby. Many industries including some hotels and private businesses are being "intervened" by the government. They may or they may not be returned to those who own and operate them. There are some who even though they are behind Fidel in their support feel that perhaps the job is too big for him.

Many incidents are being magnified even in the Cuban newspapers. I was in the town just out of which the recent fire bombs were dropped. The newspapers screamed that an American plane had destroyed 800 tons of sugar cane. We found out the very next morning that the bomb did not drop in a cane field but in a corn field. Actually there was very little damage.

I visited the Union Theological Seminary in Matanzas and also talked with Dr. Molena, head of the American Bible Society for Cuba and the entire Caribbean area. These religious leaders say that Cuba is



DALE BURDEN



WESLEY CALVERY

Bible Conference Set April 3-7

SPEAKING AT the 17th annual Bible Conference to be held April 3-7 at Free Will Baptist Bible College will be Rev. Dale Burden, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Wesley Calvery, Waco, Texas; Dr. Monroe Parker, Owatonna, Minnesota; and Rev. John Gamble, Lynchburg, Virginia.

The five-day meeting will emphasize evangelism, Bible preaching, and missions. Special music will be a feature throughout the Conference.

The Reverend Mr. Burden, pastor of the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and earned his master's degree at Columbia Bible College. He served pastorates in South Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas before coming to Nashville last fall.

Representing missionary interests will be Wesley Calvery, missionary on furlough

from Japan. Mr. Calvery, our first missionary to Japan, is also a graduate of the Bible College and is on his first furlough home.

Speaking as an educator, evangelist, and Bible teacher will be Dr. Monroe Parker, president of Pillsbury Conservative Baptist Bible College. Dr. Parker was affiliated for years with Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tennessee, before serving as full-time evangelist. An outstanding Christian leader, Mr. Parker has studied in a number of the nation's leading universities and theological seminaries and holds the Ph.D. degree from Bob Jones University. He has taught in several Bible Colleges and theological seminaries and has had a wide experience in the field of evangelism having conducted more than 400 evangelistic campaigns.

Rounding out the speaking program is Rev. John Gamble, evangelist, whose home is in Lynchburg, Virginia. He has had more than 20 years experience in evangelistic campaigns.

Ministers, Christian workers, and laymen will profit much from this group of speakers.

receptive to the Gospel such as it has never been before. Dr. Molena pointed out to me on the Cuba map areas in the province of Matanzas, Las Villas, and Oriente, which still are without a gospel witness. He says there is a real opportunity for perhaps several American missionary couples who would be willing to pioneer among a pagan people in a pagan land.

What is the answer or how do we solve the problems involving Cuban-American relations? I do not know. I said at the beginning that I am no expert on foreign affairs. I'm just a man in the street. However, since I have seen first-hand the conditions as they exist I would like to see our state department and our President extend hands across the sea in a gesture of real help—not interference—in aiding Cuba become what could be the newest Latin American democracy.

I wonder what would happen if Ambassador Bonsall were to hand Cuba just such a note. I wonder!



MONROE PARKER

What's Your Problem?



LOUIS H. MOULTON

Q. I have been doing a lot of prophetic reading and studying lately. I read in Ezekiel 39 in the prophecy about Russia that God says in verse three that he will smite the bow and arrows out of their hands. Do you think that bow and arrows will again be put to use as war instruments?

A. No, I do not think that these primitive instruments will again be used for war. I think we need to remember that God in speaking through the prophets spoke in the language of their day and left them in the environment of their age or the day in which they lived. The counterpart today would be jets, guided missiles, tanks, bombers, etc.

Q. Do you think there is ever a time when we should quit witnessing or speaking to a person about his soul?

A. There may be. Sometimes we meet a person who, when we talk to them about Jesus, only laugh and sneer and sometimes make them worse than if we had said nothing. This is an example of what Jesus was talking about in Matthew 7:6 when he said, "Give not that which is holy unto dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." Put such a person on your prayer list and talk to God about him, but I think God would have us use our testimony in more productive channels.

Q. Television has become a real issue in our entire association. More and more of our preachers are saying that it is a product of the devil and an instrument of Satan. Some of the members of the church to which I belong have sold their sets, others are mixed up and don't know what to think or do. I'm about to get in that place myself. What to do, that's my problem.

A. This problem is certainly a matter of conscience and conviction to you and to each individual Christian. We do not do certain things or refrain from certain practices simply because someone else does, but because we ourselves have convictions about this thing. Paul did say in 1 Cor. 8:13 that "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh . . . lest I make my brother to offend." But then he also wrote to Timothy in his first epistle, chapter four, that "In the latter times some would give heed to seducing spirits, doctrines of devils,

speaking lies in hypocrisy. . . ." In verse three he said these same people would command others to abstain from meats which God has created to be received with thanksgiving. As for television being an instrument of Satan, the same thing was said of radio when it first appeared. No one will deny that radio has been a real blessing in reaching shut-ins and others with the gospel and many have come to Christ through radio preaching. The same is true of television. I shall not try to sell anyone on TV who has definite convictions against it. However if it is a product or instrument of the devil then God has, and is, using it in many instances in reaching souls through the preaching of the gospel by means of it.

Q. My Pentecostal neighbor says that when Jesus said in John 14:12, "Greater works shall we do than he even did" he was referring to the signs referred to in Mark 16:17, 18. These signs were the casting out of devils, speaking with new tongues, taking up serpents, healing the sick, etc. Do you think this is what Jesus meant?

A. Jesus said in John 14:12, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father." I do not think that this refers to signs, miracles or wonders at all. Jesus had given his disciples and the church the promise of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which occurred in Acts 2. In Acts 1:8 Jesus had promised that, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. . . ." I think Jesus meant in his statement in John 14:12 that greater things than He had done would be done through the church and through His Spirit-filled people. Rather than referring to miracles and signs and wonders which so many even today look for, I think Jesus referred to the power of the Gospel which indeed is the power of God unto salvation which is the real business of the church and every believer today.

Q. Someone told me that they heard you say in a recent sermon that the blood of the Negro was no different than the blood of a white man and that if I had to have a blood transfusion I might be given the blood of a Negro. Is this true?

A. It is true indeed. While donating some blood at the Red Cross Bank in Savannah, Georgia, and again in Nashville, Tennessee, I noticed that blood taken from a Negro was put right alongside mine and I asked if the blood was not kept separate. The nurse and the doctor both said no, that there is no difference in white, Negro, Japanese or any other blood. The Scripture verifies this in Acts 17:26, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth . . ."

Cooperative Receipts Continue to Increase

COOPERATIVE GIVING for the month of January was the highest total in several months. December's receipts were \$300 over those of November and January's receipts climbed even higher with a total of \$4,687.79. This is over \$700 better than the month of December. This fine progress was due to the additional support of several churches and the increase in giving from several of the states. It is hoped that more of our people will choose to support our denominational work through the Cooperative Plan. If your church would like to share through this simple plan, just have the treasurer send a check each month for 10% of the monthly offerings. Your check will be disbursed monthly to all departments of the national association.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY

ALABAMA			
State Association	27.20		
First, Dothan	56.47	83.67	
ARKANSAS			
State Association	265.01		
Phillips Chapel, Springdale	85.00	320.01	
CALIFORNIA			
State Association		400.32	
FLORIDA			
State Association	51.28		
N.E. Florida Union Meeting	2.50	53.78	
GEORGIA			
State Association		216.99	
ILLINOIS			
Johnston City Church	124.50		
Alex Mt. Zion, Olive Branch	42.55		
Oak Grove, Scheller	11.20		
Southern Yearly conference	359.90	538.15	
MISSOURI			
State Association		1,247.65	
NORTH CAROLINA			
Swannanoa Church	85.02		
Goshen, N. Belmont	120.00	205.02	
NEW MEXICO			
First Church, Hobbs	67.15		
Mission, Grants	23.69		
First Association	7.90	98.74	
OKLAHOMA			
State Association		549.16	
TENNESSEE			
Oak Grove, Charlotte	14.07		
Wooddale, Knoxville	34.75		
Ashland City Church	62.18	111.00	
TEXAS			
State Association	725.30		
Trinity Church, Ft. Worth	50.00	775.30	
		4,629.79	

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Tennessee	58.00
	4,687.79

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions	1,311.34
Bible College	925.95
Executive Dept.	1,121.16
Home Missions	671.15
Sunday School Dept.	234.49
League Dept.	145.90
Superannuation Board	138.90
Headquarters Trustees	138.90
	4,687.79

Women at Work

Rose Bud, Arkansas — At the district convention here, Rev. W. C. Day spoke on "What I Saw in Old Mexico" and showed slides of that mission field. It was a very profitable meeting.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas—The Saline District Convention voted to take as a local project for 1960 the task of buying a cook stove for the Youth Camp Kitchen at Conway.

Saffell, Arkansas—An auxiliary was organized here in December with nine members. Officating were Rev. and Mrs. Bob King, Mrs. Hoover Lewis, district president, and Mrs. Preston Coles. Mrs. M. B. Williams was elected president. Mrs. Lewis conducted the installation service and Rev. King prayed the dedicatory prayer.

Savannah, Georgia—The Auxiliary meeting, January 21 was a real success. Since the attendance at the meetings during the past few months had not been what the Auxiliary felt it should be, an attendance drive was inaugurated. The Lucille Tucker Circle won for this month since they had 13 of their 15 members present. The Laura Belle Barnard Circle had 11 out of 17 present, the Mabel Willey Circle had 5 out of 8 present and the very newest June Wilkinson Circle had 3 out of 4 members present. There were 9 visitors present for the meeting. The Auxiliary had the privilege of having Brother Willey present a program on South America and the challenge was great. Each one was stirred to do more for missions in 1960.

The young people of the church will be honored at a Valentine's Day banquet in the dining hall of the Educational Building Saturday evening, February 13. Invitations have gone out to the youth and the response has been good. Mrs. R. B. Hodges is assisting Rev. Reagan in the arrangements and an interesting program has been planned as well as a most tasty and delightful menu.

Northport, Alabama — The Y. P. A. Christmas Banquet was held in the new Educational Building on December 19. Members enjoyed a very interesting and inspiring talk by Mrs. H. Richardson on the birth of Christ. Visitors were Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Hollingshead, pastor and his wife, and the sponsors, Mrs. X. L. Truhett and Mrs. Pete Cicero.

The Y. P. A. is only 3 years old, yet we have a very active organization that helps carry on the church's community work. There are ten girls on the active membership list. We are looking forward to an even greater year for Christ in the Y. P. A.

Newport, Arkansas—The Polk Bayou district auxiliary met at Allen's chapel for their first district convention. Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, on furlough from Japan, were the guest speakers. A total of 65 persons registered for the day. The next convention will be held April 16 at the Newport Free Will Baptist Church.

Newport News, Virginia—The new officers of the Laura Belle Barnard Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church were installed January 4 by the Rev. J. B. Chism. A white candle was held by each woman

to represent a torch of service. The following will serve in the year 1960.

Mrs. W. O. Deuell, President; Mrs. Henry Eubanks, Vice President; Mrs. Les Cooper, Youth Chairman; Mrs. Marvin Little, Personal Service Chairman; Mrs. Jack Turner, Study Course Chairman; Mrs. J. B. Chism, Program Prayer Chairman; Mrs. Lee Warf, Recording Secretary; Mrs. John Simpson, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. John Jones, Treasurer. Mrs. Paul Randlett will serve as Young People's Auxiliary sponsor, and Mrs. Les Cooper and Lee Warf as Go-Tell Auxiliary sponsors.



Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Executive Secretary

Is Your Auxiliary A-B-C?

Dear Co-Laborer:

How is your Auxiliary graded? A-B-C? Maybe you say, "I'm not sure." How do you know if you are A-B-C?

I believe one of the best ways to grade your Auxiliary is through the use of the Standard of Achievement. This standard should be in a very prominent spot in the room where your Auxiliary is meeting. The Corresponding Secretary has the privilege of marking the Standard each month. Do not just mark it in the most simple way, but make the Standard something special. Choose interesting and varied means of marking it attractively. It may be that God would choose an attractively marked Standard to help other ladies of your church to become Auxiliary Members.

How can I make it attractive? Consider Point 1—The Monthly meetings and attendance. In one half of the block for January put your number present and in the other half put a small snow man or a similar picture. In February you might choose to use a small valentine. In March a small lamb or lion would be suitable. For April choose a small picture representing April Showers or some other suitable picture. And on through the year you will

go with a variety of interesting pictures representing each month.

An attractive way to mark your Weeks of Prayer would be to use a picture of an Easter Lily for the week preceding Easter, a small picture of a turkey or of the early settlers may be used for the Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer. Many and varied are the pictures you may choose from to use for the Pre-Christmas week of prayer.

Each phase of the Auxiliary work can be marked effectively through the use of small pictures.

Where may we secure these pictures? Many of them can be found in old magazines and catalogues. Some are found in book stores and some may be found in other stores. The cost is very small but the results are very rich and rewarding. Corresponding Secretary, do a very good job of keeping the Auxiliary informed of the work they are accomplishing. At the close of the year you can very easily tell if you are in A-B or C Auxiliary.

An attractively marked Standard of Achievement Chart can be a challenge for greater service.

This article was prepared by Mrs. Luther Gibson, Assistant Recording Secretary of the National Auxiliary Convention.

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Mrs. Eunice Edwards is pictured above handing the keys of the new Rambler Station Wagon to Rev. Rolla Smith, Director of the Foreign Mission Board. This Station Wagon was purchased by the Young People's Auxiliaries for our missionaries to use when home on furlough.

Host Church

HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—The 15th annual session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists will convene with the Thomas Memorial Church at 522 Buffington Street here in Huntington on June 10-11.

Churches Merge

NORFOLK, V.—The Bethany and Little Creek Churches of this city have voted to merge. This merger is to be completed the first Sunday in March. Rev. Raymond Riggs, pastor of Bethany Church, will serve as pastor.

Land Offered to National

ALMA, GA.—The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists in their annual session voted to give outright a plot of ground consisting of approximately 15 acres to the National Association to be used by the Board of Superannuation as a retirement home for missionaries, pastors, and full-time Christian workers. The property is located south of Cottdondale, Florida; has a

large concrete block building, large tabernacle, and deep well. It was formerly used as a state camp grounds. This matter will be presented to the National Association at its annual convention in Fresno, California, this summer.

Master's Men Active

TUPELO, MISS.—During 1959 the Master's Men of the East Tupelo Church co-sponsored two young men at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Alabama, furnishing clothing, financial help, and a two weeks' vacation. The Master's Men also held a Laymen's revival with a different layman bringing the message at each service. The group covets the prayers of Christians that more will be accomplished in 1960.

Simultaneous Revival

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—The First Mission Association plans a simultaneous revival effort starting on April 3 and continuing through Easter Sunday. There will be approximately 30 churches involved and it is hoped that much good will come from this effort. The pastors and evangelists will get together each day for lunch and prayer.

Starts Summer School

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—Mount Olive College will operate a summer school this year for the first time, President Burkette Raper has announced. The summer session will be under the direction of Dean Michael Pelt and will include courses in Bible, English, History, and Foreign Language. The session will begin June 8 and end July 14 and will afford students an opportunity to earn as many as six semester hours.

Missionary Conference

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Southside and Third Street Free Will Baptist Churches here will have joint missionary conferences beginning

on March 25. All Free Will Baptist people of the area are invited to share in these special services.

Quarterly Meets

BATESVILLE, ARK.—The White River Quarterly Conference met with the Allen Chapel Church here on January 29-30 with a total delegation of 59 from the associated churches. Brother Hoover Lewis and J. W. Roach were in charge of the service Friday evening. Rev. Jimmy Richardson, pastor of Hot Springs Church, gave the message at noon Saturday. Rev. Bob King was elected as moderator to succeed Rev. M. B. Williams retiring moderator, who served faithfully for several years. Resident membership is reported at 859.

Youth Active

TUPELO, MISS.—The youth of East Tupelo Church sponsored Youth Week recently during the week of January 25. The youth had charge of the services and the following spoke during the week: Rae Winders, Anna Jean Marlin, Edith Brooks, Fay Whitaker, and Kathryn Hankins. Rev. Luther Gibson is pastor of the church.

Youth Rally

BRYAN, TEXAS — The Central Texas Youth League Rally was held at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church here on January 30. Supper was served to the out-of-town people who attended. Ned Graham of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is president of the rally. Rev. Wesley Calvery, senior missionary to Japan, brought a very inspiring message to the group. Pine Prairie League brought a bus load and won the attendance banner for the fourth time in a row. The attendance was approximately 200.

New Church Club

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Special emphasis is being made for a thousand members in this state to join the "New Church Club." This group will be called on once each year to give \$10.00 to start a new church building somewhere in the state. This money will be used to help a new church group get into its building program.



On January 31, 1960 a new Free Will Baptist Church was organized in Wilsonville, Alabama, with 24 charter members. Rev. W. H. Ryland, state moderator, is at the right.



The Southside Church of Paintsville, Kentucky, was host in February to the Eastern Kentucky Woman's Auxiliary Convention. This active group has recently sent approximately \$250 worth of drugs to our missionaries in Mexico.

The plan is under the direction of Rev. Paul Inbody, State Home Missions Promotional worker.

Bible Conference Held

SAVANNAH, GA.—The First Free Will Baptist Church here sponsored its first Bible Conference recently with Dr. L. C. Johnson of Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. Charles Menzel of Columbia, South Carolina, as speakers. The church hopes to make this an annual event.

A New Church

WILSONVILLE, ALA.—The Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church was officially or-

ganized here on January 31. Rev. W. H. Ryland, State moderator, was in charge of the service. 18 persons presented themselves to the church for membership as candidates for baptism and 6 came on promise of letters from other churches. Rev. M. C. Isbell of Leeds, Alabama, was called as pastor and Miss Doris Davis was elected clerk of the church. The church is looking forward to a building program. One member has given one-half acre of land as a building site.

Pastoral Changes

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Rev. Eugene Waddell has resigned the First Free Will Baptist

Church of Portsmouth, Virginia. Future plans at this time are indefinite. The Rev. Randy Cox has resigned as pastor of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, S. C. Mr. Cox felt his resignation necessary in order to give more time to the writing of his thesis as he completes his work at Columbia Bible College. Rev. Woodrow Matthews has resigned the pastorate of the First Church in Kirksville, Missouri, to accept the pastorate of the Beacon Church in Kansas City. The Rev. Clarence Burton has accepted the pastorate of the Free Will Baptist Church in Fredricktown, Missouri.

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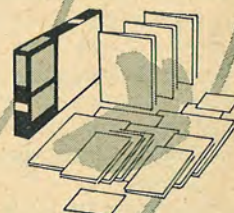
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Preparation for Revival

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and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23). "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:47-48). Can anyone deny that personal visitation was the method Christ used for evangelism?

In the book of Acts the same program continues. "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42). The apostles went from house to house. "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). These were laymen, active in personal soul winning. "I have taught you publicly, and from house to house" (Acts 20:20). This was Paul's method.

In our day the religious groups showing the greatest increase in number use this house to house visitation program. Some of them are cults. They don't have the right message, but they do use the right method. The world's largest churches, which are Independent Baptist in Detroit, Michigan, and Akron, Ohio, practice this same ministry.

The question that comes to your mind is, "How may I get my people concerned about this. How may I secure workers?"

It takes time, patience, prayer, passion, and much hard work to set up, and keep going, a visitation program. You must be a visiting, soul-winning pastor in order to get your people to respond. Don't expect them to do what you don't do. People very seldom respond enthusiastically to the philosophy, "Don't do like I do; do like I say." Many preachers stay busy with unimportant things and go for weeks without winning one soul by personal visitation. Remember you must lead your people.

Hand-pick the workers. Then teach them by observation and practical experience. Study courses do little good, unless students get out on the streets from door to door, and put into practice what they have been taught about winning souls. Keep your workers inspired and keep the enthusiasm up by pushing and preaching personal soul winning repeatedly.

After the workers are ready, the next need is a good list of prospects. This hit-or-miss visitation, with no one in mind, usually misses. If you hunt quails, don't shoot at the covey. You'll not likely touch a feather. Single out a bird, put the gun on him, and pull the trigger. This is also true in visitation evangelism.

Some sources for obtaining prospects are: (1) An area-wide census. The local church should do this before revival starts. Cards should be filled out and filed to be used by those working in visitation. (2) Associates of church members. Let your people fill out cards for others they are concerned about. (3) Visitors' cards. Visitors

in the services should be asked to fill out cards. These plans will give a sizable list of prospects, so the soul winners will have material from which to work.

With the workers and prospects at hand, the actual visitation should begin a week before opening date for the revival. Divide the prospects and territory properly; and with concerted effort, day and night, every unsaved prospect may be contacted before the meetings begin. Every church should have at least one week of nightly visitation prior to the opening service with the evangelist.

From the Bible, observation, and experience, you may be assured without doubt that this is God's plan. He will absolutely approve it by much fruit and a harvest of souls. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).

Publicity

"And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him; and all men did marvel" (Mark 5:20). This was publicity.

There is nothing wrong with advertising revivals for the salvation of souls and the spreading of the gospel. Much good preaching and singing goes to waste for want of a crowd. Sinners will never be saved unless they hear the message. Therefore, one of the greatest problems in evangelistic meetings is getting the unsaved out to the services. A well developed advertising plan can help to successfully solve this problem.

Following is a list of some of the various methods of advertising that may be effectively used in revival campaigns. Any one church may use only a limited number of these methods. Just keep in mind that sufficient investment in advertising pays dividends through the reaping of a greater harvest of souls.

1. Radio or television can reach more people effectively than any other means aside from personal contact. There are three specific ways of doing this. Place the revival announcement on existing gospel programs. Acquire extra time for special evangelistic broadcasts. Use spot announcements all during the day.

2. Newspapers are also effective means for publicity. Good, well-written news articles are usually welcomed by local papers and newsmen. Every revival should have enough human interest material to make good news items. And these are free. Then, there is the purchased display advertisement that may be used. This should be clear, contain all the facts of the meeting, have good eye appeal, and arouse interest. Pictures are much more effective than plain type.

3. Posters and signs are used with good results. These may be in the form of billboards, street banners, display posters for store windows, bumper strips, etc. These should be attractive and different with good eye appeal.

4. Handbills and cards are a popular means for advertising. Literature of this type must be distributed by personal contact. That makes it very effective.

5. The mails may be employed to spread the word of revival. Invitations should be sent to all those on the church mailing list. Individuals may use this to contact those they cannot visit.

6. In many meetings the telephone has proved to be a great aid in the promotion of revival. With proper organization and sufficient workers, it is possible to call every listed telephone in any city. Also, there should be personal calls to acquaintances, relatives, friends, etc.

7. There are several unique and special methods of publicity: (A) Chalk writing on sidewalks and buildings in conspicuous places. (B) Door hanger handbills. (C) Loud-speaker units from autos or sound trucks. (D) Parades and banners on trucks, cars, and transportation vehicles. (E) Aerial bombardment with circulars from airplanes over the city. (F) Special nights for Sunday School, young people, other local organizations. (G) Special delegations sought after and recognized.

8. Beyond all the above, the very best advertising is by means of house-to-house visitation. This has been given in detail previously.

In all these methods the five basic W's of journalism should be presented to the public — WHO — WHAT — WHERE — WHEN — WHY.

Preacher

At the close of this article there is a need to discuss the preacher and his relation to the revival. Let us answer two questions: Whom shall we invite for the meetings? How shall he be provided for? This is not a personal plug nor offer of the author's services for the meetings. The schedule stays full over a year in advance.

The evangelist is important to any revival. He is not only the preacher, but the director of the campaign. Under God the meetings may succeed or fail through his leadership.

The evangelist should be a man of successful evangelistic experience. Many times this may be a pastor. Some of the greatest soul winners in history have been pastors: Charles Spurgeon, T. DeWitt Talmadge, George W. Truett, D. L. Moody, H. A. Ironsides, Oswald J. Smith, etc. This is as it should be. Paul told Timothy, who was a pastor, "Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (II Timothy 4:5). Any pastor who has a fruitful, successful ministry must be evangelistic.

However, this does not mean that every pastor is experienced in actual evangelistic preaching and soul winning. Popularity as a denominational leader or Bible teacher is a poor basis for a revival invitation. Friendship, ministerial politics, and the "You preach mine; I'll preach yours" attitude, hinders the choice of effective evangelists.

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Wants Sample Copies

Dear Brother Melvin:

I have just received my copy of "CONTACT" and I have enjoyed it so much that I would be selfish and most ungrateful if I did not let you know how I have enjoyed it and been blessed in reading it. I believe if I had some sample copies to distribute I might be able to get some interest in reading our national paper.

Yours for the Cause,
J. F. Miller
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Knoxville, Tennessee

Finds Contact Inspiring

Dear Sir:

I am deeply grateful for your letter of notification of the expiration of CONTACT. I look forward eagerly for the paper as the interesting articles are very inspiring and helpful to a young minister.

Sincerely yours,
Charles W. Dunford
Route 1
Thompsonville, Ill.

Appreciates Emphasis

Dear Editor:

I appreciated the emphasis of your January editorial, "Some or All?" and "Will God Pass Us By?" I also enjoy the new features, "Have You Tried This?" and "In the Vineyard."

Sincerely,
Eugene Waddell
1616 Lancing Avenue
Portsmouth, Virginia

personally . . .

A National Association Every Two Years?

For some time now there have been those who have labored in the work of the National Association who have felt that we should give some consideration to the idea of a convention every other year rather than every year as is now the practice. The Executive Committee of the General Board gave serious consideration to this matter in its recent meeting and adopted *for study* the idea of the National Association meeting every two years. The Executive Committee has requested that all the Boards of the National Association and all interested persons, make a study of this idea and share observations and comments with the committee before July 1, 1960.

It was observed by the committee that several factors might be considered in such a change. First, there is the matter of cost. The expense involved for all of our people to come to these conventions is tremendous. Now that we have grown to the point that our National Association may meet anywhere from the East Coast to the West Coast, the matter of expense to our people is becoming more and more of a factor. If the National Association convened on alternate years, then much of the money which is spent to attend the session could be channeled into the actual work of the National Association. There is also the expense to the various Boards of the National Association to be considered. It is, indeed, an expensive item to each one.

Another factor is the matter of time. In a work as large as the National Association, one year is not a very long time. With a National Association every year, all of the agencies of the National have to give a lot of their time to the task of preparation for the actual meeting of the National Association. By projecting their work for two years instead of one year, the extra year would give more time for the actual execution of the plans and thinking of the various boards. This would also bring about more long-range planning, which probably would not be a bad idea. Some who are involved in the work of some of the Boards have commented that they can scarcely get ready for one National Association but what it is time to get ready for the next. A meeting of the National Association every other year would eliminate some of this pressure.

One final factor will be mentioned here. Such an arrangement would possibly give some of the other national meetings a better attendance. The National League Board, for example, sponsors a National League Conference. Perhaps if these conferences were held on alternate years with the National Association, more people could and would attend. At some later date, the Sunday School Board may be interested in some type of national or regional meeting. It would have a better chance to succeed and meet a need if there were not the pressures of a yearly National Association.

But, on the other hand, there are other things to be considered. Could we successfully gear into this type of procedure? Would our National Boards care to operate this long without a report to the people? And, would our people be reluctant to give up the opportunity to see one another and fellowship together? Surely, these are questions to be asked and answered. What do you think? The Executive Committee is anxious for you to share in this study. Give it some careful thought and let us hear from you.

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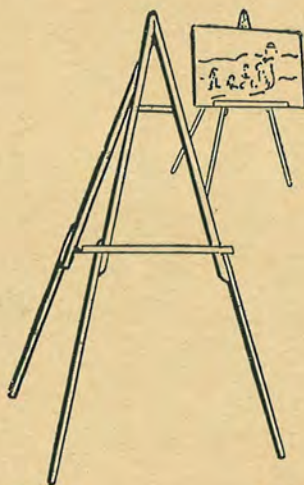
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by Robert Hill

THE WISE PASTOR will utilize the efforts of every individual member in the church. It is pathetic to see a very few doing all the work in the church, but this situation is true in most of our churches. All responsibilities, all activities, and every minute position in the church is usually performed by a faithful few.

Why does this situation exist? If a person is interested enough to become a member of our church, surely he is also interested enough in carrying out a part of its responsibility. Perhaps it is due to the fact that the pastor has not been careful to find some assignment for every member.

Choose one month in the near future as "Assignment Month." Every member of the church will be given a mid-week assignment to fulfill before the next Sunday. These assignments will take only a few minutes to complete, but they will inspire each worker and initiate him into Christian service.

Several different assignments should be mimeographed on small cards approximately 2½ x 4 or 3 x 5 inches. You could type several different assignments on one stencil and then run them off on a cover stock paper. Each assignment could then be cut from the finished sheet and be ready for distribution on Sunday.

There is no end to the many assignments that could be given. Yet, with several people in the church working on these projects, the results would be tremendous. If possible, each member should receive a different assignment each week of the project.

Each assignment card should start with, "Serving the Lord should be foremost in our daily lives, therefore, your assignment for this week will be:" Some suggested assignments are:—to invite at least three new people to your Sunday School class,—to get the names of two absentees from the class secretary and call them by phone,—to contact one delinquent member of your Sunday School class,—to call your nearest relatives and invite them to church this Sunday,—to bring someone with you to prayer meeting this Wednesday night,—to visit in one of our new member's home where you have not previously visited,—to pray for your teacher each morning at ten o'clock,—to send a greeting card to a shut-in or sick member,—to mail at least three postal cards to absentees,—to pray for your pastor each morning at ten o'clock.

Preparation for Revival

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Under God, the church should pray and call a man who has a passion for souls, whose life is clean and Spirit-filled, who is true to the fundamentals of the Christian faith, who has experience in evangelistic preaching, and who is a proven soul winner. Whether this man is classed professionally as a pastor or evangelist makes no difference.

How shall we provide for this preacher? Most churches make provision for the evangelist's lodging and meals. Some do this in a hotel and restaurant. Others make plans in private homes. There are advantages and disadvantages in each.

The hotel gives more privacy and time for prayer and study; but it can be very lonely and lead to unnecessary temptations.

This evangelist prefers and is usually cared for in private homes. The only request is that the room be nice with a moderate amount of privacy. Meals are usually taken in the homes of church members. This gives opportunity to visit, but can be very strenuous if they serve two full meals each day. One full course meal is sufficient, the other should be very light.

The preacher always needs some time to rest, pray, and study in preparation for the night service. Evangelistic calls in an effort to win souls are important, but the evangelist should not be worked down making insignificant visits.

Financial provision is also important. Most pastors have some understanding about this before they accept a church. Most evangelists take meetings on a free-will-offering basis.

When the church makes its gift to the evangelist, these things should be kept in mind. Traveling expense should be covered. In 1959, this preacher spent \$120 to travel to one church, received \$100 for the meeting and could have taken a vacation and saved money.

Living expenses should be covered. Remember that full-time evangelists have no regular salary from a church, no furnished parsonage, no paid vacations, no expense paid trips to conventions, no sick leave with pay, and no time off to be home with their family unless some church gives them enough money for one week to live for two.

God has always met all the needs of this writer. But there are many fellows who tried to stay in this ministry of full-time evangelism and were starved out.

Revivals aren't expensive. One tither gained in revival, who earns \$50 a week, will pay the church \$260 in one year. Some of this could make provision for the livelihood of evangelists.

In this brief article all phases of preparation have not been discussed. From those which have, may some good come. With proper ground work before the meetings, may the Lord give us more abundant harvests of fruit in the salvation of many souls.

Family Plan Increasing

SIX NEW CHURCHES this month were added to our list of churches which subscribe to the "Church Family Plan." They were the First Free Will Baptist Church of Margate, Florida; the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Illinois; the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico; the Fairborn Free Will Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio; the New Free Will Baptist Church of West Jefferson, Ohio; and the West Dayton Free Will Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. We welcome these fine churches to our growing list of "Church Family Plan" subscribers.

Next month will be a special Foreign Missions issue of CONTACT. It will be filled with special, up-to-the-minute articles written by our missionaries and men in our church who know missions. We dare to predict that this will be one of the finest issues ever of CONTACT.

Pastors, your people should receive this issue and every issue of our national paper. You can make this possible by leading your church to adopt the "Church Family Plan." Do it now so they will not miss out on all the fine issues to come. Your people will not only enjoy the different articles, but will be better informed members of the church. Directions for enrolling your church in the "Church Family Plan" are given below.

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