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Our present-day National Association was organized at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1935. Pictured below are most of the ministers present at that session.



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Revealed in History

A significant milestone in the history of the Free Will Baptist Church will be reached next month. We have the opportunity of sharing in the 25th session of our National Association.

It has not been an easy way to this present hour. With extensive losses as a result of the merger consummated in 1910 with the Northern Baptists (American Baptists), only by the toil and sacrifice of faithful men of God through these intervening years do we have the progress recorded by history.

To review the work of our National Association since that first simple meeting at Cofer's Chapel Church in Nashville, Tennessee, during November of 1935, is to thrill and glory in the goodness and blessing of our Heavenly Father.

Any review of the past, however, will also reveal limitations and failures. Let us not hurriedly pass over these, for here we can find help in planning for the future.

For example, we should take into consideration the need present in the church today for a more faithful stewardship. Our history reveals that we have failed in presenting stewardship responsibility to our people. This fact is reflected in every area of our work whether it be on the state or national level.

Another need revealed by our history is a deeper appreciation for the ministry of the Sunday school. Can anyone deny that in most instances our Sunday Schools are completely outdated? We know very little of graded classes, graded literature, teacher training, pupil-centered teaching, and adequate records.

Can we be satisfied to go year after year without a National Sunday School Convention where interest and concern for the Sunday School can be created and where our teachers and officers can share together in times of training?

Several other needs might be mentioned in a review of the past, but one final need must suffice here. This need lies in the area of printing better literature, publications, and books which may be used effectively in the local church for the purpose of teaching, training, and indoctrination. The false sects of America realized the value of such publications years ago and are presently spending thousands and thousands of dollars every year to tell their story through attractive pieces of literature.

We need not wonder why our people can move out of the home community and so easily unite with another church of conflicting doctrine when we have been unwilling to produce and provide the literature necessary to thoroughly indoctrinate them in the doctrines of the church. As we face the future, let's not deceive ourselves. If our people are to be rooted and grounded in the doctrines of our church, we must teach them—no one else will!

As we gather for our 25th National Association on July 11-13, we will have the opportunity to face up to these and other needs that are present in the church. May God help us to do it and get on with the job He has given us to do.

What Does It Mean?

It has been my experience that few people understand the true meaning and significance of our denominational name—Free Will Baptist.

Some have the idea that the term "free will" means that we believe in doing as we please. Then some attach the term "free will" to the idea of giving. They say a Free Will Baptist is at liberty to give or not to give to the support of God's work. Still others view the term "free will" as indication that we are a very liberal group. Newspaper reporters are perhaps the most guilty of this. But none of these interpretations reveal the true significance of our name.

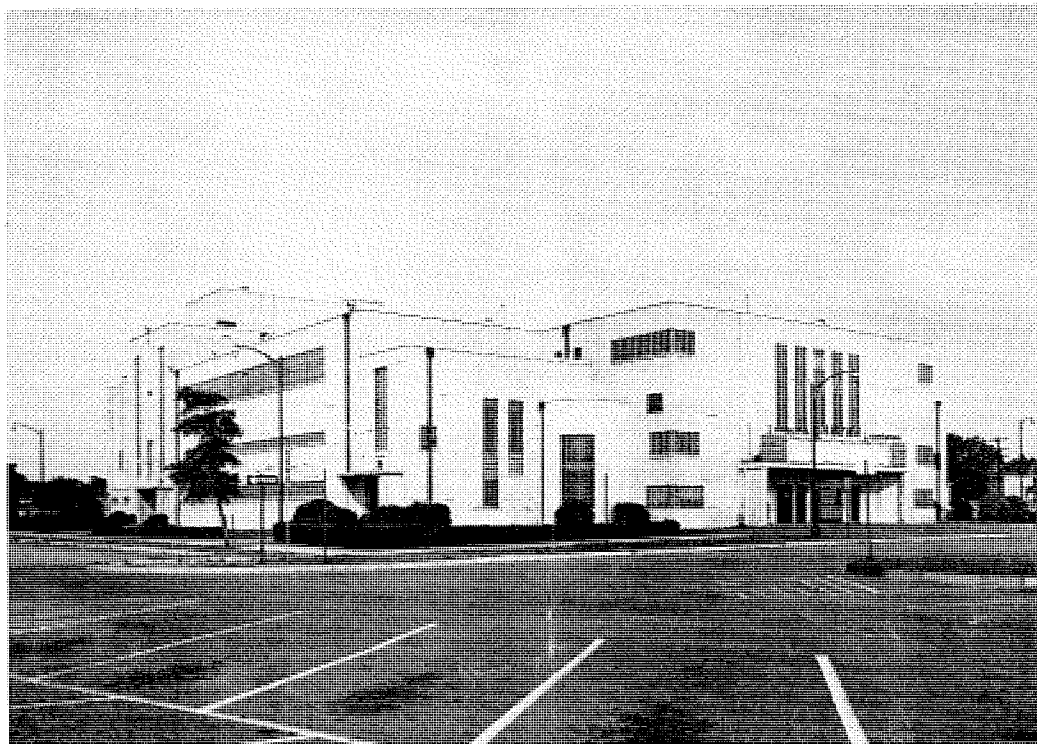
What, then, does the name mean? The name comes out of our history. It actually is a name given to us and not a name which was chosen.

In the 1700's a man named Benjamin Randall in the state of New Hampshire began to preach a "whosoever will" gospel. Through his study of God's Word, he became convinced that "Christ died for every man" and this he preached with great conviction and power. This was, of course, the doctrine of unlimited atonement and was in sharp contrast to the predominate Calvinistic doctrine of his day which emphasized predestination and a limited atonement.

As a result of his preaching, Randall was brought to trial and separated from the church. He continued to preach, however, and his message was gladly received by the people. Soon churches were established and other preachers were proclaiming the "whosoever will" of the gospel.

Those of opposite persuasion often referred to Randall and his followers as "free-willers"—those who believed that Christ died for every man and that a man of his own volition could approach a holy God seeking salvation from his sin. By this usage the name stuck, and as the church began to move out in its ministry, it became known as the Free Will Baptist denomination. Thus we have the name today—Free Will Baptist.

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA—JULY 11-13

Our Silver Anniversary—Share With Us

THE VIRGINIA STATE Association of Free Will Baptists will be host to the 25th session of the National Association. The city of Norfolk has been designated as convention city. All business sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium with the Golden Triangle Hotel serving as the Headquarters hotel.

Ministers, delegates, and visitors to the association are urged to write early for their reservations. This is very important since July is the tourist season for Tidewater Virginia. All hotel and motel facilities are subject to be crowded.

If at all possible, we would urge our people to stay at the Golden Triangle Hotel or Motel. Some of the meetings in connection with our National Association will be held here, there is free parking, it is convenient to the Municipal Auditorium, with children under 12 free.

Do not delay further. Make your reservations immediately.

Hotels and Motels

GOLDEN TRIANGLE—Headquarters Hotel—
(Three blocks from Auditorium.)

Monticello and Brambleton Avenues
Singles—\$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00; Doubles—
\$12.00, \$14.00, \$16.00 (All doubles can accommodate four people.) Example of double accommodations. Using the \$14.00 double, two others may stay for \$4.00 making a total of \$18.00 to be divided four ways or \$4.50 per person. An additional person may stay in a double for only \$2.00 T.V., Radio, Air Condition. Free Parking. Children under 12 free.

MONTICELLO HOTEL—(Approximately 16 blocks from the Auditorium.)

116 E. City Hall Avenue
Singles—\$6.00, \$7.50; Doubles—\$9.50, \$10.50;
Twin Beds—\$11.50, \$12.50. T.V., Radio, Garage Parking. Air Condition.

COMMODORE MAURY HOTEL—(Approximately 8 blocks from the Auditorium.)

Granby and Freemason Streets
Singles—\$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00; Doubles—\$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00, T.V., Radio, Parking \$1 per day.

CAVALIER MOTEL—(Approximately 15 minutes from the Auditorium.)

1125 S. Military Highway
Singles—\$6.00; Doubles—\$8.00, \$9.00 with two beds. T.V., Radio, Air Condition.

COUNTRY CLUB MOTEL—(Approximately 15 minutes from Auditorium.)

235 Military Highway
Singles—\$9.00; Doubles—\$12.00. T.V., Radio, Air Condition.

DELMAR MOTEL—(Approximately two miles from Auditorium.)

5578 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Singles—\$6.00; Doubles—\$8.00 to \$10.00. T.V., Air Condition.

EL RANCHO MOTEL—(Approximately four miles from Auditorium.)

800 N. Military Highway
Singles—\$7.00; Doubles—\$9.00. T.V., Air Condition.

HACIENDA MOTEL—(Approximately 15 minutes from Auditorium.)

525 N. Military Highway
Singles—\$8.00 to \$10.00; Doubles—\$10.00 to \$12.00. T.V., Air Condition.

WAYSIDE MOTEL—(Approximately 15 minutes from Auditorium.)

220 S. Military Highway
Singles—\$8.00; Doubles—\$10.00



Loyalty to the

To absent oneself from the church is to strike a crippling blow to the spiritual life of the body. It is in fact an open display of unconcern for souls which grope in sin.

“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth.” (Luke 11:23).

THERE ARE MANY seeds planted in the ground that never come up. There is a great deal of fruit on the trees that never comes to ripeness. So among Christians there is a great deal of good that always remains incomplete and inadequate. Who of us has not seen such? They have some faith, some religion, but they bring no fruit to perfection. Now what is the blight that destroys all their goodness? It is slothfulness, negligence, tepidity—call it what you will. Religion influences them, but does not control them. They do not reject it, but they do not obey it, at least consistently and in principle. They are lan-

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guid Christians. They are not the worst, but they are not good. They seek with eagerness the pleasures of the world, and make no conscience of avoiding smaller sins, even when wilful and deliberate. They neglect prayer, church attendance, and wilful service, or approach them carelessly. They allow themselves a close familiarity with evil, dally with temptation, and now and then fall into grave sin. So they go through life, conscious that they are living an unsatisfactory life, but making no vigorous effort to better it.

Webster defines loyalty as implying a close personal relationship that is steadfast even in temptation to renounce or ignore it. It is faithfulness to that to which one is bound by pledge or duty, also it is faithfulness to the lawful government or to the Sovereign to whom one is subject. He defines the church as a body of believers

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Church

having the same creed, rites, ect.—a denomination.

To fail in being loyal to our Church displeases God as we fail to fulfil the end for which we were created. What is the end for which God created us? Certainly it is not for ourselves, for before God created us we were not, and could not have been the end for which He made us. He made us for Himself, for his glory. We are bound, then, to love and serve God, and we are bound to do it with loyalty.

Every worthy person must have in him a certain power of resistance, a quality that makes it able to withstand hardship for the sake of an ideal or a cause. It is easy enough to be heroic when it costs nothing of effort or sacrifice. There is no trouble in securing supporters for a cause that is popular, or workers when the work called for is interesting and attractive. We

are all willing to stand for the right if to stand is agreeable and exhilarating, and does not bring us too much of unpleasantness, pain or suffering.

But life at its best and noblest does involve some hardship. Much that is best in human experience has come to us through hardship, toil, and suffering cheerfully endured by heroic souls who counted their own lives as nothing so that the cause to which they gave themselves might win. The comforts, freedom, and opportunities we enjoy someone paid for, bought with endless effort and sacrifice. Our very religion, the symbol of life, gladness and salvation, has as its background, tragedy, suffering, death, the cross.

The quality that makes us willing to endure and resist for the sake of a cause or an ideal we call *loyalty*. The high value set upon it is seen in the fact that loyalty is the first test required of citizenship; it is a quality admired and praised among all peoples in all relations of life; it is the quality we demand and prize in our friends and associates. On the other hand, disloyalty to country, friends, or trust is universally looked upon as despicable, and punished with contempt, scorn, and hatred.

Loyalty to the Church by Attendance

The trend in American churches is to attend the morning worship service and retain the rest of the day for personal pleasures. However, in God's word we find the admonition to "Remember the sabbath to keep it holy". God intended for us to be faithful in the charge he has given us, and to strive to attain a greater loyalty to our church, day by day. The attendance is important because it brings us into direct communion with God, and gives us the fellowship with God's people which is necessary to Christian development. When members of the church begin to love the church in the respect which Christ has admonished, they will find that attendance comes with eager anticipation, for when something is loved with a deep concern we will have a desire to be near and be one who will participate in all the functions.

To absent oneself from the church is to strike a crippling blow to the spiritual life of the body, it is in fact, an open display of unconcern for the lost souls which grope in the darkness of sin around us.

The total church program must be encouraged by every member. Too many of us attend the things which especially appeal to us or those things in which we receive a special recognition or are given a place of authority, and leave the rest of the church program to be carried on by other members of the church, now if we are to love the church in the sense that was commanded by Christ we will have a devotion which will carry us to every service of the church.

By church attendance we grow in the grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus

Christ. The church is especially constructed for the purpose of worship and is a place conducive to fellowship with God. Free Will Baptists are facing an uneasy future and mixing with a generation which knows little or nothing about a living Christ. Will you be one who is loyal enough to bear a testimony to the world that the Lord Jesus Christ comes first in your desire and thoughts?

Loyalty to the Mission of the Church

"Thou are careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful." (Luke 10:41, 42).

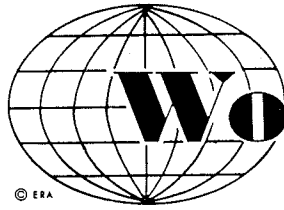
If I should ask each reader what your business is, each one, in your mind, would answer with your occupation. Some would answer farming, teaching, mechanic, or minister, or any number of things that we consider to be so important in our lives. But I would answer these are not your business, for the Lord of Heaven has given you the business of soul winning, wherever man is, whatever his position, whatever his age, he has but one business on earth, and that is soul winning.

As Jesus Christ died to secure salvation for our souls, we ought to take advantage of the opportunities confronting us. Everyone feels that it would be a wasted life for a man to give his time to writing letters in the sand, or in chasing butterflies from flower to flower, because these occupations are in themselves vain and profitless. Again, anyone would feel it unreasonable, for the father of a family to go on a pleasure trip at the very moment his presence was necessary to avoid some disaster that threatened his family; not because it was wrong to take a pleasure trip, but because a higher obligation was then present. Now, applying these principles to our spiritual welfare, I say that we are obligated to give our utmost care and attention to the work of the salvation of the souls of men, because this work deserves and urgently requires your utmost care and attention.

I do not speak as the world speaks to you, for the world tells you that your business here is to get gain, to build a house, to rear a family, to leave a name, to enjoy yourself. I say your business is to seek the grace of God and secure a refuge for your soul, and become an ardent personal evangelist for Jesus Christ, before the storm clouds of God's fury and wrath lash this feeble world. The world says, "Seek friends, fall in with society, be popular, do as others, do, and after you have established yourself, mix in a little religion." God's word says, "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Fathers, mothers, you are all engaged in the same enterprise. God has entrusted to each one of you a soul. You cannot avoid this responsibility or give it to another. This is your charge while here on this

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Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS



Signing the statement of faith during the installation of officers at the recent NAE convention in Grand Rapids is Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Other officers of the NAE are (from left to right) Dr. George L. Ford, executive director; Dr. Robert A. Cook, first vice-president; Dr. Jared F. Gerig, second vice-president; Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, secretary; Dr. Paul P. Petticord, program chairman; Seth Rohrer, finance committee chairman. Presiding at the right is Dr. Stephen W. Paine, a former NAE president and president of Houghton College.

To Make Debut

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The first U. S. Peace Corps contingent, numbering some 100 volunteers, will be sent to Africa and South America by late summer. R. Sargent Shriver, the corps director, says that one Africa-bound group of 50 will consist of men only. The other, working in South America, will include some women. Specific countries to be aided will be disclosed shortly.

Volunteers will have some three to six months of training before they depart. The plan calls for them to stay abroad for at least 18 months helping natives improve basic skills to raise living standards.

Wycliffe Announces Summer Institute

SANTA ANA, Calif. (EP)—The Summer Institute of Linguistics, scientific arm of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., announces a training program open for prospective missionaries and missionaries home on furlough at summer sessions affiliated with the Universities of Oklahoma and

North Dakota (June 12-August 25) and Washington (June 19-August 25). College, university and Bible school students may qualify.

The Summer Institute of Linguistics to date has provided linguistic training for over 5,000 potential linguists during the past 25 years, with trainees now numbered among over 50 missionary organizations.

Only One Minister

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—The wife of a minister must give her husband all possible help, but must never forget that there is only one minister in the family.

This advice is contained in a new book, *The Care and Feeding of Ministers*, written by a Minneapolis woman, Kathleen Neil Nyberg, and published by Abingdon Press.

Mrs. Nyberg, wife of the minister of Lake Harriet Methodist Church, writes from her own personal experiences. A minister "needs a warm home life to shelter him from the chill blasts of excessive demands upon his time and energy," Mrs. Nyberg declared. "Many of these demands have an

aura of excitement and challenge about them. . . . Learning to sift the important from the trivial is an absolute necessity for a minister. . . . Wives can help by giving their own undivided attention to home and husband. . . "

Clergyman Returns Check

IRVING, Tex. (EP)—Protesting what he calls a "dangerous trend toward the welfare state," the Rev. Ira Gallaway, pastor of the Kirkwood Methodist Church here, gave back to the government four Veterans' Administration checks, endorsed to the U. S. Treasury, via Rep. Olin E. Teague (Dem.-Tex.), chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. He asked that all further VA disability payments and VA life insurance dividends be stopped. One check was a \$39 life insurance dividend; the others, each for \$14.85 disability compensation. Gallaway received a wrist injury in World War II.

"I've been taking those checks for years, but I became convinced that I don't deserve anything from the government," Gallaway said. He maintained that if the government did not assume so many welfare functions more people would assume their responsibilities themselves.

New "Teaching Pictures" Released

PASADENA, Calif.—A dramatic story of true missionary adventure, illustrated by eight full-color "teaching pictures," has been released by World Vision, Inc. in its ministry of missionary challenge.

Offered free of charge to North American Sunday Schools, the colorful 11 x 14 inch flash pictures graphically illustrate "The Story of a Nail"—the exploits of pioneer Missionary Hubert Mitchell in the steaming jungles of Sumatra.

The teaching aid was developed by Artist Ken Stroman, manager of World Vision's Convention Department, to help teachers of children portray in a better way the true-life adventures of missionaries around the world.

World Vision is a missionary service organization with international headquarters in Pasadena, Calif. Dr. Bob Pierce is founder-president.

Joins E.F.M.A.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—The headquarters office of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association here has announced that the Pocket Testament League of Englewood, New Jersey has become the 51st member of the association.

The Pocket Testament League, which has carried on an effective Scripture distribution and spiritual ministry since 1920, now has 18 overseas representatives. Recent Scripture distribution and evangelistic campaigns by the League have proved a great blessing to missionary work in areas reached.

Dr. Alfred A. Kunz is PTL's international director, and Mr. Glenn W. Wagner is foreign secretary.

National Superannuation Day

THE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION for the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States of America was organized for the purpose of providing the ministers of the denomination with a program of retirement insurance. This was done by working with the Ministers' Life and Casualty Union of 3100 West Lake Street, Minneapolis 16, Minnesota. The insurance program now offers to each minister a \$2,000.00 endowment policy, age 65 or 70 years. The board hopes that sometime in the near future, the ministers and churches will become so interested in the retirement insurance program that we will be able to offer to each minister a \$10,000.00 policy.

A few years ago the National Association ask that our churches designate "Father's Day"—third Sunday in June as "National Superannuation Day." This was done to call our attention to and increase our interest for Superannuation so we could work together as a denomination and make the program of Superannuation a success. If your church does not have services on this Sunday, you may choose any Sunday before or after "Father's Day" to suit your convenience.

There are several ways you can use to bring Superannuation to the attention of your church and solicit the interest of the members: You could have a "Memorial Service" in memory of a departed pastor who was faithful in serving your church. You might have a "Founder's Day" service in celebration of the date when the church was founded. The pastor could simply announce to the people that today is "Father's Day" designated as "Superannuation Day" in our denomination, and receive an offering during the service. He could have a special service and prepare a message on the subject of "Superannuation." Or some

By David W. Hansley

organization of the church could have a special service during the week centered around the subject of "Superannuation" and at the close receive an offering. With the cooperation of the pastor and different organizations of the church, present a drama centered around "Superannuation" during the morning or evening service. If your church has a movie projector, you could select a film on the subject of "Superannuation" and show it during the evening service and at the close receive an offering.

These are only suggestions for a service in your church in the interest of Superannuation. We leave the type and method of service in your church up to you. We are only asking that you do the thing in your church which is pleasing to God. Do what you feel led by the Holy Spirit for the cause of "Superannuation." The program of Superannuation, for some reason in our denomination, has not received the attention it should have in the past.

We should ask and answer a few questions on the subject: Can a young man who has been called of God to preach the Gospel, preparing himself for the ministry in the Free Will Baptist denomination, look forward with confidence and assurance to the time he will retire that he will be adequately cared for? We do not like for our ministers to be occupied in other fields while they are pastoring our churches. This is sometimes necessary if the minister is to live independently in the community where he serves. He does this for two reasons—his low salary, and because we have

no real retirement program. Each minister and church should evaluate this in their planning. This can best be done in our denomination through retirement insurance. The Board of Superannuation offers this insurance. Each minister with the cooperation of his church should take advantage of it.

No doubt, many of us look at what some of our brother denominations are doing along this line. Then we ask, "Why do we not have a similar program?" Most other leading denominations have what is known as the "Minister's Endowment Retirement Fund." This type of program calls not for a few hundred dollars but for thousands of dollars, because it is controlled to some extent by what the law requires of such a program. In the distant future this may be possible in our denomination, but at present it is not possible. We believe that our program of retirement insurance is the best possible solution at this time. We do not claim to have the complete answer to the problem, but with the amount of money our churches have supplied us with and the unconcerned attitude of a number of our ministers, we believe it is the best under the circumstances.

It seems that many of our ministers and churches think that since it is possible for the minister to enter the Social Security program of the Federal Government it will be sufficient for the retired minister. If I am informed right, the average minister will receive about \$100.00 per month from Social Security when he retires at age 65. In some instances the amount will be much lower per month for retirement income to the minister. As we see it, it is only wise and prudent for a minister, even though he benefits from Social Security,

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Support Our National Superannuation Program

League Convention Reported

JOHNSONVILLE, S. C.—The South Carolina state League convention met at the Johnsonville church, Saturday, April 15, with eighteen local leagues representing three out of the four member associations.

The program theme was, "Trained to Serve", with the morning services given to messages and music, while the business, devotions, and sword drill were scheduled for the afternoon. Winner of the intermediate sword drill was Zulene Hanna, contestant from the Central Association, who will have all her expenses paid to the National League Conference at Albany, Georgia.

Phoenix Church Has Revival

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Rev. Dean Moore of San Pablo, California, served as evangelist recently to the Northside church in Phoenix. The church counts this as perhaps its most successful revival. The church broke all previous attendance records and on April 23, had an attendance of 162. Pastor of the church is Rev. Lynn Wood.

New Church In Kansas

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—The executive board of the Kansas City Quarterly Meeting met April 23, 1961, and organized the Skyline Armordale Free Will Baptist Church located at 743 Osage, Kansas City. The church had thirteen charter members.

Rev. Elmer D. Russell was elected as temporary pastor. The group will continue to meet in the chapel of the Community Center for the present and the charter membership will be left open for thirty days.

Indebtedness Reduced

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Sunday School Board of the National Association states that the indebtedness of that department has been reduced to \$500.00, and they urge that donations be sent soon, so that the department may be completely



This group has started a new church in Bettendorf, Iowa. Rev. Dale Skiles has been called as pastor. Rev. Harvey Hill, member of the national home missions board, held a revival here during May.



GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

debt free at the time of the National Association on July 11.

Mexico League Reports

NOGALES, MEXICO—The Free Will Baptist League in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, is somewhat different from the Leagues in the U.S., and the projects of these young people are reported for March and April.

Under leadership of the president, Rev. James L. Lanier, and Group Captains, Sergio Camacho and Fabian Guzman, the groups distributed gospel tracts in Spanish each Sunday afternoon and conducted house to house visitation and home prayer meetings.

The church had services each night from March 26-April 16, and the third week of services were led by the Leagues. Speakers were Sally Ann Guzman, James L. Lanier, Francisca Mercado, and Mary Bell Elliston. Serving as translators for the services were Sergio Camacho, Connie Cinco, Elvira Castaneda and Fabian Guzman. A total of 47 confessions to Christ were made in the services. The young people here request prayers that they might reach more people for Christ and that more workers will be provided. Sponsor of the League is Mrs. John B. Elliston.

WNAC Lists Speakers

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Mrs. Ennice Edwards, Executive Secretary of the Woman's

National Auxiliary Convention has announced the speakers for the 1961 convention at Norfolk, Virginia, on July 10-11.

Featured speakers will be Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr., pioneer missionary to Cuba who is awaiting opportunity for re-entry, and the Reverend Fred Hersey, missionary to Japan who is on his first furlough at this time.

Devotional thoughts will be given by Miss Mary Ruth Wischart, Rev. Kenneth Walker, and Mrs. Fred Hersey. Mrs. Billy Melvin will serve as pianist, and Mrs. Dale Burden as organist, with Rev. Henry Van-Kluyve as song leader.

An outstanding feature of the convention will be again this year, the Declamation Contest by the YPA's and GTA's. The finals will be held on Monday afternoon, July 10th and everyone is invited to attend.

Missionary Conducts Revival

KINGSPORT, TENN.—Following the Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Rev. Arthur Billows, missionary in Monterrey, Mexico, held revival services in the Fellowship church of Kingsport. Rev. Winston Sweeney is pastor of the church and reported a total of 32 conversions during the revival meeting.

Quarterly Conference Meets

BATESVILLE, ARK.—The White River Quarterly Conference met at the Blackland

NATIONAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

June 20-22

Aerial view of Albany, Georgia, site of conference

Chapel church with 14 churches represented by a total delegation of 63. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Rutledge of Haiti, Missouri, were visitors to the conference. The conference voted to change the meeting date to Friday and Saturday nights before the second Sunday of each quarter. Rev. Hoover Lewis was host pastor and the next meeting was scheduled to be at New Home church on July 7-8.

Refugees Need Help

An urgent word from Free Will Baptist missionaries to the Spanish speaking peoples in Miami, Florida, tells of the need for relief to refugees from Cuba. Although other denominations and the Catholic churches have relief centers they are not enough and it is an opportunity for Free Will Baptists to express their concern for the needy. "Much good can be done by this for it also will give us entrance to more homes, and more opportunity to present the Gospel," writes Miss Yeley.

Food is needed more than clothing although clothing could be sent in small quantities. Those wishing to have a part in helping the refugees may send food and clothing, postage paid, to: Rev. Melitino Martinez, Free Will Baptist Missions (Cuban Relief), 447 S.W. 6th Street, Miami, Florida

If money is sent, please mail it to the National Home Mission office: Home Missions, (Refugee Relief), 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Churches Share In Communion Service

WELLINGTON, KANS.—Some five churches met with the Free Will Baptist

Mission here to share in a fellowship meeting which concluded with communion and feet washing services. Churches represented were First churches of Enid, Oklahoma, Blackwell, Oklahoma, Clinton, Oklahoma, Liberty church of Wichita, Kansas, and the Mission of Wellington, Kansas. The service is reported to have been a great blessing to those participating and the pastors ask if perhaps this is a record for the number of churches sharing such services.

Youth Auxiliary Organized

PERRY, FLA.—Under the leadership of the sponsors, Mrs. Lucille Parker and Mrs. Arlene Davis, a YPA was organized with a very impressive installation service held at the church on April 23. Charter members of this auxiliary are Gene Coxwell, Alice Coxwell, Brenda Parker, Martha Ward, Earline Blanton, Betty Walker, Claudia Davis, Charles Henry Davis, Tommy Ward, Hollis Walker, Bud Davis, and Betsy Ward. The work already accomplished by this group of young people is highly commended by the pastor, Rev. K. J. Esther, and the sponsors. They state that many fine things are expected from this group.

Attendance Record Is Told

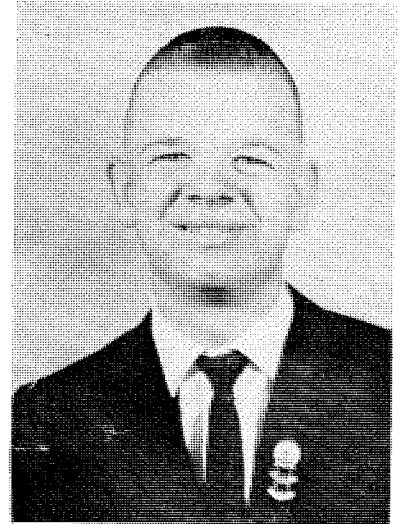
RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.—First Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville is justly proud of a young member of the congregation who recently finished seven years of perfect attendance in Sunday school. He is Billie Earl Sparks, fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sparks.

Billie Earl holds the office of General Secretary of the Leagues and is a member

of the board of ushers. He is a sophomore at Russellville High School and is a member of the National Honor Society and holds membership in the French and Science clubs. He placed second in the state Sword Drill contest last summer.

The boy's father, Ira, is Sunday school superintendent and chairman of the Board of Deacons. His mother is a Sunday school teacher.

Pastor of the church is Rev. Willard C. Day.



BILLIE EARL SPARKS

Sunday School Convention Is Held

STOCKTON, GA.—The Little River Association held a Sunday school convention on May 6, at Oak Grove church, using the theme, "Teaching the Word". Rev. J. E. Blanton delivered the convention message, "God's Way To Build A Sunday School", and three subjects were discussed briefly by Mrs. Bill Gardner, "Teaching the Flannelgraph Way", Mrs. J. W. Franks, "Teaching Our Youth", and Mr. Frank Dean, "Inside the Heart of an Adult Teacher." Special music was provided by the Corinth Sunday school, and a panel of five members conducted, "What Is Your Question" to conclude the program.

New Mexico Church Grows

GRANTS, N. M.—The First church here counts the blessings of the Lord as many for the few months it has been organized. Average attendance for the past fifteen weeks is 65 and for the same period there have been twelve conversions, eight baptisms and eight added to the church. Pastor S. M. Aragon reports that present facilities have become crowded and more space is needed. A revival closed recently with Rev. Virgil Florence as evangelist. The address of Mr. Florence is 3543 Onyx, Klamath Falls, Oregon, in the event other churches wish to contact him in regard to revival services.

What's Your Problem?



BY LOUIS MOULTON

Q. I have a pet peeve which irks and irritates me every time I hear about it. Can you tell me why more and more of our Free Will Baptist children, sometimes even preacher's children, grow up, are converted and baptized in a Free Will Baptist Church, finish school, go off to college, marry and settle in some distant town or city, then allow themselves to be rebaptized because that is the only way they will be received into some other denomination?

A. I do not have the answer to your pet peeve but I feel the same way. Perhaps their Free Will Baptist parents did not indoctrinate them in the fundamental teachings and doctrines of the Bible as practiced by our people. Maybe the Sunday School teacher or the pastor was at fault. When a Christian allows himself to be high pressured or "sold a bill of goods" regarding a second baptism it indicates a lack of knowledge of the Scriptures. Either that or perhaps he knows better but allows a second baptism in order to be accepted in a certain society or for prestige or for political reasons. This is one of the reasons why we need to teach our people what we believe and to get them rooted and grounded in the faith.

Q. I read a lot these days about the Civil War Centennial and the various celebrations and observances that are being held in certain sections of our country. I'm aware that slavery was the main issue over which the war between the states was fought. However someone told me recently that somewhere in the Bible they had read that there was a law in Old Testament times permitting Israelites to have slaves. Is this true and where is the reference?

A. It is true and the reference is Leviticus 25:44,45. "Both thy bondmen and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they

begat in your land: and they shall be your possession."

Q. We had quite a discussion on capital punishment in our church the other day. There were pros and cons on both sides but none of us really could find much about it in the Bible. Please give me your opinion and the Scripture to back it up.

A. After the flood, God imposed capital punishment on murderers in Genesis 9:6 when He said, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed . . ." Capital punishment or death was demanded for witches in Exodus 22:18, for defiling the sabbath the penalty was death in Exodus 31:14, for cursing ones father and mother death was the penalty in Leviticus 20:9. The 20th chapter of Leviticus lists several offenses for which the penalty was death. In Leviticus 24:16 one who blasphemed the name of the Lord was to be put to death, verse 17 says again "And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death." Someone may argue that this was under the law and grace has changed all that and yet Jesus in Matthew 26:52 said " . . . they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." There is a great deal of difference among Christians on this subject but I personally believe in capital punishment.

Q. I have heard the expression "living in adultery" so many times concerning those who have remarried while their first mate was still living. What about a couple who divorced and remarried before they gave their hearts to the Lord. Should they continue to live together?

A. There are several scriptures in the New Testament dealing with this subject and the seventh chapter of I Corinthians is one of them. As Paul discussed this very important subject, the marriage relationship, he said in verse 20 of that seventh chapter "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called." If he has been married 20 times and is then saved the admonition is to abide with that husband or wife that they have when God calls them. The woman with whom Jesus talk at the well (John chapter 4) who had had five husbands and was even then living with a man who was not her husband was not told to go back to her first husband. There are those who will disagree with me but I think the teaching of Jesus is that a person is to abide with the companion they have at the time they accept Christ; to abide under the marriage vows they are under at the time they are saved.

April Cooperative Receipts Best This Year

The month of April shows an increase in Cooperative receipts which tops the previous three months of 1961. The total of \$5,009.07 represents income from fourteen states.

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OHIO			
Mr. Watson Dixon, Dayton	2.00		
Central conference	4.82	6.82	
OKLAHOMA			
State association			844.30
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Oak Grove, Charlotte	30.54		
Horton Heights, Nashville	49.86	80.40	
TEXAS			
State association			482.17
			4,315.60

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Arkansas	80.66		
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Florida	542.86	693.47	
			5,009.07

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By Charles A. Thigpen



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Know Your Bible Series

THE BIBLE MUST be viewed first of all as a whole before any attempt is made to study its parts. Even a very general idea of the Bible in its entirety is a great help in laying a foundation for the study of any division or book. This broad, overall view of study we usually call synthesis or survey. After this should come a much more detailed consideration of each book which we call analysis. We must use the telescope first, then the microscope later. Martin Luther described this methodical approach to an understanding of the Bible by saying that he studied the Bible as he gathered apples. He shook the tree first, then the limbs, then the branches, and after that he reached out under the leaves for the remaining fruit.

Let us therefore look briefly at the Bible. It is composed of two testaments, the Old Testament in 39 books and the New Testament in 27 books. The theme of the Bible may rightly be called the history of redemption. Christ Himself is the author of redemption, so He is the Christ of prophecy, type and prefigure in the Old Testament. He becomes, however, the Christ of history in the Gospels and most of the remainder of the New Testament is given over to explaining the benefits of redemption and responsibilities of the redeemed.

The first division of the New Testament is the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The first three we call the Synoptic Gospels. The word synoptic comes from the Greek word which means, "seeing the whole together, taking a comprehensive view." As applied to the Gospels it means presenting the same or a common view. Each of the Synoptic Gospels covers the same general facts concerning the life and work of Jesus. Someone has said that approximately seventy-five per cent of that

which is found in Mark is found also in Matthew and Luke. John, however, is not concerned with following a chronological outline of the life of Jesus. He concentrates on presenting certain special events in Christ's life. The Gospel of John is more interpretative than the Synoptic Gospels.

The Gospel According to Matthew

Matthew, or Levi, the publican of Capernaum, who became an apostle of Christ, is the author of this book. He wrote it to strengthen and encourage the persecuted Jewish Christians in their faith. He does this by showing that the Gospel was not a contradiction of Old Testament truth, but rather a fulfillment. The first verse of chapter one is certainly a key verse, "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." Here Christ is connected with the Davidic Covenant of kingship and the Abrahamic Covenant of promise. Matthew opens with Christ's genealogy and ends with His great commission. Here we shall see something of Matthew's plan in the following outline:

- I. The Birth, Recognition and Preparation of Christ for His Ministry, 1:1-4:11.
- II. Christ's Early Ministry of Preaching, Teaching and Healing, 4:12-10:42.
- III. More Teachings, Parables and Miracles of Christ, 11:1-18:53.
- IV. Events Leading to Christ's Crucifixion, 19:1-25:46.
- V. Trial, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Great Commission of Christ, 26:1-28:20.

In showing that Matthew is the Gospel of the King, Dr. Charles R. Erdman in *The Gospel of Matthew* says, "The figure of Jesus is painted in colors of royalty. His ancestry is traced from a royal line;

his birth is dreaded by a rival king, and Wise Men offer their royal gifts; his herald declares that his Kingdom is at hand. His temptation reaches its climax as he is offered the kingdom of the world; his great message to his followers, 'the Sermon on the Mount,' is like the manifesto of a king, setting forth the fundamental laws of his Kingdom. His miracles are his royal credentials; his parables are termed 'mysteries of the Kingdom.' . . . His last words are a kingly claim and a royal command, 'All authority hath been given unto me; . . . Go ye therefore.' . . . Here is a portrait in which even the minor touches are resplendent with purple and gold."

The Gospel According to Mark

Many believe that this is the first of the Gospels. John Mark, the author, was a Jew of Jerusalem where his mother, Mary, evidently a very wealthy woman, occupied a place of prominence among the early Christians. It is very likely therefore that John Mark witnessed at least some of the events in the life of Christ.

He was a companion of Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey—at least until they reached Perga. Why he left the missionary party we may never know. Late in Paul's life, however, he speaks of Mark as being "profitable to me for the ministry." We gather from this that Mark had definitely regained the great Apostle's favor.

Mark went on a missionary journey with Barnabas. He was also a friend and companion of the Apostle Peter. There is some evidence that his association with Peter covered several years. Possibly a good deal of the content of the Gospel written by Mark was first heard from the lips of Peter in private and as he preached to others.

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Mark presents Christ as the servant or mighty worker. As Matthew seems to have the Jews in mind, Mark possibly is writing with the Romans as the immediate readers of his message. The key verse is Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." As you read this Gospel these simple divisions should become evident:

- I. Preparation for Christ, 1:1-11.
- II. Christ's Ministry in Galilee, 1:12-9:29.
- III. Christ Journeying to Jerusalem, 9:30-10:52.
- IV. Christ's Ministry in Jerusalem, 11:1-13:37.
- V. Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection, 14:1-16:20.

You may note as you read Mark that there are a number of themes covered, some of which you may desire to study more carefully. Some of these are the authority of Jesus, Christ's use of miracles, the Messiah, the kingdom and religious leaders versus the people.

The Gospel According to Luke

Jews would find special interest in Matthew, Romans in Mark and Greeks in Luke. Luke himself was a Greek by birth as Paul in Colossians 4:14 places him apart from those "of the circumcision." Luke, a physician, was probably converted under the ministry of Paul and became a fellow-traveller to Paul on at least two missionary journeys, his trip to Rome as well as during his imprisonments.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan in his book, *The Gospel According to Luke*, asserts that Luke was a Greek. He continues to say, "The master passion of Greek idealism and Greek philosophy was that of the perfection of personality." Dr. Morgan then compares China with Greece. "The history of China stretches back over millenniums. The history of Greece was virile for about three centuries only. In those three centuries, Greece flung up more outstanding personalities than China in all the millenniums of her history. . . . Greece . . . sought for the perfecting of the individual." Then Dr. Morgan says that Luke "found in Jesus the Personality Who fulfilled all his dreaming, and smashed the mould of Greek thinking by His greatness, for it was too small to hold Him."

The purpose of Luke in writing this record seems to be two-fold: He desires to confirm Theophilus in the Christian faith and also to do the same for all who might read this Gospel. Morehead's remarks are interesting about this. He says, Luke's design is "mainly to set forth the perfections of the Son of man as the Friend and Redeemer of men, the Savior of all that believe and receive Him. . . . Luke's object is mainly to reveal the redemption

wrought out by our glorious Kinsman-Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. Here for the first time in the New Testament do we meet with the word redemption, 1:68." Luke views Christ as the "son of man." As you read through Luke carefully observe the following divisions:

- I. Preface, 1:1-4.
- II. Birth and Childhood of Christ, 1:5-2:52.
- III. Preparation of Christ for His Ministry, 3:1-4:13.
- IV. Christ's Galilean Ministry, 4:14-9:50.
- V. Christ's Journeys Toward Jerusalem, 9:51-19:28.
- VI. Closing Ministry, Death and Resurrection, 19:29-24:53.

Luke presents Christ Who is interested in all men, both Jew and Gentile. Note that Luke traces Christ back to Adam. He speaks of the "good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Simeon says in 2:32 that Christ is "a light to lighten the Gentiles." The widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian are mentioned only by Luke. He alone records the parable of the Good Samaritan and of the Samar-

itan who returned to praise God for his cleansing.

Luke must be remembered as the first Christian hymnologist. He alone has preserved for us in his first two chapters the songs Ave Maria, Gloria in Excelsis, Song of Zacharias, Song of the Blessed Virgin and the Song of Simeon.

Special prominence is given by Luke to prayer. He alone preserves for us that our Lord prayed on six outstanding occasions: at His baptism, after cleansing the leper, before calling the Twelve Apostles, at His Transfiguration, on the cross for His murderers, and with His last breath. Luke also has a good deal of teaching on prayer not found elsewhere, such as: 11:5-13; 18:1-8 and 21:36.

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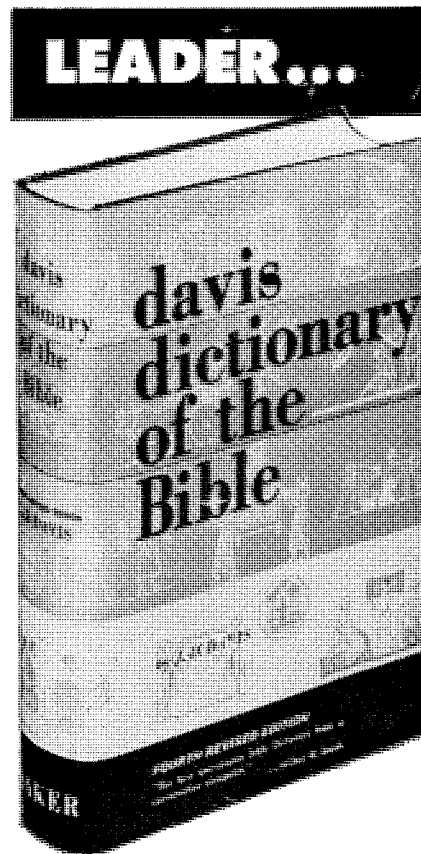
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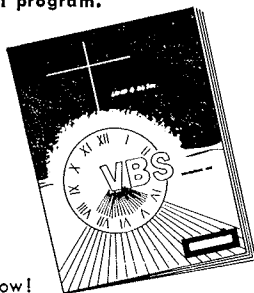
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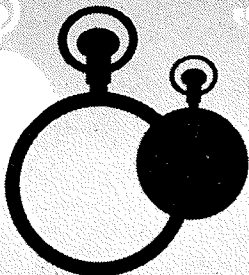
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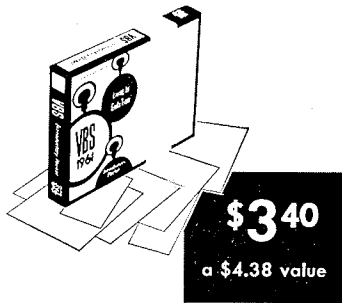
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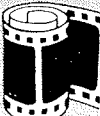
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IN THE VINEYARD

■ Bible College Dean **Charles A. Thigpen** was baccalaureate speaker at Brilliant High School in the afternoon of May 14 and at the Red Bay High School that night. Both schools are in Alabama. He will be a speaker at the nation-wide League Conference at Albany, Georgia, in June. Mr. Thigpen is scheduled for revival services at Portland church, Tennessee, June 7-14, and Bright Light church, Bryan, Texas, June 26-July 2.

■ **Mrs. Eunice Edwards**, WAC Executive Secretary, attended the Illinois state auxiliary convention at Benton, June 1-2, the Alabama state auxiliary convention on June 8, at Brilliant. Mrs. Edwards will conduct classes at Fellowship church, Bryan, Texas, on June 12, and attend the Texas state auxiliary convention held in that church on the 13th. Classes will also be conducted in the Dayton, Ohio, area June 19-21, followed by the state auxiliary convention June 22. She will attend the Tennessee Women's Auxiliary retreat at Greeneville, June 26-29.

■ Executive Secretary **Billy A. Melvin** is scheduled as featured speaker at the Wolverine Association June 2-3, which will be held in Central church, Detroit, Michigan. Following the nation-wide League Conference at Albany, Georgia, Mr. Melvin will attend the Ohio state association at Wheelersburg, June 23-24.

■ **Rolla Smith**, Director of Foreign Missions, will hold a revival at Faith church in St. Louis, Missouri, June 2-11. He will attend the Illinois state association June 23-24, and will follow with a missionary conference at the Illinois state camp grounds at Benton, June 25-28.

■ **Ray Turnage**, National League Director, will attend the Wolverine Association at Central church, Detroit, Michigan, June 2-3, and will be directing activities and arrangements of the Nation-Wide League Conference in Albany, Georgia, June 20-22.

■ Director of Home Missions, **Homer Willis**, attended a meeting of the National Home Mission Board in St. Louis, Mo., on June 5-7. He will be in a revival at Cross Plains, Tennessee, on June 12-18. Following the League Conference in Albany, Georgia, Mr. Willis will attend the Ohio State Association on June 23-24.

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THEME: "Declare His Glory"

WATCHWORD: "Great was the Company of Them that Published It."
Psalm 68:11

CONVENTION HYMN: "O Zion Haste"

MONDAY, JULY 10

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "God is a God of little things as well as the big. In the small, routine duties of life, He would have us show for His glory day by day."

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 10:31

Monday Morning

7:30—Breakfast at Fairmount Park Church

9:00—Executive Committee meeting

Monday Afternoon

1:30—Declamation preliminaries—The Golden Triangle Hotel, The Garden Room

Monday Evening

Municipal Auditorium

7:30—Devotional—Miss Mary R. Wisheart

—Appointment of Committees

8:15—Special Music

—Message—Rev. Fred Hersey, Missionary to Japan

TUESDAY, JULY 11

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "With longing all my heart is filled, That like Him I might be, As on the wondrous thought I dwell That Christ liveth in Me."
D. W. Whittle

SCRIPTURE: John 17:14-23

Tuesday Morning

8:00—Workshop; Youth Department—Balcony, Auditorium—Mrs. Robert Crawford, Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, and Miss Leah McGlohon

9:00—Devotional—Mrs. Fred Hersey—Missionary to Japan
—Special Music

10:00—Declamation Contest—Directed by Mrs. Leah Waddell, National Youth Chairman, Garner, North Carolina

—We Meet Our Youth—Mrs. Eugene Waddell

—Special Music

11:00—Declaring His Glory by Free Will Baptist Women—Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr.

12:00—Dismissal

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional—Rev. Ken Walker, Pastor of Bloss Memorial Church, Arlington, Virginia

—Special Music

2:00—Business Session

—Reports of Committees

—Installation of Officers

—Adjourn

PIANIST: Mrs. Billy Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee

ORGANIST: Mrs. Dale Burden, Nashville, Tennessee

SONG LEADER: Rev. Henry VanKluyve, Portsmouth, Virginia

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Theme

"Committed to the Changless Christ in a Changing World."

Scripture

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (II Timothy 1:12).

Hymn

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 11

Keynote: "The Faithfulness of God"

Scripture: "And the Lord brought us forth . . ." (Deut. 26:8).

Presiding—Rev. Rufus Coffey

Song Leader—Mr. I. L. Stanley

7:30—"O Worship the King"—Praise and worship through song led by Mr. I. L. Stanley, song leader; Mrs. Raymond Riggs, organist; Rev. Herman Hersey, pianist

7:45—The association called into official session and introduction of the officers by the Rev. Dean Moore, clerk.

—The moderator's message—Rev. Ralph Staten

8:00—Welcome from the Virginia State Association—Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark.

8:15—Welcome to Norfolk and Virginia—Mayor Fred W. Duckworth

8:20—"Heavenly Sunshine"—Time to get acquainted

—Offertory

—Special Music

8:30—A historical pageant—"Where The Saints Have Trod"

Written by Rev. Billy A. Melvin and directed by Mrs. Charles A. Thigpen

9:45—Adjourn session

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 12

7:00—On this first full day of business with many decisions to be made, it is imperative that we begin the day with God. You are urged to share in our early morning prayer service that there might be proper spiritual preparation for the sessions ahead. The service will be held in the Club Room of the Golden Triangle Hotel. Rev. Raymond Riggs of Virginia will direct this service.

Presiding—Rev. Othel T. Dixon

Song Leader—Rev. Eugene Waddell

9:15—"Early in the Morning Our Songs Rise to Thee"—Mr. Waddell, Mrs. Riggs, and Mr. Hersey

9:25—Scripture thought and prayer—Rev. J. C. Griffin

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

11:00—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

Keynote: "Commitment to Christ"

Scripture: ". . . Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." (Phil. 1:20).

—"Sing of the Greatness of the Lord"—Mr. Waddell, Mrs. Riggs, and Mr. Hersey

—Offertory

—Special Music

11:20—The Word is Preached

The Messenger—Rev. William Hill

12:00—Adjourn session

Wednesday Afternoon

1:45—"Sing of Our Redeemer"—Mr. Waddell, Mrs. Riggs, and Mr. Hersey
—Scripture thought and prayer—Rev. E. E. Morris

2:00—Miscellaneous business

2:45—Report of the Home Mission Board—Rev. Homer Willis

3:10—Report of the Commission on Chaplains—Mr. Floyd Robertson

3:25—Report of the Executive Secretary—Rev. Billy A. Melvin

3:40—"Speaking the Truth in Love"—Report of the National Association of Evangelicals—Dr. George L. Ford

the Twenty-fifth Session

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

WILL BAPTISTS

- 3:50—Report of the Sunday School Board—Rev. Roger Reeds
 4:10—Partial report of Nominating Committee and election of all board members
 4:30—Adjourn session

Wednesday Evening

A QUEST FOR SOULS

- Keynote:* "Faithfulness To the Great Commission"
Scripture: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching to word." (Acts 8:4).
 Presiding—Rev. Rolla Smith and Rev. Homer Willis
 Song Leader—Rev. Everett Hellard
 7:30—"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"—Mr. Hellard, Mrs. Riggs, and Mr. Hersey
 —Evening prayer
 —Offertory
 7:45—"Operation Big Cities"—Rev. Kenneth Walker
 7:55—Introduction of board members, returned missionaries, and missionary appointees
 8:05—Congregational song
 —Special Music
 8:15—"Pioneers Who Led the Way"
 —Personal testimonies and challenge by Miss Bessie Yeley, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Rev. Thomas H. Willey, and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey
 —Call for laborers
 9:20—Missionary offering
 9:30—Adjourn session

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 13

- 7:00—Laymen's breakfast in the East Ball Room of the Golden Triangle Hotel. Mr. T. E. McCully, president of the Christian Business Men's Committee and father of Ed McCully who was martyred in South America by the Auca Indians, will be the featured speaker at this breakfast. Don't miss this opportunity to hear a dedicated man of God and learn something of what God is doing among the Auca Indians. The breakfast is \$1.50 with reservations available at the Master's Men exhibit booth.
 Presiding—Rev. Jerry Dudley
 Song Leader—Rev. Fred Hall
 9:15—"Praise the Lord for His Goodness"—Mr. Raper, Mrs. Riggs, and Mr. Hersey
 —Scripture thought and prayer—Rev. James F. Miller
 9:30—Report of Board of Trustees for Headquarters Building—Mr. J. B. Reding
 9:35—Report of the Free Will Baptist League Board—Mr. Ray Turnage
 9:50—Report by the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College
 10:15—Report of Publication Board—Mr. L. E. Duncan
 10:25—"Committed to Scripture Distribution"—Report of the American Bible Society by Mr. Gerald E. Boyce
 10:40—Report of the Laymen's Commission—Rev. Robert Hill
 10:50—Intermission
 11:00—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP
Keynote: "Loyalty to the Church"
Scripture: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25).
 —"Come Before His Presence With Singing"—Mr. Hall, Mrs. Riggs, and Mr. Hersey
 —Offertory
 —Special Music
 11:20—The Word is Preached
 The Messenger—Rev. John L. Welch
 12:00—Adjourn session

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—"Sing His Mercy and His Grace"—Mr. Hall, Mrs. Riggs, and Mr. Hersey
 —Scripture thought and prayer—Rev. E. C. Morris

- 1:40—Report of the Foreign Mission Board—Rev. Rolla Smith
 2:05—Report of the Superannuation Board—Rev. David Hansley
 2:15—Report of Study Committee on Theological Liberalism—Rev. Eugene Waddell
 2:25—Report of Budget Committee
 2:30—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
 2:35—Report of Placement Committee for 1963 session
 2:40—Miscellaneous business
 —Reports of Committees
 —Final report of Nominating Committee and election of officers
 4:00—Final adjournment

Program Personalities

- Miss Laura Belle Barnard*—Nashville, Tenn., returned missionary, instructor, Free Will Baptist Bible College.
Mr. Gerald E. Boyce—New York, N. Y., secretary of American Bible Society.
Rev. Rufus Coffey—Florence S. C., pastor of First Church, member of Executive Committee.
Rev. Othel T. Dixon—Mountain Grove, Mo., pastor of First Church, member of Executive Committee
Rev. Jerry Dudley—Concord, Calif., pastor of First Church, promotional secretary of state association.
Mr. L. E. Duncan—Tupelo, Miss., secretary of Board of Publications
Dr. George L. Ford—Wheaton, Ill., executive director of National Association of Evangelicals.
Rev. J. C. Griffin—New Bern, N. C., chairman of Board of Publications
Rev. Fred Hall—Detroit, Mich., assistant to pastor of Central Church
Rev. David Hansley—Kinston, N. C., pastor of First Church and chairman of Board of Superannuation.
Rev. Everett Hellard—Houston, Texas, pastor of First Church.
Rev. Herman Hersey—Raleigh, N. C., pastor of First Church
Rev. Robert Hill—Nashville, Tenn., pastor Trinity Church and chairman of Laymen's Board
Rev. William Hill—Hazel Park, Mich., pastor of First Church
Mr. T. E. McCully—Chicago, Ill., president of Christian Business Men's Committee
Rev. Billy A. Melvin—Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of National Association
Rev. James Miller—Knoxville, Tenn., pastor of Forest Grove Church
Rev. Dean Moore—San Pablo, Calif., pastor of Sherwood Church and clerk of the National Association.
Rev. E. C. Morris—Tifton, Ga., pastor of Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. E. E. Morris—Arvin, Calif., pastor of First Church
Mr. J. B. Reding—Adams, Tenn., chairman of Headquarters Board of Trustees.
Rev. Roger Reeds—St. Louis, Mo., secretary-treasurer of Sunday School Board
Mrs. Raymond R. Riggs—Norfolk, Virginia
Rev. Raymond R. Riggs—Norfolk, Va., pastor of Bethany Church
Mr. Floyd Roberston—Washington, D. C., executive secretary of Chaplains Commission, NAE
Rev. Rolla Smith—Nashville, Tenn., director of Foreign Missions
Rev. Ralph Staten—Belmont N. C., pastor of Goshen Church, moderator of National Association
Mr. I. L. Stanley—Knoxville, Tenn., member of Wooddale Church
Mrs. Charles Thigpen—Nashville, Tenn., instructor, Free Will Baptist Bible College
Mr. Ray Turnage—Nashville, Tenn., national director of Free Will Baptist Leagues
Rev. Eugene Waddell—Garner, N. C., pastor of F.W.B. church, member of Foreign Mission Board
Rev. Kenneth Walker—Washington, D. C., home missionary, pastor of Bloss Memorial Church
Rev. John L. Welch—Nashville, Tenn., pastor of Cofer's Chapel Church
Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.—Pinar del Rio, Cuba, missionary to Cuba
Mrs. Thomas H. Willey—Pinar del Rio, Cuba, missionary to Cuba
Rev. Homer E. Willis—Nashville, Tenn., national director of Home Missions
Miss Bessie Yeley—Miami, Florida, missionary to Spanish speaking people in Miami

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Loyalty to the Church

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earth. Whatever cares of other things you may have, they will never be as important as this.

The souls of men are their most important possessions. When God created man he formed his body out of the dust of the earth and it was as yet but a lifeless form, and God breathed into it and it became a living soul, endowed with a spiritual nature, and possessed of understanding, and having free will. The soul of man is not subject to decay or old age or death; it has a capacity for love, understanding, and a deep desire to know God and to love and worship him. So the value of the soul is really immeasurable, and the earthly treasures cannot be compared with it. Take the poorest slave on earth, or the most wretched inmate in the darkest prison cell, and that man's soul is more precious than the crown jewels of England. Now because of the great value of these souls the Lord Jesus Christ has a day set and is prepared to return for his own.

Like other precious things the soul can be lost, one can sell out like Judas, but most people prefer to cast it off, or give it away. How terrible that we should be so negligent of the one great purpose for which we were created, and so indifferent to the Great commission of Christ when he said "Go ye therefore, and *teach* all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." If we fail in doing our utmost to evangelize the entire world, can we say we are loyal to the mission of the Church?

Loyalty Begins with the Individual Member

Every Free Will Baptist must stand for the righteous way of life, and delight in the word of God and the promises which it contains. The Christian stands as an ambassador for the Lord Jesus Christ. He must represent the Lord in his ways, his business, and every action of life. He is a steward or Christ, and must always be looking for the return of his master, and be eager to give an account of his life. There are three things we shall consider about the loyalty of the individual church member.

First, let us consider his stand. The Christian, through necessity, must stand for some things, and will automatically be against some things. He takes his stand in a solid place, upon a solid rock. For this stand he

summons the strength of God and the holy angels, for he has purposed in his heart to fight to the end and obtain the victory. He stands to fight against sin, satan, slanderers, liars, and all manner of corruption, for these are the powers of darkness hurled at the ranks of the righteous by the disciples of Satan. He stands fearless because he stands in Christ Jesus the omnipotent God of the universe who has all power and who has never lost a battle.

Secondly, let us consider the delight of the Christian. He has every right to delight in the law of God because he possesses a weapon that has been tested by all powers of evil and darkness who have sought to destroy the Christian's source of strength and consolation. He delights in using his weapon, for he has faith in its power and durability. He is convinced he will win the victory and be crowned, therefore, his delight does not rest upon using the techniques of psychology and modern quotes and everyday trends, but delights in the law of God which gives him power, courage, hope, faith, and endurance.

Thirdly, let us consider the Christian's promise. God has given his promise to his sons and daughters that he shall never leave them alone not forsake them. He will be their strength and go before them in battle. He promises that his love will be as enduring as all eternity and never be severed by the powers of Satan. He promises freedom from the shackles of sin, and release from the yoke of bondage. The Christian possesses the promise that "no evil shall befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." God has given his angels charge over us to keep us. He promises us a peace that passes the understanding of men.

Never before have Free Will Baptists been faced with so many perplexing problems which must be decided upon by the individual membership. These decisions will help determine whether we as a denomination will advance to give glory to God and be used by Him or whether we become satisfied and render only a partial service.

Loyalty Commanded by the Bible

There is not a Free Will Baptist anywhere who does not take great pride in the fact that our denomination is one of the oldest in America and that our heritage is great, however, when we survey the field and look for outstanding accomplishments we sometimes blush with shame for many today have forsaken the Church and its worship for the seasonal pleasures of the world. Yet, a definite exhortation is found

in God's word concerning the assembling of ourselves for worship.

First, we must be loyal to the Church because it is a blood bought institution. The fact that it was purchased with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ should make it so precious to us that we would forget all non-essential things and dwell upon furthering his kingdom, and what better place to do this than His house. It was important enough to God that he prepared a meeting place for the children of Israel, had this not been for their well being then God would not have done it for He is a God who does all things well.

Secondly, we must be loyal to the Church because we believe what it teaches to be the truth. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." We cannot work effectively for anything or anybody unless we believe that the work is good, and that it will be lasting.

Thirdly, we must be loyal to the Church because here we are given a designated place to meet with God and to work for Him. Some are called to be evangelists, some pastors, some teachers, some missionaries; each having a designated field in which to work. The Lord expects each to labor in his designated field, with no thought as to which is the greater calling, for the true field is the world and we are all laborers together with God.

Fourth, we must be loyal to the Church because of our love to God, and love demands labor, for Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, ye do it unto me." To love the Lord is to love His house, and we are commanded to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

ATTENTION PASTORS LAST CALL DEADLINE—JUNE 28

A fellowship dinner for all pastors and their wives is a new feature on the convention activities program. The dinner is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 11. Honored guests will be the former moderators of the National Association and greetings will be extended from the heads of departments of the national offices. Special music will be rendered by Mr. Don Clark, and the featured speaker is Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham, former Executive Secretary and now editor of United Evangelical Action magazine. The title of his address will be, "A Seat In The Balcony".

Write now for your tickets. The price is \$1.00 per plate and tickets must be purchased before June 28. Write to Executive Department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, and tickets will be sent by return mail.