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A Shirt, A Tie, And A Pair Of Pants

"I have no clothes in which to bury my child," said the Cuban father to the funeral director through an interpreter. "We had to leave everything behind."

And then he explained. With his family, he had left Cuba in a small boat seeking freedom and a new life in the United States. It took great courage to make such an attempt—especially with a motor that was old and uncertain. The family had not been underway too long when the dreaded thing happened. The motor sputtered and died.

It was some eight or nine days later before the family was picked up adrift off the tip of Florida. Food was long since gone and so was the water. Although every effort had been made by a loving mother and father to protect their family, the long, hot days in an open boat without food and water were too much. In desperation, they gave their four year old son some sea water to drink. This marked the end and soon after he died.

Now, the Cuban father was seeking to make arrangements for his son's funeral. It was a difficult time, and to add to his sorrow was his inability to provide proper clothes for the burial.

At this moment Mrs. Mabel Willey, former missionary to Cuba now working with Cuban refugees in Miami, could restrain herself no longer. She had been waiting to see the funeral director about using his parking lot on Sundays in association with the property next door.

Addressing the father in his native tongue, Mrs. Willey expressed a desire to help. He was most grateful at the prospect, so without further delay, she rushed next door to the building used as a Free Will Baptist center to distribute clothes, testaments, and a gospel witness.

Searching through the boxes of clothes which had come from Free Will Baptists in many states, Mrs. Willey finally found what she was looking for—a little white shirt, a bow tie, and a pair of pants. Not much, and yet so very much in a time like this.

Soon after, the Cuban child was laid to rest in clothes sent by some Free Will Baptist. This was not particularly important, however. What really mattered was that a troubled father experienced Christian love and concern. And most important of all was the fact that this father's son was not buried until a faithful Cuban pastor had spoken of the love of God in sending His only Son to die for the sins of the world.

Through CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund) Free Will Baptists will continue this ministry to the many Cubans in Miami who need our witness. This joint ministry, sponsored by our home and foreign mission boards, is dependent on all Free Will Baptists. You can have a part by sending good, clean clothing now to CERF, Free Will Baptist Refugee Center, 232 S. W. Eighth Street, Miami, Florida.

It would be helpful to separate the clothing and mark on the outside of each box whether men's, ladies, or children's. Sheets, blankets, towels, and other linens are also needed.

All contributions to this ministry should be sent to either the Home Mission Board or Foreign Mission Board clearly marked for CERF. The address is 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Above all else, pray for the expanding ministry of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The National Association is committed to the task of extending a faithful witness to all men everywhere—at home and abroad. We cannot succeed apart from the blessing of God.

A Welcomed Addition

Everyone will agree that we need more homes in America that will practice Bible reading and prayer. With this practice practically removed from our public schools, and with limited time in the church for religious instruction and guidance, it is more important than ever for our homes to cultivate and practice the family altar.

To assist in this very important ministry within the home, the League Board has produced a very fine family devotional guide which is a welcomed addition to the increasing number of inspiring and helpful publications now being produced by the different departments of the National Association.

A total of 26 Free Will Baptist pastors, missionaries, and lay people have shared in the preparation of these devotional guides. "Pocket size," DEPTH contains a selected portion of scripture for each day, a devotional thought, and a prayer request. Through the use of DEPTH your family can join with other Free Will Baptist families across the nation in mutual worship and intercession to God.

Every church would do well to make a practice of ordering a copy for each family. They may be ordered in any quantity. Price is 25¢ each.



Officers of the newly organized North Eastern Association are (l. to r.) Rev. John Ruth, Moderator; Rev. William Reagan, Assistant Moderator; Rev. Mack Owens, Chairman of Examining Board; and Rev. Mark Vandivort, Clerk.

Association Organized in New England



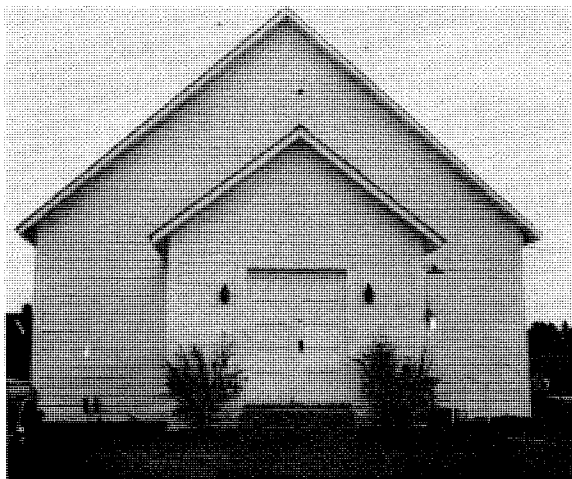
THE BIRTH of a new association of churches has brought a new challenge to Free Will Baptists in New England. On May 26, 1962, the North Eastern Association of Free Will Baptist Churches was organized near Houlton, Maine. Churches in Maine and New Hampshire took membership in the association. The churches in New Hampshire are served by pastors who are working under the direction of the Home Mission board of the National Association.

It is interesting to note that this meeting took place in an area that once knew the influence and ministry of Benjamin Randall, who was largely responsible for the early establishment of Free Will Baptist churches in the northern part of this country. A very interesting historical resume of Free Will Baptist work in New England was given on Friday evening prior to the organization of the association by the Reverend Mark Vandivort.

Assisting in the organizational meeting was Executive Secretary Billy A. Melvin who presided over the one day session. During the course of business, a constitution and by-laws was adopted and the association voted to petition the National Association of Free Will Baptists for membership.

Officers elected to serve for the year were: Moderator, Rev. John Ruth; Assistant Moderator, Rev. William Reagan; Clerk, Rev. Mark Vandivort; and Chairman of the Examining Board, Rev. Mack Owens.

Newly elected moderator John Ruth gave a stirring challenge at the conclusion of the session. He urged the churches to seize the opportunity which is now present in New England to expand Free Will Baptist work that others might be reached for Christ.



Two pastors from Canada (top photo) were visitors at the organizational meeting. Our Free Will Baptist pastors have enjoyed good fellowship with these brethren. The meeting was held in the New Limerick Free Will Baptist Church (lower photo) near Houlton, Maine. This church has a long history which dates back prior to the merger of 1910 with the Northern Baptists. Rev. John Ruth is pastor.



Keep Missions

Alive At

Prayer Meeting

HA VE YOU EVER heard it said that people who attend a morning worship service love the church; those who attend the evening service love the pastor, and those who go to mid-week prayer meeting love the Lord?

This may or may not be an accurate observation, but it is probably safe to add that regular supporters of the midweek prayer meeting most surely love missions. The church that harnesses this interest is wise indeed with the fulfillment of our Lord's command to "teach all nations."

Here are ten suggestions for pastors and people to help strengthen the world outreach of any church, by putting missions in the midweek service.

Read Letters from Missionaries

Part of a missionary's responsibility to the church at home is to report regularly on his progress and share his prayer burdens. These reports should not be kept from any members. The church secretary or someone appointed should digest each letter and mark important items. Excerpts should be read if there are too many letters on a given service night.

Provide Paper and Pencil for Jotting Down Prayer Requests

Few persons are capable of remembering every request that is given in the course of the prayer meeting. To make sure requests are not overlooked, have small note tablets and pencils available, and encourage people to use them to jot down each appeal. These same requests will be carried home and prayed for again.

Fill a Table with Missionary Literature

Tons of literature on missionary work are available free of charge from mission boards and agencies around the world. There is much literature that most church members never see. The prayer meeting is a good place to display leaflets, bulletins, news and booklets reporting on world-wide missions. Recently it was stated by an official in Washington that the American Protestant constituency is, for the most part, illiterate in the great issues that concern it. Make sure your church is missions wise!

Play Tapes Recorded Overseas

A service on the missions field could be

A Hindu school teacher with a group of her pupils. This woman is typical of many in the land of India that need to be reached with the gospel of Christ. Free Will Baptist missionaries are there as our witnesses. Do we have concern enough to effectively pray?

recorded and played back at home. Sights of the missions field can be easily obtained through pictures, but sounds are needed to give "atmosphere." Small tapes can be bought and mailed for a few cents, and most missionaries will be happy to cooperate with you in sending tapes to play. The prayer service lends a homey atmosphere for listening. Try displaying a picture of the speakers as the tape plays. It offers a very forceful presentation of the missions field.

Map Each Missionary's General Locality

Most people are well acquainted with the country, the state, and possibly a few large cities where a missionary lives. What is usually lacking is a map describing the immediate vicinity of the home of the missionary—the mountains around his station, the river where he gets water, the neighboring villages where he preaches, the main roads leading to supply centers, and so forth. This kind of detailed map could be prepared for each missionary in whom your church has prayer interests. Refer to these maps as you read missionary letters just as you refer to the Bible maps when reading the Bible. They will help pinpoint the places your missionaries talk about in every letter. Call them mission compound surveys.

Ask Parents to Report on Missionary Children

If there are in your congregation parents of missionaries (or other close relatives), encourage them to share with the prayer group any significant news they may have. Many wonderful things happen to missionaries which they cannot crowd into a news-

letter. Parents can sometimes give news of outstanding accomplishments that missionaries may be reluctant to tell.

Buy Almanacs for Brief Surveys On Foreign Countries

One of the easiest and quickest ways to find out a country's population, size, nature of government and people, even the design of its flag, is through books like *The World Almanac*, which is available at any stationery or book store for slightly more than one dollar. The almanac can be used in preparing talks on any field, and it can provide a wealth of information about every nation on earth, right at your fingertips.

Prepare a Questionnaire on Your Missionary Program

Sometimes we think we know more than we really do. A church on the West Coast once prepared an attractive quiz for its members to see how much they actually knew about the denomination's missionary personnel and countries where they worked. It was surprising how many blank spaces were left when the sheets were turned in after the quiz. If it "goes over," you may try other questions later.

Prepare Studies Using "His Name Among All Nations" As a Guide

This book by Laura Belle Barnard is a textbook on Free Will Baptist missions. It is an excellent source of historical facts concerning our entire missionary endeavor. Study a chapter now and then during your prayer meeting. Many enlightening facts about the missions background in each

country are given, and the failures along with the accomplishments that have been experienced in each field will give opportunity for new outreach in prayer for the missionaries of today.

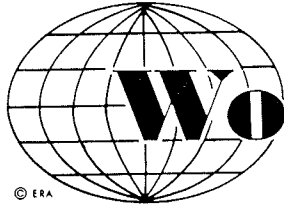
Have Missionaries Speak

Finally, promote missions in the prayer service by having missionary speakers address the group often. A misleading feature of missions services in the past has been that always an offering has been expected. Whether or not an offering is taken, the congregation should be happy to be well-informed about its overseas endeavors. A pastor is obligated to teach his people on Sunday from the pulpit, but prayer meeting night is a natural time for missionaries to report their work of winning souls in other parts of the world.

Perhaps your congregation has spiritual members untrained for professional missionary work, but who have dedicated talents they want to use for the Lord. There is an avenue of challenge for them in home missionary work—often neglected or left entirely undone. Encourage them to use their talents to seek souls in the community and report their activities in the prayer meeting. Some towns and cities sponsor a person whose life is devoted to "missionary" work. Engage that person, regardless of church affiliation, for an evening service.

The crying need of this hour is to keep alive the glorious light of the gospel in ever-darkening areas of the world. Into what better hands could this task be committed than those of people who love the Lord enough to attend midweek prayer meeting?

—Adapted from *World Vision Magazine*, August, 1959



Round-Up of
World-Wide
RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Missionaries Kidnapped in Viet Nam

By Larry Wood

The headlines screamed the story, stark and bold: "Reds Kidnap Three American Missionaries."

The dateline leaped out to catch my eye: Ban Me Thuot, Viet Nam.

And my heart sank a little as I hurriedly scanned the columns and found a familiar name: that of Dr. Eleanor Ardel Vietti of Houston, Tex., serving in Viet Nam under the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The terse story told how Dr. Vietti and her fellow Alliance missionary, Rev. Archie Mitchell, along with Daniel Gerber, Mennonite Central Committee volunteer, had been taken prisoner by Viet Cong Communist guerrillas in a night raid on May 30. Mrs. Mitchell, her four children, and the four nurses at the Alliance leprosy colony some nine miles outside of Ban Me Thuot had not been molested. Mrs. Mitchell had managed to reach Ban Me Thuot with the news the next morning, and her children and the other missionaries had been safely evacuated to the comparative safety of the town. Vietnamese troops and helicopters had been dispatched to search for the guerrillas and their captives, but as yet there was no definite report.

I put down the paper, my mind full of memories . . . my heart full of prayer.

I remember Ban Me Thuot—remember that bumpy, bouncing ride out to the leprosy colony ("the longest nine miles in the world," my notes recalled) . . . remember that courageous lady doctor and the dedicated folk serving with her.

It was a short visit that Photographer Roy Wolfe and I made there last fall—just one eventful day. But we have often remembered the thrilling sight of that testimony for Christ out there in the middle of the jungles. We have remembered, often and always prayerfully, how we accompanied Dr. Vietti on her rounds of the more than 200 in-patients there in the Ban Me Thuot Segregated Village, as the leprosy colony is known.

Dr. Vietti we remember as an easy-going Texan, but one whose every word and action revealed her deep interest in and love for her patients.

We remember how she and the others

shrugged off any suggestion of heroism on their part, even though we knew that the area around them had been the scene of many night raids . . . and that one night not too long before they had heard a bridge blown up just a few hundred yards away. They have been careful to observe the curfew and other stringent regulations, but the danger has been there. (Two weeks to the day after our brief visit, we read of a pitched battle involving several hundred Vietnamese troops and an unknown force of guerrillas in this very area.)

In its 50 years of faithful service in Viet Nam, the Christian and Missionary Alliance has written a great chapter in the history of Christian missions. The country is dotted with little churches bearing the sign "Tin Lanh" (Evangelical Church); the National church which is the fruit of Alliance endeavor now can count a total constituency of over 25,000 . . . and the little band at Ban Me Thuot have been a great credit both to the Alliance and to the cause of Christ overall.

And now three faithful servants of Christ, like many before them in the march of missions, are in the hands of the unregenerate.

At this writing we don't know what the exact situation is out there.

We pray . . . and trust.

But this we know: that wherever they are, back in the depths of the jungle or up in remote mountain heights, they aren't alone.

There's another with them . . . the One Who not only told them long ago to "go into all the world," but also promised "Lo, I am with you always."

He is there, too.

Three there, in the midst of the fires of persecution?

No, take another look, Viet Cong Guerrillas . . .

Look carefully.

There's a fourth Person there . . . and "the form of the Fourth is like the Son of God."

That is Who He is: the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is there . . . and we trust these dear servants to His care.

Denver to Host NSSA

DENVER, COLO.—Colorful Colorado's mile high capital city will host the nation's Sunday Schools this fall, October 10, 11, 12, at the 17th annual National Sunday School Convention.

The local sponsoring group is the Rocky Mountain Sunday School Association with Mr. Stan Noreen, chairman, and Mr. Lew Gras, co-chairman.

The convention begins just past noon Wednesday, October 10, with a major meeting in the municipal auditorium followed by the first of more than 100 workshops which will be held each of the three days. The Denver Hilton will be headquarters hotel.

Leaders from more than 40 denominations work together in this major Christian education event besides a number of leaders from independent organizations and publishing houses.

NAE Moves to New Office

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—The headquarters office of the National Association of Evangelicals has completed its move to a new \$100,000 building just north of the city limits of Wheaton. The new building, which is adjacent to the recently completed offices of Youth for Christ International, is of a modern bi-level design with 7,500 square feet of floor space on its two floors.

The lower level houses the business offices, production department, magazine circulation department and mailing room. On the upper level are the executive offices, the editorial offices of United Evangelical Action magazine, and a lounge and conference room. The reception room is on the ground level.

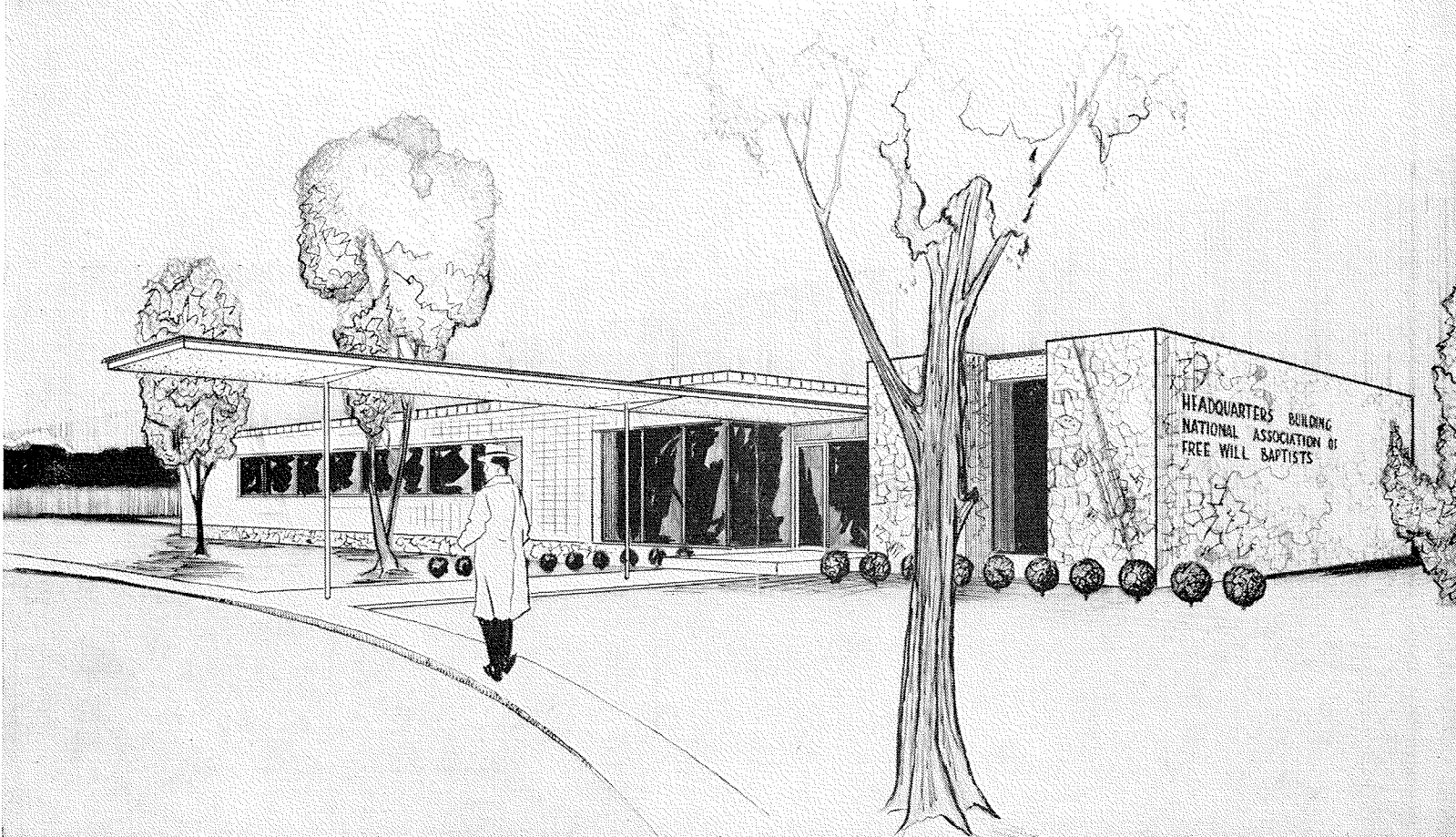
A formal dedication is planned for later this fall, according to Dr. George L. Ford, executive director.

Centennial of Missionary Work

MARION, IND. (CNS)—The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America will observe the 100th anniversary of its home and foreign missionary society on July 3, 1962. The denomination has 125 missionaries—a ratio of one missionary to 368 members—in 15 different fields around the world. Its overseas church membership stands at 11,000 as compared with 46,000 in America.

During this centennial year, Wesleyan missionaries and national workers will complete work on the translation of the New Testament into the Limba language of Sierra Leone, Africa. As a part of its program of worldwide evangelism the Wesleyan church operates nine Bible schools and seminaries, five hospitals and fourteen dispensaries, one leprosarium, three mission presses, forty primary and three secondary schools, an orphanage, several bookstores and radio programs in six languages.

The total missionary giving of the 1,063 Wesleyan Methodist churches last year was \$366,071, or \$7.95 per member. Per capita giving was \$229, second highest in the country.



TOGETHER WE WILL

SHARE

HOW DO WE PROPOSE to raise the \$125,000.00 needed for this new building? We invite you to share in the Free Will Baptist future. You may do this through the purchase of a share.

The plan is this. We are praying for 1,500 individuals and 500 churches that will buy one or more shares in our future. All shares are in the amount of \$50.00. When payment for a share is received, the church or individual will receive an attractive 8½ x 5½ share. (Your share is actually a gift, but this is our permanent record to you of your share in our future.)

Churches or individuals that buy five or more shares will be "Advancement Contributors." These churches and individuals will be listed on a bronze plaque to be placed in the entrance hall of the new building.

Your indication now, on the opposite form, of your desire to share in our future will be a great inspiration to us. We dare not fail to meet the challenge which is ours as Free Will Baptists. Thank you for your consideration of this need and may God bless you.

JULY, 1962

Will You Be One of 2,000?

Write Us This Week

- *Tupelo Woman's Auxiliary \$41.55
Tupelo, Mississippi
- *Beech Springs Woman's Auxiliary \$25.00
Saltillo, Mississippi
- *Union Hill Woman's Auxiliary \$ 7.50
Tupelo, Mississippi

- *Columbus Woman's Auxiliary \$50.00
Columbus, Mississippi
- *Mr. Audria Metcalf \$50.00
Springfield, Oregon
- *German G. Vogel \$25.00
Detroit, Michigan

Total in gifts and pledges
\$3,897.47

*Indicates paid share.

— Clip and mail today —

Here Is A Share In The Free Will Baptist Future

God being my Helper, you can count on me for _____ shares (\$50.00 each) in 1962. I will pay as indicated.

\$ _____ per month Name _____

\$ _____ now, \$ _____ Address _____

by _____
Date

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Date

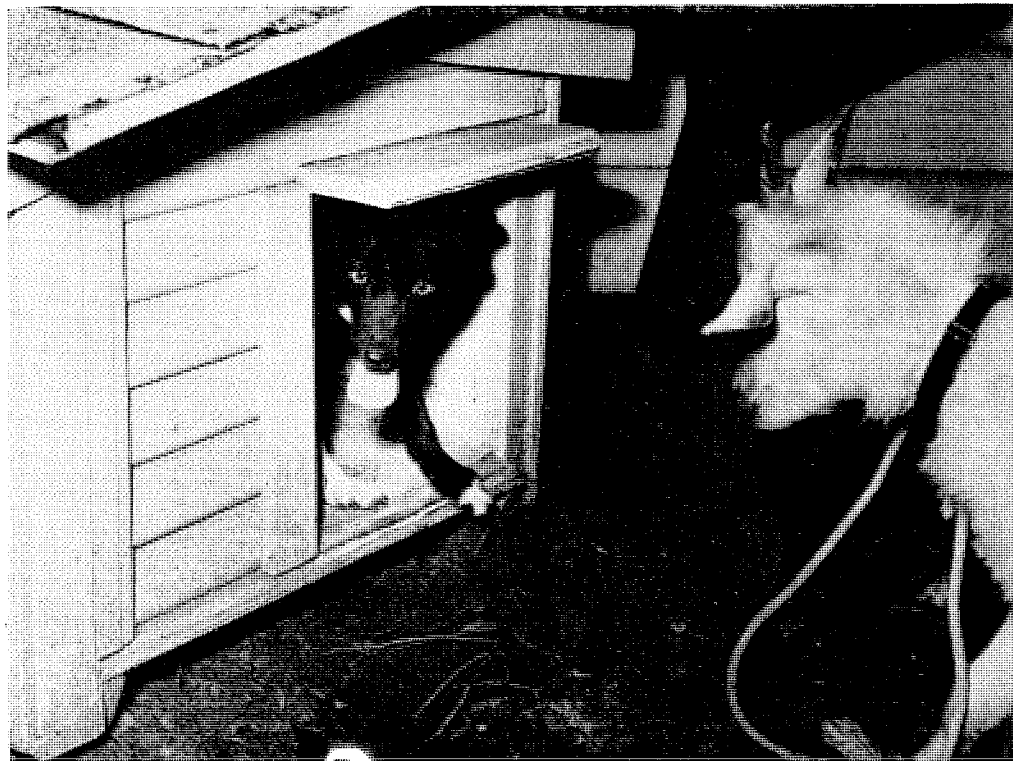
\$ _____ enclosed Church _____

(This may be pasted to a post card)

LUCIFER

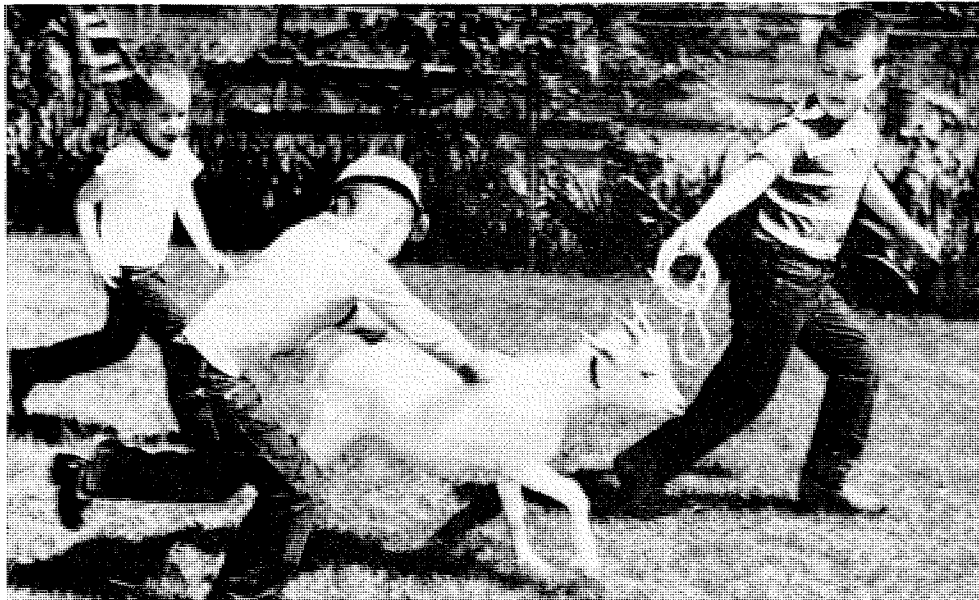
1 Mr. F. E. Walling's Sunday school class missed their goal by the greatest number. He is shown here with his wife Ann and two sons, Gregg and Johnny, and Lucifer the goat. ("Billy" to the kids.) As teacher, Mr. Walling had to take the goat home for one week. However, he delivered Lucifer to his absent class members each evening for a night's lodging and the following Sunday his class had the highest score in the entire Sunday school.

2 The Walling household was not exactly prepared to entertain their rather unusual guest. "Perhaps Lucifer will hit it off well with Tippy," observed Mr. Walling. "Maybe he could share his dog house." But not so! Tippy was not accustomed to the ways of a goat and wanted no part of Lucifer after a rather vigorous greeting. "I'm at a distinct disadvantage," said Tippy, "and with that animal around here, I'm really leading a dog's life."

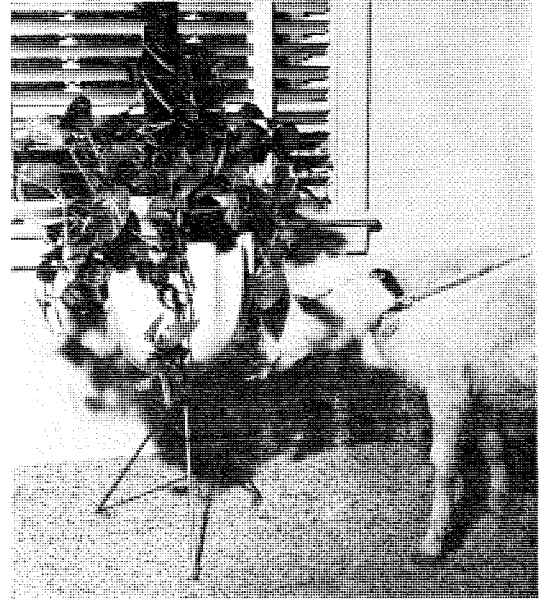


the goat that went visiting

A "goal or goat" contest resulted in a substantial increase in the Sunday school of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. Teacher of the class with lowest score each week took Lucifer home.



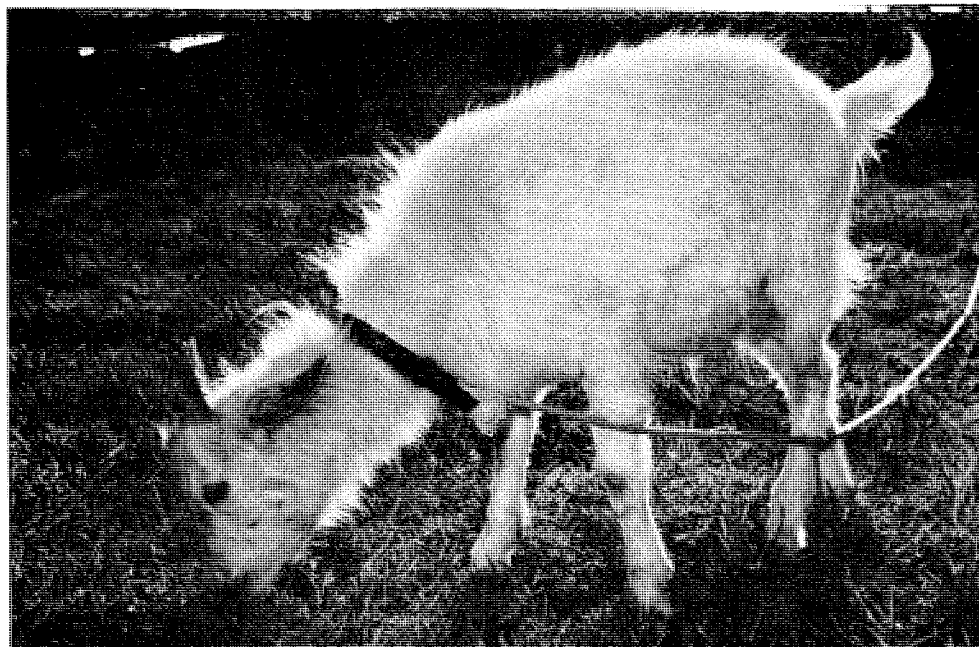
3 The Walling boys and a friend take Lucifer for a turn of road work. When the boys played too rough, Lucifer resorted to the butt to stop all activity.



5 Lucifer tries out a special kind of salad before Mrs. Walling makes the house off-limits.

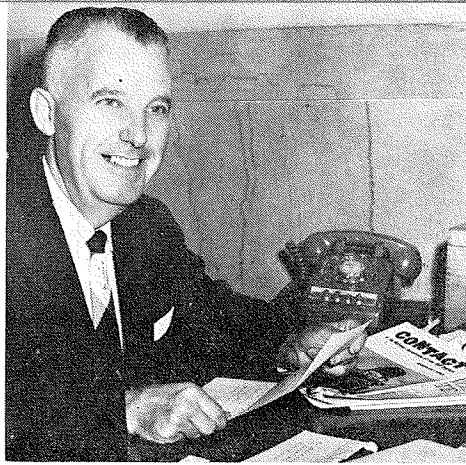
4 Lucifer relaxes and doubles as a lawn mower after a busy afternoon of dog and boys. This was the only worthwhile activity of which Lucifer was capable.

6 Lucifer admires the handiwork of Mrs. Walling in mirror before calling on some absentees.



WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

by Louis H. Moulton



Do Free Will Baptists have any ministry to the Jews and can a Jew be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and still remain a Jew?

We have no ministry to the Jews except individual witness. If by believing you mean one who has been genuinely converted to Christ, then the answer is "no." "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:27, 28). Most Jews do accept the historical fact that Jesus lived but it takes a real born-again experience to make any person a true believer.

The story of Jonah and the whale has been the subject of much controversy, ridicule, and just plain unbelief. I believe the account just as the Bible records it, but please tell me what kind of a whale it was that swallowed Jonah.

The sperm whale which is the only one with a throat large enough to swallow a man. I have read that this particular species of whales is found in that part of the world where Jonah lived. We have no scripture to back up the particular species and we need none. Jonah 1:17 says, "Now the Lord had prepared a great fish (called whale in Matthew 12:40) to swallow up Jonah . . ." It could have been the only one of it's kind ever prepared or created and would still present no problem to real believers in the Word of God.

So many things today are blamed on Providence. Do you think this is right?

Because of the omnipotence (unlimited or infinite power) of God and because of the omniscience (all knowledge) of God all things come to pass according to the foreknowledge of God. He knew that the things which happen would happen and He allows it, but He does not so decree, foreordain or will, that all things happen as they happen. Even the free actions of men, in a manner beyond our finite minds to comprehend, are not outside the reach of God's directing hand.

In Revelation 22:18, 19 the writer says not to take from nor add to God's Word or God would take away our part out of the book of life. For the first forty years of my affiliation with Free Will Baptists, people would say that we were that part of the church of God or Christ commonly called Free Will Baptists. Do we find Free Will Baptists or a Free Will Baptist church mentioned in the Bible? If not, do we not add to the Word of God when we say that we belong to the Free Will Baptist church?

The answer to your question is no, no, no. Regardless of what we may call ourselves, groups or bodies are called by their various man given names to distinguish them from other groups or bodies because of doctrinal differences. Every believer is a member of Christ's body according to 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. Romans 12:5 says, "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." We do not add to nor take from the Word of God by calling ourselves Free Will Baptists any more than did the Corinthian church, the Ephesian church, the Laodicean church or others.

Cooperative Receipts Show Good Increase in May

Undesignated giving to the Cooperative Plan showed a better than \$1,000 increase during the month of May. Indications are that Cooperative giving will remain steady through the summer months. This is important to the work of the National Association when support is sometimes slow.

You may share in the world-wide ministry of Free Will Baptists by sending 10% or more of your monthly offerings to Cooperative Plan, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Check the progress of your state in the report given below.

MAY COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS Undesignated

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| ALABAMA | | | |
| First church, Dothan | | \$ 150.00 | |
| ARKANSAS | | | |
| State association | | 284.88 | |
| CALIFORNIA | | | |
| State association | | 1,223.33 | |
| GEORGIA | | | |
| State association | | 193.10 | |
| ILLINOIS | | | |
| State association | | 423.81 | |
| INDIANA | | | |
| Wabash Valley association | | 134.91 | |
| KANSAS | | | |
| First association | 224.20 | | |
| F.W.B. church, Ulysses | 76.00 | | 300.20 |
| MISSOURI | | | |
| New Harmony Sunday school, | | | |
| Green Top | 13.13 | | |
| Macedonia church, Purdy | 80.46 | | |
| State association | 1,017.66 | | 1,111.25 |
| NEW MEXICO | | | |
| F.W.B. Church, Hobbs | | 75.73 | |
| NORTH CAROLINA | | | |
| Swannanoa church, | | 209.88 | |
| Swannanoa | | | |
| Fellowship church, | | 98.56 | 307.44 |
| New Bern | | | |
| OHIO | | | |
| Little Miami River | | | |
| Conference | 36.70 | | |
| First church, Springfield | 82.53 | | 119.23 |
| OKLAHOMA | | | |
| Center Point church, Farris | 15.90 | | |
| State association | 562.89 | | 578.79 |
| TENNESSEE | | | |
| Horton Heights church, | | 77.88 | |
| Nashville | | | |
| Blue Springs, Columbia | 10.00 | | |
| Wooddale church, | | | |
| Knoxville | 28.40 | | 116.28 |
| TEXAS | | | |
| State association | | | 341.67 |
| VIRGINIA | | | |
| Bethany church, Norfolk | | | 143.64 |
| | | | <u>\$5,505.26</u> |

DESIGNATED FUNDS

| | | |
|----------------|---------|-------------------|
| California | \$ 5.00 | |
| Tennessee | 82.88 | |
| North Carolina | 15.00 | 102.88 |
| | | <u>\$5,608.14</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
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| Foreign Missions | \$1,597.52 | |
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STUDY IN TITUS AND PHILEMON

Charles A. Thigpen

FIRST AND SECOND TIMOTHY and Titus, Paul's final group of letters, are known as the "pastoral epistles" because they deal with the proper order for local churches. This trilogy of letters has also been referred to as the "ecclesiological epistles." Even though there is great doctrinal teaching in each of these letters, Paul's main thrust centers around the functioning of local churches and the requirements and duties of the leadership in local churches.

Titus was a Gentile whose home was perhaps in Antioch of Syria. He was a convert of Paul (Titus 1:4) and accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem to attend the council meeting which was so important to all Gentile believers (Acts 15, Galatians 2:1-4). McClymont states concerning Titus, "Judging from the allusions to Titus in Paul's epistles, he seems to have been the ablest and most reliable of all the friends and co-adjutors whom the apostle had about him in his later years. As an uncircumcised Gentile . . . he represented in his own person the breadth and freedom of the Gospel, for which the apostle had so zealously and successfully contended."

The nature of the tasks assigned to Titus indicates Paul's very high estimate of his ability. Titus was sent by Paul to strife-torn Corinth. In writing the second Corinthian letter, Paul mentions Titus' name some eight times. Also, that letter is full of expressions indicating the high regard in which Titus was held by the Corinthians. Also, another indication of Paul's esteem for Titus is this epistle which bears his name. Titus is presently on the island of Crete completing the work begun by the Apostle himself. Evidently Paul had had to leave sooner than he had expected, so Titus is to "set in order the things that are wanting and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee."

Apparently there are some four reasons which prompted Paul to write this letter. Firstly, Paul has a means by which the letter will reach Titus. Zenas and Apollos are planning a visit to Crete. Secondly, Paul wishes to encourage Titus to stand firm against false teachers. Thirdly, he wants to give instructions in pastoral duties and church organization. Fourthly, Paul desires to tell Titus where to meet him when relieved of his duty in Crete.

Paul wrote this letter possibly from somewhere in Macedonia in the year 65.

This epistle, together with I and II Timothy should be re-studied by the church of today. Too many churches and denominations are too highly organized. Instead of the organizations serving the people, in many instances, the people are serving organizations. It is far better to have need of a little more organization than to have too much organization.

In speaking to this point, Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter in *Explore The Book, Vol. 6* says, "So far as New Testament indications go, each local church was meant to be autonomous. If it should be said that in the first days there was the authoritative word of apostles in central command, then it must be replied that so is it substantially today; for we have the apostolic directions in our New Testament, and they go no further than prescribing for each local church, leaving each directly responsible thereto. Such an elaborate hierarchical pyramid as the Roman Catholic system is utterly foreign to the New Testament; so also are all central executives which exercise a governmental control over combines of churches. There may well be voluntary unions of churches which do not infringe local autonomy; but there must be no governing executives, for these, while seeming to accomplish a useful outward unity, almost invariably violate and often destroy that vital inward unity which comes of free and direct loyalty to the apostolic word."

A simple outline that may aid you in studying this book is as follows: I. Salutation, Titus 1:1-4. II. Instructions to Titus: A. Concerning qualifications of elders, 1:5-9. B. Concerning false doctrine, 1:10-16. C. Concerning behavior among Christians, 2:1-15. D. Concerning behavior toward unbelievers, 3:1-11. III. Conclusion, 3:12-15.

A summary of the doctrinal themes of this epistle is listed by Walter M. Dunnitt

in *An Outline of New Testament Survey*, as follows: 1. The doctrine of God, 1:3, 4; 2:10; 3:4. 2. The doctrine of Christ, 1:4; 2:13; 3:16. 3. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit, 3:5. 4. The doctrine of the Word of God, 1:3; 2:5, 10; 3:8. 5. The doctrine of the (local) church, 1:1-3, 6-8; 2:1-3:2.

To this group I would add one, the doctrine of good works, Titus 3:1, 8, 14. Here Paul is stressing good works as the necessary evidence of salvation. The *doctrine* already stressed in this epistle is to be adorned by *doing*. May God grant that in each of our lives we will be "careful to maintain good works."

I feel that the little letter to Philemon is so easily understood, very little comment is needed. Onesimus, a runaway slave, meets with Paul in Rome and is converted. It is evident that he had stolen something of value from his owner, Philemon. After he became a believer, he serves Paul, but eventually desires to return to his master. Paul is acquainted with Philemon and his entire family. Perhaps he too is a convert of Paul.

So, Paul writes a letter to accompany Onesimus as he returns to Philemon. The year is about 64, and of course Paul is in Rome, in prison. To understand why this letter was so important, one must realize that a slave was the absolute property of his owner. The treatment for running away was either death or some other form of extreme punishment.

So, Paul writes this beautiful letter. Dr. C. H. Benson says, "This is one of the most straightforward and manly letters ever penned." Scofield states, that this letter "is of priceless value as a teaching (1) in practical righteousness; (2) in Christian brotherhood; (3) in Christian courtesy; (4) in the law of love."

A brief outline of this epistle is as follows: I. Salutation verses 1-3. II. Praise for Philemon, 4-7. III. Plea for Onesimus, 8-17. IV. Pledge and Assurance from Paul, 18-22. V. Conclusion, 23-25.

Dr. Tenney so ably points out, that, "all the elements of divine forgiveness are herein illustrated: the offense (11, 18), compassion (10), intercession (10, 18, 19), substitution (18, 19) restoration to favor (15), and elevation to a new relationship."



GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

TIMMONSVILLE, S.C.—Sheryl and Marvin Jones of Beulah Free Will Baptist Church were crowned winners recently in the South Carolina District YPA Banquet held in Darlington. There were 31 churches participating in the project to raise money for "Wheels for Brazil." These two winners raised a total of \$106.53.

Baccalaureate Unconstitutional

WENATCHEE, WASH.—Baccalaureate services sponsored by high schools in the state of Washington have been declared unconstitutional in an opinion handed down recently by the state's attorney general.

The services were considered "religious in nature" and therefore declared a violation of the separation of church and state principle. In many cities the local ministerial association took the responsibility of sponsoring the services and held them either in churches or rented the school facilities as provided for religious organizations.

Rev. Joe Hurst, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, was invited to give the baccalaureate address to some 120 graduating students in the East Wenatchee district. Most churches in the area dismissed

evening services to lend support to what they consider an important phase of high school life and a fine American tradition. Excellent cooperation was received from school officials and all announcements and publicity were handled by the Hi-C (High school Christians) club at the school.

College Trustees Meet

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College met for its annual meeting May 30-31, 1962. The past year of the institution represents one of the greatest years in the history of the college. It was noted that the largest student body had been enrolled during the year, and highest income had been received.

The members of the board voted their appreciation to the administration, faculty and staff for the services which they have efficiently rendered during the year.

In considering plans for future expansion and growth of the institution, the Board of Trustees agreed that one of the most acute needs is the construction of a classroom-library building. In viewing this pressing need, the members of the board recognized that as always future growth and expansion of the institution is dependent upon the liberality and faithfulness of the people of our denomination.

Year of Expansion Adopted

PLEASANT VIEW ILL.—The Illinois Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference in its meeting at Pleasant View recommended a plan for growth to the churches in their state. The 10-10-10 plan called the "Year Of Expansion" has three major points: 1. Increase the average Sunday School attendance by 10%, 2. Increase income to the Co-operative Plan to \$12,000, and 3. Increase the number of conversions to 200.

Smith Takes New Position

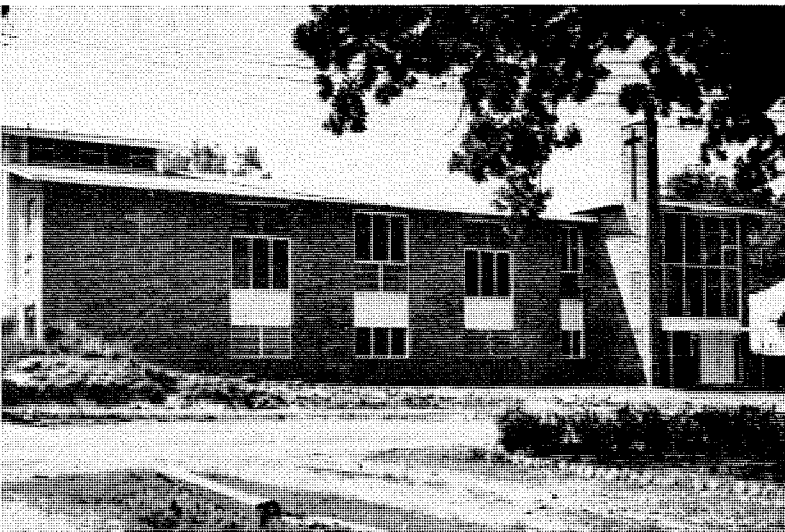
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA.—Rev. N. R. Smith will be moving to Oklahoma City to accept the position of state Executive Secretary. Mr. Smith is presently pastoring the New Home Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa Oklahoma.

New Work Organized

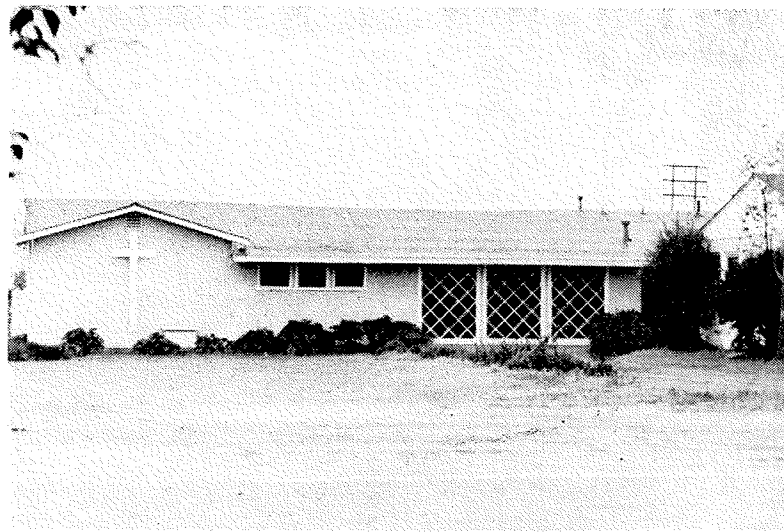
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—The Free Will Baptist Mission in San Antonio was recently organized into a church. Rev. H. Ray Berry is the pastor.

Also the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Sunnyslope, Arizona recently organized with 24 charter members. Rev. Gayle Gardner is the pastor.

This new building of the Berkley City Free Will Baptist Church was dedicated recently. In the St. Louis, Missouri, area, cost was approximately \$100,000.00. Rev. Harvey Hill is pastor.



The Garden Grove, California, church recently acquired this sanctuary, with additional property and a parsonage through a bond program. Cost was \$50,000.00. Rev. Francis Boyle is pastor.

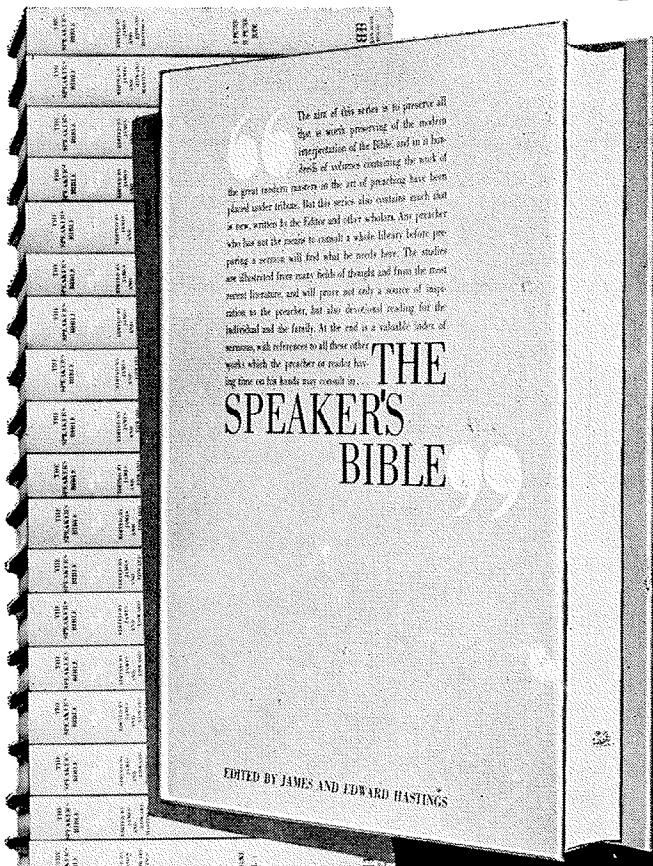


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People Who Break a Pastor's Heart

NOT THOSE WHO call him at 3 a.m. to the bedside of someone who is sick. Not those who have strayed and need counsel and spiritual help. Not those who constantly pour out their troubles to him.

But these:

(1) People who have faith only as big as the amount of money in the treasury, or as big as the things *they've* seen done.

"It's never been done here!" "We can't afford it." "This is a hard place; you can't do anything like that here."

(2) People who are satisfied with the way things are going. No souls being saved, the missionary giving not increasing, the Sunday school not growing, but everything is fine. No burden for souls. No longing for holiness.

(3) Those who put self ahead of God.

"No, we can't have prayer meeting that night; it's Thanksgiving Day!" "We couldn't come to church; the neighbors dropped in for a visit." "I can't help with D.V.B.S., too busy canning. Why the fruit might spoil!" (What if the souls "spoil" because they are not reached this summer?)

(4) Those who boss the church without getting directions from the Head of the Church, our Lord. They come to business meetings with strong opinions, without having spent five minutes in prayer seeking God's will for the decisions to be made by the church.

(5) Those who let them. In business meeting, never say a word. Just sit. Having a lovely feeling of "humility."

(6) People who fidget during invitation . . . put on wraps . . .

shut up hymnals . . . bang . . . and put them in the rack. No holy hush of expectancy as the pastor pleads for souls, no striving in prayer.

(7) Members who monopolize the back seats, making late newcomers run the gauntlet of curious stares as they make their way to the front.

"You can't make ME sit in the front seat; I've sat back here for years."

(8) People who think that sacrifice is for missionaries.

"I haven't a thing to give. Why, we hardly have enough to live on!" (Where did that new car and TV set come from?) "No I couldn't help with visitation. My home demands all my time." (Two ladies who said this were working fulltime in a store and office within six months and still continue years later.)

(9) People will give only to the "deserving."

"We shouldn't send a Christmas basket to that family; the father-in-law has a good job." "No, not to them. I think they go to movies!" "Doesn't she get a widow's pension?"

(10) People who think "just anything" will do for the church.

"Oh, I don't think we need to have them practice. Children are cute anyway; who cares if they make a few mistakes?" "We could get———paint for the church; it's very cheap." "Here, just slap it on in a hurry; we've got to get downtown before the store close."

Yes, there are the kind of people who break a pastor's heart.—Mrs. Marie Losey

Pastor's Who Break a People's Heart

(1) The pastor who feels that if he can reprimand his people on their lack of faith, get them to commit themselves to a bigger budget, then the Lord will surely supply when the year is over. My thought: why cannot the Lord speak to the hearts of the people so that the needs will be met *ahead* of time? I wonder, is not a lot of our "faith" a "holy presumption" that the Lord will get us out of the mess in which we have gotten ourselves?

(2) Pastors who criticize congregations from the pulpit concerning lethargy . . . instead of leading the people in Bible study and allowing God to speak. Have they forgotten that when concerned members invite neighbors and outsiders they do so to hear a message from God and not a scolding?

(3) The pastor who puts the church ahead of the family. How about the mother of little ones who would simply love to attend WMS, prayer meeting, teach in Sunday school, sing in the choir, attend both morning and evening services etc.? Who is going to stay at home and lead her children to the Lord? Just because time is spent for the Lord does not mean that the Lord will turn around and take care of a mother's or father's responsibilities to their children.

(4) The pastor who brings to mention to his flock at 12:10, concerning selfish attitudes and lack of Christ-likeness because they

worry about fidgeting children and roasts in the oven. The message continues until 12:20, winds up at 12:35.

(5) The pastor who is rankled by his congregation because it fidgets during an altar call following a message which includes every possible area in which a believer might well have failed. The congregation cannot be honest with itself or the members would have to go forward for something each Sunday.

(6) The pastor who feels that his board is dictating to him because it disagrees with him.

(7) The pastor who reminds you that he is in "fulltime Christian service" and infers because you in your calling earn and make money that you render a lesser service to God. Is a mother any less called to fulltime Christian service in winning her children and neighbors to Christ? Is a businessman any less called of God in an area so full of opportunity as where he works and where he sees so many who have no witness?

(8) The pastor who never preaches anything other than a salvation message. How about Christian who has been walking with the Lord for a long time? Did not our Lord tell his disciples that along with being *fishers of men* they should *feed the sheep*? God's Word is self-evident if studied. The unbelieving heart can still be reached by the Holy Spirit through Bible study. (These articles first appeared in the Evangelical Beacon.)

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IN THE VINEYARD

He kept his vow

by Blaise Levai

THIS is the story of a man who went half way round the world to keep a vow. His name? It doesn't really matter. People call him "Barbarossa" because of a flaming red beard and a head as bald as an egg.

During the last war, in the midst of heavy artillery fire, this Barbarossa from England vowed that, if God spared his life, he would return some day to India to work among the Muslims, whom he had grown to admire for their stubborn will.

Barbarossa took up residence in the midst of a strict orthodox group of Muslims. He tried as far as he could to dress as they did and eat their food. Each day he visited their part of town and spoke in the busy market place. One day an angry shopkeeper spat in his face and called him a "heathen pig." Barbarossa wiped his face, smiled and quietly walked away.

Day after day Barbarossa continued to go about these people, distributing Bibles and tracts wherever he could. Eventually the Muslim priests in the vicinity protested to the authorities. They charged that this intruder was a public nuisance who was turning Muslims away from the Prophet Mohammed to the Prophet Jesus. The people now began to jeer and interrupt Barbarossa when he tried to speak in the center of the crowded bazaar. So lifting a hand, he cried: "Please hear me just once more! Listen, and I promise I shall leave."

As he stood there in the middle of the square, he suddenly pulled off his turban. The blazing sun seemed to reflect its rays from his bald head as from a sparkling mirror.

"Look," he continued, rubbing his smooth head, "God has given me a natural bald head, but your priests must shave their heads. Neither has Allah given them natural red beards; they must dye their beards. But see what a thick red beard God has given to me! Although I am no longer permitted to speak to you here in the market place, be assured that I shall remember you and continue to pray for you, commending you to the Great Prophet Jesus, who can enable you to love as victoriously as He loved. If you need me in any way, come to me. You know where I live."

By this time the crowd started to laugh. But there was one in that crowd who was strangely moved. It was the man who had spat in Barbarossa's face. Late that night he went to Barbarossa's room and apologized.

"Now," said the Muslim, "I am ready to know more about the Prophet Jesus, who can make love possible. Somehow I always felt that people wrote about love in books because that is the only place it can exist."

So among that fanatical Muslim community one person accepted the Master. It was only one; but praise God, it was one.

The last time Barbarossa was seen, he was making his way toward the border of Kashmir, intent on keeping his vow.

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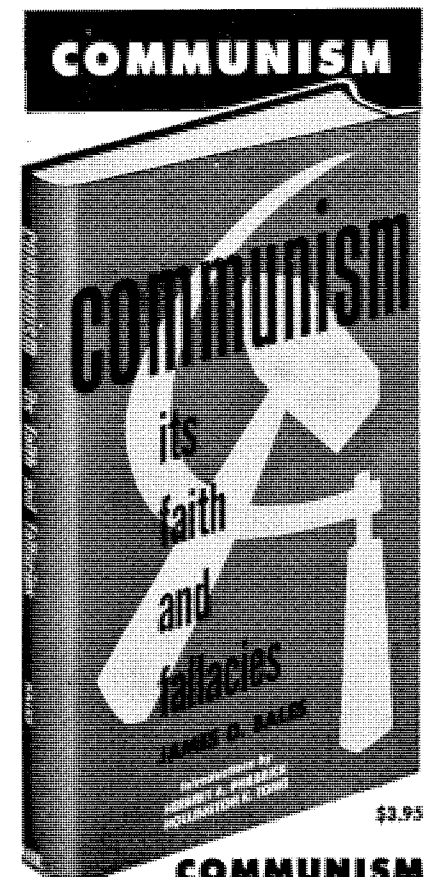
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Major activity on the part of National Association personnel will center in the 26th annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists which convenes July 10-12 in Nashville Tennessee.

Heads of departments will be making their annual report to the body which will include proposed budgets for 1963. In the exhibit area, located in the Iris Room of the Hermitage Hotel, association personnel will be greeting the many visitors, delegates and ministers to acquaint them better with present ministries and future opportunities of service.

Since this is a very strategic meeting for Free Will Baptists, your prayers in behalf of the sessions, the speakers, and the fellowship will be deeply appreciated. Share with us through prayer during this time if you are not able to be present.



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