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## Embarrassing?

Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, an American Baptist who has been a guest observer at the Second Vatican Council, criticized the Baptist World Alliance last month for not sending official delegate-observers to the meeting in Rome.

Stuber, former public relations director for the American Baptist Convention who now serves as executive director of the Missouri Council of Churches, charged the Baptist World Alliance executive committee with a "closing the door action" which is "embarrassing to national Baptist denominations" and places "many Baptists in an entirely false light." In an open letter to the executive committee, he called for a reconsideration of representation at the Vatican.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists is not a member of the Baptist World Alliance, but just for the record, let it be understood that the decision of the Baptist World Alliance not to send delegate-observers to the Second Vatican Council is not an embarrassment to us. In fact, it is rather embarrassing that a Protestant, and especially a Baptist, would beat a path to the Vatican and then come home to chide other Baptists for not sharing in the ecumenical council of Rome. Has not the Roman Catholic Church insisted continually that her position is still the same? Are not the principles of the Reformation still valid?

Since this is the beginning of a new year, perhaps this is a good time to re-affirm our belief in some basic principles which separate us from the Roman Catholic Church. For example, the Lordship of Christ as sole head of the Church, the Bible as final authority for the believer, justification by faith alone, and the recognition of one mediator between God and man—the Lord Jesus Christ.

For Free Will Baptists, these beliefs are still valid. They have long been a part of our heritage and the National Association of Free Will Baptists is committed to the proclamation and defense of these principles.

Just what the year of 1963 will bring to us as a denomination is not yet known. Indications are, however, that there will be increased effort on the part of some to erase or gloss over some of the basic principles of Christianity. Some verses, therefore, from the Word of God should help us. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist steadfast in the faith . . ." (1 Peter 5:6-9).

## Why Do Teens Quit Church?

Information from a research project aimed at determining just why teens drop out of church has recently been released. This project was directed by Dr. Roy B. Zuck who heads the NSSA research commission.

Six hundred and six pastors responded to the project—a return of 29.8 per cent. Of these, 117 or 19.3 per cent reported that they had no dropouts in the past two years. Churches that had dropouts totaled 489 or 89.7 per cent. Of the 489, only 21 pastors said they attempted, but did not succeed in enlisting the cooperation of dropouts contacted. For the sake of clarity, a dropout was defined as "one who has altogether discontinued attending your church regularly. If he is still attending one agency of the church, such as Sunday School or weekday groups, he should not be considered a dropout."

A total of 331 young people participated by filling out questionnaires and they came from 42 of the 50 states.

On page four of this issue of *Contact* we have carried the three big reasons given by the young people for dropping out of church. I wonder what your reaction will be in the light of your church situation? Surely, these are areas that need attention in most churches, and I doubt that Free Will Baptist Churches are any exception. Let's take a good hard look at these facts and then do something about it. The New Year is before us. What will we do for the youth of our church—the church of tomorrow?

## Bible Study Series Completed

Last month we carried the last study in a Bible Study Series which covered the entire New Testament. These studies were prepared for us by Charles A. Thigpen, Dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College. We are indebted to him for the preparation of these articles which ran for nineteen months.

This series has brought much favorable comment and we trust that as a result of these studies, many of our readers have been prompted to a more thorough study of God's Word. Your comments and reaction will be appreciated and will give us some direction as we prepare additional material of this type in the future.

D. J.

Prayer  
Smith

# RELIGION IN REVIEW, 1962

Three religious editors view the old year

## MOVEMENT

One thing was certain: 1962 was a year of *movement*.

Early in the year Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., rocketed off into the skies to become America's first man in orbit—and millions of people around the globe followed his movement through the uncharted stretches of outer space.

Late in the year American warships moved out into the seas to fence in Cuba with a determined blockade.

And thus it went, as 1962 moved along. Space probings, military ventures, political marches: a year of movement.

In the world of religion, too, 1962 was marked by movement.

Millions in the Church were moved to react as the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its historic verdict banning a Board of Regents-composed prayer in the public schools of the State of New York. Some were moved to righteous indignation, viewing this as a major step in an anti-God movement; others stood up to defend the legal aspects of the High Court's Decision.

Church bodies, too, were on the move. Most were moving along in a slowing-but-steady pace—their progress marked by ever-increasing membership totals and burgeoning construction statistics. Some found their orbits drawing closer together . . . and merger-talk (whether fact or fancy) linked the names of such groups as the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church; the Christian Missionary Alliance and the Missionary Church Association; The Presbyterian Church in the U.S. and the Reformed Church in America; plus the inevitable various and sundry Lutheran bodies. There was even the formation of an "unofficial but permanent committee" to explore the linking of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.—Larry Ward, *World Vision Magazine*

## MORE HOPE

1962. All will agree that the Ecumenical Council was the outstanding religious event, although the gulf between Rome and the Protestants is far too deep and too wide to be bridged.

Of more significance, although not so noticeable, were the daring steps of faith taken by World Vision, and other evangelistic groups—and individual evangelists—in not only taking the Gospel to non-Christian peoples, but in showing them how to help themselves toward a better way of life.

There is evidence that the world is growing tired of its wallowing in filthy plays, films and books, and is turning to more uplifting themes. The permanence of Hollywood features with a "message" content, prove that the people really do appreciate goodness, even though they may not know it.

1963? There is more hope of a turning to God, one reason being the fearful glimpse of the abyss of nuclear destruction caused by the Cuban crisis, and the vast feeling of relief that swept the world when it was seen that Russia shudders at nuclear war as much as America. Christians feel the lifting of the tension was a direct answer to prayer.

But we know that, according to the Bible, man will "wax worse and worse" and the only hope for the world—seeing it will not turn to Christ—is for Him to come and set up His kingdom, so that "the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ."—Lt. Col. Herbert Wood, *The War Cry, Toronto*

## BEST IS YET TO COME

To find a religious pattern in the day-to-day headlines of 1962 may seem as difficult as trying to find a design back of your grandmother's crazy quilt. A quick look at the developments of 1962 in their various areas may help.

1. *Society*—The animosity, the venom, and the hatred spewed out at the University of Mississippi in the Meredith case is a repudiation of the preachments of the starry-eyed optimists who would have us believe that human nature is evolving from the jungle state and that Utopia is just around the corner. The biblical doctrine of total depravity simply won't budge.

2. *Church*—The Second Vatican Council convened by Pope John XXIII on October 11 has easily led all other events in the news of the church. Unless Rome repudiates her

abominable and preposterous doctrine of papal infallibility it is difficult if not impossible to see how there can be a reform from "infallible" pronouncements of the past. Roman Catholicism with its 550 million adherents, more than one half of the world's "Christian" population, is getting tremendous publicity out of the council, while eager-beaver Protestant (?) churchmen, straining at the leash to be good fellows together, run the risk of sabotaging the Protestant Reformation.

3. *Theology*—The visit of Karl Barth to Chicago and Princeton, and the propaganda given by the news media for his views, topped all other news in the field of theology. Barth's basically wrong view of Scripture makes this a development to be deplored no matter how unhappy the old-line Liberals may be about his emphasis on a return to the Bible.

4. *Education*—The Supreme Court decision on June 25, 1962, ruling that the Regents' Prayer used in the public schools of New York State was unconstitutional was another step toward what may well turn out to be the complete secularization of the nation's public school system.

5. *Science*—The space flights of U.S. astronauts John H. Glenn and Walter Schirra and also of the Russian cosmonauts mean that we now hesitate to say that a trip to the moon or other phenomenal exploits are too fantastic for man to achieve.

6. *National and International*—The Cuban crisis brought us to the brink of the abyss of thermo-nuclear war with all its possibilities too dreadful to contemplate. Russia, and also Red China in attacking India, are revealing again atheistic Communism's grim determination to be masters of the world.

The news behind the news is to be found only in the good news of Scripture. All these signs of the times do not tell us just *when* Christ is coming but they do constantly tell us *that* Christ is coming. There are reasons to believe that it may be five minutes to twelve on the clock of world history. For the Christian, the best is yet to come.—John Vander Ploeg, *The Banner*

# WHY DO TEENS QUIT CHURCH?

By Dr. Roy B. Zuck

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, church services, and youth programs are not enough, said one out of every three teens across the country. They were responding to a nationwide survey on youth dropouts, made by the Youth and Research Commissions of the National Sunday School Association in 1962. Questionnaires with both objective and subjective questions were distributed to 2,023 ministers representing more than 25 evangelical denominations and a number of independent churches in all 50 states.

It is believed that the findings are fairly reliable and representative. The questionnaire-instrument for the research was carefully revised after a pilot-run mailing to one hundred pastors. More than 14 thousand items were tabulated. This material was originally prepared for NSSA LINK.

## **Not Enough Activities—Reason No. 1**

"Why did I quit going? I was bored with the church because they didn't have enough for the young people to do."

Those are the words of a 16-year-old dropout from an evangelical church. And the opinion of this girl from Baltimore, Maryland, is no isolated one. She is voicing the number one complaint that the young people have against the church—*there's not enough going on*, and little opportunity to participate in the activities that are available! One teen put it this way: "Many churches would hold more young people longer if there were more activities and if the young people were given a larger role in the conducting of the services."

## **Two Many Phonies—Reason No. 2**

The pastors encouraged the church-deserters to be frank, honest, and thorough in their replies. And they were!

Writing anonymously, their comments were candid, brutally frank, and often revealed glaring shortcomings in local churches—among the church *people* as well as the church *functions*.

For example, an 18-year-old Minnesota girl wrote, "There were too many people who were 'holy' on Sunday, but the rest of the week you would never know they ever went to church." This was the second outstanding gripe: adult Christians are inconsistent and are not interested in young people. In Denver a non-Christian teen-ager who attended church about four years complained that "people in church were always telling you what you should or should not do, and they were not any better than I was."

This concern about phonies in the church runs high. A boy from Nebraska who had gone to church "since childhood" put it this way: "I believe the church has too many people who show partiality and run in 'cliques.' Also, there seems to be the gossips that start rumors and people stray away."

## **It's Boring—Reason No. 3**

The third main reason given by teen non-attenders is that church is boring, unchallenging, irrelevant. "I got bored with the sermons and the Sunday School class. They did not speak to me or to my needs," says a high school graduate in Indiana who comes from a Christian home. In Arkansas

an unsaved boy griped about sameness. "Every function of the church became routine. . . . Also the Sunday School lessons were dry and uninteresting, the teacher could never stay with the subject . . . Nothing more than repetition."

"The sermons and lectures in church never answered what I wanted to know . . . Although I was interested, it seemed to get very repetitious and boring. Sunday School never challenged me." Those words come from a boy in a church in Iowa, who wanted "more serious, down-to-earth discussion groups." A boy in a Baptist church in California writes, "The people in the Fundamental churches do not deal with nor face the real problems of living."

Teens easily spot the contrast between the challenge of public school work and unchallenging church activities. This is how a 17-year-old Arizonian expresses it: "Young people need to be treated more as adults. We do some big things in our school program week after week but it seems as if the program of the church is not geared to our needs or interests. We don't do much that stimulates and challenges us. Doesn't seem like it is sometime worth the effort to get ready to get up and go. It just doesn't seem to touch my life too well."

One girl's candid comments make youth leaders wonder if churches are really meeting heart-needs of young people. "The classes were dead and the teacher was so-so . . . I now feel pretty strongly that somehow the church doesn't at all satisfy me, and I seem to be groping at something I can't find. I am very, very confused."

Two teens felt that churches offer nothing significant. "When I got old enough to make my own decisions, I decided that the church was not necessary" (Tennessee). "I guess I don't have any real good reason for not attending church, but I don't have any real reason to attend either" (Nebraska). And both of these young people attended church for about 11 years, though neither of them professes to be a Christian! A 15-year-old girl in Bakersfield, California, complains about being busy. She says, "When I get married (soon, I hope) I plan to take active part in church work. Now it doesn't send me."

## **Food for Thought**

These three big reasons—not enough activities, adult inconsistency, and boredom and irrelevance—show up enormous areas of weakness, not easily rectified. But they call for serious examination on the part of ministers and youth workers. These questions ought to be pondered long and hard:

What more can we offer our youth by way of interesting, wholesome youth activities? How can we impress adults with the importance of consistent Christian living? How can our classes, our sermons, our programs, be more relevant, more interesting, more challenging, more spiritually dynamic—to meet the soul-needs of today's teens? ■■

**THE  
WORTH  
OF A  
MISSIONARY  
CONFERENCE**

by  
**Rufus Coffey**

*R. Wilson*

**T**HE SECRET OF a successful missionary program, which enlists the support of the entire church, is a missionary conference. There is no substitute for this vital means of stimulating the whole church in a united effort for world evangelization.

It has been well said, "The mission of the church is missions." Without a missionary vision that embraces the world, a church fails to function properly in its spiritual responsibility. When any congregation lacks a missionary burden, it is itself a mission field.

There is no greater need among Free Will Baptist Churches than a great missionary revival which will enlarge our vision, inspire giving, enlist laborers and challenge our people to pray. A missionary conference in the local church will enable us to see such an awakening. I know because I have seen the results during the past several years.

A missionary conference is a New Testament plan, (Acts 14:27). It is essential to fulfilling the great commission (Acts 13:2-4). Obedience demands action, and missionary service is best augmented by a conference. Nothing gives any more momentum and impetus to extending the kingdom of God than by this means.

I am personally convinced by experience that a missionary conference is the best way to unite the church in a common objective. It vitalizes a stagnated church. It arouses the people from lethargy and engenders interest on the part of all. It edifies, informs and indoctrinates Christians concerning their missionary obligation. It is the antidote to selfishness, squabbles, church friction and division.

We are thankful for any group in the church that promotes missions but the tremendous task of reaching the unreached needs the co-operation of the entire local

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congregation. No pastor, individual or single group can successfully accomplish what a missionary conference can in selling the people on missions. But even after the church has begun to grasp its responsibility, a conference makes the job easier in continuing to promote missions. There is untold value in a concentrated effort on the part of everyone.

The missionary conference pays off in big dividends. It is not merely in monetary figures reflected by the pledges but in a spiritual impact that vibrates through the whole church. Any stirring appeal will usually produce a good offering, but a conference provides the spiritual stimulus necessary for continued, consistent giving. The spiritual impact is further reflected in

an increased faith on the part of individuals. Compassion for a lost world is aroused and a passion for lost souls everywhere is inculcated into the church.

Many more reasons might be given for the worth of a missionary conference but one of the most important ones is that it is the key to an expanding national missionary program. Our National Foreign Mission Board has continued to report progress, but is dependent upon the response of local churches. As more of our local churches seize upon this means of propagating missions, I feel our denomination will fulfill her part of the Great Commission. ■ ■

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## Round-Up of **World-Wide** RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

### **Complete Religious Freedom**

BOGOTA, COLUMBIA (MNS)—*El Espectador*, well-known newspaper of this city, published on November 11 a statement in which the Attorney General of Columbia, Dr. Andres Holguin, calls on his government to make inoperative the 1953 Agreement on Missions between the Colombian Government and the Vatican and to guarantee to inhabitants of all parts of the republic complete religious freedom, including the propagation of their faith.

Because the Attorney General's report given to the President last summer was long and technical, says *El Espectador*, "many overlooked Chapter V of the report which refers to the fundamental freedoms of man."

He declared the religious liberty granted by the Constitution of Colombia is an absolute freedom which applies in all parts of the republic and may not be restricted by civil authorities unless it is abused to violate Christian morals or the law.

### **Persecutors Driven Out**

SYDNEY, AUS. (MNS)—Reports from the Baptist work in the Baliem Valley of New Guinea indicate that adjoining tribes have come to the aid of the Christians who were victims of a savage anti-Christian uprising at Maki. The chieftains who instigated the massacre, have been driven from the valley and the Christian refugees are living in an adjoining village.

### **'Operation Doctor' Reaches Congo**

LEOPOLDVILLE, CONGO (MNS)—James W. Stough, M.D., serving under a joint arrangement between the Evangelical Free Church and the Congo Protestant Relief Agency, has arrived at his assigned place to begin two years of service under "Operation Doctor."

Upon his arrival at Tandala, Dr. Stough wrote: "I am the only doctor for over 300,000 people."

### **Carnegie Hall Filled**

NEW YORK, N.Y. (MNS)—While another 5,000 waited outside, unable to get in, 3,500 people filled Carnegie Hall for the North American debut of the World Vision Orphan Choir from Korea.

The Carnegie Hall concert is the start of a four-month North American itinerary for the 34 little songsters. En route to North America they traveled 16,000 miles through 12 countries to present 21 major concerts in 16 cities. Nearly 100,000 people heard them in person, and additional millions listened to their sacred concerts through radio and television.

The tiny choristers (ages 7-13) have come a long way since leaving home in Seoul, Korea, October 1. Arriving in America was for them a special delight.

### **To Cuban Refugees**

NEW YORK, N.Y. (MNS)—During the first nine months of 1962, 139,784 Scriptures, at a cost of \$12,021.34, were donated to the Cuban refugees in the greater Miami metropolitan area by the American Bible Society.

The Scriptures are distributed through 66 pastors of churches and directors of Refugee Centers in Miami. Where permission is granted, the Scriptures are also placed in clinics.

The situation is an emergency, the service to these people is a venture of faith, and the American Bible Society has, accordingly, over-expanded its Scripture Donations budget to meet this urgent need.

### **University Services**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (MNS)—Dr. Leighton Ford, as associate evangelist on the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, will preach at four evening services in the University of Georgia chapel, January 28-31. The services will be part of a pilot mission intended to establish principles and procedures to be used on various other university campuses under sponsorship of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

The program grows out of a concern that many religious leaders have felt over the need for a direct evangelistic outreach on the university campuses of North America. The over-all purpose would be to secure the greatest possible mobilization of campus Christians in the interest of evangelism.

### **Chapel Construction Interrupted**

BOLIVAR, COL. (MNS)—In spite of sweeping guarantees given by the central

government, evangelicals here have once more become the victims of bigotry and violence. The new chapel, under construction with the approval of national government officials and the local mayor, was destroyed by a fanatical mob.

Having destroyed the work that had been done on the chapel, the attackers proceeded to the manse, threatening to burn it and kill the pastor.

### **Evangelism Institutes Planned**

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA—Dr. Kenneth Strachan, international coordinator of Evangelism-In-Depth, has announced tentative plans for National Institutes on Evangelism in six Latin American countries during the first half of 1963.

Purpose of the Institutes will be to train the local Christian leadership in the methods of Evangelism-In-Depth.

### **Leprosy Seminar Set**

NEW YORK, N.Y. (MNS)—Dates for the Fourth Annual Seminar on Leprosy will be April 18-24, 1963, it was announced here by Oliver W. Hasselblad, M.D., president of American Leprosy Missions, Inc. The seminar will be conducted by the United States Public Health Service Hospital, on behalf of American Leprosy Missions.

Thirty-seven overseas workers (missionary and national) from fifteen countries, representing sixteen mission boards attended the 1962 seminar.

### **Broadcast Stopped in Thailand**

LINCOLN, NEBR. (MNS)—The office of Back to the Bible Broadcast here has received a cable from Thailand saying: "Stop all programs. New government regulations allow only Buddhist broadcasts." No further details are immediately available.

### **Gospels Reach Cuba**

LOS ANGELES, CAL. (MNS)—During the past two years 700,000 copies of the Gospel of John have been sent to Cuba by World Gospel Crusades, according to the organization's president, Dr. B. H. Pearson.

Shipments of 100,000 Gospels each were begun in May, 1960. Early shipments had to be re-routed through Mexico but more recent consignments have been received directly.

### **Missions Reviewed by Chief**

ISLAS SAN BLAS, PANAMA (MNS)—At their recent General Congress a tribe of Indians here adopted a resolution requiring that "religious leaders who desire to establish themselves in the San Blas Islands must respect the Sahila (chief), give attention to his decisions and obey his orders."

Upon entering the island missionaries will be required to interview the "Sahila" and declare their motives and intentions. The "Sahila" will then call the people together to vote to accept or reject the establishment of the mission.

# SHARE PROGRAM REPORT

*Alaska*

State	Suggested Quota	Given to Date
Alabama	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 708.42
Africa		75.00
Alaska	50.00	
Arizona	200.00	100.00
Arkansas	2,850.00	150.00
Brazil		50.00
California	4,100.00	360.00
Colorado	100.00	80.00
Florida	3,550.00	10.00
Georgia	4,300.00	391.00
Hawaii	50.00	25.00
Illinois	3,800.00	1,906.10
Indiana	700.00	117.00
Kansas	500.00	284.62
Kentucky	1,600.00	105.00
Maine	150.00	
Massachusetts		50.00
Michigan	7,000.00	205.00
Mississippi	2,000.00	174.05
Missouri	9,500.00	1,095.98
New Hampshire	100.00	
New Mexico	500.00	
North Carolina	19,000.00	964.50
Ohio	2,500.00	297.12
Oklahoma	8,000.00	124.61
Oregon		50.00
South Carolina	4,450.00	
Tennessee	11,500.00	1,409.50
Texas	3,950.00	645.00
Virginia	4,900.00	320.00
Washington	250.00	
West Virginia	900.00	70.00
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# PUT TCP IN YOUR LIFE

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by Malcolm C. Fry

■ EVER HEAR of T.C.P.? Of course, it is a gasoline additive that is supposed to give new pep to your car. Suppose you apply the additive to the church letting the letters T.C.P. stand for TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM. Suppose everyone applied the T.C.P. to their life. The result, no doubt, would be the creation of new enthusiasm and an increase in the interest and attendance in all the services of the church. The TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM includes attendance at Sunday school, morning worship service, elague, evening worship service, visitation, prayer meeting and participation in all the auxiliaries of the church by which each member is affected. It breaks the heart of the pastor, but more so the heart of God, when He sees the ones for whom He shed His precious blood, walk away from any service of the church. The church is His institution and every child of God as a member of that institution is needed in the total program; otherwise, we have a body without a head, or a face without an ear to use the pictorial language of the Apostle Paul in the 12th chapter of I Corinthians. Also in Ephesians 4:16, the Apostle says, "From whom the *whole body fitly joined together* and compacted by that which *every joint supplieth*, according to the

effectual working in the *measure* of every part, maketh increase of the body into the edifying of itself in love."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The importance of the Sunday school in the TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM cannot be over emphasized. The need of the Sunday school is evidenced by the following statistics:

98% of all Sunday school trained boys and girls never get into serious trouble or crime. The majority of criminals never attend Sunday school.

50% of our Bible knowledge was acquired through the Sunday school.

85% of present church members were members of the Sunday school before their conversion and were led to be saved, unite with the church, and become Christian workers, largely through the influence of the Sunday school.

80% of all the present churches in the United States today were first Sunday schools.

Another side, statistically speaking, reveals the following:

85% of the children leave the Sunday school before the age of 15.

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United States and Canada do not attend Sunday school.

In the United States alone 27,000,000 children, under the age of 12, are getting no definite Christian teaching.

In the light of the above statistics and keeping in mind the fact that the proportion of unreached children becomes greater each year, we can visualize the need of the Sunday school, as a part of the TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM, and in your life. The Sunday school is not just a nursery or baby sitting service, nor is it a play house. Parents should not send their children to Sunday school alone. A child may attend Sunday school while Mommy and Daddy stay home, but subconsciously he will think, "When I get big like Dad, I will stay home as he does, or play golf, or go fishing on Sunday." The father and mother must set the example. Make sure that the Sunday school is always "talked up" at home and let it be a part of the TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM in your life.

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

In adhering to the concept of T.C.P. (TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM), certainly of utmost importance is the Sunday morning worship service. One of the most discouraging scenes around any church, is to see many Sunday school attenders vacating the premises and not remaining for church. This scene is not only discouraging to a pastor, but also to the Lord and has a terrible effect on the lives of many who do attend Sunday school. It certainly could not be called a good example.

A traveler in a European village came across an unusual and beautiful custom. She saw people going into the church at night each carrying a little bronze lamp. They placed these lamps in sockets by their pews. The soft light of the lamps was the only illumination for the service. We do not carry lamps to church, but we do *send forth light*. When we are absent, certainly there is darkness in our place. The more people at church, the greater the inspiration. It goes without saying, many

small lamps together make a great light.

The first Christian church in Jerusalem had no building, no officers, no pastor, no choir, no wealth, and most startling of all, it had no New Testament. What made it a successful church? Just this, it had the TOTAL ATTENDANCE of its membership. Pentecost was possible because they were ALL together in one place. Its results lasted because they were continuing steadfastly with one accord in the house of God.

### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

A Sunday morning attendance badge of good conduct is a far cry from the New Testament standard. A Sunday morning crowd needs to be a Sunday night crowd! Our public testimony to Christ cannot be put into a Sunday morning compartment. David said, "I was GLAD when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1). Is that your testimony? Are you trying to serve Christ with a minimum of church attendance? When you stay home from the Sunday night service, you say in reality, "I vote to close the church." Can you afford that kind of testimony? Then, if not, you can't afford to be just a Sunday morning Christian! The emphasis today should be toward more services and greater intensity of worship. "AND SO MUCH THE MORE, AS YE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING. . ."

### PRAYER MEETING

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

T.C.P.—TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM —includes the mid-week hour of power. This service is not limited to prayer, but consists of congregational singing, spontaneous testimonies, prayer, and study from God's Word. How can a Christian afford to miss such a service? We can't enjoy a winning combination of "great power" and "great grace" without an effort at great attendance! Letting six days of the week pass

before we frequent the house of the Lord is a poor testimony to the sinner. When professing Christians start going to church more often, sinners will begin to feel the urge.

Did you realize that results are limited by your prayers? That is, more souls would get saved and others get right with God if more Christians were concerned enough about the Sunday services to come out in the middle of the week and bombard the Throne of Grace! God is still on the Throne, He hears and answers prayers—but there still exists the need for prayers to be offered. Beloved Christian, make the mid-week service a part of your life and put the TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM in your life!

### AUXILIARIES

Behind the scenes, so to speak, of our TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM are the auxiliaries — the Woman's, the Young Peoples (YPA), and the Go Tell (GTA). We need all the ladies of our churches to enlist in our auxiliary, and we need to encourage all eligible young people to enlist in either the GTA or YPA. In addition, we have the Master's Men and Junior Master's Men in several of our churches. These organizations are part and parcel of our church, and thereby demand our attention and attendance. Let's put our shoulder to the wheel and put the T.C.P. (TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM) in our life.

### SUMMATION

"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.

The concept of TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM participation will bring a spiritual revival to the soul and depth to the life. Why not try it now? ■ ■

Malcolm Fry is assistant pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

## WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

by Louis H. Moulton

Your questions for use in this column are invited. All questions not answered in the column will be answered personally. Send your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, 8 Richmond Drive, Savannah, Georgia.



## BE READY ON TIME

by Fay Forlines

EVERY CHRISTIAN family should be at church on time each Sunday morning. Promptness at church services is a testimony to the unsaved.

Unfortunately, all Christians are not on time every Sunday morning. We were one of the late families. We stopped to take a look at ourselves as others saw us. When we realized the impression we were giving sinners by habitual lateness, we decided to do something about being on time each Sunday morning.

The secret of getting one husband, one wife, a disgruntled five-year-old and a wiggly three-year-old ready to leave the house by 9:15 on Sunday morning lay in organization and re-organization. Areas in which organization was needed concerned clothes, food, nerves, and lesson preparation.

Lay out Sunday clothes on Saturday night, arranging them in the order that they will be used. Polish shoes and place them nearby. Place tie, clasp, and cuff links in the jacket pocket and hang close by.

Make Sunday a day for soup and sandwiches at noon. One family in our church feels that they cannot live unless they have waffles and sausage for Sunday morning breakfast. If you are one of these, there are frozen waffles and sausages ready for just the heating. The unchurched may have time for a long leisurely brunch on Sunday morning, but not the Sunday school crowd. After eating, even the three-year-old can take his dishes to the waiting dishpan.

Study your Sunday school lesson before Sunday morning. If you are a teacher, you should begin your preparation on Monday before you are to teach. Then, as you wash the dishes, clean the house, or ride on the commuter train to work, you can meditate on the lesson you will teach on Sunday.

Nerves need to be soothed on Sunday mornings. This can be done by turning the radio to a nearby Christian radio station, or tuning in the Sunday morning church broadcasts. The programs will put the hearts of your family in a worshipful mood for the following church services. Quiet, instrumental music on the hi-fi can also be used to calm rushed nerves on Sunday morning.

If you will organize yourself, your well-dressed, well-fed, lesson-prepared, calm family can walk with heads high down the aisle of the church—and on time too. ■ ■

MRS. FAY FORLINES, a former college instructor, now is the mother of two boys ages 3 and 5.

SHARE THROUGH  
THE  
COOPERATIVE PLAN

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I was surprised to see in the November issue of CONTACT that you included Seventh Day Adventists in the category of cults. I asked a member of this group what they believed and here is her answer. We believe in a personal God, in Jesus Christ as the divine Son of God, in the Holy Spirit, in regeneration and the new birth, that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, that the second coming of Christ is very near. Is this not what most Christians believe?

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Seventh Day Adventists maintain and teach many cardinal Christian doctrines that are foreign to the other cults. They are doing a great work for the improvement of public health. They maintain free schools in which they educate their children. They oppose wordliness in theater attendance, dancing, card-playing, and lodge membership. They put most other Christians to shame in their very large per capita giving. While SDA may not fall in the exact category as many of the other cults such as Jehovah's Witnesses, they deviate from evangelical Christianity in four particulars. (1) The doctrine of soul-sleep after death. This is certainly contrary to Phillipians 1:23, 24 and II Corinthians 5:1-8. (2) The doctrine of annihilation of the wicked. This is contrary to Romans 2:6-9, Rev. 20:13, John 3:36, and Rev. 20:10. (3) The SDA view of the atonement is where they deviate most from Scriptural teaching. William Miller, founder of SDA predicted that Christ would return in 1843. He did not come so Miller changed the date to 1844. His followers sold their property, left their farms unattended, climbed to house tops clad in "ascension robes" to await Christ's coming. After the second failure, Miller withdrew and the movement would have died a natural death but a neurotic woman, Mrs. Ellen White, took it up. Space does not permit full treatment of Mrs. White's interpretation of the atonement. She did say that since Christ did not come in 1844 he began his "investigative judgment," examined the people, showed the Father who was entitled to the benefits of the atonement. A scapegoat, burdened with the sins of the people, was sent into the wilderness. Mrs. White taught that the scapegoat typified Satan. Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary, the door was closed, after that no one could be saved except by receiving the heavenly sanctuary dogma. This was a polite way of saying, "Unless you accept our doctrine there is no hope for you. We alone have the truth. Mrs. White had a vision in which the fourth commandment was surrounded with a halo of light. She determined that Christians should return to proper observance of the sabbath and concluded that Sunday observance is "the mark of the beast." Thus their insistence on Saturday worship becomes zeal without knowledge.

# 1962 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

NOVEMBER 1962

## COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	November 1962	Year to Date	Total to Date-1961	Designated Nov. 1962
Alabama	5.00	1,408.14	1,159.21	
Arizona		25.00	89.97	
Arkansas	550.00	2,527.29	3,060.66	
California	718.39	5,806.08	4,633.09	200.00
Florida		1,475.61	1,235.00	
Georgia	495.65	2,172.36	2,480.74	
Illinois	943.11	4,689.36	4,707.48	
Indiana	213.21	892.22	188.11	
Kansas	185.00	2,078.88		
Kentucky		180.01	135.68	
Missouri	1,842.37	10,558.20	9,683.24	
New Mexico	79.21	840.55	1,099.52	
North Carolina	168.13	2,056.71	1,921.69	168.00
Ohio		735.18	230.20	
Oklahoma	872.10	9,284.53	8,151.95	98.61
Tennessee	203.01	2,415.67	2,283.40	65.35
Texas	156.74	3,419.71	3,944.06	
Virginia	111.73	2,417.28	899.29	
Washington		124.11		

## . . . MAKE POSSIBLE A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

	COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS		DESIGNATED		Total Receipts to Date
	November 1962	Year to Date	November 1962	Year to Date	
Foreign Missions	1,832.22	14,899.27	101.50	2,719.99	17,619.26
Executive Department	1,570.48	12,770.81	10.50	125.13	12,895.94
F.W.B. Bible College	1,308.73	10,622.89	56.00	96.00	10,718.89
Home Missions	916.10	7,364.19	18.10	2,131.10	9,495.29
Sunday School	327.20	2,660.61	3.25	32.50	2,693.11
League Board	327.19	2,660.58	2.00	88.17	2,748.75
Superannuation Board	196.30	1,596.37	14.00	14.00	1,610.37
Stewardship Commission	65.43	532.17			532.17
Building Fund			298.61	298.61	298.61
Home for Children, Tenn.			14.00	19.48	19.48
Home for Children, N. C.			14.00	14.00	14.00

# IN THE VINEYARD

■ Director of National Home Missions, **Homer E. Willis**, will be in Vancouver, Washington, January 11-13 to assist Northwest Missions Director, Johnny Postlewaite, in organizing the first Free Will Baptist Association in the Northwest. January 14 he will be in Yakima, Washington, January 15, East Wenatchee, January 16, Rockport, Washington, and January 26-27, Chesterfield, Indiana.

■ **Reford Wilson**, Director of National Foreign Missions will be in the office during the month of January in preparation for a trip to Latin America. He will be leaving January 28.

■ Director of Conferences, **Rufus Coffey**, will be in missionary conferences January 2-13, in Huntington, West Virginia. January 23-27 he will be in Jacksonville, Florida, and Tallahassee, Florida, January 28-February 2.

■ **Samuel Johnson**, National League Director, will be attending the NSSA Mid-Winter National Convention, January 22-24, in Miami, Florida.

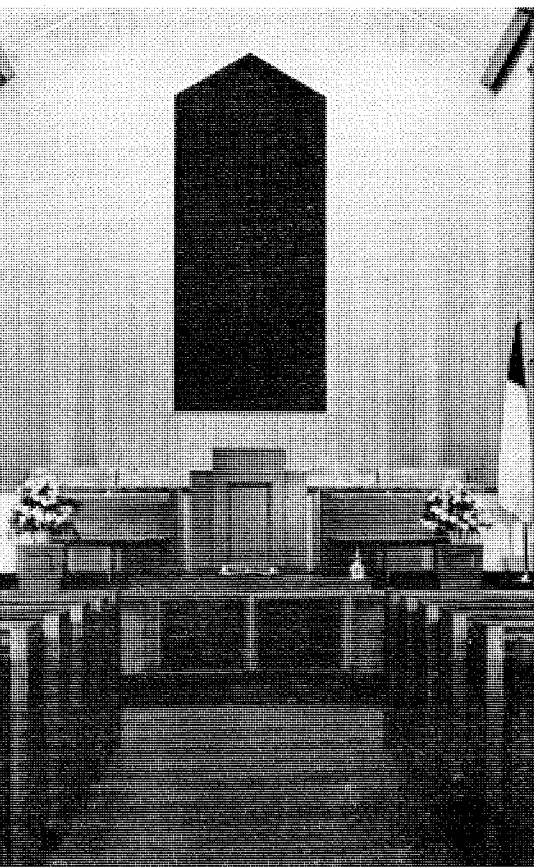
■ Executive Secretary, **Billy A. Melvin**, will participate in an evangelical preaching mission in Buffalo, N.Y. on January 20. He will attend an executive committee meeting of NAE on January 21.

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*The Bethany Free Will Baptist Church of Norfolk, Virginia, has recently completed its second building program within the last three years under the leadership of Rev. Raymond Riggs, pastor. This progressive church has been a faithful supporter of the Cooperative Plan, supporting all phases of our denominational work. The new sanctuary is pictured above. Space in the foreground has been reserved for a future educational building. Picture to the left is the interior of the new sanctuary.*



## DEDICATION SERVICE HELD AT BETHANY

NORFOLK, VA.—The Bethany Free Will Baptist Church dedicated its new sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, December 9. The building is built of brick and concrete block with laminated beam structure. Seating capacity is approximately 400.

Speaker for the occasion was the Reverend Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association and former pastor of the church. Local pastors also assisted in the service.

The present congregation is composed of members of both Bethany Church and Little Creek Church in Norfolk. These two congregations merged in January 1960.

## GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Bethany Church has been served by three pastors—Rev. E. H. Overman, Rev. Billy A. Melvin, and the present pastor Rev. Raymond Riggs.

### **Organization Date Set**

YAKIMA, WASH.—Recently pastors of the four churches in the state of Washington met to lay initial plans toward organizing an association in the Northwest. The churches are widely separated, but if travel conditions and other factors permit, the organization is planned for January 11-13.

Rev. Homer Willis, Director of National Home Missions will be present to assist in the organization.

### **Successful Missionary Conference**

CERES, CALIF.—The Village Chapel Free Will Baptist Church recently held its third annual Missionary Conference. Rev. E. E. Lewis of the Sudan Interior Mission was the main speaker and assisting him in the four day conference was Miss Eva Doerksen of Denair, California. Miss Doerksen has served in Africa for the past 36 years. Other missionaries assisting in the conference were, Miss Carol Edgar, and Mrs. Shirley Weir.

On the closing night of the conference a total of \$2,160 had been raised. Two weeks later a total of \$2,408 had been made to support our missionaries. Rev. Joe Mooneyham is the pastor.

### **Fruit For The College**

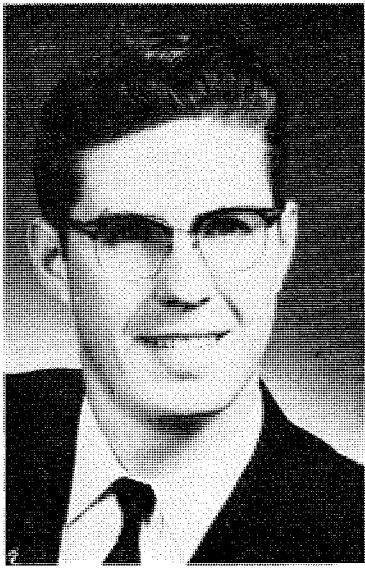
WENATCHEE, WASH.—Members of the Woman's Auxiliary found a great blessing in preserving fruit for Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

Mrs. Joe Hurst along with four other ladies canned about 750 pounds of fruit, valued at \$121.00 by College officials. Most of the canned goods were transported to Nashville through courtesy of Lloyd Plunkett.

### **Dedication Planned**

BRIDGETON, MO.—The Trinity Free Will Baptist Church formerly known as the Third Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis will complete their new building soon. The dedication day has been set for January 27th.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, moderator of the National Association will be the featured speaker for this service. R. B. Spurgeon is the pastor.



MARK VANDIVORT

**Named Field Secretary**

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Reverend Mark Vandivort has been employed by the National Home Missions Board as field secretary. He is the son of Rev. Herbert H. Vandivort, Free Will Baptist minister of Cabool, Missouri. He is the grandson of the late Rev. George W. Scott, well known leader among Free Will Baptists.

Mark attended Free Will Baptist College and is a graduate of the University of Missouri. At the present time he is pastor at White Mountain, New Hampshire. He is clerk treasurer of the North Eastern Association of Free Will Baptists.

His wife, Louise, also attended Free Will



Elected president of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention was Mrs. Chester Phillips of Greenville, N. C. She is pictured above presiding at their recent session on November 27.

Baptist College and is a graduate of East Missouri State Teacher's College. They have two children, Andrew Mark and Phillip John.

The Vandivorts will move to Nashville in the near future.

**Doropo Clinic Busy**

DOROPO, IVORY COAST—"Medical work has been quite a task thus far this month since the government dispensary has practically no medicines and patients have been coming here," read a report from Dr. LaVerne Miley, Free Will Baptist medical missionary to the Ivory Coast, Africa.

During the first six days of October, there were approximately 1,100 patient visits recorded at the clinic. Morning hours have been filled and night visits are recorded regularly.

**Panama Mission Registered**

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—The Free Will Baptist mission here has just received notification that its application for registration with the Panamanian government has been accepted.

"The first big hurdle is passed," comments Missionary Tom Willey, Jr. "The next step is to solicit resident visas." The Willeys and the John Moehlmans are submitting documents of registration as employees of the mission.

**Blankets, Clothing Needed**

MIAMI, FLA.—An urgent appeal for blankets and winter clothing has been issued by CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund), the Free Will Baptist center working in this refugee city.

Cooler weather has brought with it demands for blankets, winter clothing, sweaters, and men's overcoats.

The need for specially earmarked funds in excess of regular missionary support continues.

Blankets and clothing should be sent directly to CERF, 232 N. W. 8th Street, Miami, Florida. Money should be earmarked and sent to 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

**Deacons Association Formed**

TIMMONSVILLE, S. C.—The deacons from South Carolina Free Will Baptist churches met recently to form a unique organization. With more than 150 deacons present, this group organized into what they call the Deacons Association. The primary purpose of this unusual group will be to inform the laity and to promote the work of Free Will Baptists in their state. Eddie Saverance was elected as moderator.

**Auxiliary Convention Organized**

RALEIGH, N. C.—The North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention was organized on November 27. Mrs. Chester Phillips, who presided over the organizational session, was elected president.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, promotional secretary of WNAC, assisted in the service. Dave Franks, missionary to Brazil, spoke to the group. The new group voted to hold its first regular annual meeting May 6, 1963.



GENE PARISHER

**Enters Full-Time Evangelism**

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Gene H. Parisher, native of Virginia is entering full-time evangelism. Mr. Parisher is a graduate of Bob Jones University. After January he may be contacted for services at 17 Cornwall Terrace, Hampton, Virginia.

**New Conference Formed**

ANDERSON, IND.—A new Free Will Baptist Quarterly Conference, to be known as the White River Conference, was formed at a meeting held Saturday, December 1, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Anderson. Acting moderator of the conference was the Rev. Richard Cordell, Promotional Secretary of the Free Will Baptists of Indiana.

Two local churches from the former New Dunkard denomination were represented and made application for membership in the Free Will Baptist denomination as a result of the dissolution of the New Dunkard denomination.

Rev. Allen Bunton, pastor of the Elkhart Church, was elected moderator for the new conference.

**Conference Planned**

BENTON, ILL.—Dan Merkh, missionary to Africa, and Rufus Coffey, director of conference ministries, Nashville, Tennessee, will be featured in a Missionary Conference at the Sunday School Alliance Campgrounds here, December 14-15. This is the third annual conference in Illinois. Leon McBride, state mission director, has challenged each church member to make an offering of \$1.00.

**New Church Organized**

AURORA, ILL.—Nineteen became charter members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Aurora recently. The organizational council for this service was formed by W. S. Mooneyham, George Ritter, and Charles Osborn. Mr. Mooneyham delivered the sermon. Rev. William Buster is presently pastor.

## GLANCING

(Continued from page 13)

### **Missionary Resigns**

**NASHVILLE, TENN.**—The Board of Foreign Missions has announced the resignation of the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, West Africa.

The board accepted the resignation with the following commendations: (1) That the Rev. Daniel Merkh be commended for his supervision of the building of missionary residences at Koun, Goumere, and Doropo and construction of the clinic at Doropo; (2) That Mrs. Merkh and children be commended for their self-denying ministry in moving from station to station to accomplish this building program; and (3) That Mr. Merkh be commended for his presentation of the field in Africa in missionary conferences and itinerary services. It is understood that he will be available in the future for missionary conferences in cooperation with the director of conference ministries.

The Merkh letter of resignation stated: "For sometime Margaret and I have been praying earnestly concerning our return to Africa. We are sure that the Lord has led in the first term building program. However, we did not believe that it was the Lord's will that we continue in a strictly building program. We then were faced with the decision whether it is possible to return and not be obligated to constructing needed buildings, and whether it is necessary to have a 'fulltime builder' on the field. The missionaries now have established stations where adjustments can be made and each missionary can, without too much inconvenience, oversee the construction of his own station.

"In light of this and other considerations, we hereby tender our resignation to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board to become effective February 1, 1963. We believe that the Lord has led in this and is leading us into the pastorate.

"We wish to thank the staff and the board for their every consideration that they have shown us during the time we were with the department. We shall continue to be much in prayer for our missionary program. We request your continued prayers as we assume our new duties."

### **Shares For Headquarters**

**MT. VERNON, ILL.**—The East Central and the South Central quarterly meetings each voted to purchase five shares in the new headquarters building in Nashville. These along with others in the state of Illinois have been faithful supporters of the building fund for our headquarters building.

### **Joint Board Meeting**

**GARNER, N. C.**—The joint meeting of all the boards of the North Carolina Association of Original Free Will Baptists was held in Raleigh, recently. This group heard reports on the progress which is being made in the different areas of work.

According to the latest available minutes there are 20,634 Free Will Baptists in North Carolina who either are members or are in sympathy with the North Carolina Association.

### **Missionaries Appointed**

**NASHVILLE, TENN.**—Reverend and Mrs. Lewis Perry have been appointed home missionaries to the Northwest by the National Home Missions Board. Mr. Perry is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and attended East Central State Teachers College, Ada, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Perry graduated from Poteau, Oklahoma High School and attended Free Will Baptist Bible College. At the present time Mr. Perry is pastor at Hartselle, Alabama.

They will be in itinerate work beginning about January first.

### **Building Completed**

**DURHAM, N. C.**—The Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church here recently completed a new educational unit. This building consist of seven classrooms and an office for the church secretary. Much of the work on the brick veneer building was done by the church members and friends. The dedication service was held on December 30. Rev. Q. G. Worrell, Sr., is the pastor.

### **Progress in New England**

**TWIN MOUNTAIN, N.H.**—Mark Vandivort, home missionary here, reports a good month for his New England work. The congregation plans to begin work soon on additional Sunday school rooms. In their recent business meeting the church voted to send 10% of their offerings to the Co-operative Plan. The Northeastern Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Twin Mountain church for their biannual meeting.

### **Changes Reported**

**NASHVILLE, TENN.**—The following changes have been reported to CONTACT. Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, from Panama City, Fla., to Columbus, Georgia, Rev. Woodrow Messex to Panama City from Malone, Florida, and Rev. I Bennie Turner from Manning, South Carolina, to Jacksonville, S. C. Leslie Rowe has given his resignation to the West Side Free Will Baptist Church, Midland, Texas, effective January 27, 1963.

### **Revival**

**TULSA, OKLA.**—The Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church concluded a revival meeting recently with Evangelist Jack Paramore. A total of 31 decisions for Christ were recorded.

### **Veteran Pastor Dies**

**FAYETTE, ALA.**—Rev. K. V. Shutes of this city passed away on December 18, 1962, of a heart attack. He was 57 years of age. Mr. Shutes served as a Free Will Baptist minister for 39 years. During this time, he gave one year of service as Promotional Secretary of the Board of Superannuation and eighteen years of service on the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

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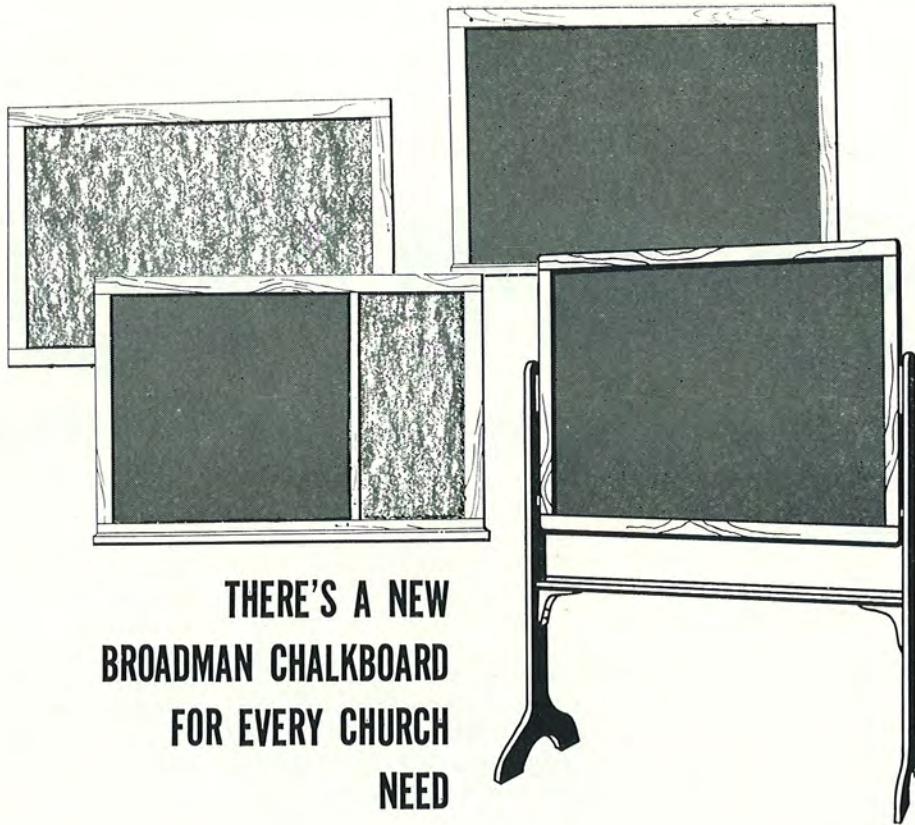
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## Youth Week 1963

C. Mervin Russell

**B**ECAUSE THERE are some 25 million people and children in the United States who are not being reached by any church of any religious faith, *American Christian Youth are on Call*.

Because there is an increase of 10 million new souls in India each year, and because India has only 15 missionaries to every million people compared to 14 thousand pastors per million in the United States; only one church for every 25 villages and only 1 pastor for every 8 congregations, *American Christian Youth are on Call*.

Because 85% of all Latins won to Christ are converted as a result of buying a Christian book, tract, or Bible and being convicted of sin because of it; and because in 1960 the Communists, Soviets, and Chinese produced 175 million pieces of propoganda for distribution in non-communist countries compared with only 35 million Bible and Scripture portions produced by all the Bible societies of the world, *Christian Youth Are On Call*.

Because only 9 million communists are selling great segments of the world's popu-

lation to their ideology, while 888 million Christians are losing the battle of winning the world to Christ in the face of our day, *Christian Youth Are On Call*.

Because all the combined efforts of all the Protestant missionaries of the world reach only about 2 million people each year; and more people are being born by physical generation than by spiritual regeneration each year, *Christian Youth Are On Call*.

In the face of these stern realities, evangelicals must redouble their efforts to challenge and commission our youth with a great new program of World Evangelism. Youth are a *force* as well as a *field*—a force that must be employed by the church in our day to reach "every creature" with the gospel message. *Let us put Youth On Call*.

In 1963, Youth Week is January 27—February 3. The theme "On Call" is in regard to stewardship of time, talent, and tithes. Order your Youth Week materials immediately from NSSA, 175 N. Franklin, Chicago 12, Illinois. Let us put *Free Will Baptist Youth On Call!* ■■

youth. Everything that is fun cannot be labeled sinful. Wise leaders must seek to find as many acceptable recreations, sports, and social activities as possible to meet the social needs of born-again young people. When this is done, then the youth will listen when it is pointed out that certain places or practices can hurt their spiritual lives.

Too many youth programs are governed—not by youth leaders who understand boys and girls and their needs—but by settled old people who once "kicked up their heels" and enjoyed life. Since then, they have accepted the Lord. Now they fail to understand that young people have the same social longings they once had, or else, they conclude that all that young people can do for fun is in the realm of sin. Our youth programs should not be hampered by such well-meaning, but over-bearing adults who have not learned that there are many good things in this life that Christian young people can and should enjoy.

The other group of extremists throw away all restraint. Anything short of drunkenness, murder, and adultery is considered all right. Absolutely no stand is taken against wordliness. No attempt is made to show *why* some things are harmful to spiritual growth.

Sometimes in these churches questionable activities are actually encouraged. Recently it was reported that one minister went before his church board and asked that a juke box be placed in their fellowship room at the church and that dances be sponsored for their young people. Praise God—the deacons rebelled.

Ministers who hold this extreme view often tag those who believe in separation from the world as narrow or as non-thinkers.

Perhaps these "thinkers" need to re-evaluate their ministry to the youth. The church cannot hope to draw young people unless the church meets the unique need of their lives. Everyone belongs to all types of organizations today. Young people do not need another organization. They need a strong spiritual force that will meet their soul's needs.

Neither set of extremists—the "everything's wrong" nor the "all-is-well" group—can meet the needs of our young people.

We need reasonable leadership to bring our youth to a saving knowledge of Christ, to lead them to search the Scriptures and grow spiritually, and to help them have their social needs satisfied in a Christian manner.

Each church needs to provide a good, well-balanced program for our youth. Perhaps, as our churches grow, more and more educational directors, who have been trained for the task, can be hired. Until then, may God help our ministers and our laity to give special attention to our youth and to *reach* them and to *hold* them. Their needs *can* be met in our Free Will Baptist churches. ■■

## Your Church and Its Youth

by Dorothy Phillips

**N**O ONE QUESTIONS the fact that the *primary* purpose of our churches is to lead each of our young people to personally accept Christ as Saviour.

Perhaps there is no disagreement concerning the desire to see those converted develop strong Christian character. Just *how* to do this marks the division.

There are extremists who not only fail to help their young people mature spiritually, but actually drive them away from the church.

One group of extremists remind me of certain Puritans who once labeled *ice cream* as *sinful*. They reasoned that anything "that good" had to be wrong in some way. I remember hearing one minister who had never been inside a bowling alley, condemn bowling because the word "alley" was enough to let him know it was wrong. This same individual scorned everything from funny papers to Sunday school socials. Anything outside the church was banned.

This philosophy will drive away our