

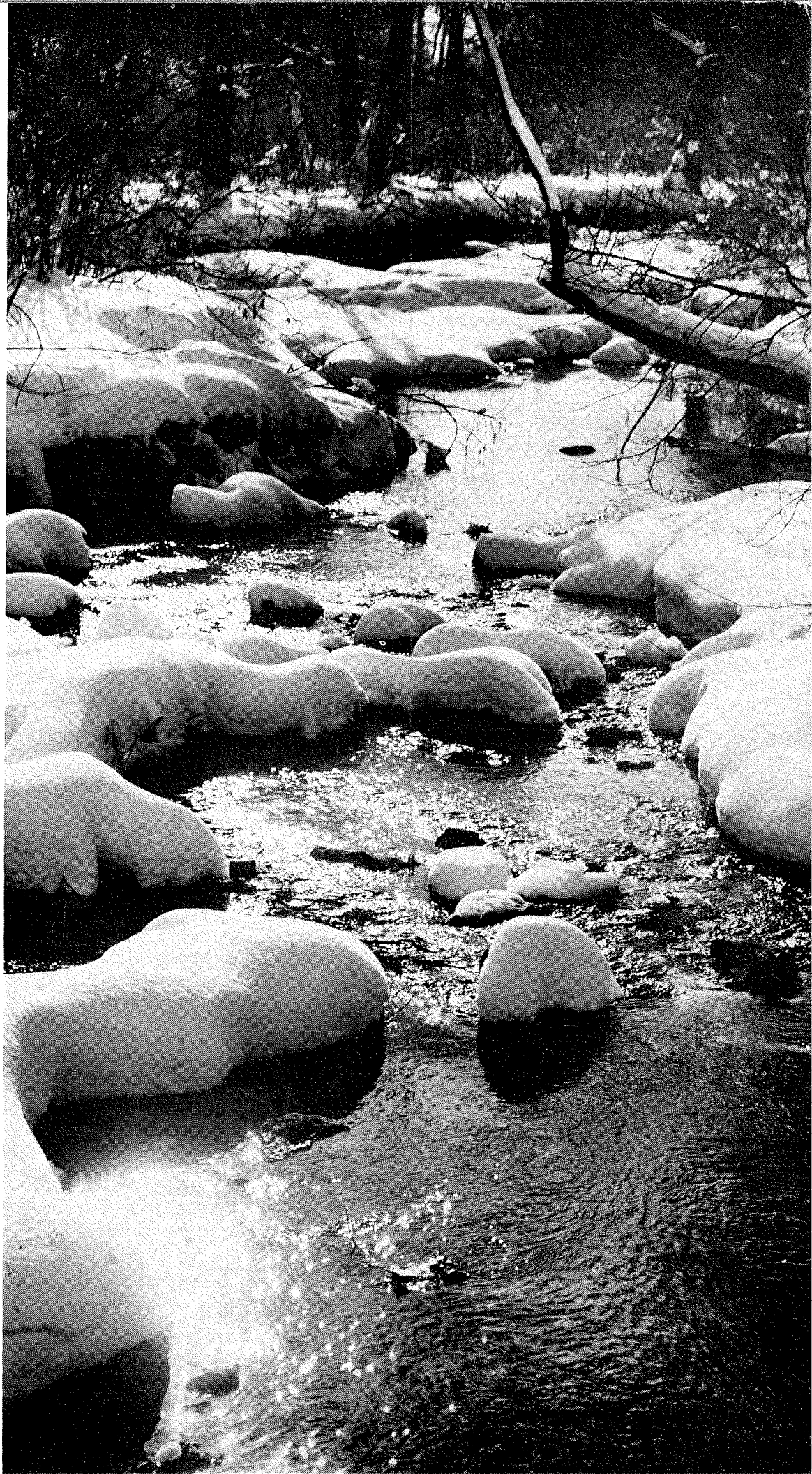
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"He giveth snow like wool:
... He casteth forth
His ice like morsels
... He sendeth out His
Word, and melteth
them ..."

Psalms 147:16, 17, 18



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What Is God Doing Here?

Most churches are quite busy these days. In fact, it would be difficult to locate the church that is not engaged in much activity. It seems that activity has somehow become equated with spirituality. The busier we are, the more spiritual we are.

The pressure of all of this is heavy upon any pastor. He simply doesn't rate unless he maintains a vigorous and active organization. There is a danger here. A pastor can become completely satisfied with a lot of activity. As one pastor said to me recently, "We have some activity planned every night in the week." He expected my commendation and was somewhat surprised when I told him that I thought it was awful. Could it be that we have become so busy in telling people *how* to live that they have no time *to live*?

This is no brief against proper activity in the church, but I have often been made to wonder—what is God doing here? Is it enough that everything is in order and that ours is a smooth operating organization? I say that it is not and that we need to be able to point to specific experiences and occasions when God did a work! Is it too much to expect that this should be our experience every Lord's day?

There *is* a difference in churches. In some, God is at work. In others, His presence and power are not known. Furthermore, He is not missed—the church is far too busy to be aware of His absence.

Headquarters Campaign

For some two years we have been looking forward to the year 1963 as the year when we would erect a new Headquarters Building to house the growing departments of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. From the beginning, we have felt that this was the latest possible date for completion of this very important project. We have been working faithfully to do our part in this effort.

At the present time, we have approximately \$12,800.00 in the bank which has been designated for the new building. This does not include some additional pledges which have been made. It is obvious that a far greater response must be forthcoming if we are to get the building up this year.

For several weeks we have been negotiating for property which we feel will be suitable for our building. As of this date, we have no final word to report, but we are urgently in need of your contribution so that we will be able to proceed in a business-like manner should this opportunity materialize.

As you will note on page seven of this issue of CONTACT, the state of Illinois has already reached their suggested quota. Illinois is to be commended for their enthusiastic and early response to this challenge.

Actually, most of our response has come from a few states. Let me urge each of you to prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you to do in this. Surely, there are at least nineteen other Free Will Baptist laymen who could join Brother Charles Osborn in a gift of \$1,000. Still others could give \$750, \$500, \$250, \$100 or \$50.

God is blessing the ministry of your National Association. Let's continue this good work and the extension of the gospel into all the world. Your gift now will help us greatly at this time.

Has Rome Changed?

The wide news coverage of the Second Vatican Council in Rome would lead many to believe that Rome is changing and that the Council is a great step toward Christian Unity.

Is this really the situation? Perhaps a consideration of the following news report will give us some insight.

"During January 18-25, 1963, the Chair of Unity of the Roman Catholic Church will offer special prayers for Christian Unity." The subject of the prayers for some of the days are as follows:

"January 18—The union of all Christians in the one true faith and in the Church."

"January 19—The return of the separated eastern Christians to communion with the Holy See."

"January 20—The reconciliation of the Anglicans with the Holy See."

"January 21—The reconciliation of European Protestants with the Holy See."

"January 22—That American Christians may become one in union with the Chair of Peter."

This hardly indicates that Rome is changing.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

by
Rolla D. Smith

PRAYER IS THE means by which divine resources are tapped. The Bible urges both individual and united prayer. Experience proves that both are necessary and rewarding.

In the average church today it is obvious that there is little united prayer and quite apparent that there is little closet prayer. Jesus made a very encouraging promise to those who unite in prayer when He said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19b).

Suppose that assurance could be given that Christ Himself would appear bodily in one of our churches during the mid-week prayer meeting. Doubtless, that knowledge would bring a great crowd. Yet, by faith we can realize His blessed presence as we claim the promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

Prayer in the Early Church

One of the outstanding characteristics of the first century church was that it was a praying church. The early church started with one hundred twenty in a prayer meeting. It grew within a few days to five thousand and soon the news about Jesus Christ spread throughout the known world.

In commenting on the prayer meeting that preceded Pentecost, Dr. Clarence Benson once said, "They prayed ten days and received such a wonderful answer that they ever afterward continued in prayer."

Note some of the instances of prayer in the early church:

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts 1:14).

"And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen" (Acts 1:24).

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

"Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour" (Acts 3:1).

"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).

Acts 12 relates that James was slain with a sword. Peter was arrested and the date for his execution was set. "But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." God answered the prayer of the church by sending an angel to deliver Peter.

Prayer was a recognized requisite to getting things done in the days of the early church.

Prayer and Revival

In reporting the results of the Billy Graham London Crusade in 1954, a Moody

Monthly staff writer said, "How was the crusade carried on? First there was a mighty volume of earnest prevailing prayer." Further he said, "Christians all over the world joined in prayer for the meetings at Harringay. . . . There is perhaps no other way to account for the stillness that moved over the audiences at Harringay during the invitation than this fact. Said one pastor, 'To my knowledge this was the most united prayer effort in history'. . . . London prayed for the salvation of souls and prayer was answered."

It has always been true that prayer must precede the outpouring of God's richest blessings. Without prayer there would have been no Pentecost. Without prayer the early church would have failed. Without prayer the church would never have experienced the period of the reformation. Without prayer the modern missionary movement would never have become a reality. Without prayer the revival efforts of John and Charles Wesley, Finney, Moody and other great evangelists would have failed. Even so, the church today without the mighty power of prayer, is dead and useless.

Dearth of Real Prayer

Today there is a dearth of real prayer. This is especially evidenced in the lack of interest in the mid-week prayer meeting. In most churches the prayer meeting at best is poorly attended and is considered by the majority of the church to be a burden rather than a means of spiritual strength and blessing.

Many churches across the land which formerly recognized the importance of prayer meeting no longer even include in their weekly calendar the mid-week service.

The church that unites in prevailing prayer is using a mighty weapon against the forces of evil which are so rampant today. A lively prayer meeting insures a stronger pulpit ministry. Its impact upon the missionary vision and evangelistic zeal of the church cannot be over emphasized. In short, every area of the church program suffers when prayer is neglected. To abandon the mid-week prayer meeting is to pave the way for the closing of the church doors on Sunday evenings. This has been the pattern in many churches.

Since prayer is the spiritual lifeline of the church, let us determine to maintain and strengthen the prayer meeting.

Here are some suggestions which may be helpful in making your prayer meeting a greater success.

Prepare for the service. (Moody said that where one pastor fails in the pulpit, fifty fail in the prayer meeting.)

Give much emphasis to prayer itself.

Pray for specific individuals and specific needs.

Conduct Bible Studies on such subjects as "Prayers of the Bible," "Conditions for Answered Prayer," "Objects of Prayer," and "Elements of Successful Prayer."

Vary the program.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST BOOK STORE

THERE ARE MANY supplies which are needed in the operation of an active Free Will Baptist Church. More and more of our churches are looking to Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, to provide these supplies.

Active for several years, Free Will Baptist Book Store has in recent months enlarged its operation and is now stocking a complete line of materials. Perhaps you have not been aware of this service. We would like to bring this ministry to your attention.

BUSINESS

The outstanding growth in business of the Free Will Baptist Book Store has been remarkable. Our local churches are beginning more and more to look to the book store to supply their basic store needs. This is revealed in the approximate total sales of \$20,000.00 for 1962, a welcomed increase over the previous year.

According to present records, we will experience an increase over the 1962 record. During the first 18 days of the new year, 161 orders were filled. This is indication of a banner year for the book store.

SERVICE

Organization in the book store is helping to produce prompt service. This is becoming an asset and part of our service policy. Unless we are temporarily out of stock, orders are processed and ready for mail the same

day they reach the book store.

Catalogues are furnished upon request to help facilitate orders. A complete listing of merchandise will be found in these catalogues. We will be happy to mail out catalogues upon request.

ITEMS

There are many churches and individuals that are not aware of the stock handled by the book store. Bibles, Christian books on all subjects, children's books, Sunday school aids, study helps, greeting cards, and music, are a few of the items stocked.

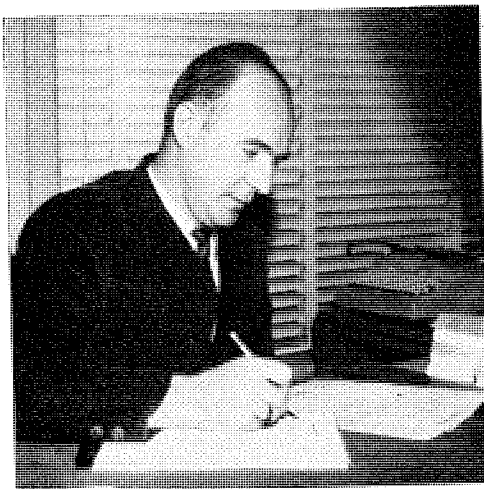
If your church has a library, you'll certainly want us to help supply you with proper books. Orders of \$20.00 or more for the church library will receive a 10% discount. We will be glad to offer suggestions for filling these special orders.

Free Will Baptist Bulletin Service is another important service offered by our book store. Complete materials and brochures are available for this weekly service.

More and more of our churches are having Vacation Bible Schools during the summer months. The sale of VBS materials through the book store more than doubled this past year. We handle the best in this field and will be glad to assist your church in ordering these materials. Order blanks and brochures will be mailed in a few days. Watch for yours.

Free Will Baptist Book Store is your book store. Use it!

Darrell Fulton is pictured below filling an order for a customer. He seeks to give prompt and personal attention to each order. Write him next time you need supplies for your church or Sunday School.



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THE MINISTER LOOKS AT THE LAYMAN

by George C. Lee

THERE WAS A time in our denomination when most of that which was accomplished came about simply because of the work of the clergymen. Because of the fact that some ministers were more content to do a job themselves rather than enlist the assistance of the laymen, the end result was an undeveloped laity. You have probably heard this statement with regards to a few good ladies in the church. "I don't know what we would have done if it were not for the good faithful women in our congregation." This situation existed in many places simply because the ministers failed to lead, educate and develop the congregation. Of course, sometimes the reasons were other than this. Basically though, this was the root of the problem.

Thank God, this situation no longer exists except in isolated areas. We should indeed praise God for the fact that He is now raising up many good laymen and laywomen in every state where Free Will Baptists are. We are seeing more and more the importance of laymen holding the Bible, being more informed as to his duties and taking a more active part in the overall scope of the work of the Lord.

When we think of the layman there are certain qualifications, that if acquired, would contribute heavily toward his success. What do you expect to find in a good layman?

Recently, in preparation for the teaching of the epistle of I Thessalonians in our Wednesday night services, the subject of the layman and some of his characteristics were brought to my eyes. I discovered in this letter numerous good qualities that the Thessalonian laymen had. We shall herein briefly discuss several of them.

I. A MAN OF FAITH

In I Thessalonians 1:3a Paul states "Remembering your work of faith. . . ." These folk believed God and by virtue of this, Paul recalls their act of belief. When we look at the layman, we should see a person of faith. The Bible has so much to say about faith and men and women who exercised their faith that it would certainly be impossible to list them all. Usually we refer here to the roll of the faithful as recorded in Hebrews

11. You find there a great listing of many who performed a work of faith.

In relation to the layman today, we would point out that things have not changed. That is, a good layman will exercise his faith. He should believe God. But in a particular sense he should believe in his local church and his pastor. The pastor is not an infallible, perfect person. He has many flaws. He is still in the flesh. His pastor needs the faith and confidence of all his people. Occasionally one finds his faith in humanity reeling because of a disappointment in someone's actions. Some have even wanted to get out of the Lord's work simply because they were let down by someone. Of course, under no circumstances is this warranted.

Perhaps you read an article in a recent issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* entitled, "Why I Quit the Ministry." A young college graduate in another denomination received a call to a large suburban church. To his dismay he found the church in an almost unbelievable spiritual condition. The world had completely taken over. No longer was this church a place where the Word was proclaimed. Instead it was a stronghold of modern apostasy. When it became apparent that the local situation was hopeless, the pastor quit the ministry. If the lay people of the congregation had been right with God and believed in the leadership of their shepherd, no doubt a work for God could have been wrought. But when faith is absent, failure is always inevitable.

II. A MAN OF LOVE

In I Thessalonians 1:3b Paul states ". . . And labor of love. . ." Whatever is not of faith is sin and by the same token whatever is done in the Lord's work should be done because of love. If it is not, it is wrong. Our work should be done because we see the need. God expects laymen to give and serve not because of compulsion or necessity, but from a compassionate, tender heart, give himself in unselfish service of love. As we look to our laymen today, we want to see those who do what they do not because of coercion, fear of pastoral disfavor, etc., but because of the knowledge

of their responsibility and their willingness to serve. Joy is brought to the heart of the minister when he sees a man progress spiritually to the extent that he wants to have a willing part in God's work.

III. A MAN OF PATIENCE

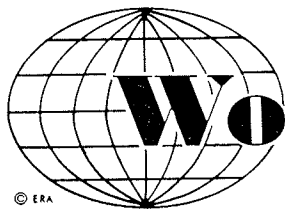
I Thessalonians 1:3c Paul mentions a ". . . Patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. . ." The Christian today is probably under more pressure than those of any previous era. Temptations run rampant. Trouble without and within the church adds to the perplexity. This day calls for the patience of a Job!

The preachers cannot alone do the job. God has ordained to work in and through us all. None has a priority on God. Laymen must see that it is going to take a great deal of plain old fashioned patience to successfully run this race.

I believe the words of Edgar A. Guest will sum up what we have tried to say.

Leave it only to the pastors, and soon
the church will die;
Leave it to the women folk, the young
will pass it by.
For the church is all that lifts us from
the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper needs
the laymen on the job.
Now a layman has his business, and a
layman has his joys,
But he also has the training of all our
girls and boys.
And I wonder how he'd like it if there
were no churches here,
And he had to raise his children in a
godless atmosphere.
It's the church's special function to
uphold the finer things,
To teach that way of living from which
all that's noble springs.
But the pastor can't do it singlehanded
and alone.
For the laymen of the country are the
church's building stones.
When you see a church that's empty,
though its doors are open wide,
It's not the church that's dying—it's
the laymen who have died.
It's not just by song or sermon that
the church's work is done,
It's the laymen of the country, who for
God must carry on.

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

Citizens For Sunday School

CHICAGO, ILL.—There is a possibility that by the end of 1965 five million more people will be enrolled in the Sunday Schools of America because of National Sunday School Association's newest program, **CITIZENS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**.

Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon, National Chairman, and the other men on the Citizens for Sunday School Committee, together with more than 20 key denominational leaders, are planning to make this a reality.

A citizen for Sunday school is any person who, regularly attending Sunday school, pledges himself to get others to attend on this basis: 3 to come in 1963, 4 more in 1964, and 5 in 1965; a total of 12 in 3 years.

Old Testament Leads List

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—The Zondervan Publishing House announced a publishing record for the year, 1962. A total of 100 new books and booklets came from its presses, with the popular *Amplified Old Testament* leading the list with 150,000 already in print. Other leading publications include Eugenia Price's thought-provoking book, *A Woman's Choice*, with 50,000 copies in print less than six months after publication.

Missionary Family Reaches U.S.

CHICAGO, ILL. (MNS)—An American missionary just returned from the battle zone of North India has voiced the belief that missionary work in the Assam area could continue if the Red Chinese are held back.

Rev. George Johnson, missionary of the Baptist General Conference, noted that if the Chinese had followed through with their three-pronged attack on the Assam plain they might have captured that key oil, rice and tea producing area of India.

Johnson and his family were ordered out after the Red advance in October and November. Mrs. Johnson and the three children had just three hours to pack one suitcase and get to the airport.

E. F. M. A. Convention Announced

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—Among the program items of the Annual Convention of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association at Buffalo, New York, April

23-25, will be a forum on "The Effect of the Vatican Council on Evangelical Missions." One key participant in the discussion will be Dr. Stuart P. Garver, executive director of Christ's Mission in New York, who was an observer at the Vatican Council.

Missionaries Ordered Out

NEW YORK CITY (MNS)—Church officials here have reported that 17 United Presbyterian and Reformed missionaries have been ordered out of the Sudan by January 19. The statement issued by the United Presbyterian Commission an Ecumenical Mission and Relations and by the Board of World Missions of the Reformed Church in America said that six of the 17 American missionaries have already left the Sudan.

A report from the office of the American Mission at Malakal in the Sudan's Upper Nile Province said eleven more missionaries, including five couples, must leave their posts by mid-January.

Church Merger Vote Uncertain

LUCKNOW, INDIA (MNS)—With voting completed in nine of eleven conferences of the Methodist Church in India, it appears they will not approve a proposed merger to form an enlarged Church of North India. Thus far, the cumulative vote among the Methodists is 315 votes against the merger and 305 in favor.

It is reported that 415 affirmative votes will be required to approve the proposed merger. The union, if approved, would include Anglicans, Methodists, Disciples of Christ, Baptists, Brethren and the United Church of North India.

Literature Conference Held

WINONA LAKE, IND. (MNS)—The dearth of literature to reach the unsaved was a repeated concern of Evangelical Literature Overseas which was held here recently. The discussions indicated that probably 90 to 95 per cent of all available evangelical literature in Latin America is directed toward Christians, with the remaining 5 or 10 per cent specifically presenting the claims of Christ to non-Christians.

For three days 150 representatives from evangelical missions over the world received instruction and shared ideas on the writing, printing and distribution of literature on the mission fields.

India Helps With Bibles

NEW DELHI (MNS)—The Bible Society of India and Ceylon has undertaken to meet the cost of composition of an edition of the Bible in Lugbara for the Congo. A special appeal was made in India for this project in connection with Bible Sunday in December. The decision was made in response to the United Bible Societies' appeals for more widespread participation by all members in Bible Society work outside their own borders.

Mennonites To Open Clinic

HILLSBORO, KANS. (MNS)—After two years of studies in the medical school in Saltillo, Mexico, Miss Maria Schulz has completed the professional examinations which will enable her to secure credentials to serve as director of a maternity clinic which the Mennonite Brethren plan to open there. The project will be undertaken as soon as Miss Schulz can obtain proper immigration status and complete the legalization of her professional credentials.

Evangelicals Meet in Buffalo

BUFFALO, N. Y. (CNS)—The National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) will hold its 21st annual convention here April 23-25 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. More than 40 Protestant denominations which are conservative in theology will participate in the sessions.

Headlining the list of speakers will be Dr. Curtis Nymys, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Francisco, who is noted for the support which he gave to the House Un-American Activities Committee at the time of its hearings on Communist activity in California.

CMS Formulates Policy

OAK PARK, ILL. (CNS)—A new uniform medical missionary policy to serve as a guide for evangelical mission societies which operate hospitals and medical dispensaries overseas has been formulated by the Christian Medical Society.

The group defined the purpose of medical missions "to witness for Christ by all appropriate means, to offer the highest quality of medical care possible and to train national Christians in various fields of medical care" and recommended that to accomplish this goal medical work should be concentrated in the larger centers from which care could be ministered to surrounded areas.

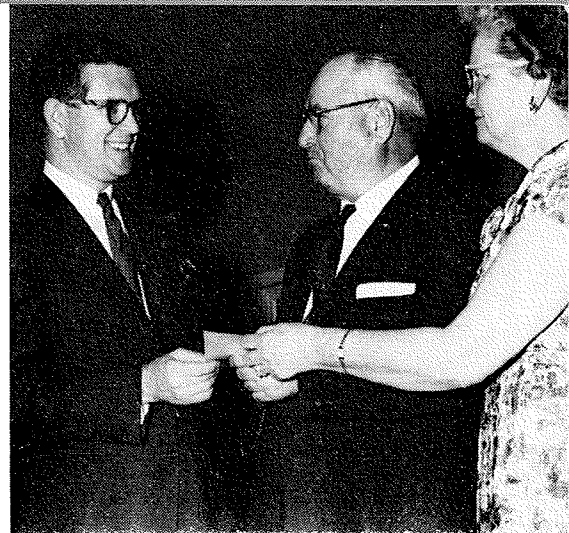
In order to multiply the effectiveness of medical manpower, it was recommended that two doctors be stationed together with at least a 30-bed hospital so they could provide full medical services, cover a wider area and offer basic training for national medical workers.

To meet the unique problems of medical missions the doctors advised mission boards to include a doctor on their advisory staff as well as scheduling periodic conferences with mission doctors on the field to evaluate their progress and needs.

Illinois Tops Quota In Share Program

QUOTA—\$3,800.00

GIVEN — \$4,934.00



Rev. and Mrs. Charles Osborn are pictured above making a presentation of \$1,000 to Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham, moderator of the National Association, to help make possible a new Headquarters Building. This couple recently visited our present building and viewed first-hand the crowded conditions.

Gifts From Illinois

Charles Osborn, Des Plaines	1,000.
Bakerville FWB Church, Mt. Vernon	314.
Johnston City FWB Church, Marion	300.
Arnold View FWB Church, Marion	250.
Blue Point FWB Church, Rinard	250.
Ina FWB, Ina	250.
First FWB Church, Mt. Vernon	250.
Webb's Prairie FWB Church, Benton	250.
Pleasant View FWB Church	250.
East Central Quarterly Meeting	250.
South Central Quarterly Meeting	250.

Northern Quarterly Meeting	250.
Hazel Dell FWB Church, Sesser	100.
First FWB Church, Aurora	50.
Bear Point FWB Church, Sesser	50.
Bethel FWB Church, S. Roxana	50.
Decatur FWB Church	50.
FWB Church, Des Plaines	50.
Eakin Grove FWB Church, Benton	50.
Faith FWB Church, McHenry	50.
Harmony Brotherhood, W. Frankfort	50.
Oakland FWB Church, Sesser	50.

Oak Valley FWB Church, Fairfield	50.
Rock Springs FWB Church, Thebes	50.
Salem FWB Church, Wayne City	50.
Waltonville Sunday School Class	50.
West Central Quarterly Meeting	50.
George W. Waggoner, Mt. Vernon	50.
W. S. Mooneyham, Wheaton	50.
First FWB Church, Granite City	50.
Loyal Workers District Woman's Auxiliary	50.
Liberty FWB Church, Chicago	50.
Newsletter	20.

THERE HAS BEEN a wonderful response from the people of Illinois to the appeal to meet the state's quota toward the new Headquarters Building in Nashville. The assigned quota of \$3800 was a little more than two and one-half times the national average. By early January \$4,934.00 had been collected or pledged and other churches were yet to make their offerings. The state has 37 churches with a total membership of fewer than 3000.

Some fifteen or twenty years ago statements were made that "Free Will Baptists are either poor or stingy." This is no longer true (if it ever was). Our people are not poor. Look at the cars around a Free Will Baptist church and notice the homes they live in. They are as good as the average in the community. Our people are not stingy, either. The problem is that they are often misinformed or not informed at all. If the need is accurately and convincingly presented, our people will rise to meet it. This is what happened in Illinois.

The need was presented at quarterly

meetings and through issues of the *Illinois Newsletter*, a publication that goes into some 1150 homes each month. Three of the state's four quarterlies—East Central, South Central, and Northern—have bought five SHARES each. Individuals, Sunday school classes, and churches have all added their contributions. In every situation the pastor was the key figure. Where the pastor has been concerned, an offering has come. Many of these churches are in building programs and are regular supporters of the Cooperative Plan. Yet they gave.

Eight churches have given five or more SHARES. They are *Arnold View*, George Ritter, pastor; *Bakerville*, Howard Flota, pastor; *Blue Point*, David Shores, pastor; *Ina*, Everett Beaty, pastor; *Johnston City*, Leon McBride, pastor; *First Church of Mt. Vernon*, Paul Sulcer, pastor; *Pleasant View*, Oran Kersh, pastor; and *Webb's Prairie*, Gene Norris, pastor. Fourteen other churches have given one or two SHARES each.

Reverend Charles Osborn, pastor of the church in Des Plaines, personally gave \$1,000 to the Building Fund. Not many years ago he organized the first Free Will Baptist work in the Chicago area. They rented an old store building and carried on with a handful of members. Brother Osborn often came to the quarterly meeting in Southern Illinois in an old car that ran

on faith and with not enough money to buy gasoline to get back. He always found the Lord faithful and friends came to his rescue or the quarterly took an offering to buy the necessary gasoline. The Lord has given him more now, because he was faithful in the small amounts he had. No doubt there are 25 or 50 others over the denomination that have had similar experiences and could do likewise.

The story connected with the giving toward this new building is known in a few cases. One fellow said, "I'll give a SHARE and pay for it out of my unemployment check." In another case, a young girl had just taken her first job getting out of school when the plan was presented in her church. She signed a checkbook for a SHARE. In two other cases there were elderly, retired people who gave a SHARE each. Several who have given are elderly people. It is heart-warming to know that they are giving toward the Free Will Baptist future. They may not even live to see the building erected, yet they want to have a part.

This has been a rich experience for Free Will Baptists in Illinois. We are happy to be able to share in the future ministry of our denomination. Our hearts have been blessed in giving and we know that, as a result of our giving, others will have the opportunity of knowing the wonderful experience of salvation in Jesus Christ.

EXECUTIVE CHURCH BONDS, INC.

Helping Churches Build

EXECUTIVE CHURCH BONDS, Inc., a division of the Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, assisted many Free Will Baptist Churches in their building program. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a good example.

Upon learning that there were several families in Grand Rapids who were interested in a church, the home mission board of the Michigan State Association voted to underwrite the salary of a home missionary through the National Home Mission Board. As a result, the services of Rev. Johnny Vick were secured and he began his ministry in Grand Rapids on May 1, 1961, with ten members.

In October of 1961, Executive Church Bonds, Inc., assisted the church in a \$30,000

bond program. Through this program a very attractive church building was erected. The congregation was able to move into the property on July 8, 1962.

The church membership now stands at 65. Sunday school attendance averages between 70 and 80 with a record attendance of 101.

Pastor Vick reports that they have received many compliments on their building and that the church has a promising future.

In approximately one and one-half years, Executive Church Bonds, Inc., has issued well over one million dollars worth of bonds to build Free Will Baptist Churches. These churches have been built in thirteen states.

Recently, an Investment Division of Executive Church Bonds, Inc., was set up.

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In the near future, Executive Church Bonds, Inc., will have available two sets of plans for new churches. It is hoped that one building may be constructed for \$20,000 and the larger one for \$35,000. These plans will be made available to interested congregations at a nominal fee.

The services of Executive Church Bonds, Inc., are available to Free Will Baptist Churches everywhere. We invite you to let us know about your future plans for new church construction or remodeling program. Free information is available upon request. Since programs for this year are now being scheduled, it would be well to write early.

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IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Paul Kettelman**, Director of Public Relations for the Bible College, recently visited pastors in Oklahoma and Arkansas. February 8-18 he will be in North Carolina.

■ Director of Conference Ministries **Rufus Coffey** will be in Chipley, Florida, February 4-9. He will be in Hazelhurst, Georgia, February 11-16.

■ Treasurer of Free Will Baptist Bible College **E. B. McDonald** will be on a team to examine Piedmont Bible College, February 20-21, for the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

■ Foreign Missions Director **Reford Wilson** will be visiting our mission work in South and Central America during the month of February.

■ **Jerry Ballard**, Director of Publications for the Foreign Mission Board, will be making investigative trips regarding development of a Spanish literature program in early February.

■ Sunday School Director **Roger C. Reeds** will be meeting with the Sunday School Board February 20-21 in Nashville.

■ **Billy A. Melvin**, Executive Secretary, will be on a promotional trip in California the latter part of February.

■ **Mrs. Eunice Edwards**, Executive Secretary of WNAC, will be in Smithville, Mississippi, for a district convention, February 26.



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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.

Where in the Bible does it say that a sinner has to kneel and pray through to God to be saved? I can't find the scripture for this.

Neither can I. Praying through is for the Christian who has problems confronting him, temptations to overcome and habits of life to gain the mastery over. Sinners need only to pray from the heart. "God be merciful to me a sinner", and God delights in answering that prayer. Here are some verses for the sinner; Romans 10:9, 10, Acts 16:31, John 5:24, John 6:37. None of these say anything about praying through.

Does the foreknowledge of God prove that He looks into the future of our lives and knows before the Holy Spirit strives with us whether we will receive or reject Him?

"God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance", II Peter 3:9. Jesus died that "whosoever will may come", making salvation universal. God has all knowledge and therefore, sees the end from the beginning and knows who will accept His Son and who will reject Him. He does not will nor decree that they make a wrong decision.

Seldom do we hear the word "obey" included in the marriage ceremony. Ephesians 5:24 says "let the wives be subject to their husbands in every way." Does this still mean what it says?

The only possible exception is an ungodly husband who interferes with his wife's devotion or worship of the Lord. The same is true when the Bible says "children obey your parents". In everything children are to obey their parents. Wives are to be in subjection to their husbands except when their obedience and subjection is contrary to their serving God.

My father and mother are both dead. Do you think they can see me or know what I am doing. They were both Christians and went to heaven.

Hebrews 12:1 speaks of being "compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." Whether this includes our loved ones who have died, I cannot answer. There are those who think it does. Luke 15:7 speaks of "joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." Does this include redeemed saints who have gone into the presence of the Lord? It may. We can only speculate. However, if they can see us, we may be sure that they see us through eyes of eternity and not as we see things.

Note: Since the November 1962 issue of CONTACT, I have received letters from many defending the cults. Those with return addresses I have written to personally. Others want to argue the lodge question. I have taken a definite, and I think Scriptural, stand against cults and lodges. This column does not provide space for rebuttals or arguments as such. Its intent is to help and assist you with genuine spiritual problems. Letters with your return address will be personally answered.—L. H. M.

WHERE ARE THE TENTMAKERS?

BY JOE T. HURST

AND BECAUSE he was of the same craft, (Paul) abode with them, and wrought; for by their occupation they were tentmakers." Acts. 18:3

"Paul, what meanest thou? some Corinthian must have asked. "Thou, Paul, who sat at the feet of the great Gamaliel; thou who has gained a great education; thou who art chosen and ordained of God to preach the gospel—how is it that thou art found among Christians making tents?"

For years and years Free Will Baptists pulled this scripture out of context to use as "proof" that ministers should earn their own living so that churches wouldn't have to pay a living salary. And the preachers encouraged it—because they didn't want to burden the people—or because they were too independent—or to side step having to preach the unpopular scriptures to tithe.

Then, when the work of the Lord bogged down to a virtual standstill in Free Will Baptist confines, men began to seek out the real teaching of the scriptures, and abide by them. And God was, of course, faithful to bless the denomination.

But, in our zeal to "right the wrong", can it be that we are forcing the pendulum too far in the opposite direction? An able, established church which will call for the full-time services of a preacher and his wife and not pay a supporting salary is without excuse. Likewise, a minister who will not leave the so-called security of steady employment "just to preach" would seem to be in need of another lesson at the feet of Jesus.

Nevertheless, there are certain facts that we cannot afford to overlook. There are certain congregations of Free Will Baptists—and groups which would like to become congregations—which cannot pay a fully supporting wage, even if all the members support faithfully.

This includes new works or areas where churches should be formed, some rural areas, works among transients, and even skid row missions, etc.

It has now become a disgrace in some circles of the ministry to be known as a preacher who will "stoop" to menial tasks to supplement income from the church. Recently, CONTACT carried a picture of our medical missionary in Africa. There the sensitive fingers of a surgeon grasped a hammer, lowly tool of the common laborer. He appeared to be performing a "whatsoever thy hands findeth to do" task without regards for whether it fit his prominent position as doctor and preacher.

In another publication a report was made of a Free Will Baptist church which had disbanded and sold its property. The article stated that it was hoped those who were left

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1962 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

DECEMBER 1962

COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	December 1962	Year to Date	Total to Date-1961	Designated Dec. 1962
Alabama	58.52	1,466.66	1,237.60	
Arizona		25.00	89.97	
Arkansas	510.16	3,037.45	3,395.61	
California	564.67	6,370.75	5,135.92	
Florida	30.00	1,505.61	1,235.00	
Georgia	113.34	2,285.70	2,655.72	
Idaho	15.44	15.44		
Illinois	181.64	4,871.00	5,043.35	
Indiana		892.22	188.11	
Kansas		2,078.88		
Kentucky		180.01	135.68	
Missouri		10,558.20	10,143.30	
New Hampshire	15.72	15.72		
New Mexico	137.28	977.83	1,108.04	
North Carolina	324.52	2,381.23	2,092.40	
Ohio		735.18	243.69	
Oklahoma	1,095.64	10,380.17	9,143.74	8.21
Tennessee	351.76	2,767.43	2,611.64	184.25
Texas	269.94	3,689.65	4,110.15	
Virginia	300.00	2,717.28	994.50	
Washington		124.11		

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	COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS December 1962	Year to Date	DESIGNATED December 1962	Year to Date	Total Receipts to Date
Foreign Mission	1,070.62	15,969.89	122.00	2,841.99	18,811.88
Executive Department	977.66	13,748.47	10.50	135.63	13,884.10
F.W.B. Bible College	814.72	11,437.61		96.00	11,533.61
Home Missions	535.30	7,899.49	46.50	2,177.60	10,077.09
Sunday School	203.69	2,864.30	3.25	35.75	2,900.05
League Board	203.68	2,864.26	10.21	98.38	2,962.64
Superannuation Board	122.21	1,718.58		14.00	1,732.58
Stewardship Commission	40.75	572.92			572.92
Building Fund				298.61	298.61
Home for Children, Tenn.				19.48	19.48
Home for Children, N. C.				14.00	14.00

SHOW AND TELL

Many schools have what they call "Show and Tell," in which each child shows Aunt Rose's favorite seashell or some souvenir of Dad's Army days and tells the class about it.

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Where Are The Tentmakers?

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might find a suitable place to worship and work for the Lord.

What grievous news! In these last days when we must be forging ahead with the gospel we cannot afford to take a backward step. Are there other churches at the point of disbanding? Could a "tentmaker" save them for Christ's sake?

And the words of the article keep ringing, "those who were left . . . were left . . . were left . . ."

The old familiar scripture still applies. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-37.

And please, Lord, let some of them be "tentmakers."

MR. HURST is the pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in East Wenatchee, Washington.



First Free Will Baptist Church—Gardena, California

CHURCH PURCHASED IN GARDENA, CALIFORNIA

GARDENA, CALIF.—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Gardena, previously known as the Lawndale Free Will Baptist Church, disposed of its Lawndale property and is now purchasing the First Southern Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Francis Boyle, representative of Executive Church Bonds, this church held a successful bond program. They expect to occupy their new facilities in early spring. Rev. J. B. Riggsby is the pastor.

Record Crowd

WENATCHEE, WASH.—A record crowd of some two hundred attended the Christmas program of First Free Will Baptist Church here.

Each department of the Sunday school shared in the presentation. Climaxing the

program was a play presented by senior and young married classes.

"It was a great opportunity to tell the gospel to many unsaved people," Pastor Joe Hurst stated, "and it serves as a reminder that even the children may share in this ministry."

The Sunday school attendance has averaged over 100 weekly for the past two months. Several members participated in the "Read The Bible Through in 1962" plan and held weekly Bible studies.

Rice Leaves for Brazil

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Miss Mary Ellen Rice, under appointment by the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for service in Brazil, left the Miami International Airport on January 10 for Campinas, Brazil.

Miss Rice, commissioned January 6 at her home church in Morehead City, N. C., will be located in Campinas where she will

enter Portuguese language study January 21.

Miss Rice has attended Free Will Baptist Bible College, Moody Bible Institute, Berlitz School of Languages, and Missionary Internship. The Rocky Pass, N. C., church and the Central Church of Royal Oak, Michigan, have undertaken the major portion of her support.

New Church Organized

MARSHALL, MO.—The Missouri State Home Mission Board met here recently to organize the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church. Sixteen people became charter members of this new organization.

Approximately two months ago, Rev. James McAllister, Mission Director for Missouri, moved to Marshall to begin this work. This new church has already adopted the Cooperative Plan of Support and the Family Plan for CONTACT.

Cooperative Giving Up

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Cooperative receipts showed a substantial increase during 1962 according to Rev. Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Total receipts for 1962 were \$57,075.52. This compares to \$49,706.10 for 1961, an increase of \$7,369.42. Designated giving increased by approximately \$1,000.00. Total gifts, to all departments of national work, handled by the Executive department totaled \$62,826.81 in 1962 as compared to \$54,427.19 in 1961.

States showing an increase in their giving were Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington.

States showing a decrease in their giving were Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, New Mexico, and Texas.

Recently elected officers of the Alabama State Association are pictured below (l. to r.) Ray Ritch, Assistant Clerk; Robert Ritch, Vice Moderator; William Atkinson, Moderator; and E. B. Ledlow, Clerk. The Honorable John Patterson, Governor, addressed the group becoming the first governor to visit the State Association.



Correspondence Courses Offered

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A new series of correspondence courses will be offered to the denomination by Free Will Baptist Bible College later in the year, Dean Charles A. Thigpen has announced.

Designed to give assistance to the Christian layman to better understand the Bible and Christian truths as they are related to everyday living, the courses will be of practical nature rather than for college credit.

The courses will cover three areas: Bible Doctrine, Bible Survey (in three sections), and Christian Living. Writers will be faculty and staff members of the college including Dr. L. C. Johnson, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Rev. R. E. Picirilli, and Rev. Leroy Forlines.

The college will continue to offer the present program of correspondence courses for college credit.

Shares Purchased

CHICAGO, ILL.—Inspiring messages by Gilbert King, Marshall Hamilton, and Charles Osborn were heard at the tenth session of the Northern Quarterly meeting. A total of seven churches make up this quarterly meeting and they reported 20 decisions for Christ during the quarter.

During the business session they voted to purchase five shares in the new Headquarters building in Nashville. The plan was presented by State Promotional Secretary, George W. Waggoner.

Youth Meeting

LITTLETON, N. H.—John M. Vandivort, William Evans, and Elbert Tippet, in cooperation with the other members of White Mountain Evangelical Ministers Fellowship, sponsored an area wide youth rally, Jan-

uary 5, at the Littleton Town building. Approximately 60 young people attended the meeting.

Each one attending had an opportunity to participate through hymns, quizzes, and the film entitled, "Teenagers' Parents."

Progress at Children's Home

GREENEVILLE, TENN.—The Free Will Baptist Children's Home here, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Turnage, has experienced remarkable progress in the last few months. Support for this Free Will Baptist institution comes from churches in 12 or more states.

During the first two and one-half months of the new administration the home paid off one-third of its indebtedness. Our churches are asked to pray and support this home whose major purpose is the training of future consecrated Christian workers for every phase of denomination life and Christian living.

New Church Organized

COLUMBUS, GA.—The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church was organized here recently. There are 26 charter members. The charter membership roll will be held open for the next 30 days. Rev. Odell Harris is the pastor.

Pastoral Changes

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The following changes have been reported to CONTACT. Rev. Othel Dixon from First Free Will Baptist, Mountain Grove, Missouri, to Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist, Springfield, Missouri; Rev. LaRue Davis resigned from the Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church; Rev. E. M. Kennedy from Northwest Free Will Baptist to First Free Will Baptist, Richmond, California.



MILTON GANN

Pastor Honored

RUSSELLVILLE, ALA.—Rev. Milton Gann, pastor of the Russellville Free Will Baptist Church was recently elected "Franklin County Citizen." Mr. Gann was named Franklin citizen as a result of his outstanding leadership in the community.

During the past four years the Russellville church has grown in membership and has conducted a successful building program.

Successful Bond Program

WELLINGTON, KAN.—A new brick structure will be built by the Free Will Baptist Church here as a result of a successful bond program. The new auditorium will seat approximately 150. Rev. Wayne Bookout is the pastor.

Joint Master's Men Meeting

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO.—The joint meeting of the Master's Men from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, and the Cabool Free Will Baptist Church was a highlight. Approximately 40 people enjoyed the fellowship meeting.

Officers for the coming year were installed. Rev. Othel Dixon is the pastor of the Mountain Grove group and Rev. Ray Middleton is pastor of the Cabool group.

Korean Choir Tour

PASADENA, CALIF.—The weeks of Dec. 20 to Jan. 3, 1963 were filled with treasured moments the 34 youngsters of the World Vision Korean Orphan Choir will long remember. Never before had these little missionaries sung for so many people in such a short time in a single state of the U. S.

Beginning in the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium, their personal concert tour took them to civic auditoriums and large assembly halls in Pasadena, Whittier, Ontario, Long Beach, Glendale, Fresno, Sacramento, Berkeley and San Jose.

The choir will continue its North American tour, traveling into Canada and to concerts in Mid-Western and Eastern United States.

These pastors in the Northwest have been active in the organization of an association in that area. They are (l. to r.) Johnny Postlewaite, Roy Greene, Fred Dillinger, Joe Hurst, and E. F. Snower. This association, to be known as the Pacific Northwest Association, was organized last month. The meeting was held at Vancouver, Washington.



HOW TO TREAT THE NEW PASTOR

by
Damon C. Dodd

1. Welcome him into your midst as God's man sent to you by the Holy Spirit. Be genuine and real in your welcome and don't "gush" and "effuse". He will be able to detect any superficiality in your welcome and will take it with a "grain of salt".

2. Learn his last name at once and refer to him as Brother _____. Be sure to call him by *his* name and *not* by the name of your former pastor!

3. Don't remind him of what your former pastor did, nor how he did it! Remember that there are various methods of doing right and that no two men employ the same methods.

4. Don't try to tell him how to run his business. He has been trained to do his job and can do it much better without any of his members trying to tell him how, when, where or why.

5. If you have a suggestion or idea, make an appointment with him and offer these things to him privately. Then give him time to think them through, and the right to do them or not do them, as he thinks best.

6. Don't feel that it is your duty to fill him in on the weaknesses or failures of certain members in the church. He'll find these things out soon enough without your help.

7. Be cooperative! Don't expect the pastor to do everything. See that he has time for study and prayer. Give him the right and time to be a "family man."

8. Be thoughtful of your pastor. If you really need him, call him to come. But if you can get along without him don't make undue demands on his time. Remember him on his birthday with a special something. See that his Thanksgiving turkey is delivered to him. Make his Christmases worth remembering. Share your good things with him. Whisper a word of encouragement now and then. Pray for him always.

9. Be good to his family. Don't make his wife the church's slave. Just let her serve where she will and as she can. Remember that she has her home and family to care for, and that she is the pastor's strong pil-

lar. Don't impose on her good nature, generosity, or position.

10. Give his children the same rights that yours have. Don't expect them to be flawless and perfect just because their father is a preacher.

11. The pastor is too many times a "lonely" man. Visit him at the parsonage occasionally but don't impose. Make your

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How To Get Your Dead Lesson Preparation Off Center

USE AN "ACCUMULATION FILE"—Be constantly on the lookout for illustrations, quotes, visuals you can use in presenting your case—put such items in a file folder that is marked with the date and subject of a lesson.

Put your unconscious mind to work. You can "break the block" in your conscious mind by the following device:

Say to yourself, "If I were to teach this lesson, what points would I emphasize?" Write the answer down, and set it aside for a time. Meanwhile, your unconscious mind works on it, and when you next think about the subject, you will make real progress.

Learn to dissect the daily papers, and magazines you may pick up, for teaching ideas . . . illustrations, parallel cases, teaching by reverse, etc.

Give yourself an assignment once in awhile, just for practice: Find everything you can in the morning paper that would serve as point of contact, illustration, etc., for a given subject.

Think of one pupil at a time while preparing your lesson—don't just say, "I have to prepare to teach my class." It is Tom, Dick, or Harry, whom you must teach. Think of the individual while you prepare.

Form the habit of using stray minutes during the day to think about your Sunday School lesson, and its application to your class. If a friend is a few minutes late for an appointment, use those minutes to think constructively about your ministry of Christian Education. Just a few points jotted on a piece of paper under the heading, "Things I want to think about today" will help you fill those stray minutes profitably.

Read large portions of the Bible, to gain new insight. Some of your most thrilling insights and applications, as well as illustrations, may be gained by reading large portions of the Word of God—read an entire book of the Bible—without regard to whether it is part of the lesson assignment or not. See, for instance, what a wealth of truth relating to any given lesson you can gather out of a reading of John's Gospel, or the four Gospels, at one sitting.

Your mind and heart will be just overflowing with truths that suddenly burst upon you as being highly relevant to the lesson you are to teach—even though the lesson is an entirely different portion of the Bible.

Make a call on a problem pupil. Charles G. Finney preached his most powerful sermons after having walked "among the people" for the better part of a day . . . making notes on a piece of brown paper as he walked and talked with them.

You can't beat personal contact for sharpening your perceptions, and increasing your concern for needy hearts.

Keep on past the give-up point. If you will keep on praying and preparing for 30 minutes past the time when you say to yourself, "I have to quit . . . I'm too tired, etc.," you will experience the bonus blessing that comes from extra effort.

This method works, by the way, in visitation, too. Make that extra call or two,

and see how much more fruitful your work will become!

Reduce your lesson to its simplest terms. Say to yourself, "If I had to teach this lesson to someone who had never heard it before, what would I say?"

The effort to put Bible truth into the simplest possible terms often pays off in

- clarifying your own vision of truth, and strengthening your grasp of it.
- making your more detailed presentation, given later, both intelligible and forceful.

Take a prayer break. When you reach a point where your mind seems tired, and you are not making too much progress, instead of getting away from it all, having coffee, or putting the whole thing off till later—drop to your knees and talk to the Lord specifically about the matter in hand.

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A *Directory of Free Will Baptist Churches* has been in preparation for some time and is to be published shortly. The following local associations have not responded with the requested information. This information is carried with the hope that interested persons will help us in compiling this information. If you can assist us, or if some of the association clerks are not listed correctly, please notify the Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. It is imperative that we complete our work this month.

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