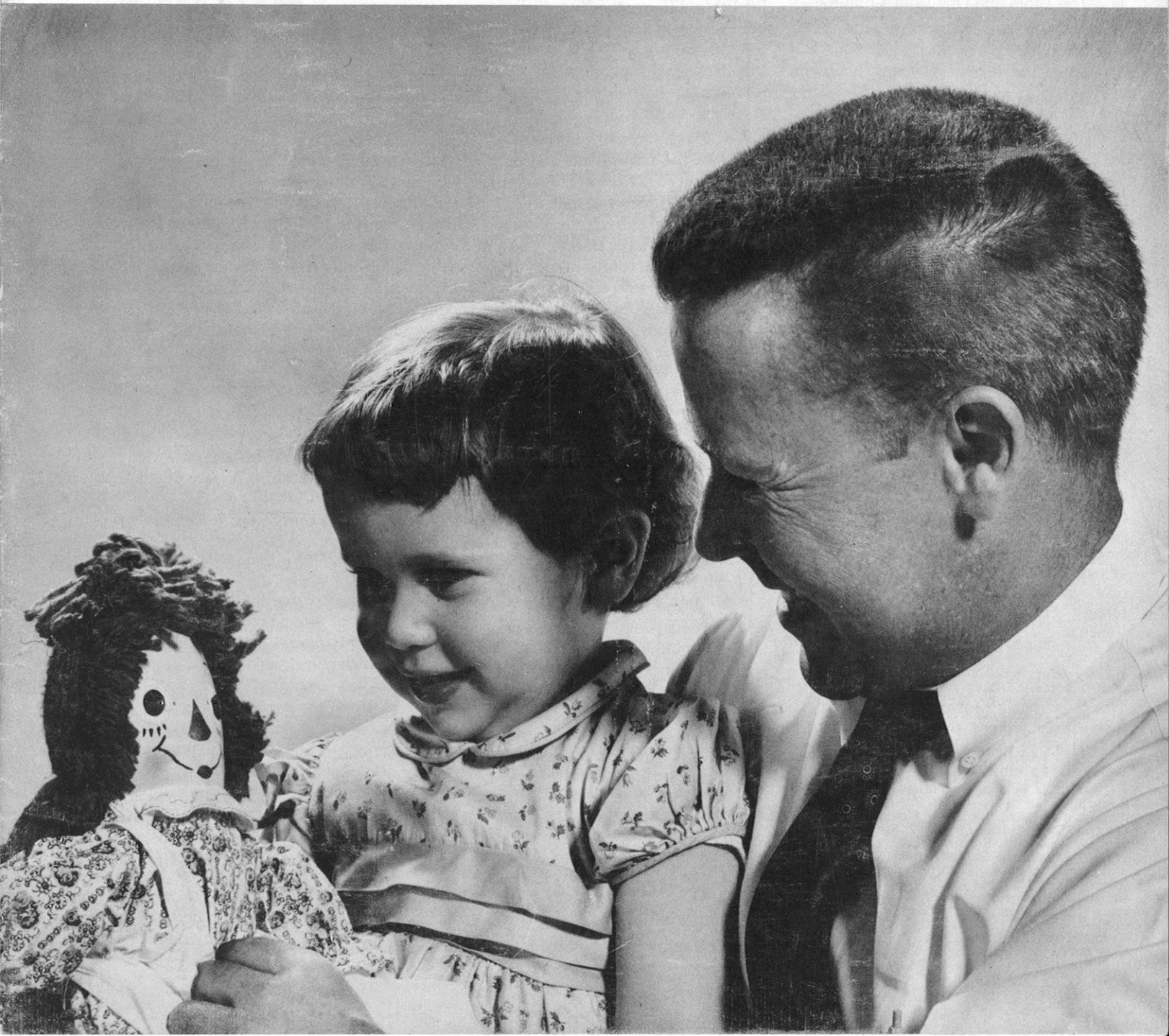


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Help Make It Possible

Recently a well known magazine published an article under the title "Who Ministers to Ministers?" This suggestive title pinpoints a fact that few laymen consider—ministers cannot telephone their pastor for an appointment to evaluate some decision or consider some problem. Perhaps the best substitute a minister has in these moments is an understanding wife or a fellow pastor of his faith in whom he can confide.

As a result, all pastors need and should have times of fellowship and challenge when they have the opportunity to share with other pastors the joys and sorrows of their labors as well as have their own soul refreshed and called once again under that divine imperative "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel of Christ."

Each year the annual meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists affords every pastor throughout the denomination the opportunity he needs for fellowship and challenge. As one pastor commented last year, "I was very discouraged in my present field of endeavor, but God has shown me the value of this ministry and given me new courage. I'm going home a different person."

Because of the opportunities available to our pastors at every session of the National Association, churches would do well to encourage the attendance of their pastor at these meetings. Many of our churches not only make the time available for their pastor, but also pay expenses. Churches that follow this practice find it to be a wonderful investment. Their investment pays off not only in the effectiveness of the pastor, but in the broad understanding which he is able to share with the church concerning denominational life and ministries.

Consider the possibility of sending your pastor to the National Association meeting this year in Detroit, Michigan, on July 16-18. Let him know early that you plan to make this trip possible for him so he can make necessary arrangements. Take the opportunity also to purchase tickets for him and his wife for the pastor's dinner. Tickets are available from the Executive Department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. These could be presented at a regular worship service with the pledge of the congregation to pray for him during his absence.

Your pastor will long remember your thoughtfulness and should return to serve more effectively.

Special Features

The special features at the National Association this year are so varied in nature that there is something for every member of the family. All are planned to bring spiritual enrichment.

On Tuesday evening at 5:00 p. m. the pastor's dinner will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. Dr. Howard F. Sugden is the guest speaker. All pastors and their wives are urged to attend. Tickets are available through the Executive Department at \$2.50 per plate.

An entirely new feature is the Singspiration planned at the conclusion of the worship service on Tuesday night. Volunteer special music and congregational singing will be featured in this informal fellowship. Those with musical ability are asked to come prepared to participate.

Youth will be in the spotlight on Wednesday afternoon as they go to the Central Free Will Baptist Church for a rally. This will be a time of inspiration, fun, and fellowship with buses leaving Cobo Hall at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Don Engram, director of Voice of Christian Youth, Detroit, will be guest speaker.

A regular feature of the convention for some years has been the Master's Men breakfast held on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. Judge Sam H. Sturm of the 9th Judicial District, Newton, Kansas, will be the speaker. Tickets are available through the Master's Men office, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, at \$1.50 per plate. A special award will be made to an outstanding Free Will Baptist layman during the breakfast.

Your earnest prayers for these special meetings as well as the regular sessions of the National Association are requested. May God be glorified through our lives as we come together to care for the business of the denomination.

TRY RELIGIOUS DRAMA

by
DARRELL FULTON

WHAT IS RELIGIOUS drama? This question has been discussed by individuals on many levels and yet they have failed to produce a clear, concise definition to set it apart from regular drama. It is true that in church or religious drama many of the techniques, plans, and ideas are the same, but there is a difference in purpose, material, vocabulary, and final results. It, then, can be said that a religious drama must be one in which the conflict is moral or spiritual, whose solution is based upon the Gospel message or some truth found in the Word of God.

In this space age, there is a struggle to win and captivate the minds and hearts of individuals. This challenge is being met by varied means and many are turned toward the stimulating force. Drama, good or bad, can be and is one of the forces that is attracting and influencing individuals.

It is the opinion of modern day educators that drama is a valuable aid in character development and many are putting greater emphasis upon its use. Teachers have integrated it into their over-all teaching program because they are convinced that drama is enjoyed by young or old. People enjoy drama in two ways, passively watching the production come to life or through active participation.

Despite the enthusiasm of many, churches have been somewhat reluctant to use drama. Many say that there is too much involved, others that they do not have time or personnel and some oppose it as being worldly. It should be recalled that religious drama is to be different from regular drama. The church, with its entire program, is not on a competitive basis and the production of the church is to be different from the regular drama. The church program has no room for mere fads or entertainment projects, but is to be actively engaged in promoting the Kingdom's work.

The drama of the church is to have a specific purpose in its goal. When observing the entire church program, it is possible to see where religious drama can be associated with various activities. Worship programs, special occasions, league assemblies, Sunday school assemblies, Vacation Bible School programs, and auxiliary organizations lend opportunities for the use of a dramatic production. However, no organization should use drama too frequently, but it should be on a well planned and limited basis. If properly used, religious drama can teach individuals, lead people into deeper spiritual understanding, assist men in worship and be a means of causing individuals to express their love for and submission to the Kingdom's work. All in all, "it may be a path to lead people to God."

Steps to Follow In the Production of Church Drama

I. Choose a director. A committee is not sufficient. There must be one person responsible for the play. If it is possible, choose a person who has had some training, is experienced in working with people and will have a deep understanding for all involved. This person must have full authority and responsibility in the choosing of the cast, overseeing scenery and costume design, and assigning various committees for the production. He is to coach the production, be responsible for obtaining full cooperation of the cast and encourage them toward the completed product.

II. Select a play. There are certain facts that are necessary when considering a play. 1. Is it a religious drama suitable for use in the Church? 2. What is the purpose or occasion? 3. How much time is there to prepare? 4. What talent is available? 5. What type of people make up the audience? 6. Where will the play be given? It should be remembered that in church drama there need not be elaborate scenery or curtains for darkness will hide the scene when necessary and light will reveal it. Good dramatic values, good characterization, and effect are all to be considered when selecting

a play, but the most important thing to consider is the message.

III. Select a production staff. Cooperation is essential in the production of a good church play. 1. Stage manager, a person who will assist the director whenever needed and who is in charge of the stage during rehearsals and performance. 2. Prompter, who is responsible to make the prompt book, attend all rehearsals, and give lines when necessary. 3. Staging committee, whose task is to design, construct, assemble, and tear down the scenery. 4. Properties committee, is to make, borrow or buy all of the properties for the play. 5. Costume committee, who is to prepare or make whatever costumes necessary. Depending on the church and production, you may find it necessary to appoint additional committees such as the lighting committee, make-up committee, and a group to be responsible for finances, publicity, program and music. Getting more people to work and lend their assistance will lessen the work load of the director.

IV. Select the cast. 1. Be familiar with every character in the play—know what you want for each part. 2. These factors should be considered when selecting the person for a part: Voice quality. Physical characteristics—not too unlike the person in the play, but doesn't have to be exactly what the part calls for. Cooperative spirit, dependability, willingness to do his best. Needs of the person. You must take into consideration those who *need* to be in a play. This factor is one of the benefits of church drama. 3. Method for selecting the cast. Have a try-out. Must get people out—have it after a regular service. Have each person who comes read a part. After the try-out, with information in hand, prayerfully select those who seem best, in accordance with the factors already mentioned. Prayerfully, with the help of church leaders, select from your group those who seem best.

V. Decide on a time and place for all rehearsals. Set up times as far in advance as possible, so members of the cast can make plans accordingly. Start rehearsals working toward the final product that will be pleasing unto the Lord.

VI. Remember the church play is not an end in itself. It is for the purpose of helping those in the play and being a blessing and inspiration to those who attend the play. Preparing is just as important as the actual performance. ■■

NOTE: A bibliography and suggested list of plays suitable for the local church will be supplied upon request by Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

THERE ARE AS many great fathers in the Bible as there are great mothers. We think of Abraham and his great love for his son, Isaac. We think of Jacob, and especially his devotion to his sons, Joseph and Benjamin. We remember David's cry of a broken heart for Absalom, his wayward son.

by **Ralph Staten**

Father's Place In The Home

The Wonder of the Home

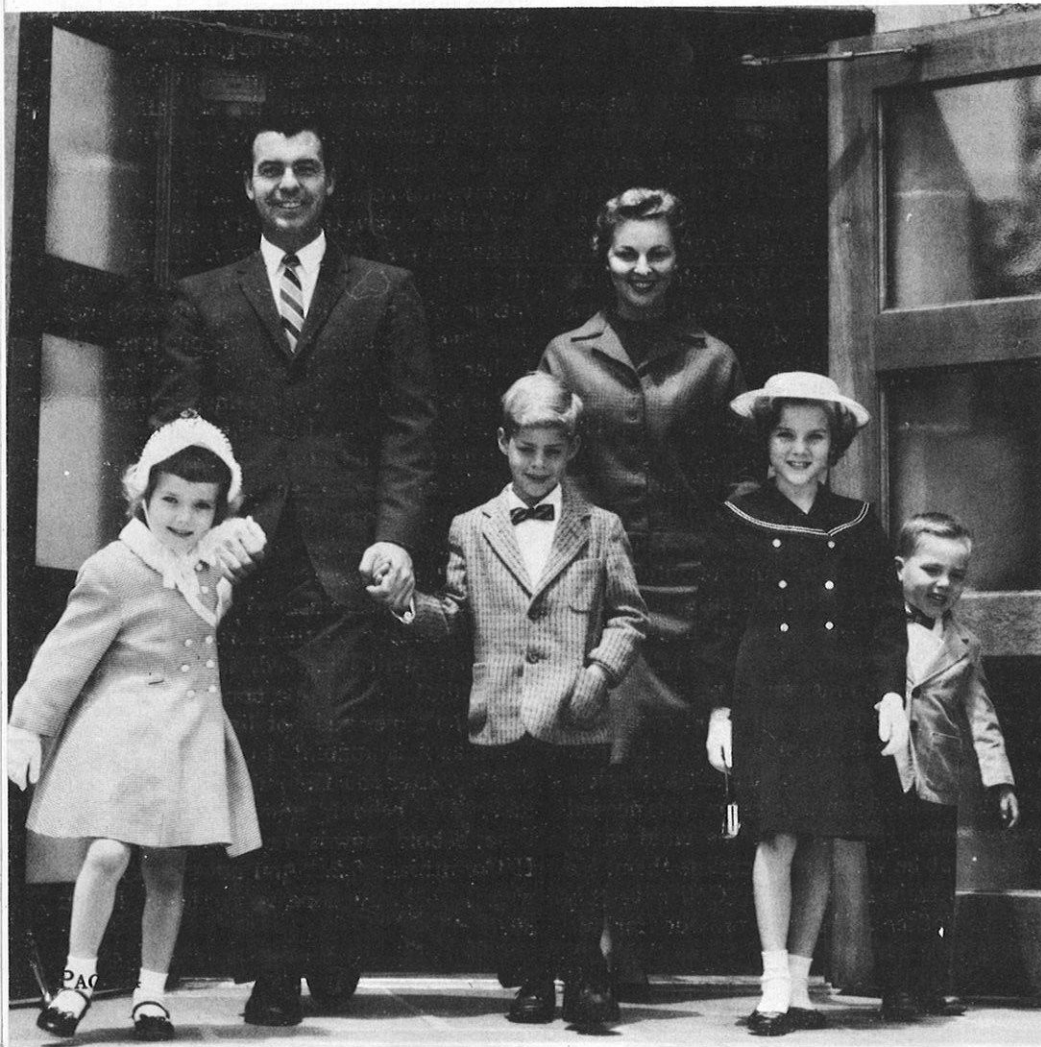
God made Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed into his body the breath of life. Thus, Adam became a living soul. He stood innocent and unspotted before His Maker. With all his glory, power and pleasure, Adam was lonely. God saw that amid all his creative works, which he pronounced good, it was not good for man to be alone. Woman was, therefore, created. She was made from Adam's rib. She was not made from his head that she might rule over him, nor from his feet that he might trample upon her, but from his side that she might be his companion and helpmate. She was brought to man, and in the sinless garden, they were united in holy wedlock. Upon this pure and primal pair God bestowed His divine blessing. They were commanded to found a worthy race, subdue the earth into utility, and rule the world for God. Thus, God established the home as a unit of society. It was instituted as a place where men and women should live together in love and happiness. This fellowship of married love and the home which it builds is a gift from God to man and the safeguard of civilization.

The home may be made in a tent, a rented house, an apartment, a mansion, or a cabin. The home, as one has said, is a fold that shelters the family from the wolves of lust, strife, unbelief and is a harbor in which souls anchor and abide secure from the storms of doubt and carnal stress. It is a fortress from whose citadel the armed forces of truth, love, chastity, go forth to bless the world. It is a sanctuary in which faith builds an altar, opens the door of prayer, and yields life and life's destiny to God. A church within a church, a republic within a republic, a world within a world, a kingdom within a kingdom is spelled in four letters, h-o-m-e. If things go right there, they go right everywhere.

The Warden of the Home

Fathers are the God-given head of the home. In I Corinthians 11:3 we read, "the head of the woman is the man," and in verse 7 that man is "the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man,"

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and in verse 9 that "neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man." At first Adam and Eve perfectly loved each other, both agreed on every detail, so there could never be any clash. When sin came in, while they were in the Edenic home, there were differences of opinion, and the rulership of man must be made plain. "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and they conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee," Genesis 3:16. This declares that the woman must ask things desired from her husband, and ask permission to do what she desired; and the woman is to be in subjection to the husband.

You remember that Joshua said, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," Joshua 24:15. Even in matter of duty to God and divine worship, Joshua assumed the responsibility for his entire household, his wife and children and servants. God said of Abraham, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord..." Genesis 18:19. Abraham assumed that God-given authority and exercised it. Sarah and Isaac and the servants submitted to that authority.

It has only been in recent years that fathers have not exercised that God-given privilege thus causing so much juvenile delinquency. It can be traced back to the fathers failing to exercise strong discipline and hand of oversight and leadership in the home which was a God-given right and privilege in the beginning. A father should recognize such and should conduct himself accordingly.

The Whip of the Home

The father should discipline in word and deed. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it," Proverbs 22:6. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth," Hebrews 12:6. "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes," Proverbs 13:24. "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying," Proverbs 19:18. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with a rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell," Proverbs 23:13-14. "Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul," Proverbs 29:17.

We live in a switch age. We turn the switch to get lights, music, heat, or air conditioning for the home. In the modern home everything is controlled by the switch except the disobedient children.

There are many different kinds of fathers. Some love and understand their children, others do not. There is the type of father who feels that his full duty is done if he brings home a pay check. The rearing of the children is left entirely up to his wife, and he blames her if they do not turn out all right.

Another type of father is the cruel and drunken. He beats his children and orders them around in a domineering fashion. They fear him and may obey him, but they do not love him. As soon as some of them are large enough to make their own way, they will leave home. His old age will be spent in loneliness for he has forfeited the right to their concern and care.

A third type is the domineering, egotistical kind, who blusters and brags. He is an authority in everything and knows all the answers. If anybody questions his wisdom, he gets angry and puts on a scene. What he says is final. He picks out the clothing for the children, tells them what careers they are to follow, and chooses their husbands and wives, and makes them miserable as long as he lives.

The Welfare of the Home

Fathers should be Christian. By fathers having the God-given authority and privilege of being the head of the family and the guiding influence of the home, that responsibility cannot be properly administered without the father being a Christian. No doubt, you have heard of incidents where boys have refused to become Christians because they said, "My father is not a Christian, he is a leader in the community and has a good job, and if he doesn't need to be a Christian, neither do I." The influence that a father exerts in a home could certainly be the destruction of the lives of the sons and daughters of that home.

The greater welfare of the home can be determined by the amount of interest he takes in the home and children. His interest must be active and personal. No excuses can justify any father in this vital part of his life's job. He must stand by the mother to help and encourage her and cooperate with her in proper training of the children. He will teach them to respect authority. Children must learn this lesson. It is needed everywhere. He will love his children so much that he will help discipline them. He will help train his children. God gave this job to fathers. He will provide for his

family. At this point I might add that the father will protect his family from anything that will harm them.

He will be responsible for their destiny. How will the children turn out? What will be their destiny? This is the father's responsibility. It cannot be turned over to the school, the church, the Bible teacher or any other organization. The children's mother has only one-half that supreme responsibility. It is up to you fathers, whether you want your children to be Christians. God will not only ask us what we did with our money, our time, our talents, but He will also ask us, "Where are your children?" Will the family circle be broken in heaven? If so, who will be largely responsible for this tragedy?

Dr. George Stewart tells of a father whom he met while in a meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia. The man had one son who was allowed to do just as he pleased until he was about 17 years of age. The boy finished high school and started to college. In a few weeks he was in trouble and was expelled from school. One night the father sat by the fireside worrying after the son had retired. Upon being reminded by his wife that it was getting late, he said, "There is no use my going to bed. I can't sleep. I am worrying about our boy." The wife went to sleep and the father got on his knees and confessed his sins against God and his son. With that confession he promised to be the Christian father he ought to be.

The next morning after breakfast the father and son went for a walk. They stopped beneath a huge tree and the father got a switch and commanded the son to remove his coat. For the first time in the boy's life he saw the fire of authority in the father's eyes. At the second command of the father, he removed his coat and the father whipped him for his disobedience. The two knelt beneath the big tree. The father put his arms around the shoulders of his son and made the same confession of his sins to God and his father promised him that he would be a Christian father to him and his mother. When the story was told to the college officials, the boy was allowed to return to college and later became an outstanding student.

I exhort each unsaved father and husband: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house," Acts 16:31. "Set thine house in order for thou shalt die, and not live," Isaiah 38:1. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," Hebrews 9:27. "... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation," II Corinthians 6:2. "And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee," Psalm 39:7. ■■



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

Missionary Work Interrupted

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—Continuing deterioration of the Haitian situation has prompted partial evacuation by some mission boards working in that country. Following the example and advice of United States government personnel, a number of missionary wives and children evacuated Haiti while the men stayed on to maintain the work.

The Unevangelized Fields Mission has evacuated some women and children from the Port-au-Prince area.

Await Christ's Return

PARIS (MNS)—The French monthly *La Mission Interieure* last month published an article about the expectation of the second coming of Christ among Muslims. The writer, Mr. Perrot, says: "My meetings with the Arabs revealed to me an astonishing and hardly known fact—the Arabs expect the return of Christ."

He states that missionaries from several places in North Africa confirmed this phenomenon. According to their reports, Muslims are spreading by word of mouth statements like these; "We know that the Lord Jesus will return" and "His return will occur suddenly."

Crusades in Spain

MADRID, SPAIN (MNS)—Fernando Vangioni, one of Latin American's leading evangelists and president of CLASE (Latin American Committee on Evangelism), began a preaching tour May 1 in the Galicia region of northwest Spain. He will also conduct meetings for six days in Madrid and ten days in Barcelona.

Because there is a legal ban on the use of public buildings and advertising by Protestants, knowledge of the meetings must be spread by word of mouth. Both Madrid and Barcelona have evangelical churches seating 1,200 to 1,500.

Baptists Report Decisions

TOKYO (MNS)—A total of 17,907 decisions was reported in crusades held as a

part of the Japan Baptist new life movement at the close of the fourth phase of the campaign. With one week remaining of the crusades, the number of decisions had already passed the total number of Baptists in Japan at the beginning of the crusades.

Bible Behind Cuban Bars

MIAMI, FLA. (MNS)—A Cuban soldier captured following the Bay of Pigs battle won fifty of his fellow-prisoners to Christ, it was reported here. The soldier-evangelist is Juan Cabrera, who had been a Free Will Baptist lay preacher in pre-Castro Cuba and was a rifle-carrying member of Cuban Brigade 3506 at the time of his capture.

Juan started a Bible class in his four-by-six-foot cell at El Principe Prison in Havana. There were four members at the beginning. Attendance grew. It was observed that even the Communist guard listened attentively. Out of the group of 214 men imprisoned with Juan, some 50 accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Now the prisoners are free men. The Christians remain together, most of them attending the Free Will Baptist Spanish mission here.

Missionary Aircraft Developed

HAMPSHIRE, ILL. (MNS)—In a 40-by-50 foot frame shop here, a new-design aircraft for missionary service is taking shape, reports *Christianity Today* (May 10, 1963). Engineer and builder of the high-wing twin-engine prototype is Carl A. Mortenson, whose work as a missionary pilot-mechanic in Peru was interrupted by an attack of bulbar polio.

The work is moving along and if funds come in rapidly enough, the "Evangel 4500" should be in the sky before the end of summer. The plane is being designed to climb fully loaded to 30,000 feet-higher than any mountain in the world—and will be able to maintain 15,000 feet on one engine if turbo-super-chargers are used. Although its wing span is only 36 feet, it is intended to take off in just 200 yards, and will carry six or eight persons or convert quickly to accommodate bulky cargo.

Negro Evangelist Named

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—A Negro evangelist, Rev. William E. Pannell of Detroit, Mich., has been appointed a staff evangelist by Youth for Christ International, a worldwide youth organization with headquarters here.

As a member of the crusade staff of Youth for Christ he will be heard in many of the organization's functions across the nation. He joins seven other young evangelists who preach to thousands of young people each year. He is married and the father of two boys.

Day of Prayer Announced

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Many thousands of Christians around the world will be tied together in a chain of prayer on Sunday, June 9. The concentration of prayer on that day will result from cooperation of scores of evangelical radio and television programs and Christian broadcasting stations, which reach across America and around the world.

Announcement of the day of prayer was made by the two Co-Chairmen of International Christian Broadcasters, Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann and Dr. Clarence W. Jones.

Missionary Boat Sinks

LONG BEACH, CAL. (MNS)—Nine seafaring missionaries en route to Haiti were reported safe by the U. S. Coast Guard after their home made 100-foot vessel, *Crusader*, sank in choppy seas off the coast of Mexico. The group was taken aboard the *St. Anthony*, an American tuna boat, off the tip of Baja, California, about 850 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The *St. Anthony* had been trying to tow the *Crusader* to Cape San Lucas at the end of the Mexican peninsula. Leader of the group was the Rev. Howard A. Smith, 51, minister of Calvary Church of the Full Gospel in Wilmington, near here.

Short-Term Missionaries

NEW YORK CITY (MNS)—The Sudan Interior Mission's first group of eight short-term missionaries sent to Nigeria last fall have now reached their place of service after a concentrated period of orientation and language study. The group was the first contingent of SIM's Strategic Expansion and Evangelical Development program under which short-term missionaries are accepted to meet specific field needs.

These eight missionaries (all teachers in this instance, although other capacities are to be included in the program) are now stationed and will fill their posts for two full years, completing a 30-months span of service.

HOTELS AND MOTELS AVAILABLE IN DETROIT

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

HOTELS

SHERATON-CADILLAC—Headquarters Hotel—1114 Washington Blvd. Single: \$7.00-\$8.00; Double: \$10.00-\$11.00; Twin: \$11.00-\$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Five minute walk to Cobo.

DETROIT-LELAND—1701 Cass Avenue. Single: \$5.00; Double: \$10.00; Twin: \$10.00. Some air conditioning, TV, parking free 4 p.m. to 8 a.m., children \$2.50 on rollway. Five minute walk to Cobo.

HENROSE—111 Cadillac Square. Single: \$6.50-\$8.50; Double: \$9.00-\$11.50; Twin: \$12.00-\$16.00. Some air conditioning, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Five minute walk to Cobo.

PARK SHELTON—15 E. Kirby at Woodward. Single: \$9.00-\$16.00; Double: \$12.00-\$20.00; Twin: \$13.50. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Twelve minute drive to Cobo.

PICK-FORT SHELBY—525 W. Lafayette. Single: \$6.00-\$12.50; Double: \$8.00-\$15.00; Twin: \$10.00-\$16.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children free. Five minute walk to Cobo.

PRINCE EDWARD—384 Oullette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Single: \$5.50-\$8.00; Double: \$8.50-\$11.00; Twin: \$10.50-\$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Six minute drive to Cobo.

STATLER HILTON—1539 Washington Blvd. Single: \$7.00-\$8.00; Double: \$10.00-\$11.00; Twin: \$11.00-\$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Eight minute walk to Cobo.

TULLER—521 Park. Single: 20 rooms at \$4.00; Double: 20 rooms at \$4.50; Twin: \$9.00-\$11.00; Family \$11.00. Air conditioned, TV, parking from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., children under 12 free. Ten minute walk to Cobo.

WOLVERINE—Witherell & Elizabeth. Single: \$4.00-\$5.00; Double: \$6.00-\$7.00; Twin: \$7.00-\$11.00; Family studio suite: \$14.00. Some air conditioning, TV available, children under 12 free. Fifteen minute walk to Cobo.

YMCA (male)—2020 Witherell. Single: \$3.37-\$4.41; Twin: \$3.11-\$3.63 each person. Free parking. Fifteen minute walk to Cobo.

YWCA (female)—2230 Witherell. Single: \$2.75-\$5.00; Twin: \$4.50-\$6.00; Child: \$1.50 per cot. Parking available at extra cost.

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ALAMO—2700 Woodward. Singles: \$9.00; Double: \$10.00-\$12.00; Twins: \$12.00-\$16.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.00. Five minute drive from Cobo.

ALGIERS—8301 Woodward. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$10.00; Twin: \$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$1.00. Fifteen minute drive from Cobo.

ASTOR—3900 Woodward. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$10.00-\$12.00; Twin: \$14.00 (four people). Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.00. Eight minute drive to Cobo.

BALI HI—10501 E. Jefferson. Single: \$9.00; Double: \$11.00; Twin: \$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.50. Ten minute drive to Cobo.

BALMAR—3250 E. Jefferson. Single: \$9.00-\$15.00; Double: \$12.00-\$17.50; Three people: \$14.00; Four people: \$16.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.00. Ten minute drive to Cobo.

CADILLAC HOUSE—500 W. Congress. Single: \$12.00; Double: \$16.00-\$18.00; Twin double: \$20.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$4.00. Five minute walk to Cobo.

CALVALIER—12300 Woodward. Single: \$9.00; Double: \$11.00; Twin: \$12.00-\$14.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.00. Fifteen minute drive to Cobo.

CIVIC CENTER—111 E. Larned. Single: no prices given; Doubles \$16.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking. Eight minute walk to Cobo.

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MONTEREY—12100 Woodward. Single: \$8.50; Double: \$11.00; Twin: \$13.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 5 free (over 5 \$2.00). Eighteen minute drive to Cobo.

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NOTE: Since the Sheraton-Cadillac is our headquarters hotel, all ministers, delegates and visitors to our National Association are urged to register here if at all possible. The facilities are excellent, reasonably priced and convenient to the auditorium. This hotel will furnish rooms for our committee and board meetings. You are expected to make your reservation directly with the hotel or motel of your choice. Be sure to mention that your reservation is in connection with the National Association of Free Will Baptists meeting July 15-18.

Program of the 28th Session of the
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

THEME: TRUE TO THE WORD

WATCHWORD: "WE ARE WITNESSES" (Acts 5:32).

CONVENTION HYMN: "THE WOMAN'S HYMN" (Tune: Come, Thou Almighty King)

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1963

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him." (Acts 5:32).

MONDAY MORNING

8:00—Breakfast at Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan

9:30—Executive Committee Meeting

MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Declamation Preliminaries.....Cobo Hall

MONDAY EVENING

7:30—Opening Hymn

- Devotional—Mrs. Ken Eagleton, Missionary from Brazil
- Appointment of Committees
- Message—J. Reford Wilson, General Director, Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Department

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1963

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "He is so infinitely blessed, that every perception of His blissful presence imparts a gladness to the heart. Every approach to Him is in the same proportion, a degree of happiness."—Susanna Wesley

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00—Devotional—Mrs. Herbert Waid, Missionary from Japan
 —Special Music—Mrs. James Earl Raper, Flat River, Missouri

10:00—Declamation Contest—Directed by Mrs. Chester Phillips, National Youth Chairman, Greenville, North Carolina
 —We Meet Our Youth—Mrs. Phillips
 —Special Music—Reverend Benito Rodriguez, Missionary from Cuba

11:00—Message—Herbert Waid, Missionary from Japan

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotional
 —Special Music
 —Greetings from our missionaries and appointees

2:15—Business Session
 —Reports of Committees
 —Installation Service—Mrs. Paul Kettelman, Nashville, Tennessee
 —Adjourn

PIANIST—Mrs. Billy Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee

ORGANIST—Mrs. Juanita Hall, Detroit, Michigan

SONG LEADER—Reverend Henry Van Kluyve, Savannah, Georgia

We invite you to visit the WNAC Booth while you are here.

National Assn

Theme

"... by my Spirit saith the Lord ..."

Scripture

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6)

Hymn

"Higher Ground"

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 16

5:00—Pastor's dinner in the Crystal Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel with Dr. Howard F. Sugden of Lansing, Michigan, as speaker.

Keynote: "The Holy Spirit and the Believer"

Scripture: "... Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." (Galatians 5:16).

Presiding: Rev. Othel T. Dixon

Song Leader: Mr. I. L. Stanley

7:30—"We Sing Unto the Lord"—Pledge of allegiance to the American Christian flags with praise and worship through song led by Mr. I. L. Stanley, song leader; Mrs. Juanita Hall, organist; Mrs. Billy A. Melvin, pianist.

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

—The moderator's message—Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham.

8:00—Welcome from the Michigan State Association—Rev. Mark Lewis

8:15—Welcome to Detroit and Michigan

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

—Offertory

—Special Music

8:30—The Message—"Victorious Christian Living"

—The Messenger—Rev. Ben Scott, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas

9:15—Adjourn session

SINGSPIRATION—Informal fellowship in song by the congregation and volunteer individuals and groups under the direction of Mr. I. L. Stanley.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR—Exhibit area, Cobo Hall. Displays of interest by the departments of the National Association and other organizations.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 17

7:30—On the first full day of business with many decisions to be made, it is imperative that we begin the day with God. The prayer service will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. The Rev. Henry Melvin, pastor of East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, will be in charge of this service.

Presiding—Rev. Willard Day

Song Leader—Rev. Malcolm C. Fry

9:15—"Sing His Mercy and His Grace"—Mr. Fry, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Melvin

9:25—Scripture thought and prayer—Rev. Wade Jernigan

9:35—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee

—Seating of delegates

—Recognition of visiting messengers from other religious bodies

10:00—Report of General Board—Rev. Robert C. Picirilli, secretary

10:50—Intermission

11:00—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

Keynote: "The Holy Spirit and the Church"

Scripture: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:" (Joel 2:28).

—"Sing of the Greatness of the Lord"—Mr. Fry, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Melvin

—Offertory

11:15—The Message—"The Church Triumphant"

The Messenger—Rev. Raymond Riggs, pastor of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia

12:00—Adjourn session

Association of Free Will Baptists

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—YOUTH RALLY—Bus will leave Cobo Hall for rally at Central Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Don Engram, Director of Detroit's Voice of Christian Youth, will be speaker. The National Sword Drill will be held and light refreshments served before buses return.
- 1:45—"His Glories Now We Sing"—Mr. Fry, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Melvin
—Scripture thought and prayer—Rev. George Waggoner
- 2:00—Miscellaneous business
- 2:30—Report of the Executive Secretary—Rev. Billy A. Melvin
- 2:45—Report of Home Mission Board—Rev. Homer Willis
- 3:05—"Spiritual Unity in Action"—Report of National Association of Evangelicals—Dr. George L. Ford
- 3:15—Report of League Board—Mr. Samuel Johnson
- 3:35—Partial report of nominating committee and election of all board members.
- 4:00—Adjourn session. Exhibit area open.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

We Share in the Extension of the Gospel Witness

- Keynote:* "The Holy Spirit and Missions"
- Scripture:* "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in all Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8).
- Presiding:* Rev. Reford Wilson and Rev. Homer Willis
- Song Leader*—Rev. Eugene Waddell
- 7:30—"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"—Mr. Waddell, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Melvin
—Evening prayer
—Offertory
- 7:45—"Harvest In Hawaii"—Missionary Luther Sanders
- 7:55—Greetings of directors and introduction of returned missionaries and missionary appointees
- 8:05—World Missions in Review
- 8:20—The Message—"Unto the Uttermost"
The Messenger—Rev. Joseph Ange, pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan
—Call for laborers
- 9:15—Missionary offering
- 9:30—Adjourn session
- FELLOWSHIP HOUR—Exhibit area, Cobo Hall. More fellowship this evening with our missionaries and national workers. Greet them at their respective booths.

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 18

- 7:00—Laymen's breakfast in the Crystal Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel with Judge Sam H. Sturm of the 9th Judicial District, Newton, Kansas, guest speaker.
- Presiding*—Rev. E. B. Ledlow
- Song Leader*—Rev. Henry Van Kluyve
- 9:15—"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"—Mr. Van Kluyve, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Melvin
—Scripture thought and prayer—Rev. Wayne Smith
- 9:30—Report of Sunday School Board—Rev. Roger C. Reeds
- 9:50—Report of Stewardship Commission
- 10:00—Report of Bible College—Mr. M. E. Howard
- 10:20—Report of Chaplain's Commission—Mr. Floyd Robertson, Executive Secretary of NAE Chaplains Commission
- 10:30—"The Word of Truth"—Report of the American Bible Society
- 10:40—Report of Laymen's Commission—Rev. Robert Hill
- 10:50—Intermission
- 11:00—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP
- Keynote:* "The Holy Spirit and Revival"
- Scripture:* "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:" (John 16:8).
—"O Worship the King"—Mr. Van Kluyve, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Melvin

- Offertory
—Special Music
- 11:20—The Message—"Revival Now!"
The Messenger—Rev. Tom Hamilton, Free Will Baptist Evangelist, Homerville, Georgia
- 12:00—Adjourn session

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—"Praise Him! Praise Him!"—Mr. Van Kluyve, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Melvin
—Scripture thought and prayer—Rev. F. A. McCage
- 1:45—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention—Mrs. Rufus Coffey
- 1:50—Report of Foreign Mission Board—Rev. Reford Wilson
- 2:10—Report of Superannuation Board—Rev. Chester A. Huckaby
- 2:20—Report of Seminary Study Committee
- 2:30—Report of Budget Committee
- 2:35—Report of Placement Committee for 1964 and 1965 sessions
- 2:40—Miscellaneous business
—Reports of Committees
—Final report of nominating committee and election of officers
- 4:00—Final adjournment

Pre-Convention Meetings

- Monday, 9:00 A.M.—Executive Committee—Ontario Room, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
- Monday, 1:00 A.M.—General Board—Washington Room, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
- Tuesday, 9:00 A.M.—General Board—Washington Room, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel

Convention Headquarters

The convention headquarters will be in the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, a five minute walk from Cobo Hall where all regular sessions will be held. All committees, boards and other groups will meet in the conference rooms furnished by the hotel.

Registration

Every person attending the convention should register. Registration for ministers, delegates and visitors will be in the lobby of Cobo Hall. Upon registration you will receive an attractive badge identifying you as a "Minister," "Delegate," or "Visitor." Ministers and delegates will need a badge in order to be eligible to participate in the convention business session. Your badge will be your key to the hospitality of the city.

Exhibits

Many valuable and informative things will be found in the booths at the exhibit area. The exhibit area is located in Cobo Hall just east of the convention auditorium. This is a good place to spend some time between sessions. We would especially urge you to visit the exhibit area during the fellowship hours on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The exhibit area will be closed during all worship services.

Luncheons and Dinners

The annual pastor's dinner will be held on Tuesday evening at 5:00 P.M. Tickets are available from the executive department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, at \$2.50 per plate.

Special luncheons have been arranged on Wednesday and Thursday for convention officers and speakers and their wives. Both luncheons, which will be held in the Michigan Room of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, have been arranged through the courtesy of the Michigan State Association.

The Master's Men Breakfast will be held on Thursday at 7:00 A.M. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. Tickets are available at \$1.50 from the Master's Men office, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

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.

I read CONTACT every month. Recently, I noted the letter about "adding to" the Bible. May I tell you why I am no longer a Free Will Baptist? First, the name "Free Will Baptist" has been added. You can't find it in God's Book. Free Will Baptists have added music. They have taken away water by saying that baptism does not save.

Recently you referred to some as carnal Christians. Can you give me any scripture that distinguish one Christian from another?

I have heard you imply that Revelation 20:1-9, where Satan is bound and the so-called thousand year reign takes place on the earth, is to be taken literally. Do you think God needs a literal chain to bind Satan? I think Hebrews 4:12 gives the answer to what Satan will be bound with.

A short time ago I ordered some books and materials from our own Free Will Baptist Bookstore in Nashville. I thought it would be good material of our own faith. Why does our own bookstore carry materials from Southern Baptists and others whose doctrines we do not share?

My dear lady, space does not permit an exhaustive treatment of your many objections to our church and its doctrines. It is quite evident that the Campbellites have converted you to their interpretation of the Bible. I am writing you a personal letter but let me suggest that you read Luke 9:49-50 and Mark 9:38-41. This is Jesus' rebuke of sectarianism. May I add also that we feel there is hope for you. By your own statement, you read this magazine and this column every month. Keep it up.

In Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians he writes to Christians. Among other descriptions he refers to them as those "that are sanctified in Christ Jesus" (I Cor. 1:2). Paul never addressed sinners as "brethern." In chapter 3 he says, "And I, brethern, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ." These were Christians who were immature, not fully grown or developed in the Lord, crude, or carnal. In verse 3 he states flatly; "For ye are yet carnal . . ."

I do not discount the power of the Word of God to which Hebrews 4:12 refers. Likewise, why should you or I or anyone refuse to accept or why should we try to explain away Revelation 20? John says, "I say an angel come down from heaven . . . having a great chain in his hand and he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years." God's Word says it, I believe it, and as far as I am concerned, that settles it. Satan will be bound. Lord, hasten the day.

In the materials and books, of authors other than our own, there is a wealth of knowledge and experience from which we may profit. A great percentage of books, sermon outlines and other materials on the average Free Will Baptist preacher's book shelf (including my own) is that of various writers other than Free Will Baptists. Surely you have not thought through your complaint in the light of Revelation 5:9 and 7:9. Here we are told that some are redeemed by Christ's blood, "out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation," and possibly denomination too.



Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription to *Contact* for one year. I enjoy reading every article. Usually, I pass it on to others. Once we get a church building of our own, I hope that we can use the Family Plan.

Sincerely,

Edith Cantrell
105 Tribal Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Editor:

Permit me to congratulate you on the fine work done on the January issue of *Contact*. Following this pattern will make the magazine a wonderful pleasure and blessing to all.

Sincerely,

Rev. J. J. Staab
2314 North 33rd Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Editor:

I truly enjoyed the article entitled, "The Forgotten Man," in the May issue of *CONTACT*. It has been several months since I have seen any Free Will Baptist preacher or member. If there are any preachers living within driving distance I would be happy to have them visit me.

I am a retired minister and have been shut in since October—1959. I request the prayers of all Christian people for me and my wife.

Sincerely,

Rev. B. F. Ringgold, Sr.
Rt. 5, Box 97
New Bern, North Carolina

PASTOR'S DINNER

July 16—5:00 P.M.

Dr. Howard F. Sugden, Speaker
Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
Detroit, Michigan

1963 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

APRIL 1963

COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	March 1963	Year to Date	Total to Date 1962	Designated March 1963
Alabama.....	\$ 125.35	\$ 433.57	\$ 274.71	
Arizona.....			25.00	
Arkansas.....	599.39	1,127.24	903.51	
California.....	481.75	2,228.60	2,274.41	
Florida.....	101.53	561.13	878.72	973.72
Georgia.....	199.59	698.94	750.82	
Illinois.....	75.53	1,367.75	1,736.56	
Indiana.....		264.44	322.72	
Iowa.....	100.00	337.70		
Kansas.....	240.00	850.00	560.93	
Kentucky.....	51.85	51.85		
Missouri.....	2,271.91	4,575.80	3,654.01	
New Hampshire.....	46.56	93.05		
New Mexico.....	88.12	238.50	292.40	
North Carolina.....	217.19	780.31	695.04	
Ohio.....	108.76	255.22	294.20	
Oklahoma.....	714.55	3,823.27	3,428.31	66.00
Tennessee.....	422.66	1,342.93	869.84	
Texas.....	387.59	1,093.55	1,262.68	
Virginia.....	811.79	811.79	1,331.27	
Washington.....		50.00	54.11	

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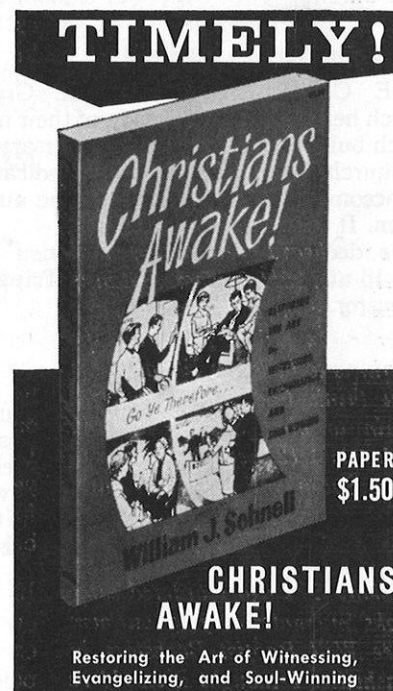
	COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS		DESIGNATED		Total Receipts
	March 1963	Year to Date	March 1963	Year to Date	
Foreign Missions.....	\$2,042.79	\$6,045.97	\$ 746.09	\$1,518.25	\$7,564.22
F.W.B. Bible College.....	1,479.27	4,430.62		60.00	4,490.62
Executive Department.....	1,408.83	4,219.63			4,219.63
Home Missions.....	1,127.09	3,335.75	210.91	739.31	4,075.06
League Board.....	704.43	2,109.87	1.00	23.00	2,132.87
Superannuation Board.....	211.30	632.91		15.00	647.91
Stewardship Commission...	70.41	210.89			210.89
Home for Children, S. C.....			16.72		16.72
Home for Children, Tenn....				31.00	31.00

APRIL SETS RECORD FOR COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

AN ALL-TIME HIGH for Cooperative receipts was reached during the month of April with a record \$8,083.84 received. The highest month in 1961 was the month of October with a total of \$5,205.25 while in 1962 the highest month was November with a total of \$7,075.61.

This response early in the year is indicative of the broader support given by our churches to the Cooperative Plan of Support. Remember that you share in the total ministry of the National Association when you give through the Cooperative Plan. Our percentage break-down is as follows for 1963: Foreign missions 29%, Bible College 21%, Executive Department 20%, Home missions 16%, Superannuation 3% and Stewardship Commission 1%.

The Cooperative Plan was launched in 1955 to bring a broad, basic support to all departments of our work. Your church may have a part in this effort by sending each month 10% or more of your church offerings to Cooperative Plan, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. An examination of the report on this page will indicate what your state has done this year in comparison to last year.



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California Church Erects New Building

VISALIA, CALIF.—The First Free Will Baptist Church here has recently completed a new church building at the cost of approximately \$40,000.00. The new building with complete worship and educational facilities has made it possible for the congregation to enjoy the broadest ministry in its history. The building program was financed through the assistance of Executive Church Bonds, Inc. Rev. John H. Reel is the pastor.

Dedication Service Planned

LAKE CHARLES, S. C.—The Grace Church here plans a dedication of their new church building on the third anniversary of the church. The structure to be dedicated will accommodate 200 people in the auditorium. It is valued at \$30,000.00.

The dedication service is planned for June 16 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Roger Tripp is the pastor.

Successful Revival

ELM CITY, N. C.—The Oak Grove church here recently experienced a successful revival under the leadership of Evangelist Bobby Jackson. A record attendance was recorded on Sunday night of 189. At the conclusion of the revival, 17 were baptized. Rev. Edward Corn is the pastor.

High Ratings Won

YAKIMA, WASH.—Judy Hurst, resident of East Wenatchee, recently won two high ratings in musical contests.

A rating of "superior" was granted on an accordian solo which she played at the Annual Spring Accordian Adjudication here. Judy chose a gospel song, "Mansion Over the Hilltop" as her solo and received 119 points of a possible 120. Miss Hurst is the daughter of Rev. Joe Hurst, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church in East Wenatchee.

Riverview Church Dedicated

BETTENDORF, IOWA—Rev. Homer Willis, General Director of the Home Mission Board, was the speaker for the dedication service of the Riverview church here. The building and property valued at \$75,000.00 will be dedicated just two years after the organization.

The building, 75 feet by 38 feet, includes the sanctuary, 10 classrooms, pastor's study, kitchen, and rest rooms. Rev. Lawrence Thompson is the pastor.

Tennessee State League Convention

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Tennessee State League Convention will meet on June 14 and 15. It will convene at the Camp Grounds in Greeneville, Tennessee. Highlighting the Friday night meeting will be "The Tony Fontane Story," and a banquet following the film. The Saturday meeting will include the State sword drill, sharing of ideas, business, and a worship service at 11:00 A.M.

A meal will be provided Friday afternoon for those who plan to arrive early for the convention. Breakfast will be provided for all those who plan to stay over night. The cost of the meals will be fifty cents each, and \$1.00 for the banquet. If you plan to stay over-night, please bring bed-linens, etc. Beds will be provided.

All Tennessee Leagues are urged to attend this convention and bring as many from your League as possible.

North Carolina Association Meets

ROCKINGHAM, N. C.—The North Carolina Association of Original Free Will Baptists met here recently for its annual three-day session. A resolution restating the church group's position on the question of local autonomy was adopted.

Another resolution unanimously adopted by the more than 200 delegates dealt with

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

a portion of President Kennedy's proposed tax reforms. It stated: "Whereas the President's proposed tax reforms will place a 5% floor on deductions to charitable organizations, be it resolved that we go on record in opposition to this portion of the reforms." In other action, the association established a new "Board of Youth Relations."

Prayer Brings Revival

CORDOVA, ALA.—A week of cottage prayer meetings preceded the recent revival in the Cordova church. A total of 17 conversions and over 100 rededications were witnessed.

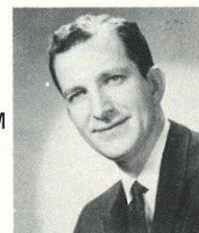
At the conclusion of the meeting, 19 were baptized and received into the church. Rev. John Edwards was the evangelist and Rev. E. B. Ledlow is the pastor.

North Eastern Association Meets

LINNEUS, MAINE—The North Eastern Association of Free Will Baptists, celebrating its first year of existence, met here recently for its spring conference.

Four churches sent 12 voting delegates for this quarterly session. Rev. John Ruth, pastor of the New Limerick church is the moderator. The annual meeting of the association will be held November 8 and 9 at the Littleton Church, New Hampshire.

DON ENGRAM



Featured Speaker

DETROIT, MICH.—The Rev. Don Engram, Director of Voice of Christian Youth, has been selected as guest speaker for the youth rally to be held in connection with the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Engram came to Detroit's VC Youth which attracts some 1,800 young people every Saturday night from Youth for Christ in Wichita, Kansas. He has attended two world congresses for YFC, one in Copenhagen, Denmark, and the other in Madras, India.

The youth rally will be held on Wednesday afternoon, July 17, at the Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak.

SEND A DELEGATE FROM YOUR CHURCH

A GAIN, THIS YEAR, every local church which holds membership within the highest body of the state may send a delegate to the National Association. We would strongly urge each church to give careful consideration to this very important matter. Let's have at least 250 churches with delegates at the association.

The procedure for having your delegate is simple. Just elect one and, if possible, pay all or part of your delegate's expenses to Detroit. Official delegates' credentials appear on page 16 of this issue and need only to be filled out and signed by either the pastor or the clerk. When a delegate registers at the association, the credentials authorizing representation will be presented with a ten dollar registration fee.

It is important to note that delegates representing state associations will also need to have official credentials in order to register as a delegate. Each state association is allowed five lay delegates at large, but their fee is paid by the state clerk when the state letter is mailed in. In situations where there is no state association within the state, it would be well to consult Article IV of the Constitution to learn the basis of representation.

The work of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is important to all Free Will Baptists. We desire a representative body to consider all business of this session. Will you help us in our effort to have a wholesome representation both from our churches and states? Come to Detroit and help us as we seek to do business for the Lord. ■ ■

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by Gene Rogers

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISM

Historical Background

William Miller, a farmer in New York, after studying the Bible along with Usher's Chronology, computed the date for the coming of Christ. He soon had many followers who, on the day appointed, were prepared by having disposed of properties and obligations, and arrayed in white robes, awaited His advent in 1843. When proven mistaken, Miller, a disappointed man, left the movement. Samuel Snow, a follower, found an error in the computation and set a date in 1844.

The group dissolved into four separate groups, but the present Seventh Day Adventist movement was directed by Mr. and Mrs. James White. Mrs. White was given to having visions, and, at the death of her husband, became the prophetess for the group. She wrote many books, setting down her "revelations."

Teachings

1. Keeping the 7th day sabbath.
2. Keeping the law of the decalogue.
3. Soul-sleep after death.
4. Progressive salvation beginning at the cross, keeping the law, the vicarious bearing of our sins by Satan at the end-time.
5. Annihilation of the wicked as final judgment.
6. The sinful, fallen nature inherited by Christ.
7. They are numbered with Israel, the representatives of heaven, making the "true church."

Identifying Statements

1. The sabbath was changed by the Catholic church, is kept by church tradition, and has no scriptural basis.
2. "Soul-sleep" is the state to which we are reduced by death, one of silence, inactivity and entire unconsciousness.
3. On salvation, "The condition of eternal life is now just what it always has been, perfect obedience to the law of God."

Refutation

1. Keeping the law. Rom. 10:4; 3:28; Gal. 2:16; I Tim. 1:9-10
2. The sabbath vs. the Lord's Day. John 20:1; 20:19; Lev. 23:16; Acts 20:6-7
3. Soul sleep. Phil. 1:23; II Cor. 5:8
4. The finished work of the Cross. John 1:29; 3:36; I Peter 2:24
5. The annihilation of the wicked and Satan. Matt. 25:46

MORMONISM

Date

First church established in April 6, 1830.

Founder

Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, the chief prophets of this cult.

Present Home

Salt Lake City, Utah, established in 1847.

Doctrinal Points

1. Salvation by: (into probationary state only)
 - a. faith, coupled with
 - b. good works and
 - c. submission to specific church ordinances—baptism and laying on of hands
2. God is exalted man. Divinity can be attained in the after life through the Mormon church.
3. The Bible is incomplete revelation apart from the Book of Mormon.
4. Plurality of wives, a means of grace or favor.
5. Baptism for the dead, or vicarious baptism.

Identifying Statements

1. The Bible is incomplete revelation.
2. Christ was married, had two wives.
3. God is not spirit. He is flesh and bones as we are.
4. The prison house, an intermediate place between earth and hell where everyone has a second chance.
5. The Bible is the Word of God so far as it is translated correctly.

Refutation

1. Make good use of your Bible as many Mormons know little of the Word.
2. Show that works lead unto destruction, but simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ begets His righteousness and redemption for us.
3. Win them with love and with the assurance that "the truth shall set you free."

THE BIBLE AND ONE MAN'S FAMILY

by MEL LARSON

The Harold Scherer family of Hopkins, Minn., as they gathered around the table each evening last year to read through the entire Bible aloud. The Scherer family was but one of many who kept their pledge to "read it through in '62" as a part of the National Association of Evangelicals' special emphasis to "Return the Bible to the Heart of the Nation." The day after this picture was taken for a newspaper feature story Mr. Scherer died. From left are David, Mr. Scherer, Thomas, Diana, Mrs. Scherer and Sara.



Photo by MINNEAPOLIS SUNDAY TRIBUNE

DURING 1962 the Harold Scherer family of Hopkins, Minn., embarked on a difficult assignment. They pledged to read the entire Bible through together . . . ! The plan was a simple one. Immediately after dinner and dishes, Mr. and Mrs. Scherer, David, 27, Sara, 21, Diana, 18 and Thomas, 16, gathered around the dinner table for Bible reading.

The result?

They accomplished the difficult task, reading four or more chapters a night. Each member in the family read five or six verses at a time in round-robin fashion.

On Thursday, February 14, 1963, reporter Dick Cunningham of *The Minneapolis Tribune* was working on a story of members of Evangelical Free Churches in the Minneapolis and St. Paul areas who had read the Bible through in '62. The EFCA was one of many groups cooperating in the National Association of Evangelicals' Read it Through in '62 campaign.

A *Tribune* photographer stopped at the Scherer home and took a photo of the family at the dinner table, reading the Bible.

The next day, Friday, Mr. Scherer died of a heart attack as he walked out of a Minneapolis bank!

The *Tribune* editors, hearing of the death, called the Scherer family to extend sympathy and to say that out of respect for Mr. Scherer they would not run the picture the following Sunday. The Scherer family, however, talked it over and told the *Tribune* that the picture could be run and thus used as a testimony to the closeness the Bible reading had brought this family in 1962.

So it was that on Sunday, February 17, *The Minneapolis Sunday Tribune* ran a four-column picture of the Scherers at devotions, under the caption:

THIS FAMILY PICTURE HAS A SPECIAL MEANING
The headline over the accompanying article by Cunningham said:
Family That Read Entire Bible
in '62 Sustained in '63 Sorrow

The next day, Scherer was buried following services at the St. Louis Park Evangelical Free Church, where he was a member.

Scherer, 64, an accountant, had told Cunningham, "Reading the Bible through out loud gave our family a new perspective. The Epistle to the Ephesians, for instance, was brand new to me."

Added Mrs. Scherer, "The Bible reading seemed to bring us all closer together. I'm so glad now we did it."

At the end of March I picked up the phone to call Mrs. Scherer and ask her permission for this article and obtain approval for use of the *Sunday Tribune* photo. Once again she gave permission, with the added hope that it would be of help to someone through her experience. She also said that the book of Romans took on new meaning for her as they had read it through. They missed the routine a bit on a family vacation east, but later increased the pace to complete it.

The Bible they had read so faithfully in 1962, said Pastor Quinten H. P. Alfors of the St. Louis Park church, stood each member in good stead during the hours of bereavement.

Is the Scherer family through reading the Scriptures out loud now that the father is gone?

Not in the least.

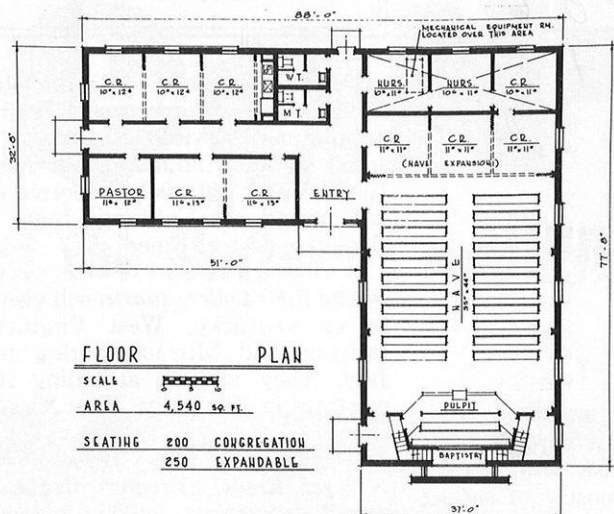
In 1963 they started a new plan. Now, each evening after dinner and dishes they gather around the table. They read, in round-robin fashion, one chapter of the New Testament. Then, one of the five, asks a set of questions he or she has prepared before.

"We find this questioning interesting and helpful," Mrs. Scherer told me. "It surely makes you concentrate as you read and as you listen."

Somehow you couldn't help but wish that every family in America would adopt this Bible reading plan which the Scherers have used in 1962 and 1963.

There would be help in life and comfort and courage in time of death. ■ ■

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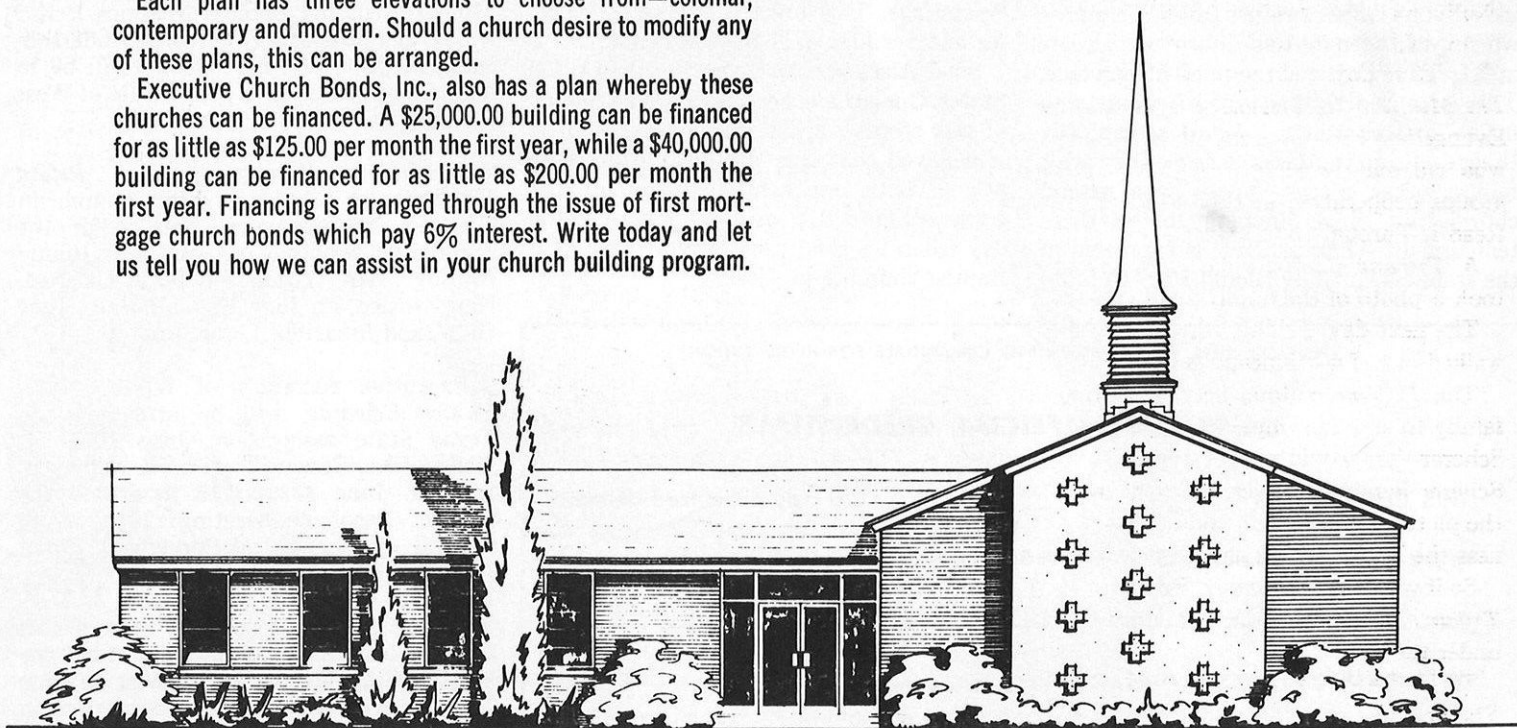
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ALASKA

by **MILTON HOLLIFIELD**

MY FIRST OPINION of Alaska was formed while a small boy in a geography class. When our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley, went to Alaska they gave a report different from the one I received in the classroom. I received still other impressions when I was privileged to visit the Whaleys.

Alaska is a hard place to minister and our missionaries need our support and prayers. The Whaleys have made progress in the last five years. It is possible that no one else would have remained under similar conditions. For this steadfastness, God has given victories to the Whaleys and Godwins.

The long, cold winter season and the short summer season make a difference in this ministry. The cost of living is also a problem to overcome. The cheapest gasoline in Fairbanks is 52 cents per gallon. Churches which have been in Alaska for twenty years are struggling with a very small attendance. This is caused by the type of people who make up this state. I heard several say that people go to Alaska because they are a failure other places. Those who attend church are only planning to be there temporarily. Their attitude is expressed in the statement, "Why should I try to build

a church, I'm only here for a while."

All these things make it hard to build a substantial congregation. Our present churches are made up mostly of service personnel and their families. I am grateful we have a Free Will Baptist Church they can attend.

The highlight of our recent revival was the ordaining of Tom Parrish. Mr. Parrish is from Rockingham, North Carolina, and is an assistant chaplain in the service. Mr. Walter Golden, a serviceman from New Bern, North Carolina, was ordained as a deacon in the church.

I also assisted in the dedication service of the newly adopted baby girl of the Godwins and later visited Saldotna, a fast growing oil town about 175 miles south of Anchorage. This town is a good prospect for another Free Will Baptist Church.

Since Alaska became a part of the United States, things have been better. The coming of new stores will increase competition. It is believed that this will help to decrease prices. With our continued support the work will grow. Let us look forward to the day when we shall have several Free Will Baptist churches in Alaska. ■ ■

• Director of Public Relations for the Bible College, *Paul Ketteman*, recently held promotional services in Illinois. He will speak at the Indiana State Association June 14 and will visit California churches and attend the California State meeting the latter part of June.

• The *Bible College quartet* will visit churches in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri during June and July. They will be attending the state meetings in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio.

• *Roger Reeds*, Director of the Sunday school department, will be attending the West Virginia State Association in Charleston June 7 and 8, Kentucky State meeting in Ashland June 13-15, Virginia State meeting at Wise June 14-15, Ohio and Illinois State meetings June 21-22, California State meeting at Richmond June 26.

• Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board, *Mark Vandivort*, will be visiting churches in Georgia and Florida, June 1-6; Indiana State meeting at Anderson, June 15; Ohio and Illinois State meetings, June 21-22.

• *Rufus Coffey*, Director of Conference Ministries of the Foreign Missions Board will be in a missionary revival at Anderson, Indiana, June 3-7. Mr. Coffey will be in missionary conferences in the state of West Virginia, June 8-23.

• Director of Foreign Missions, *Reford Wilson*, will be at the First church in Cordova, Alabama, on June 9 for the commission service of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge. Mr. Wilson will be in Calsbad, New Mexico, on June 13, California, June 16-27, and Amarillo, Texas, June 30.

• Executive Secretary of WNAC, *Mrs. Eunice Edwards*, will be attending the Texas State association, June 10-11 at Dallas. Mrs. Edwards will be in Anderson, Indiana, June 14 and 15 to attend the District Auxiliary Meeting; June 18-19, Central Ohio District, Springfield, Ohio; June 20, Ohio State Convention.

• *Billy A. Melvin*, Executive Secretary of the National Association, will attend the Virginia State Association in Wise on June 14, the Kentucky State Association in Ashland on June 15, the Illinois State Association in Benton on June 21 and the Ohio State Association in Sciotoville on June 22.

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