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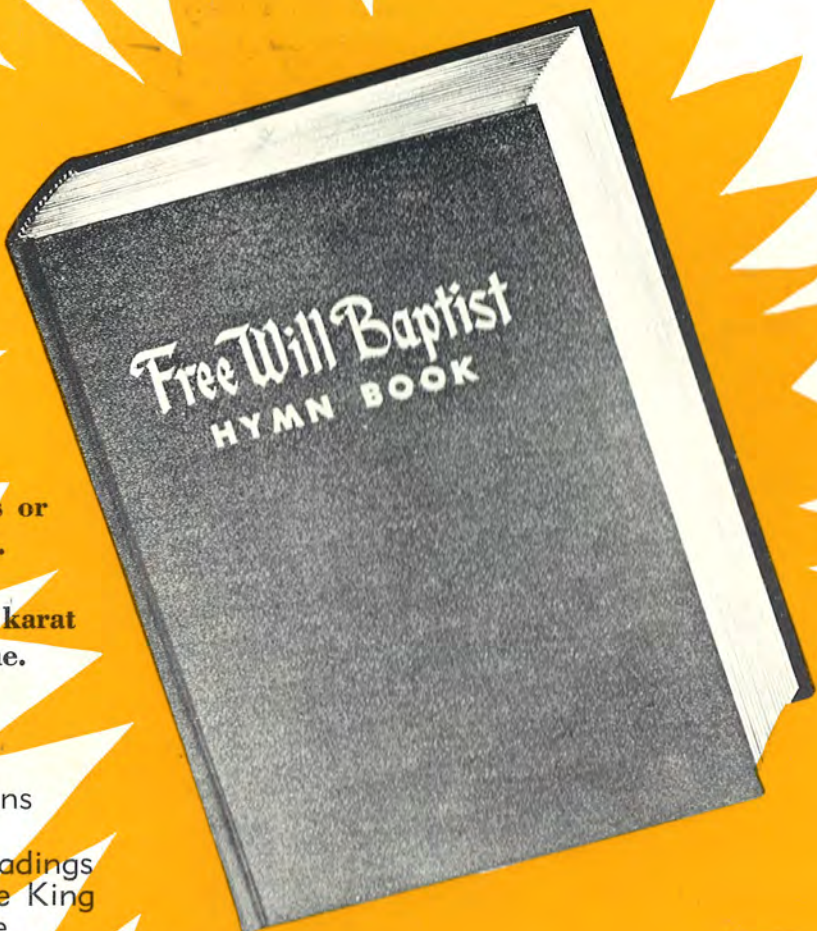
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ABOUT THE COVER

Reaching boys and girls and older folks as well for Jesus Christ is the great task of the Sunday School. A new spirit has been brought to the Free Will Baptist Sunday School effort through the ministry of the Sunday School department of the National Association. We hope you will learn more about this vital work through this issue of CONTACT.

DOES YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL REALLY MATTER?

by Harold Critcher

*Our Sunday Schools are
occupied with so many things
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IT IS TIME FOR EVERY member of our denomination to become awakened to the possibilities of the Sunday School. We must also become aware of the conditions of the Sunday School in the local church. There are those who have claimed this to be the "most wasted" hour of the week. It would be fine if the Sunday School class had one hour in which to study the living Word of our Lord, but this is not so. We find our Sunday School occupied with too many things of less importance that little time is left for teaching the Word. If the teachers come to Sunday School unprepared, if teachers are not concerned, if pastors have no concern about Sunday School, the time is wasted. However, it does not have to continue to be "wasted time." The Sunday School can be anything the local church leaders want it to be. It can be a weekly routine or it can be a blessing to the church.

What is the Sunday School? It is not a church service, it is not a baby sitting agency, and it is not a morning "snack" time for children to have cookies and candy. These have their places, but in many instances are "out of place." The Sunday School is the institution which is faced with the task of reaching and teaching people the Word of our Saviour. The one reason for the existence of the Sunday School is for people to experience the personal salvation taught in the Bible. It is the institution whose business it is to know the word of God.

In the light of these general definitions let us take a look at our Sunday Schools. First, let us consider the task of reaching the people. Observation tells us that methods of reaching people in many of our Sunday Schools are completely foreign. I wonder if it is because we have not known the methods to use or if we have been content to exist without progressiveness in the field of the Sunday School. Ignorance of methods is no excuse, so I am inclined to believe it is the latter. Building a Sunday School is tremendous work. It is impossible to build one without working hard at the job.

This business of reaching people demands time, sacrifice, and much effort. The leaders of our local Sunday Schools need to begin and continue a program of visitation through the Sunday School. This is the greatest means of evangelism that the church has today. Opportunities for winning the lost through the Sunday School are wide open. Every church and every church worker should take advantage of these opportunities.

It is time for us to recognize this fact and start building our churches through the Sunday School. (I hope I am not misunderstood at this point.) We read often about newly organized churches. We are given reports of so many churches being organized in a given period of time. There are so many cities which have no Free Will Baptist church and they need one. These reports are all well and good, but we do not need to go about organizing churches just because there are places without one. We need rather to go and organize groups for the purpose of teaching the Word of God. These groups need to be called Sunday Schools and from these will come our churches. It is impossible to build a church and then say we are going to have a Sunday School. We have failed to reach thousands of people because we have been so interested in building "churches." It is time we worked up a great deal of enthusiasm over building Sunday Schools. Churches grow only because the Sunday School grows. We have placed importance on church organizing and have not placed the same importance on organizing Sunday Schools.

There is no such thing as the Sunday School being of less importance than any other part of the church. As a denomination we need to do something about the fact that five million babies are being born every year and will continue to do so for many years. Every industry is preparing for this growth in population while church leaders and workers make no preparation to reach and bring the Gospel of salvation to these

children. The responsibility is ours and there is no escape.

I am certain that organization alone will accomplish little lasting good. But at the same time I believe that organization with Spirit-filled leaders can accomplish much lasting good. On the local church level we are in need of both. We have been content too long with no organization in the local Sunday School program. We have been content too long with leadership that has not been up to par. Jesus Christ was certainly not an unorganized individual. There is no reason why our churches and all their programs have to go on unorganized either. Organization does have its place and when we come to recognize it, there will be a change in our Sunday Schools. In the past, as well as the present, we have been plagued with too many pastors who feel that their only duty is to preach a sermon. This has contributed greatly to the fact that our Sunday Schools have not reached the people that they should. Some will say that this is not the pastor's job. Well, I ask the question: What is he pastor of? The worship services only? Certainly not. He is pastor of the whole church; therefore, he is responsible for the entire church program.

It is a miracle that the Sunday School has stayed alive in many of our churches. Maybe we need some kind of message sent out to inform our pastors that they are pastors of the whole church program. We read much about revival services in many of our churches. This is good. But I would like to advocate revival services for "pastors only." When they are revived the local church program and the denominational program will have a definite change. This change will produce growth in the Sunday School and the entire church program. This will enable us to also reach our share of the thousands in the world without the Lord Jesus Christ. It sounds strange to speak of revival services for pastors only, but they too need reviving as well as the lay worker.

Secondly, in this great program of the Sunday School is the teaching ministry. Here we will set forth clearly what we mean by teaching. It is meeting the needs in the lives of your pupils in Sunday School as the needs exist. It is guiding the pupil into a deeper acquaintance with life, the Bible, and with Jesus Christ. Anytime there is a lack of understanding of what teaching involves, there will be a lack of knowledge of the Bible and there will also be a stand-still in the growth of the Sunday School. For years the teaching position in the Sunday School has been looked upon as something to be shunned. It has been with dread that teachers have agreed to "stay with the class for one year, if possible." This misunderstanding of teaching is contributed entirely to the leaders of the church. We have done little or nothing to help in changing this attitude toward the position. Teaching is a God-called service. In the sight of God it is just as important as any pastor, evangelist, or missionary. Sunday School teachers are important. The position necessitates preparation. It is not necessary to think of preparation on the college level. This would be impossible. God does not look for that. He looks for yielded lives. The Sunday School teacher should settle once and for all this question: "Have I personally accepted Christ as my Savior and Lord?" Jesus Christ is the only one that can give us purpose in life. The life of the teacher lived before the pupil can be the greatest example of Scriptural Truth that he will ever see. This life example is very important in teaching. It may be the only real touch with Christ that the pupil has. We teach others to live for Christ only as we do so ourselves.

Responsibility for teaching the teachers will fall heavily on the pastor. Therefore, he should know the Sunday School set-up from beginning to end. His knowledge, concern, and willingness to help, will make the difference between a routine Sunday School or a Sunday School that will be a blessing to the church. If the pastor knows little about the Sunday School, he should busy himself finding out everything he

can. Many of our teachers are teaching "lessons." This will not accomplish much. The teachers must come to understand that they are teaching "pupils." There is a great difference. That girl or boy sitting before you each Sunday is the soul that God has given to you. His eternal destiny is in your hands.

The Sunday School teacher should not be satisfied with covering the material in a particular lesson. He should be satisfied only when he has met the need which existed in the life of the pupil. The lesson should be prepared with a knowledge of the individual pupil in mind. This is the only way to guide pupils into a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ. Every age in life has its own particular problems and characteristics. The teacher must certainly know these things about the age group which he is teaching. The pupil is an individual. The sooner the teacher is aware of this fact, the sooner the pupil's relationship to the teacher and God will be changed. This soul is important to God and therefore should be extremely important to the teacher. Be a friend to him. Love him. Learn all about him you possibly can. This is the time when your teaching will make a difference in his life. Then you have taught. We teach only when our pupils learn. Teaching that makes a difference is the only real teaching.

Our Sunday Schools need to have more "clear-cut" decisions for Christ. This needs to be true of every auxiliary of the church especially the Sunday School since it is supposed to be efficient in winning the lost to Jesus Christ. Sunday School teachers cannot be careless about this great task and expect decisions in the classroom. Decisions will come when there are "prayed up" dedicated teachers at the front of the Sunday School class.

Finally, it is the business of the Sunday School to know the Word of God. This important Book should be known by the teacher. Here again, a Bible study program on the local church level will help greatly to answer this need. We know that the majority of our Sunday School teachers know hardly anything about the Bible. The teacher is certainly not to be blamed wholly for this lack. This condition is the result of a church program which has not taught the Bible to its membership. The Sunday School has no place for teachers who are teaching "about" God. It does however, have a place for teachers who can teach pupils to "know" God. Pas'or, you have the responsibility of introducing your membership to God. You can do this only by a knowledge of God's Word. The same is true of our Sunday School teachers. They must know God's Word historically and personally. Then, they should be able to practically apply these truths to the lives of our Sunday School pupils. This is the only way the teacher can introduce the pupil to a personal God that loves and saves. Every child in every Sunday School class around the world has a right to a teacher who can present him to Jesus Christ. Anything short of this is failure on the part of local church leaders. Our only way of knowing God is through the Bible and that makes its message most vital.

This vital message of God to mankind should not be handled so carelessly. Those who are responsible for teaching the Bible should be trained. We would not permit our children to attend public schools with teachers who had not been trained. Then, why expect children in the reach of your church to "flock" out to Sunday School to hear a teacher that has not been trained to present God's Word? The answer to an effective Sunday School ministry is in trained workers. May God help us to work hard for a program of reaching, teaching and winning people to Christ through our Sunday Schools. ■■

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

Many Visas Delayed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—Many mission boards have recently experienced longer than usual delays in getting visas authorized for their missionaries. As a result, many inconveniences and difficulties occur. In most cases the delay does not seem to stem from opposition but from lack of personnel in the Foreign Offices of the countries concerned.

Because of the large number of cancellations due to lack of visas, some shipping companies are beginning to demand that the visa be in hand thirty days before the sailing date.

Smallpox Epidemic

RETHY, CONGO (MNS)—The Africa Inland Mission's hospital here is a vaccination center in the fight by mission and United Nations doctors against the widespread smallpox epidemic in North-east Congo, reports Dr. Harry Wilcke, AIM' medical missionary and head of the Rethy hospital.

During one week's time recently the Rethy hospital staff inoculated more than 16,000 persons against smallpox.

Deaths occur weekly in the hospital, mostly among small children who have not received vaccinations during the four years of Congo independence.

I.R.S. Questionnaire

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—Every exempt organization under the federal tax laws is to receive a questionnaire within the next six weeks or so, says Mr. Richard J. Stakem, Jr., Acting Chief, Exempt Organizations Branch, Internal Revenue Service.

In remarks made at the 16th Annual Conference on Federal Taxation at the University of Virginia on June 18, Mr. Stakem indicated that this questionnaire is solely for the purpose of enabling the IRS to obtain a list of all exempt organizations for proper classification.

If an organization does not receive such a questionnaire, it will be because the IRS does not have a record of its existence or has an insufficient record.

Official Criticizes Expulsion

NAIROBI, KENYA (MNS)—Mr. Tom Mboya, Kenya's Minister of Justice and constitutional Affairs, said here that if the expulsion of missionaries from the Sudan is "no more than an attempt to persecute the church—to refuse the people of this country the right to worship—then it is wrong and it doesn't matter whether it is done by an African government or Verwoerd's (Union of South Africa) government."

Mr. Mboya, who is a Roman Catholic, continued: "The mass dismissal of missionaries on account of their preaching a religion which some state does not want is wrong and must be condemned. It is not for the state to say what church I shall worship in."

Committee Names Executive

TOKYO, JAPAN (MNS)—The Olympic Christian Testimony Committee, a united evangelical effort to make an impact for the Gospel during the 1964 Olympics here, has named Roger W. Fox as Executive Manager. He is a missionary of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade.

Many of the activities of the committee will emanate from a center to be opened in the Shibuya area, where much of the Olympic traffic will pass.

The Center will serve as an information and coordination center for those desiring to share in a witness during the Olympics. A fifty-minute Gospel program will be presented ten times daily. In connection with the program 200,000 invitations to the Center will be distributed with a Gospel message printed on the back of each.

To inform the overseas guests of the Center and its program, 30,000 "Welcome" brochures are being printed for distribution to visitors as they arrive in Japan. Besides a welcome message in six languages the brochure will contain a fold-out map and several other helpful items of information for a foreigner in Japan, as well as a positive printed Gospel witness.

Missionaries by Proxy

ST. LOUIS, MO. (MNS)—"Concern over a shrinking mission staff and mounting

Gospel opportunities led the Indian conference of Missouri Synod missionaries to propose a 'mission by proxy' approach as a relief measure," reports *The Lutheran Witness* of July 21, 1964.

The program would have United States ministers go to Canada or other Commonwealth countries where they could replace ministers who are Commonwealth citizens, freeing them for service in India. Present regulations allow Commonwealth citizens to enter India for general missionary work, while U. S. citizens are excluded as new missionaries for general work.

Spanish Lessons Completed

PUEBLA, MEXICO (MNS)—The Senior High series of Scripture Press Sunday School material in Spanish has been completed and is ready for use in 1965, it was announced here by Ediciones Las Americas, publisher of the series. The addition of this series makes available the All-Bible graded series lessons in Spanish for all departments of the Sunday School, the announcement said. Ediciones Las Americas is the publications arm of the Central American Mission.

Strife In Congo

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—One American missionary has been killed and others forced to evacuate their stations in central Congo as hostilities continued between rebel and government forces in the African nation.

The slain missionary was identified as the Rev. Burleigh Law, Jr., serving under the Methodist Church board of missions. He was killed August 4 at a rural mission station at Wembo Nyama. The circumstances of his death were not known.

On August 5 missionaries at Wembo Nyama reported rebel troops in control of the station and mission personnel under house arrest. In addition to the Methodist missionaries, all American citizens, a Canadian doctor and his wife were also being held. They were associated with the Congo Protestant Relief Agency.

On August 7 a mission plane was permitted to land at Wembo Nyama, and all personnel were evacuated except two doctors who remained by their own choice.

Since the first of the month a number of missionaries of the Africa Inland Mission, the Berean Mission, the African Christian Mission, and Christian Missions in Many Lands left their stations in the troubled area and reached safety at Kampala or in the neighboring country of Uganda. Some of these have reportedly returned to their fields.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT of the Year

WHO WILL HE BE?



Each year the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists names a Sunday School Superintendent of the Year. The person who is named to this honor receives a trophy presented in a special service by a representative from the Sunday School Department. Your Sunday School Superintendent can be nominated for this honor by the pastor of your church. Nomination forms should be submitted no later than November 23. The presentation of the award will be made on December 13th. For your convenience a nomination form is printed below.

Nomination Form For Sunday School Superintendent Of The Year

(To be filled in by the pastor of the church)

Please supply the following information concerning your Sunday School Superintendent.

His name is _____

His address is _____

Age _____ Married? _____ Children? _____ How Many? _____

Is he a Christian? _____ Is he a member of your church? _____

Is he cooperative? _____ Is he congenial? _____ Is he consecrated? _____

Is he always an early arriver at Sunday School? _____

Has he missed more than three Sundays this past year? _____

Does he hold regular workers' conferences? _____

Does he actively lead a visitation program? _____

Does he promote teacher training in the Sunday School? _____

Does he advocate good curriculum? _____ Does he advocate good equipment? _____

Does he apply himself? _____

What was the average attendance of your Sunday School at the beginning of the year? _____

What is the average attendance of your Sunday School now? _____

Use an extra piece of paper to tell us further why you feel your superintendent deserves this honor.

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Sunday School Department

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Alabama 4
Indiana 2
Arkansas 1

West Virginia 1
Oklahoma 2
Mississippi 1

North Carolina 2
Virginia 1
Florida 4

Ohio 1
Missouri 1
Kansas 1

These institutes represent an aggregate of 210 hours of concentrated instruction in teacher training. 637 pupils were enrolled. 175 certificates for Sunday School Worker's Training Course were issued and 204 ETTA certificates for a total of 379. The following are comments from pupils enrolled in Sunday School Institutes:

"This has been the most interesting thing that I have taken part in since I have been a Christian. I praise the Lord for you and your work."—Harry Dufour, Akron, Ohio

"This has been one of the most profitable weeks of my life. I see now, so many things that I have done wrong. I am so thankful for the privilege we have had to learn how to be better teachers. I can't think of any criticism."—Lyndell Nichols, Wellington, Kansas

In addition to these teacher training institutes two "TEACH 'N TRAIN" regional workshops were held in Oklahoma City and St. Louis.

During the first 6 months of this year 187 new customers were added to our growing list of satisfied customers. We are grateful to the Lord for the manner in which He is blessing the Sunday School department. The quality of Sunday School literature is at an all time high in both content and layout. Even greater blessings are in store for our Free Will Baptist churches in the months ahead. Next quarter will be the first time Free Will Baptists have produced their own workbooks. This first issue will be in two colors. The development of a new curriculum which will be totally planned, written and edited by Free Will Baptists promises to be one of the greatest blessings in the field of literature our denomination has experienced. This will bring many added spiritual benefits to our people.

The free filmstrip library has increased to 98 at the present time, with new additions planned for the days ahead. You are encouraged to take advantage of this free service as an aid in further training for your teachers and officers. Catalogs are available on request with a complete listing of this service along with other Sunday School supplies.

Recently two 16MM motion picture films on teacher training were added to our growing list of training aids. These are available to our churches on a rental basis through the Sunday School department at \$9.50 per viewing. They are 15 minutes in length. The titles are "Preparing to Teach" and "Teach the Word." These were produced by Broadman Films.

Your Sunday School department exists to serve you. Let us help you in your Sunday School. We shall be looking for your invitation.

National Assoc. of Free Will Baptists

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. Mr. Moulton's answers are his personal views and convictions and do not necessarily reflect any official endorsement by the denomination. Send your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, 8 Richmond Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

My pastor recently referred to a place with two compartments where the souls of the dead went prior to Jesus' death and resurrection. He said that now there is only one place left, that the saints were carried to heaven when Jesus arose. Where is the scripture?

The account of Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16 indicates that these two men went into hades which at that time was in two divisions. In one, Lazarus in Abraham's bosom, was comforted. In the other, the rich man was tormented. Verse 23 says the rich man lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham and Lazarus in his bosom. That Jesus removed the paradise division into his very presence in heaven is borne out by Ephesians 4:8-10. "When he ascended up on high he led captivity captive . . ." Read also Matthew 27:51-53. During this present age we believe that 2 Cor. 5:6-8 teaches that death for the believer is to be absent from the body and present with the Lord.

Should a single girl go to Free Will Baptist Bible College to find a Christian husband?

I was in a meeting recently where this question was asked. Present also was the Dean of our Bible College in Nashville. He answered and to this I agree: "To get a husband should not be the primary purpose for any girl going to Free Will Baptist Bible College. However, along with the training one can receive, there is no better place to find a Christian husband or wife and a good many young people find mates there."

Where do the souls of people go when their hearts stop and they are pronounced dead, then later the heart starts again?

This is a good question which I cannot answer. However, since I have known at least two people who had this experience and afterwards knew nothing about the period during which they were pronounced dead, I would say that the soul goes nowhere. In the raising of Jairus' daughter in Luke 8 and in the raising of Lazarus in John 11 we are not told of anything that happened nor where the soul was during the period of death. They were raised from the dead and later died again, the soul this time going on into eternity.

guest editorial

by **Dr. Jared F. Gerig**
NAE Week
October 18-25

STRIDING THE mid-twentieth century is an organization which in 1942, sprang from the need for oneness of voice and unity of action among Evangelical Christians—a vehicle for spiritual unity and action with an unqualified loyalty to the gospel of Jesus Christ. A unique ministry has settled upon this organization, the National Association of Evangelicals, and finds its expression in at least three distinct emissions:

NAE stands. "Unqualified loyalty to the gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Word of God" is a stand without compromise and without blush. The purpose of NAE in its founding was to reaffirm the loyalty of Evangelicals to "the historic evangelical position as recapitulated in our statement of faith and to raise up a witness against apostasy of groups claiming to represent Protestant Christianity without such loyalty to the historic gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ." Here the NAE continues to stand.

NAE speaks. The "oneness of voice" for thousands of Christians has been heard on great issues in many places. This voice has been heard in the smallest churches and in the highest places of government. It has spoken from the printed page and from convention platforms. Hundreds of thousands of Evangelicals are expressing themselves and being heard through this united voice.

NAE serves. The NAE is not the master but the servant of its constituent members. Scores of mission boards are now served effectively in this day of multiplied problems by the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association from its Washington office. A great door has been opened to the churches for a relief ministry to the world through the World Relief Commission. The National Sunday School Association of NAE serves the churches of our nation in one of the greatest Christian education revitalization programs of the century. These are but a few of the vital services now rendered through the many commissions, affiliates and agencies of NAE.

The NAE continues to meet the needs of Evangelicals everywhere. Can any Evangelical Christian or church afford in these critical days to stand independently without adding his voice and taking his stand where it will count the most? ■ ■

1964 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

August 1964

COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	August 1964	Year to Date August 1964	Total to August 1963	Designated August 1964
Alabama	\$ 57.23	\$ 859.62	\$1,042.32	
Arizona	63.89	277.89		
Arkansas	667.60	2,546.75	1,127.24	
California	659.65	5,478.33	5,402.60	
Florida		853.05	561.13	
Georgia	225.92	1,537.70	1,276.52	
Illinois	545.17	4,424.64	3,738.82	
Indiana		237.98	664.44	
Iowa			409.66	
Kansas	343.00	1,676.04	1,190.06	
Kentucky	203.99	555.15	101.85	
Mississippi		20.95		
Missouri		7,990.55	8,071.31	
New Hampshire		200.03	189.95	
New Mexico	31.39	179.15	431.72	
North Carolina	185.99	1,487.70	1,665.91	
Ohio		888.20	415.84	
Oklahoma	1,316.45	8,977.18	7,342.32	
Tennessee	177.73	2,596.08	2,210.89	
Texas	156.22	1,845.21	2,050.44	
Virginia	322.68	2,252.69	1,895.71	
Washington		52.00	50.00	

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	Cooperative August 1964	Receipts Year to Date	Designated August 1964	Year to Date	Total Receipts to Date
Foreign Missions	\$1,437.50	\$13,031.71	\$1,945.75	\$14,977.46	
F.W.B. Bible College	1,040.95	9,436.75	65.06	9,501.81	
Executive Department	991.39	8,987.45	13.26	9,000.71	
Home Missions	793.11	7,189.87	1,062.33	8,252.20	
League Board	495.69	4,493.71		4,493.71	
Superannuation Board	148.71	1,348.10	4.85	1,352.95	
Stewardship Commission	49.56	449.30		449.30	
Headquarters Building Fund			279.32	279.32	
Eudina Jones, Fla.			10.00	10.00	
Bailey - F.W.B. Children's Home, Ala.			10.00	10.00	

GEMS

FROM THE GREEK

NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

IN II TIMOTHY 2:5, Paul says that "If anyone is striving for the mastery, he is not crowned unless he strives lawfully." This verse is interesting in the Greek, and Paul's allusion may be missed if one just reads the English.

The word translated (twice in this verse) "strive" is the Greek word *athleo*, from which we get our word "athlete." It would be better translated "engage in a contest" or "contend in the athletic games." Paul is definitely alluding to the athlete of his day, and applying one of the principles of athletics to the Christian life. (This second chapter is full of such allusions, including a *soldier*, in verses 3 and 4, a *farmer*, in verse 6, and a *craftsman*, in verse 15.)

This is the only place in the New Testament where this verb is used, and it refers to any kind of athletic contest—whether a race, wrestling match, or similar contest—in which the participants are pitted one against the other. What Paul says here is that no such athlete will win the prize unless he keeps the rules of the game along the way. (In those days, the prize in the athletic games was a garland of flowers worn on the head, and thus called a "crown.")

A good illustration of what Paul is saying occurred in the 1960 summer Olympic games, when the American 400-meter relay team actually crossed the finish line first, and were thought to have won. But a judge noticed that the team had unintentionally violated one of the rules of the race when one member did not complete the hand-off of the baton within the required zone; and so the Americans were disqualified.

This, then, is the allusion of Paul in this verse. Just as the athlete cannot expect to win the prize unless he keeps the rules of the game, so in the Christian race we cannot expect to win the approval of our judge unless we keep the rules He has instituted by which the race is to be run. The point is further emphasized by Paul's usage of the two Greek tenses here, for he puts the verb in continuing action the first time, and *completed* action the second time. The idea could be expressed thus: anyone who is running in the race will not receive the prize unless, when the race has been run, he is found to have kept all the rules. ■■



Pictured above is the First Free Will Baptist Church of Winter Haven, Florida. This growing church in central Florida is pastored by Rev. Robert Owen. The new building was built through a bond issue arranged by Executive Church Bonds, Inc.



The dedicated family of Rev. Robert Owen. This picture was made on the occasion of the church's dedication. Mr. Owen, in addition to his pastoral duties, has been active in associational work. The two oldest daughters are presently enrolled at FWBBC.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Association Sponsors School

RICHTON, MISS.—The South Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists sponsored a two-weeks Bible school, August 17-29. There was an enrolment of 145 students and 8 ministers representing 6 denominations. Rev. Leroy Forlines, professor from Free Will Baptist Bible College, was the instructor.

This was the first Bible school held in the association. It was under the direction of an educational committee composed of Lonnie Walley, Truman Freeman, and L. D. Walley.

Fall Schedule Announced

ELDRIDGE, ALA.—Evangelist Eustace Riggs with headquarters here has released the following revival schedule for the fall: Maranatha Church, Greenville, North Carolina, September 23-October 4; Midway Church, Moultrie, Georgia, October 5-16; West Dayton Church, Dayton, Ohio, October 18-30; Anderson Church, Anderson, Indiana, November 1-13; First Church, Florence, Alabama, November 15-21; Festus Church, Missouri, November 23-December 4.

State Association Announced

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists will hold their 20th session at the Youth Camp Grounds in Bascom, Florida, October 28-30. Rev. Elro Driggers, pastor of the Wesconnett Church here is the State Moderator and Rev. Freeman Edwards, pastor of the Piney Grove Church in Chipley, Florida is the Clerk.

Church Receives Award

OVERLAND, MO.—The Overland Free Will Baptist Church here received the Church Training Service "Century Club" Award Plaque at the National Association in Kansas City on July 16. The church maintained an average attendance of 102 for 13 weeks in order to receive the award.

The church also received a special Certificate of Award because of a 37% increase in attendance. Rev. Harry Asher is the pastor.

Successful Revival

BURNSVILLE, MISS.—The Antioch Free Will Baptist Church reports a suc-

cessful revival with Rev. J. M. Cobb as the evangelist. There were 52 conversions. Rev. D. W. Jones, Jr. is the pastor.

New Building Occupied

CROSSVILLE, TENN.—The Liberty Free Will Baptist Church here recently completed and occupied a new church building. The modern brick structure was built at a cost of \$22,000.

Rev. L. V. Collier has been pastor of the Liberty Church for 16 years. Rev. M. L. Hollis will begin his duties as pastor during October.

New Work Started

ROSWELL, N. M.—Rev. Lonnie Rolen recently moved here to begin missionary work. He will be directing a joint project between the New Mexico Home Mission Board and the National Home Mission Board.

Ten years ago there was one Free Will Baptist Church in the entire state. There are now six churches and one mission.

Pastor Resigns

FORT WORTH, TEX.—After serving

the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church here for the past 30 years, Rev. M. L. Sutton has offered his resignation. He has accepted a call to the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Under the leadership of Mr. Sutton the Trinity Church has constructed a \$40,000 brick building. The church has extended a call to Rev. Odus K. Eubanks, Jr.

NAE Week

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—Plans for NAE Week were announced here by Arthur M. Climenhaga, Executive Director for the National Association of Evangelicals to be held in churches across the nation beginning October 18 and culminating with a special observance of Reformation Sunday, October 25.

"The theme for this week and for the entire NAE program will be 'Penetrating our Culture for Christ' which dramatizes our vigorous and constructive involvement in the issues of our time," according to Dr. Climenhaga.

More than 28,000 member churches of the NAE are expected to participate.

Bible School Held

BRYAN, TEX.—A Bible school was held here recently at the Latin American Mission. The registration was 149 with an average attendance of 119. The Mission is approximately one year old and is pastored by Rev. Osmundo Corrales from Cuba.

NSSA Convention

PORTLAND, ORE.—The 19th annual National Sunday School Convention, scheduled for Portland, Oregon, October 7, 8, 9, is expected to draw ten thousand people from over the United States and Canada as well as several foreign countries. Representatives will be in attendance from more than 50 Protestant denominations at the conclave which will feature eight major sessions utilizing the facilities of Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

Five headline speakers, each a well-known leader in his field, will be taking part in the major mass meetings. In addition, over 100 workshops on subjects ranging from "Teaching Children to Pray" to "Laws of Sunday School Growth" will be offered.

New Work

TUCSON, ARIZ.—The Faith Free Will Baptist Mission here recently completed a revival meeting with Rev. George E. Butler as evangelist. This is a new work and is presently under the direction of Rev. C. E. Edwards, 3250 Stone Street, Tucson. Rev. George Butler will assume pastoral duties here the first of December.

300 CLUB MEMBERS

The following churches have been awarded a plaque for maintaining an average of 300 or more in attendance for one quarter.

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Write the Sunday School Department for information on how your Sunday School can qualify for the 300 club.



WHY a new Sunday school curriculum?

by Roger C. Reeds

IT IS NOW QUITE clear that most adult church members (over 90 per cent of the congregation, in some churches) do not possess an adequate knowledge of even the most elementary facts of the Bible, let alone an understanding of the principles derived from the facts," states Mr. William L. O'Byrne, Jr., in an article that appeared in a recent issue of Contact.

A Bible test was given to 281 incoming students of a Christian college. Those taking the tests were considered typical products of Sunday Schools from many Protestant denominations. The results of this testing were startling.

Of the 281 students who took the test, 79 per cent failed to identify Matthew as the tax collector who became a disciple; 74 per cent could not name the father of Joseph and his brethren; 70 per cent did not know the Bible book where the Ten Commandments are found.

Seventy per cent of these 281 students could not name the book which records the history of the early church, following the ascension of Jesus; 65 per cent failed to identify Solomon as the famous wise man of the Old Testament.

Sixty per cent of this group could not name a single parable of Jesus; 51 per cent did not know it was Paul who wrote thirteen books of the New Testament. Twenty-three per cent could not name the man who betrayed Jesus.

These facts came from a group in which 175 of the 281 said they had attended Sunday School regularly; 94 per cent said they had attended frequently. Only 12 per cent had never attended Sunday School.

What does all of this mean? How does this affect Free Will Baptists? Were any Free Will Baptists involved in the above mentioned survey? Frankly, I do not know. The survey and the results are mentioned in a book titled *The Sunday*

School Challenge, by A. S. London. No doubt, a similar survey conducted in our churches would prove the same results. IT INDICATES POINTEDLY THAT WE ARE NOT GETTING THE JOB DONE IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS! It is true that in many instances the fault lies with the teacher who does not adequately prepare his Sunday School lesson. I am convinced, however, that the main fault lies in the area of curriculum.

With the present curriculum every lesson is topical. There are no book studies of the Bible. We are presented fragments of the Bible rather than whole portions. We cannot expect our teachers to teach pupils properly with just tidbits from the Word.

At the last session of the National Association, the Sunday School Board announced its desire to plan a new curriculum for Free Will Baptists. The inadequacy of the present curriculum was the main reason given. Since no member of the Free Will Baptist denomination is included on the Committee of the Uniform Series of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, we do not have a voice concerning the curriculum of that series.

Must Be Purchased

It might be noted also that the right to use the Uniform series must be purchased and the royalty rate is high. By way of example, if our Adult quarterly has a circulation of 35,000 (and it does) then we must pay a royalty fee of \$210.00. This is the cost of only one publication. As our circulation increases so must our payments increase to the National Council of Churches. Keep in mind that the only portion of the outlines that we have been using is the recommended topic and printed text.

The Sunday School Board plans a curriculum that will present a systematic

book by book study of the Bible. We hope to accomplish this study in a seven year cycle. Interjected in the cycle will be some topical lessons, but these will be held to a minimum. One of the major topical series will be a thirteen lesson series on Free Will Baptist doctrine.

I believe we would readily admit that there is always the danger of losing our distinctions as a denomination through failure to properly indoctrinate our members. We hope to assist in a program of indoctrination through a new Sunday School curriculum.

Another advantage is that we can do away with repetition and duplication. In our present curriculum, the same passage of scripture is covered twice within the period of a few quarters, while other passages of scripture are omitted. There has been a tendency to advocate a social gospel in the passages and topics selected by the Uniform Lesson Series committee.

There will be one weakness in having our own curriculum. Our teachers will not be able to use the lesson commentaries with which they are so familiar. We will, however, be recommending other good commentaries on the books we will be studying. If a teacher is wise, he will add these commentaries to his library and then use them again when our cycle is repeated seven years later. Churches can add these books to their libraries for use by those who teach in the Sunday School. Perhaps in time we will learn that this apparent weakness is in reality a matter of strength in the teaching ministry of the church.

I'm really enthused about the possibilities of our new curriculum. I believe you're going to like the new curriculum of study. Let me remind you again that the projected date for the new curriculum is the first quarter of 1966. All lessons will be based on the King James Version of the Bible. ■ ■



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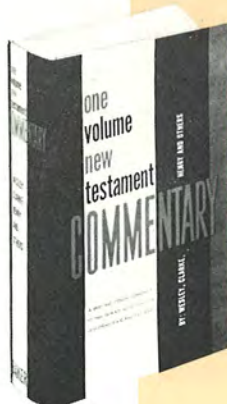
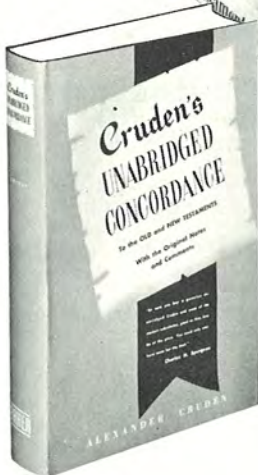
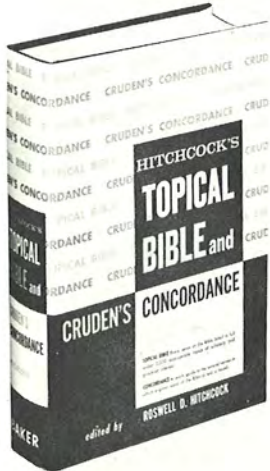
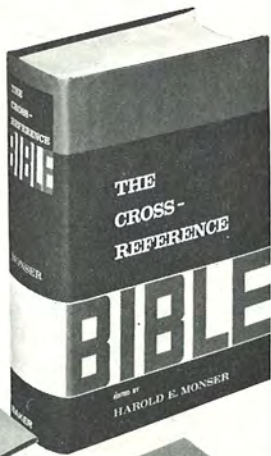
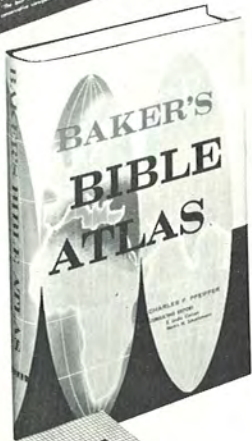
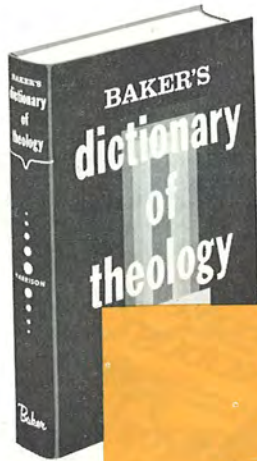
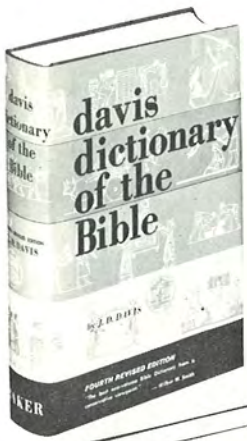
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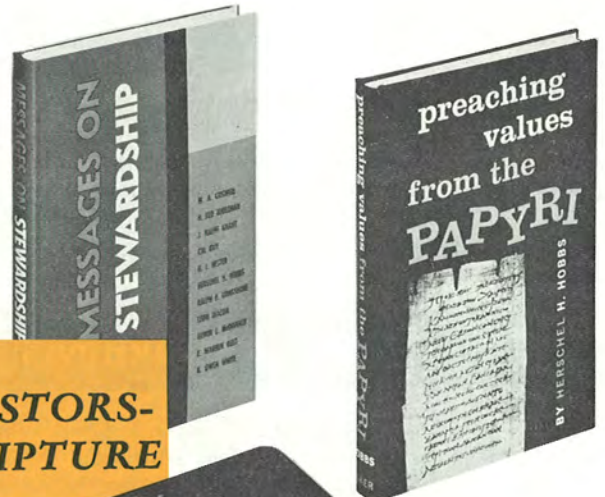
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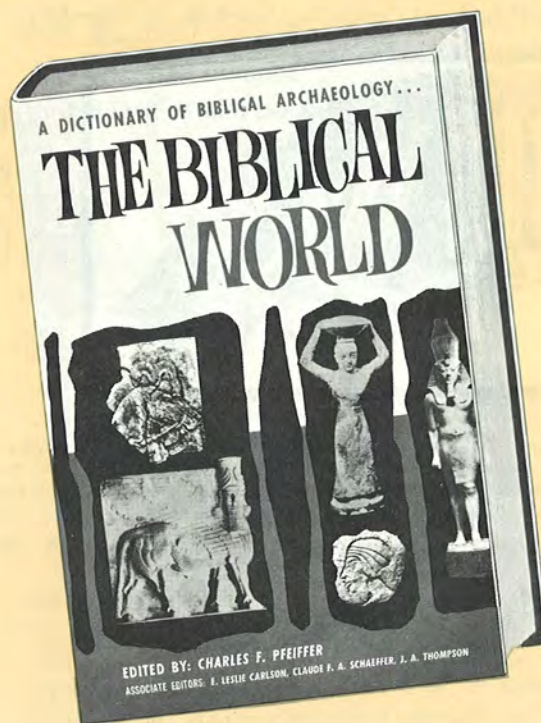
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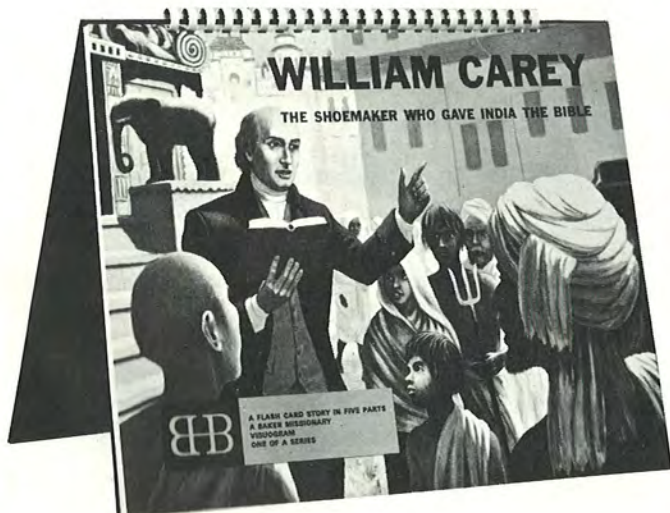
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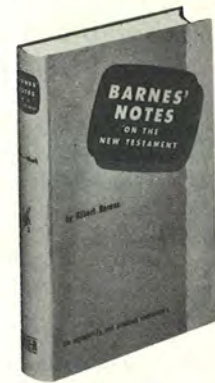
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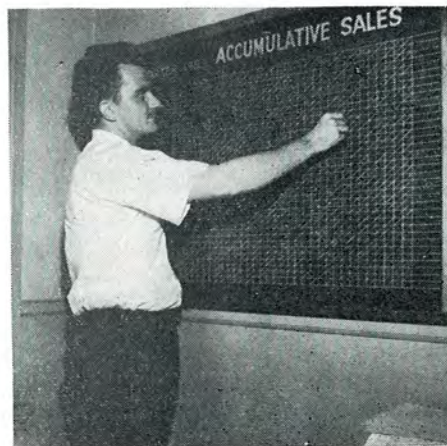


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THERE WERE TWELVE of them. And they were Juniors. And they were boys. They had had a teacher, but his term of service was short because he moved out of the community. After that the superintendent did the best he could. He seemed unable to find anyone who was willing to take the responsibility of teaching them regularly. So they had substitutes—a different one almost every Sunday. And the situation was getting worse each week.

Finally, as if in answer to serious and earnest prayer, a young man came along and accepted the challenge. His first Sunday was pretty rough, but he stood up to it, and after that one could see an improvement each week. The day came when those boys were the model group in the whole school.

The new teacher began by giving those lads a good talking to. He had not planned anything like that, but within ten minutes after he had started they had tried every trick on him. You see how far they had drifted in discipline and respect for the school.

He decided to explain to them just why they were there. If any boy was determined that he didn't want to learn anything about the Bible and how to live a Christian life, then he had better stay home. This was the house of the Lord, and as such it deserved a certain reverence. He was to be the new teacher and he intended to be a *good* teacher, but he was going to have their attention and their cooperation or else—

"Gee, that guy's tough," whispered the class bully to his nearest understudy. "But mebbe he's got something".

From that moment, those twelve boys began to draw more and more closely about that teacher. It was not only what he *taught* them. He gave them well-prepared lessons, but he also *lived* before them. The hour in Sunday School was only one of many hours in the week. His interest and effort followed them every day of the seven.

He took hikes with them, took them swimming, went fishing, and joined in their hobbies. And in every single activity he showed himself to be a fine Christian. In a few weeks he knew all about each one of his boys, what his interests were, his hobbies, his home background, and his problems—if he had any.

I was walking down the street with this teacher and four times he stopped a moment to ask a question, or offer a suggestion, or to make a comment to some boy we passed.

"Is your mother better, Dick?" I heard him ask a bright looking chap who smiled his reply.

"Did you make the team last night?" he asked a second boy. "Congratulations! I'll be down to see you play. Make it good!"

And so it went. The expression on those boys' faces re-

vealed the deep respect and affection they had in their hearts for him.

Occasionally he was called upon to settle some dispute between some of his boys, and he always did it with such a degree of fairness that they accepted his decision as final. He was in constant touch with them all through the week and they looked forward to every minute that he spent with them.

When Sunday morning arrived they were all present. If any member was absent without a reason, a special committee was soon on its way to bring him in—if he lived within short distance of the Sunday School.

It is not difficult to see that the first great factor in the lives of those boys was the deep personal interest that teacher had in each one of them. The next great force was his personal consecration. He was genuinely spiritual and regarded the work of a teacher as God's call.

In addition to these facts there was the important participation he inspired in them. The department always had collected all hymnbooks after the session and put them in a cupboard; the sexton usually attended to that chore. This teacher began to assign two boys to distribute the books before the school began, and two more to collect them afterward; he had one boy gather all the class books and place them on the secretary's desk. Two of them took turns, with other members of the department, in gathering the offering and presenting it before the altar. Of course, all these ideas had previously been discussed with the superintendent of the department and had his full cooperation.

As the lesson schedule permitted, about once a month, he had a boy give a three-minute talk on such Bible characters as Abraham, David, Paul, and the like. On several occasions when a boy had prepared an exceptionally good talk, he was later invited to give it to the entire department.

This past season, many of the above methods were employed to keep a class of Junior boys interested in a little union school at the seashore. Some fifteen boys, who had come from many different communities, had an attendance record that surpassed the entire school. This little church has a bell in the tower that the boys can ring, and after each session we selected two of them to ring it for the church service that followed. Most of the other methods that we had previously observed in a large school were used with equal success in the little one-room school by the seashore.

No class is hopeless! But it may require a great deal of effort, and patience, and diplomacy, and prayer. But when the class responds, as this one did, the satisfaction far outweighs all the effort it entailed. The Lord always blesses persistent and sincere Christian endeavor. He blesses both the pupil and the teacher. ■■

IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Mrs. Cleo Pursell**, Executive Secretary WNAC, will be speaking at the Oklahoma State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, October 13, McAlester, Oklahoma.

■ **Ken Riggs**, Director of Youth Activities for the Church Training Department, will be attending the Northeast Mississippi Association October 9. He will be in a youth meeting October 24-25, in Fredericktown, Missouri; Florida State Association, October 28-30 and October 30-November 1, Jacksonville, Florida.

■ Director of Church Training, **Samuel Johnson**, will be attending the Arkansas State Meeting, October 1-3. Mr. Johnson will be in Oklahoma October 13-15; Cumberland District Youth Rally, Tennessee, October 17 and South Carolina State Meeting, October 22-23.

■ **Homer Willis**, Director of National Home Missions, will be in Nashville for the annual Missionary Conference, October 6-7. He will attend the Oklahoma State Meeting October 14-15 and will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 25-28.

■ Executive Church Bond representative, **Jake Creech**, will be conducting a bond program September 28-October 2 for the West Nashville Free Will Baptist Church.

■ **Mark Vandivort**, Field Secretary for National Home Missions, will be in Nashville for the Missionary Conference October 5-6. He will be attending the Cumberland Association in Tennessee, October 13-14.

■ Director of Teacher Training for the Sunday School Department, **Harrold Harrison** will be attending the National Sunday School Association in Portland, Oregon, October 4-9. He will conduct a Sunday School Institute in Portsmouth, Ohio, October 19-23.

■ **Roger Reeds**, Director of National Sunday School Department, will be attending the Arkansas State Association, October 1-2. Mr. Reeds will be in

Eupora, Mississippi, October 9; Oklahoma State Association, October 13-15; South Carolina State Association, October 22-23; and Florida State Association, October 28-30.

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■ **Jerry Ballard**, Director of Information and Publications for Foreign Missions, will be in Nashville for the annual Mis-

sionary Conference October 6-7. He will attend the Northeast Mississippi Association, October 8-11.

■ Executive Secretary **Billy A. Melvin** will attend the Arkansas State Association on September 30-October 1. October 5 he will attend a meeting of the NAE executive committee in Chicago, Illinois, and on October 7 will be speaking during the missionary conference in Nashville. October 13-15 he will attend the Oklahoma State Association in McAlester; October 22 the South Carolina Association in Pamplico; October 24 through October 29 in Georgia for pastor's meetings and October 30 the Florida State Association in Bascom.

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EVOLUTION AND THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD

by Leroy Forlines

IN LAST MONTH'S ARTICLE we gave our reasons for believing that it is impossible to harmonize evolution with the Bible. If we believe in the infallibility of Scripture on all matters about which it speaks, once the position of Scripture is determined we are bound by that position. However, this does not mean that we should ignore what others are saying. If they teach something contrary to Scripture we must reject it, but we cannot ignore it. Perhaps it would be satisfactory with many of us to ignore what others say when it contradicts the Bible, but this would not be satisfactory for many of our young people. They are confronted with these matters whether they want to be or not. We must prepare them to face these problems.

The theory of evolution is presented to us as the result of scientific investigations. Scientific investigation is a study that follows the steps suggested in the scientific method.

The designation "scientific method" is used in a broad sense and in a limited sense. In the broad sense it is used to apply to study procedures in any field of knowledge. In the limited sense it is used to apply to study procedures where *natural processes* are concerned. As a rule when we hear mention of science or the scientific method, it is used with reference to the limited sense. This study will concern itself with the scientific method in the limited sense.

Before looking at the steps involved in the scientific method, let us first look at the assumptions made by those who adhere to it. Whenever a problem is considered to be a proper subject of study through the scientific method, it is assumed at the outset that the answer can be found in *natural causes and effects*. It is quite common to find those who believe that *everything* can be accounted for by natural causes. These believe in the law of uniformity. According to the law of uniformity everything that ever has happened or ever will happen can be accounted for by natural processes. In other words the natural process is not interfered with by the Supernatural. This either involves the denial of the existence of the Supernatural or the belief that the Supernatural has set everything up to work within the framework of natural processes and will never interfere with it.

There are some who do not deny the possibility of the Supernatural, but they deny that we can know anything beyond

the realm of natural processes.

The most important observation that we have made thus far is that whenever one concludes that the answer to a particular problem can be discovered through the scientific method, *he has already decided that it can be explained by natural causes and effects*.

Now, let us look briefly at the steps involved in the scientific method. One starts with a problem for which he hopes to find a solution. After his problem has been defined, he begins to collect data. This data is limited to that which can be known through the five senses (seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling), and that which can be measured by instruments such as scales, thermometers, and various kinds of testing and measuring instruments.

The next step is to classify and organize the data. On the basis of the data the investigator develops a hypothesis. We might call the hypothesis an educated guess of what the solution may be.

After the hypothesis is clarified, the next step is to test the hypothesis. This is done through controlled experiments. If the experiments verify the hypothesis, and it passes the examination of others, who are qualified in the field, it is concluded that there is a high probability that the solution to the problem has been found. Scientists never claim more than a high probability for their findings.

We have looked at the assumptions that underlie the scientific method and the steps involved in the study procedure. We have arrived at three basic conclusions: (1) The answer sought through the scientific method is already prejudged as falling within the realm of natural causes and effects. (2) The only data that are taken into account are such as can be known through the senses and testing and measuring instruments. (3) The conclusion arrived at by the scientist is never considered more than a high probability.

Stated In Dogmatic Terms

Though the claims of the scientist are never more than a high probability, they are often stated in dogmatic terms and are often disturbing to those who believe the Bible. However, upon investigation there are certain things which are very obvious which, when observed, help us to remain firm in our faith in the Bible. The important question for us is: is the scientific method of study a valid method

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of study to determine whether God created man as taught in the Bible?

We have made certain observations above which will help us answer this question. It has been pointed out that the scientific method of study assumes that the solution to the problem can be found in *natural causes and effects*. The scientific method of study *does not reach conclusions about the Supernatural*. Therefore, we conclude that the scientific method of study is not a valid method of study to determine whether God created man as taught in the Bible. If anyone believes that he can explain the origin of man through the scientific method he has before beginning his study: (1) denied that God had any direct hand in man's creation, and (2) that the origin of man can be accounted for by natural causes. It is impossible for the scientific method of study to lead to the conclusion that God did or did not create man as taught in the Bible. The only thing which the scientific method of study can do is to suggest a possible way man came into being if his origin can be accounted for by natural causes. The person who chooses to determine through the scientific method how man originated is forced to spend his time trying to figure out how natural causes produced man. His answer will always be some form of evolution. This is necessary because he knows of no natural cause that could have produced man all at once. It is easier for him to think in terms of a slow process which involved millions of years.

If God created man by a special act, this could be known only by revelation. God would have to tell us before we could know it. It is our conviction that God has told us this in the Bible. However, the person who believes that he can explain the origin of man through the scientific method cannot count as evidence anything that is said in the Bible. This is true since he is limited to sense data and what can be learned through instruments. Biblical evidence is eliminated because it was revealed to man instead of being discovered through natural means of learning. This is another reason why we say that the scientific method is not a valid method of study to determine whether God created man as taught in the Bible. It is not valid since it rules out revelation as a source of data. We can know that God created man by a special act only by revelation. Also, the type data admitted by the scientific

method could only give a suggested solution within the framework of natural causes.

Before launching any kind of study we must first determine whether we are using the proper method of study. The method of study may be good within its proper sphere of application, but may not be appropriate at all in other areas. There are many kinds of measuring instruments. Each may be very exact when applied to that for which it was designed. However, it would be completely invalid when applied to something else. For example, a good pair of scales may be very accurate, but no one would think of using a pair of scales to check his temperature. The scientific method is a good method of study where natural causes are involved, but it is invalid where the Supernatural is involved.

The difference between the Bible believer and the one who seeks to determine the origin of man through the scientific method is: The Bible believer believes in the existence of God and that God has revealed Himself and His plan to us in the Bible. When we start with this assumption, it is only logical that we look to the Bible for the answer to the origin of man. The person who believes that he can discover how man originated through the scientific method assumes that man originated through natural processes. For one who starts with this assumption, it is only logical for him to use the scientific method.

Faith Is Important

Quite often those who follow the scientific method leave the impression that they only believe what they can prove. They look condescendingly on us as Christians because we accept things by faith. The fact is that faith is as important to their system as it is to the Christian's. It is by faith that they believe that things can be accounted for by natural causes. They do not claim to be able to prove this. If their assumption that things can be accounted for by natural causes is wrong, their system collapses. They will be invariably wrong on everything that had a supernatural origin.

The Christian has faith in the existence of God and that some things are accounted for by Supernatural acts while others are accounted for by natural causes. That which is accounted for by natural cause is a proper subject of investigation by the scientific method. The Christian does not object to the scientific

method. He makes use of it in its proper sphere. However, he does object to applying it to every problem of life. That which is accounted for by the Supernatural is not a proper subject of study by the scientific method. For these matters the true Christian turns to his Bible.

The Christian may be faced with some difficult problems. Some of these he may have an answer for, but others he may not. He likes to find answers when he can, but he does not cast his faith away simply because he does not have all of the answers. His faith in God and in the Bible as God's revelation, and his personal experience of salvation through Jesus Christ are too real to be easily shaken. When we see the vastness of the universe and the smallness of our own minds, it should not be strange that we have problems. Every area of knowledge presents problems, but this does not keep people from believing things to be true. The Christian, then, is not alone in believing at the same time he has problems.

Before closing this study one glaring inconsistency of the naturalistic evolutionist should be pointed out. They claim to believe nothing that cannot be accounted for by natural causes. All natural causes are observable today. They have never observed spontaneous generation of life out of matter, nor do they have any proof that it can be accounted for by natural causes. Yet, they believe it. They are forced to believe it in spite of the inconsistency that it involves. They must believe it because life must *begin* before it can *evolve*.

The Christian is in a far better position. He is not forced to believe that the impossible has happened by natural causes. He accounts for some things by Supernatural acts and others by natural causes.

It is obvious from our study that our answer to the origin of man is determined by faith or unbelief. If we have faith in God and the Bible as God's word, we believe that God created man by a special act as described in the Bible. If one does not believe in God who has revealed Himself in the Bible, he will end up believing in some form of evolution. For those of us who are Bible believing Christians, the answer is clear. We believe that God created man by a special act of creation.

Next month we will discuss the evolutionary philosophy of life. ■ ■

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Provision For Old Age

by **Chester A. Huckaby**

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Recently the Board of Superannuation, with other interested persons, met for a seminar in Nashville. This was directed by Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, board member. Individuals were present from Michigan, Virginia, Arkansas, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia.

The board voted to offer all annuity policies without any assignment to the board. Heretofore, each policy provided for the board to receive 50% of the annual dividends and a limited assignment. This has now been changed with full dividends and benefits going to the pastor. The board will merely receive premiums from the policy holders, act as the representative to the Minister's Life and Casualty Union and promote the program.

Churches or pastors that may be interested in having full particulars in regard to this program should write the Board of Superannuation, National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205. Associations that may be interested in having a member of the board to visit for the purpose of explaining the program can make such arrangements by contacting the board.

It is increasingly important that provision be made for the retirement of every pastor. It is the responsibility of the church, not only to provide for the pastor while he is able to serve, but also when he becomes too old or otherwise disabled. Now is the time to do something about it. Every church should insist that their pastor be covered by this plan. ■ ■

INSPIRATION . . .

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

An old schoolmaster said one day to a clergyman, who came to examine his school, "I believe the children know the catechism word for word."

"But do they understand it? That is the question," said the clergyman.

The schoolmaster bowed respectfully, and the examination began. A little boy had repeated the fifth commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother," and he was asked to explain it. Instead of trying to do so, the little boy, with his face covered with blushes, said, almost in a whisper, "Yesterday I showed some strange man over the mountain, and the sharp stones cut my feet. The man saw they were bleeding, and gave me some money to buy shoes. I gave it to my mother, for she had no shoes either, and I thought I could go barefooted better than she could."

A CHILD'S CONVERSION

A little girl in America, when she was asked by the church committee as to her knowledge of Jesus Christ, and asked to recite her experience, said, "I do not know if I have any 'experience.' All I know is that Jesus said, 'Come unto Me,' and I came, and He said, 'I will give you rest,' and He gave me rest." One of the older men said: "But you don't seem to know much about the Slough of Despond, my dear." She dropped a curtesy and said: "Please sir, I did not come that way."

DIAMONDS!

"They shall be Mine when I make up My jewels." (Mal. 3:16)

"A diamond in the rough,
Is a diamond sure enough;
For before it ever sparkles,
It is made of diamond stuff!
Of course some one must find it,
Or it never will be found;
And then some one must grind it,
Or it never will be ground;
But when it's found, and when it's ground,
And when it's burnished bright,
It sparkles everlastingly,
Just shooting forth its light!
Ah, teacher in the Sunday school,
Don't say, 'I've done enough,'
That worst boy in your Bible class,
May be a diamond in the rough!
Perhaps you think he's grinding you,
And maybe you're right,
But possibly you need the grinding,
To finish you out bright!"

REVERSED SENTENCE

A few years ago a Jewish merchant died. He had a Christian friend who had been in the same business, and they had often, without any prejudice, talked of the claims of Jesus Christ. The Jewish merchant had never accepted Christ as Savior, and when he was dying his family did not

want to allow any Gentile to get near him; but the Christian associate was eager to see him, and they felt that they could not refuse him because he had been a close friend. But they said, "You must not talk religion to him; you must not excite him." He went in and sat for a moment by the bedside, touched the hand of his friend, and then knelt by the bed and silently lifted his heart to God. Soon there was a movement on the bed. The old man opened his eyes, tried to sit up, lifted up his hand, and struggling to speak, said, "Not Barabbas, but this Man," and he fell back dead. Do you see what he had done? He had reversed the sentence of his nation. His nation had said, "Not this man, but Barabbas," but he had said, "Not Barabbas, but this man."

THE OTHER FELLOW

Dr. and Mrs. Paul James of Atlanta have a little lad, Edward, some five or six years of age. Next door to their home in Atlanta there lives another Christian family with a boy of Edward's age. One day play developed into a misunderstanding. The quarrel between the boys waxed warm and long. Suddenly little Edward drew himself up and said, "It's time one of us acted like a Christian. How about you?"

IDEALS IN CONSTRUCTION

A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill,
Pillars and groins and arches,
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said as they saw its beauty,
"It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O Builder,
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised his unceasing efforts,
None knew of His wondrous plan,
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Is a child's immortal soul.

HIS HANDS OVER OURS

A teacher of children had told them that their daddies sometimes allowed them to take the wheel of the car, but that they always placed their hands over their little ones to be sure there would be no mistake. Sometimes afterward, a little fellow, eight years old, was asked if he would like to lead in prayer. This is what he said, "Dear Lord, will you please put your hands over the hands of our President so he will know how to turn the wheel for our country."

REDEEMED MEN REDEEMING SOCIETY

by Richard C. Halverson

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you haven't forgiven? Is there somebody you're against? Don't you ever think God is going to let you get away with that. Don't you ever think the Spirit of God is going to anoint you downtown when you have this unforgiveness in your heart toward a brother in Christ. "That the members may have the same care for one another." Paul amplifies this, "If one member suffers, all suffer together." How long has it been since you suffered because another member of the church was suffering? "If one member is honored, all rejoice together." I think we could do well to live in I Corinthians 12 for about 365 days a year. Read it every day; drench your life in it. We cannot recover most of the details of the apostolic church, but we ought to recover its essence. The mechanics are generally immaterial, the dynamics are fundamental. (Incidentally, I don't think we should be afraid of that word. I think we should give it true meaning.) We do not wish to repudiate or ignore the progress of the church over the last nineteen hundred years; neither ought we to repudiate or ignore that which is timeless in the church. I grew up in a tradition which put the emphasis on individualism in Christianity—private devotions, private prayers, personal evangelism. I'm not speaking against these things; I'm in favor of them. But something more is necessary. In the early days of my ministry my antidote for everything that was wrong with a Christian was to get him "in the Book." Get him having private devotions. But it didn't always work. I lived and practiced the ministry for years just giving that kind of cure to a man who needed something else. Now Christianity requires a private application of the blood of Christ, God's Son, which cleanses from sin. This cannot be accepted vicariously. It has to be a personal appropriation. But that having been done, it is no longer a private matter. We are all baptized by the same Spirit into the body, having personally, privately appropriated that which the Son of God has done for us. Then we are immediately

grated into an organism, to a living corpus of which Jesus Christ is the head. I am dependent upon all of the other parts, and they are all dependent on me. "By one spirit we were all baptized into one body."

I would like us to see this morning that the essence of the apostolic church was *koinonia*. It means almost what it sounds like, community, those who have something significant in common—common loyalty, common allegiance, common commitment, common dedication, common life, or communion of believers, or communication between believers. This is fellowship. This is the heart of apostolic Christianity. You don't get this in Sunday morning service or Sunday evening service except accidentally. John, the elder apostle, writing with a sense of responsibility for the whole apostolic church because many of the other apostles had already been martyred, said, "That which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you, *that you may have fellowship with us*, and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." It is almost as if Christ died for the sake of fellowship. In fact, He did. We were created for fellowship with God, and the ambassador of Christ beseeches men who are at enmity with God to be reconciled to God, to be in fellowship with God, and then they will be in fellowship with each other. The only reconciling force in history is the sacrifice of Christ. Men are reconciled to God and men are reconciled to fellow men only by the blood of Christ's body, says Paul in Colossians 1:20.

Not An Accident

When Doctor Luke was recording that early history of the apostolic church, it was not an accident that the Holy Spirit caused him to include this very significant four-fold fact. "And they (the church) continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (that is, the Word, the oral tradition reduced to writing), "in fellowship" (more, you see, than the Word), "in breaking of bread" (and though probably an Anglican would quarrel with me about

this thing, I believe that this breaking of bread meant more than communion. I believe that it involved the love feast where they had what we call today in our modern vernacular a "pot-luck supper") "and prayer." Four things characterized the program of the apostolic church: apostle's doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. Now we have the apostle's doctrine, we have breaking of bread and we have prayer, but where do we get fellowship? Our souls can be starved for fellowship even if we go to church every Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday night, because fellowship is more than worship, more than prayer, more than Bible study, corporately. It has to do with sharing, with confession ("Confess your faults one to another"), with talking about one's needs; it is real, it is honest. I know Christians who would dare to admit even to themselves if they doubt anything, because somehow they have grown up with the idea that doubting is wrong, and they don't realize that if you are growing in faith you are going to have doubts. This is part of growth. Thank God Thomas doubted, because by his doubting we have one of the greatest evidences for the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. "I won't believe He's risen from the dead unless I can put my fingers into the nail wounds in his hands and the spear wounds in his side." Eight days later Jesus appeared and said, "All right, Thomas, here you are, do it." Oh, I'm so glad Thomas doubted the resurrection. I'm so glad Thomas asked Jesus, "How can we know the way? How do we know where you're going?" And to answer that doubt Jesus gave us one of the most beautiful verses in the Bible, "I am the way, the truth and the life." If Thomas hadn't asked, Jesus probably would never have said that. So many of us get our security in a kind of dogma that is brittle, and we don't dare have this security threatened by anything. I know an elder who was very critical of J. B. Philips version of the New Testament because it had the critical approach to the authorships of the books. He just didn't expect that anyone would dare for instance, to challenge Matthew's authorship of the first Gospel. So I asked him how he knew that Matthew wrote the first Gospel. Well, he knew it because his King James Bible says, "The Gospel according to Saint Matthew," and he just assumed that this was inspired like the text itself. He was afraid of scholarship, forgetting that it was scholarship that discovered that, and if it is authentic, it is scholarship that confirms it. Now, doubts come out in fellowship. Failure comes out in fellowship. Sin comes out in fellowship. Do you know that one of the reasons the average testimony meeting has failed in the average twentieth-century evangeli-

cal church is that most testimonies are nothing more or less than little personal success stories couched in pious language? In a *real* testimony meeting it is not uncommon to have somebody testify to failure. This morning at the breakfast table Dr. Edman was telling us about an experience like that right in this chapel. It was the testimony of failure and the need for prayer that triggered revival. Not somebody telling how successful he answered an unbeliever's question last week.

Our souls starve for fellowship, for this intercommunication, this inter-relationship. This was dramatized for me a few years ago in Hong Kong. In the providence of God it happened that we were in Hong Kong the day two missionaries, a Baptist and a Presbyterian, came out of Red China having been in solitary confinement for two and one half years. A group of us met with these two missionaries individually. They were brought to our hotel room and we spent a couple of hours first with the Baptist, a man, and then with the Presbyterian, who was a lady missionary. This little lady told us how it was to be in solitary for two and one half years. She memorized the whole Gospel of John; she had a little pencil flashlight and a tiny New Testament which she concealed in the hem of her blanket. Whenever she had opportunity, she'd pull the blanket up over her head, take out the little pencil flashlight, and memorize the Word. Also she described how one day, as she was being taken for her walk, guards on either side, she spontaneously began to hum "What a friend we have in Jesus." As she went by one of the cells, out came "What a friend we have in Jesus," and then another and another, just quietly. "Oh," she told us with a radiant face, "from that moment on we had fellowship every day." They would whistle or hum a hymn and along the line of the solitary walk they would have fellowship. When we were visiting with the man, one of our number said, "Well, now, tonight's our prayer meeting night but we're going to take our brother home first because he's exhausted. We had better let him go to bed early." He said, "Take me home? For two and one half years I would have given anything just to hear a person pray aloud. You'll not get me home tonight when it's prayer meeting night. Why, I've been starved to hear somebody else pray aloud." That's fellowship. It is the unit of spiritual maturation, not just what God gives immediately to each of us, but what we get from each other with the spirit of God moving in us. Oh, we need each other desperately.

My third point is this: fellowship is not only the unit of spiritual maturation, it is the matrix of evangelism. It's perhaps

not the best way to put it, but it will certainly be appreciated here. I think of when unbelievers are exposed to this fellowship they are brought to birth again and again. I've seen it happen so many fellowship like a woman's womb and oh, times, just a natural childbirth which is what it ought to be. The way we sometimes organize for evangelism you would think you could solve the birth problem that way. Some couple comes to you because they can't have children; there ought to be some way you could organize to make it possible. That's not the way you approach the problem. Birth ought to be natural to the bride married to Christ and it is when authentic fellowship prevails. In fellowship the Word of God is actually working in the lives of those in fellowship, convicting, convincing. It can be seen; it can be felt.

For Just One Hour

I wish I could get a chance to go back to my seminary and speak for just one hour to the homiletics class. I was trained in seminary to get a sermon all neatly packaged and ready for the consumer Sunday morning, and in grand isolation deliver it. But something kept happening to me. When I would get into the pulpit I would feel something from the congregation and I enjoyed, if that is the correct word, a kind of frustration over this. Every once in a while I couldn't prepare, no matter how hard I studied. I knew I wasn't prepared. I'd get into the pulpit unprepared, and God would do something I couldn't have done if I had been prepared. I talked to someone about this and he came across with this very intelligent logic, "Well, if the Holy Spirit can lead you in the pulpit, He can lead you in the study." I capitulated to that for years. Of course, the Holy Spirit can lead me in the study; but the fact is that the congregation isn't in my study. And it's different. Preaching is a two-way proposition, not just from the pulpit to the pew, but from the pew to the pulpit. I've learned this. I don't prepare any less, but I'm never surprised when God does the unexpected in the pulpit either. I expect Him to do the unexpected and I'm never disappointed. Incidentally, may I ask parenthetically how many times you go to church Sunday morning just perfunctorily, without expecting anything to happen? You don't expect anything to happen and you are not disappointed. Listen, Jesus said that wherever two or three are gathered together in His name there He is in their midst. Do you mean to tell me that you could have Jesus present and not expect something to happen? Don't you ever dare go to church again or meet together in Christ's name without expecting something, and you'll not be disappointed.

This is the heart of fellowship groups: Jesus Christ is there. I don't make any apology to invite anyone to breakfast in Christ's name because I know the Son of God is going to be there, and if the Son of God is going to be there, something is going to happen. No doubt about it. Fellowship of this kind is demonstration, if you please, of truth in its relevance, truth midst joys and pains, truth midst success and failure, truth midst fulfillment and frustration, truth in the realities of life. Exposure to this is absolutely phenomenal to the unregenerate secular man. He has been looking for this in his club, in his lodge, in the local bar, at conventions. Somehow something's lacking. Then he is exposed to Christian fellowship, authentic Christian fellowship, and all of a sudden he discovers the answer to his emptiness which up to that moment has refused to be satisfied. His hunger for God is being satisfied for the first time when he is in the middle of two or more Christians meeting in Christ's name.

Forgive me for this quotation in the midst of this audience, but I believe it's accurate. One of the leading psychiatrists of Europe has said that though he began his practice as a Freudian, the more he tried to help mankind, the more he was driven to Jesus Christ. "Now," he says, "I believe the central neurosis is a neurosis of emptiness." Well, I don't know much about this from the point of view of the professional, but I know it's very practical. I reckon on this whenever I approach secular man, and it never misses. Man without God is empty. He's trying everything he knows to fill the void, and only the Son of God can fill it. Christian fellowship meets this God-hunger need in man.

Now, I know somebody is saying, "Tell us how to do it." That's what we'd like, you know, a technique, but then it's no longer fellowship. Organize it and it's no longer fellowship. Someone has said that if two Americans fell from an airplane they would have elected a president, a vice-president and appointed a committee before they landed. We are congenital organizers. Just get together in Christ's name. Three doctors said last night, "We want to win all of the doctors and dentists in our city for Christ. How do we do it?" I told them, "Get together once a week and pray about it." That's an awfully simple answer isn't it, but that's the most profound answer I could give. And if I told you to do any more than that I'd be sinning against the Lord. You try it. If you feel a burden for your city, meet with somebody else who feels a burden and Jesus will be there. Pray about it and you will see that things happen. ■■

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State clerks are now in the process of compiling a complete list of churches. District associations and local churches are strongly urged to cooperate in this, since it is imperative that we have a complete list.

Because of these developments it should be noted that only those Free Will Baptist Churches which are in fellowship with the National Association can be protected by this group ruling. Any Free Will Baptist Church not so identified should take immediate steps to qualify on an individual basis. Otherwise contributions by individuals may be disallowed.

The National Association of Evangelicals is a fellowship of evangelical Christians. It is more than a fellowship, however. It is also an action group. Nearly all evangelical denominations are relative small in numbers, and alone on our national scene can make little impact on the political and social areas of national life. United in a great organization like NAE their voice can be heard.

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Redeeming Society

by Richard C. Halverson

I WANT TO READ AGAIN this morning the same passage which I read yesterday, I Corinthians 12:12-26. This is one of the most definitive descriptions of the church to be found in the Bible, and is incalculably significant for us to understand. "For just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one spirit we were all baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink of one spirit. For the body does not consist of one member, but of many. If the foot should say," (Here we have described a kind of unchristian inferiority complex that gets hold of some Christians. I'm not so sure that it is always sincere and honest, but here's a description of it.) "... because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body, it would not make it any less a part of the body, and if the ear should say, because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body, that would not make it any less a part of the body."

There is no such thing as a Christian unimportant to the church. Everybody is indispensable, a part of the body. And then Paul asks with beautiful logic, "If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing?" Do you think the church could get along without you? If you are not as you ought to be, will you be missed?" If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them *as He chose*." You quit complaining where you are in the body. You were put where you are by God and He knows what He is doing. And then again with the beautiful Pauline logic, "If all were a single organ, where were the body?"

One of the sinful inclinations in the organized church is the tendency to make a principle of one's experience and impose that principle on everybody else. If your brother doesn't have an experience like yours, his is invalid. You find a way to witness effectively so you write a book on how to witness, and keep everyone who reads that book from

being himself, the way God the Holy Spirit wants him to be. He thinks he has to witness like you do. There's even a book out now, and incidentally it has sold thousands of copies, with a title that almost makes me sick to my stomach, *Soul Winning Made Easy*. It cost the Son of God His blood on the cross. And we talk about making it easy. If this isn't a commentary on Twentieth Century evangelical Christianity! You don't need the Holy Spirit; you just need that book. You take the pious language out of a book like that, combine it with all kinds of reason movers and emotion movers that you can get on Madison Avenue, and you will achieve the predictable results that you want. You don't need the Holy Spirit. Hogwash! One of the first characteristics of sin is its monotony, its casting everybody in the same mold; one of the first characteristics of righteousness is its variety, infinite variety, letting every man be himself. You can't be yourself except you are mastered by Jesus Christ. You can't be yourself except you are filled with the Holy Ghost. He's the one that knows how to make you be yourself.

"As it is there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand I have no need of you." Now here comes the other extreme, the superiority complex of the church. I don't need anybody else. "The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you, more again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those parts of the body which we think less honorable we invest with the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so adjusted the body" (Can't you just feel the sovereignty of God here?) "... that the members may have the same care for one another." Somebody said yesterday after the message, "Now are you going to tell us what to do? You've got us under conviction." Well is there somebody you dislike in the body? Is there somebody

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