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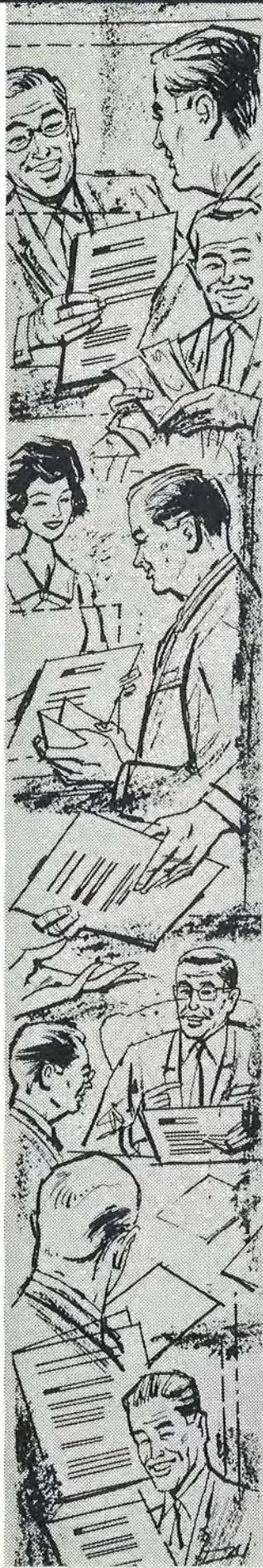


# ANNUAL REPORT

## COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT - 1964

STATE	1963	1964	INCREASE	DECREASE	PER CAPITA*
Alabama	\$ 1,484.14	\$ 1,257.70		\$226.44	.08
Arizona	—0—	622.65	622.65		3.11
Arkansas	2,534.89	3,984.88	1,449.99		.27
California	7,788.51	8,421.29	632.78		1.90
Florida	5,726.33	5,100.48		625.85	1.06
Georgia	2,537.80	2,724.15	186.35		.26
Idaho	—0—	18.71	18.71		.15
Illinois	5,814.74	6,650.53	835.79		2.52
Indiana	870.84	346.98		523.86	.42
Iowa	524.69	—0—		524.69	—0—
Kansas	2,002.51	2,173.72	171.21		3.70
Kentucky	631.04	1,096.02	464.98		.12
Michigan	32.00	—0—			—0—
Mississippi	—0—	54.82	54.82		.02
Missouri	11,665.12	13,894.28	2,229.16		1.23
New Hampshire	261.68	319.33	57.65		4.00
New Mexico	561.00	349.21		211.89	1.14
North Carolina	2,899.28	2,456.95		442.33	.14
Ohio	540.70	1,602.24	1,061.54		.23
Oklahoma	12,333.26	16,192.30	3,859.04		.87
South Carolina	—0—	44.94	44.94		.006
Tennessee	3,626.21	4,701.29	1,075.08		.30
Texas	3,298.04	2,733.72		564.32	.48
Virginia	3,348.89	3,010.92		337.97	.46
Washington	105.25	92.00		13.25	.54
Total	\$68,587.02	\$77,849.11			

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My Twelve Years in India  
Reports From Japan

## MARCH—REVIVAL MONTH

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).



**T**HE PEOPLE OF GOD, journeying through the wilderness, had reached Sinai. The hand of the Lord, through Moses, had delivered them from Egyptian bondage. They had been eye-witnesses to the miracles of God. They saw the plagues in Egypt. They watched the Red Sea open for them to pass through. They drank the water from the rock, and ate the manna from heaven.

Now, in a few short days, with Moses absent, they forgot the God who had brought them out of slavery, and turned aside from following Him.

In Exodus 32 and 33 we have the record of their sins and their return to the Lord. This spiritual awakening in the wilderness presents a clear picture of revival.

#### **The Backslidings Of Israel**

It is hard to imagine these people, who had experienced so much from God, backsliding; yet it happened. Any people who forget the blessings of the Lord will fall into sin.

##### *A. Insurrection.*

"... for as for *this Moses*, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him" (Exodus 32:1). There is detectable in the irreverence for Moses, rebellion against his leadership. Moses was God's man. Any fight with Moses was in reality a fight with God. The people staged an insurrection. They turned against the Lord. This was the initial step backwards.

Rebellion against God is sin of the worst sort. It is high treason. Do you seek to have your own way, rather than yield to the leadership of Christ? This wilful attitude is sin.

##### *B. Idolatry.*

"... after he had made it a molten calf; and they said, These be thy Gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt" (Exodus 32:4).

When men rebel against the true God, they must have something to worship, so they make for themselves gods of gold.

The children of Israel made personal sacrifices for their idol god. "All the people brake off the golden earrings." Regardless of the god you serve, it will cost you. Pleasure, power, position, possessions—all take a toll from your life.

##### *C. Indulgence.*

"... and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play" (Exodus 32:6).

Backslidden folk live only to satisfy the lust of the flesh. John said that fleshly lusts were of this world; and any man who lives for these appetites, "the love of the Father is not in him."

The basic philosophy of modern society is eat, drink, and be merry. This is a clear sign of a people who have forgotten God.

The accusations of the Lord against Israel were—(1) They have corrupted themselves (vs. 7). (2) They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I

commanded them (vs. 8). (3) They have made a molten calf, and worshipped it (vs. 8). (4) They are a stiffnecked people (vs. 9). Revival was needed.

Would God accuse our people of any less? They are unrepentant, rebellious, breaking His commandments, and corrupted with the filth of immorality. This country needs to come back to the Lord.

#### **The Chastisements of God**

The Lord moved in disciplinary judgment upon backslidden Israel. This resulted in their return to Jehovah.

##### *A. He destroyed their idol.*

"And he took the calf which they had made, and burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it" (Exodus 32:20).

This was extremely repulsive. They were forced to drink the very god of their idol worship.

Many times the Lord must destroy those gods which come between Him and His people. The child who is worshipped by backslidden parents may be taken away. The job that hinders your service for God may be lost. Financial setbacks may be suffered by those who worship money. That beautiful home can become smoking ashes.

When the idol is gone the attention of the soul may be once again turned to the living God.

##### *B. He slew three thousand.*

"Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, 'Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor' ... and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men" (Exodus 32:27-28).

There is a sin unto death. In order to

# AWAKENING

# IN THE

by Bobby Jackson



turn others back to God, sometimes backsliders must die. For the future purity of His people the Lord may kill some.

It is a deadly, dangerous thing to go back on God. No man can rebel against God and escape punishment. Anyone at war with the Almighty must lose. He can't win.

*C. He withdrew fellowship from them.*

"... for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people" (Exodus 33:3).

The Lord will not walk in fellowship with rebellious, stiffnecked, wicked men. These were His chosen people, but He refused to go with them because of sin.

"If we walk in the light we have fellowship with God," John said. "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" (1 John 1:6).

If you wilfully do that which you know to be wrong, you will not have the joy and peace of His fellowship in your life.

#### **The Conditions Of Revival**

Israel returned to Jehovah God. Revival came among the people. The way back to God is clearly shown here. Any people may experience revival, if they meet the same conditions.

*A. They confessed their sins.*

"And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold" (Exodus 32:31).

In genuine compassion, with heavy heart, Moses went to the Lord in intercession for a backslidden people. He rebuked them for their sin, and then went to God in earnest prayer of confession.

Notice the specific naming of the sin. Any one separated from God by sin must honestly acknowledge that sin before the Lord, or restoration will never come. If

you have sinned, don't dodge it, evade it, deny it. You cannot justify yourself. Cry out to God, "I have sinned." This is the way back.

*B. They repented of their sins.*

"... they mourned; and no man did put on him his ornaments" (Exodus 33:4).

Godly sorrow worketh repentance. They wept and mourned over their sins. This was a sincere turning from their wickedness.

The Lord always forgives and receives the repentant sinner. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

*C. They sought the Lord.*

"... everyone which sought the Lord went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation" (Exodus 33:7).

When repentant men seek after God, He will be found of them.

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

Herein is the way of revival. Those who have forgotten God must remember Him. Those who have turned back in sin must return in repentance. No man can seek the Lord, and his own selfish desires at the same time.

These are conditions necessary for spiritual awakening during any age. God's people must meet them, if revival is to come.

#### **The Results of Revival**

Any actual, spiritual revival will be seen in lasting results. So it was with Israel.

*A. Fellowship with God restored.*

"And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest"

(Exodus 33:14).

The Lord renewed His promise to go before them, to guide them, protect them, sustain them, and give them rest.

When those who have sinned return to the Lord, the joy of fellowship is restored. The consciousness of Christ's presence comes with genuine spiritual awakening.

*B. Separation of the people renewed.*

"... so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth" (Exodus 33:16).

When folks backslide, they mix with this godless world. When revival comes the people of God separate themselves from the wicked. Those who are in fellowship with the Lord are a peculiar people. They walk, talk, dress, and act in a manner which distinguishes them from the world.

We need the kind of revival that will make the people of God a separated people. If it comes, you'll see the results.

*C. Glory of the Lord revealed.*

"And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by" (Exodus 33:22).

With revival comes a new revelation of God. The scales of sin blind the eyes to the majesty and glory of the Lord, but when the soul is awakened there is a new understanding of Him.

Jehovah may show His glory and manifest Himself in the midst of His people when their hearts are right.

From this new vision of the Lord the people learned some important attributes of God's nature. "And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, *merciful and gracious, longsuffering*, and abundant in *goodness and truth*. Keeping mercy for thousands, *forgiving* iniquity and transgression and sin..." (Exodus 34:6,7).

What a wonderful message these revived Israelites had to give to the world! God is merciful. He will forgive iniquity. He is gracious to save sinners, and longsuffering, not willing that men should perish, but that they should come to repentance.

This is the story which Christians have to tell a lost world. It can only be told effectively by those who are right with God themselves.

A direct result of genuine revival is the spreading of the message of salvation, thus bringing sinners to know our Christ.

May the God of revival who awakened His people in the wilderness, do it again in our generation. ■ ■

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# WILDERNESS





## Round-Up of

# World-Wide

## RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

### Zondervan Announces Best Year

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Zondervan Publishing House here has closed the biggest year in its 34-year history. P. J. and B. D. Zondervan enthusiastically report that all previous sales and publishing records have been broken.

Heading the list of best sellers is *The Amplified Old Testament*, Part One, with 100,000 copies sold between September 1 and December 1. Other top sellers include *Halley's Bible Handbook*, over 107,000 copies sold in 1964.

The one-millionth copy of *The Amplified New Testament* is now on the presses, with over 100,000 copies sold during 1964. In addition, sales on the unique *Marked Reference Bible* show an increase of eighty-five per cent.

### Religious Freedom Boosted

ROME, ITALY—Two evangelical ministers won a court case on January 14, 1965, in Foggia, Italy, affirming their right to preach their religious beliefs outdoors.

An appeals court judge ruled that preaching outdoors was no crime. The ruling came some eleven months after the ministers were detained by police after holding a service in a public square in Foggia. Seven months later, Rev. Royal Peck and Rev. Bernard Oxenham, without their knowledge, were tried "in absentia," convicted, and fined \$25.00 each.

### Missionary Plane Burns

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A recently appointed Assemblies of God missionary to the Bahamas survived a forced belly landing of a four-place Beech Bonanza on a sandy beach January 4, according to reports released by the denomination's foreign missions department here.

On a trip from Mayguana Island to Nassau, the Rev. Finis E. Bradshaw, the pilot, smelled smoke when they were about seven miles from Long Island, Bahamas.

"Seconds later smoke began to pour into the cabin," Mr. Bradshaw said, "and

oil coming from around the motor cowlings covered the windshield except for a small spot. I shut down the engine, turned off all switches except the radio, and made two Mayday calls giving identification and location as seven miles southeast of Long Island and going toward the beach."

The fire did not advance and the pilot was able to make a slow glide toward the beach. Executing a successful belly landing, he and his companions emptied the plane of personal belongings and one of them went for help. About ten minutes later there was an explosion. Fire began shooting through the floor into the cockpit and ultimately destroyed the plane.

### Summer Institute of Missions

WHEATON, ILL.—Dr. Donald E. Hoke, president of Japan Christian College who is spending his furlough year as an instructor in the Wheaton College Graduate School here, will serve as coordinator of the ninth consecutive Summer Institute of Missions scheduled for June 8 to July 15, 1965, it was announced here by Dr. Enock C. Dyrness, registrar and director of the Summer School.

Geared to the needs of missionaries on furlough and accepted candidates, the Summer Institute of Missions has gained in appeal each year with worldwide participation.

Courses offered for the Intersession part of the Institute (June 8-18) include the Gospel of John, taught by Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the Wheaton Graduate School, and Missionary Anthropology, by James O. Buswell III, of the college faculty.

Other Institute courses include Missionary Writing Today, by James L. Johnson, executive director of Evangelical Literature Overseas, and Psychological Counseling, by Dr. James Dolby of the college psychology department.

### \$3 Million For Literature

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND (MNS)—The World Council of Churches will

disburse a total of \$3 million to church groups around the world in the next five years for the production of indigenous Christian literature. It is to be spent in Asia, Africa, Latin American, Oceania and the Caribbean.

### \$24,000 To Carlson Fund

CHICAGO, ILL. (MNS)—Contributions totaling \$24,000 have been made thus far to a trust fund for the family of Dr. Paul Carlson, medical missionary killed by Communist rebels in the Congo on November 24.

Dr. L. Arden Almquist, executive secretary of World Missions of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America, said that about half the amount has been collected at the mission's headquarters here, and the other half by the Covenant congregation in Pasadena, California, of which Dr. Carlson was a member.

He stated that besides the fund for Dr. Carlson's widow and children, the denomination plans to launch a separate drive for funds to continue the medical missionary work of Dr. Carlson, who served under the auspices of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

### World Relief Commission

NEW YORK, N. Y.—During 1964 the N.A.E. World Relief Commission provided world-wide relief assistance valued at well over one-half million dollars. Mr. Wendell L. Rockey, Executive Director, reports the total dollar value of shipments at \$629,007.00.

The World Relief Commission, currently maintaining independent and cooperative programs of active assistance in several Asian and African countries, functions as the relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals.

### CMA Reports High Giving

NEW YORK, N. Y. (MNS)—Members and friends of The Christian and Missionary Alliance contributed a record-breaking total of \$4,454,000 for world-wide missionary work during 1964, it was announced here by the Rev. B. S. King, treasurer of the international work of the Alliance.

With only 75,000 members on the rolls of its 1,200 churches in the United States and Canada, The Christian and Missionary Alliance again takes a leading place among religious organizations for per capita contributions to missionary causes, about \$60.00 annually for each member. These are contributions beyond the usual support of local church expenses and support of the ministry in the local churches.

To bring about the record-breaking total, the congregations in the Alliance gave \$525,000 to missions during December, 1964, the largest sum for a single month in the history of the Alliance.



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## LAYING OF CORNERSTONE

HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

National Association Of Free Will Baptists

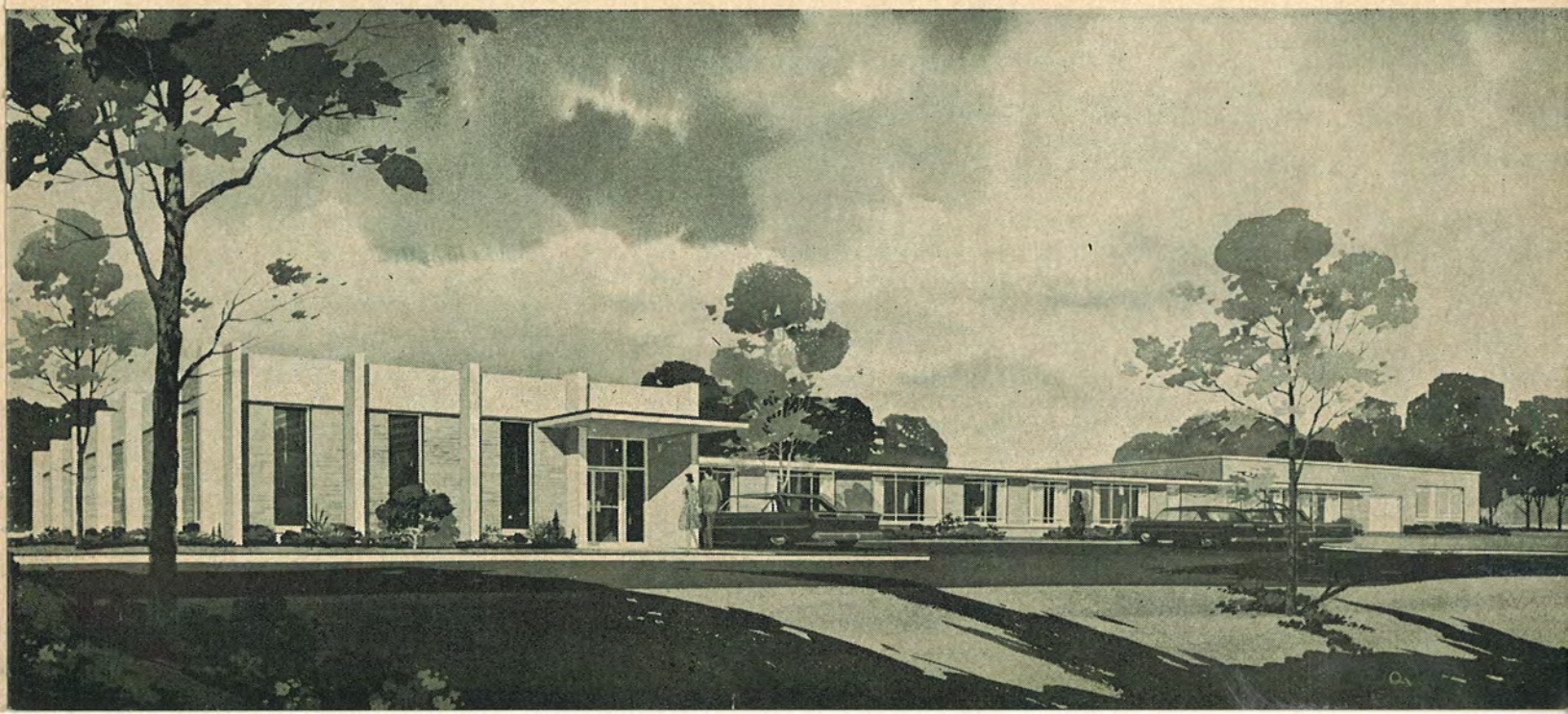
Wednesday, April 7, 1965, 2:30 P.M.

Bring an offering for furnishings

■ A significant milestone will be reached on the occasion of the cornerstone laying for the new headquarters building of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. This building will supply much needed space for six departments of our national work. In addition, there will be space for conference rooms, a book store and storage. You are invited to share with us in this special event.

Since some furnishings needed for the building will not be provided in the contract price, we are asking that interested churches and individuals bring an offering to help us with these. If it is not possible for you to bring your gift, please mail it to us prior to April 7, clearly indicating the purpose of your gift. We will then be able to include your gift with the offering.

Please pray for God's continued blessings to rest upon us in these days. It is our prayer that these larger facilities will enable us to more effectively extend our gospel witness.





# THE ART OF HOSPITAL VISITATION

by Robert Shockey

When a person is admitted  
to the hospital he has time to  
think of God.

ONE OF THE DOORS of opportunity in the pastorate is hospital visitation. It is my opinion that one of the main reasons why this vital ministry is so neglected is that our training institutions have failed to include this very important and needful study in the curriculum. It is my observation that more time needs to be given to train the ministry in this field of service.

It has been said that there are seven major conditions of the sick room which make it imperative that a religious ministry be made available to those patients who desire it and even those who do not desire it. These conditions are: *pain, anxiety, hostility, guilt complex, boredom, despair, and loneliness*. These are dreaded enemies of mankind both inside and outside the hospital, but they are much harder to cope with from a sick bed where a person is removed from the normal channel of life.

Experience teaches us that when a person enters the hospital, he has time to think of God. This gives the pastor an opportunity to minister to the patient. Many times the patient has a particular problem which requires considerable time in guidance and counselling. Often these problems are in the area of functional illness where the physical illness has been related to the way the patient has been looking at life and its meaning. Here is where the minister needs much wisdom (James 1:5).

A patient should be counselled at the proper time. Never should a pastor seek to give counsel during visiting hours while others are coming in and going out. It gives the patient an added sense of fear and confusion. A time should be chosen when you will not be interrupted by outsiders, the family or the hospital personnel. It also should be noted that if another patient is in the room provision should be made to make your conversation as private as possible.

Prayer is a very important step in counselling the patient. Before the counselling begins, bow your hearts before God and pray definitely for the patient, mentioning his name, and for wisdom and understanding as you seek God's will at this time. This will give the patient confidence and assurance which are two stepping stones for helping in any given circumstance.

One of the questions that is usually asked the minister is "Why am I suffering?" It is a logical question especially if the person is a Christian and is doing his best to serve God. Here is a wonderful opportunity for the minister. He can assure the patient that sickness and sorrow comes to us all. There is no escape from the burdens of life. We have not been promised exemption from suffering, but thank God there is wonderful help and strength for the Christian. Although



we are unable to explain much of the suffering, we do know a power that can conquer suffering. The minister needs to point out that sickness is not a great calamity in life. It could well be the gateway to many blessings and a fuller life in God.

One morning I awakened by the ringing of the phone. It was an anxious voice that spoke, pleading for help for a dear loved one who had just experienced a severe heart attack. I hurriedly dressed, praying all the time that God would allow me to make it to the hospital before it was too late. Minutes later I arrived at the hospital only to find the family in tears. Some were afraid that if I counselled with him about his soul, the excitement might be too much for him. After a few moments of meditation, I assured the family that if I could help lead him to Christ it would be far better than letting him live a few more hours and then go into eternity without God. With part of the family's consent, I proceeded to give him God's wonderful plan of salvation and urged him to repent of his sins and accept Christ as his Saviour. This he did and immediately began to rejoice with so much emotion that I must confess, I had some fear that possibly he might over exert himself. Well, praise the Lord, God allowed him to live and give his testimony to his family and many others. He admitted that while his suffering was difficult to understand, it brought him to the realization of his need for a Saviour and resulted in eternal life plus all the benefits of being an heir of God and a joint heir with the Lord Jesus Christ.

It would also be well for the minister to explain that while we have good health, we give too little time to the nurturing of our precious souls. We get so busy at the office, the school, the shop, and at home that we forget to take time for God. You see, in working out His plan for our lives, the all-wise God may deem it necessary to take us through some soul refining or soul searching experience to prepare us for service or some greater service for His glory.

Not only should the pastor explain some things about sickness and suffering, but he should also take the opportunity to give a few timely words of encouragement and instruction in the course of conversation. It is evident that while hospitals are interested in helping the patient physically, too little time is given in helping the patient adjust to the daily procedures.

First, assure the patient that recovery depends largely upon him. The doctors, nurses and medicine can do great things, but they can't do everything.

Second, encourage the patient to cooperate with the hospital personnel and follow the instructions given in every



retail. Don't hide medicine. Don't slip and eat anything that has not been prescribed by the doctor.

Third, don't worry, grumble, or complain about the service you are getting or about your condition. Your mental outlook has a lot to do with your physical condition. It is my personal belief that God gives the prescription for a cure from worry in His Word. Notice Philipians 4:6-8: "Be careful for nothing (in nothing be anxious), but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are *true*, whatsoever things are *honest*, whatsoever things are *just*, whatsoever things are *pure*, whatsoever things are *lovely*, whatsoever things are of *good report*, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, **THINK** on these." If we think on these things our mind, as well as our hearts, will not be troubled with the cares of this life. It's like the statement so well put, "If we do what we are supposed to do, we don't have time to do what we are not supposed to do." So if we will use our minds to think on the things that are right, we don't have time to think on the things that are wrong, we don't have time to worry over the things that trouble us.

Fourth, seek to lead the patient into a

daily fellowship with God by encouraging him to read his Bible and pray. The power of God is not limited, therefore, it is necessary for the patient to cultivate these privileges.

The second objective of hospital visitation is to coordinate the spiritual ministry with the physical ministry.

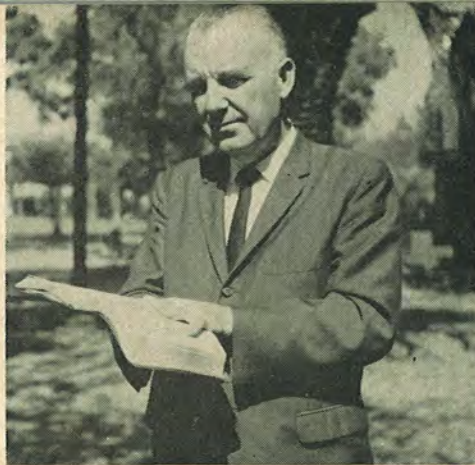
It goes without saying that we need a close-working relationship with the doctors, nurses and hospital personnel. To treat the whole man, all the members of the healing team must work together. It has been my privilege to have a close-working relationship with many doctors and they do appreciate the combined efforts to help the individual patient. Perhaps, one of the reasons we have not taken advantage of this association with the medical profession is because we have not seen the need or we are afraid that we will not be accepted. Here again we must go back to the needs of the patient. Let's consider the conditions of the sick room again. Pain is only one condition. A pill or injection may be given and relief is the result, but the other conditions, anxiety, hostility, guilt complex, boredom, despair, and loneliness are not as easy to relieve, therefore it may take a combination of the physical, mental, and spiritual ministry to bring a patient back into a normal, happy and useful life.

I am fully persuaded that more emphasis should be placed on these things. (Continued on page 10)



## WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

by Louis H. Moulton



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

*Not too long ago our President was asking for sacrifice on the part of many citizens to meet the threat of communism in Berlin and elsewhere. Then he turned right around and approved a 600% increase in export licenses for shipment of goods to communist countries. Can God possibly bless our nation as long as we sanction such as this?*

*When a Christian pays tithes and offerings into the church through envelopes a record is kept by the church treasurer. At the end of the year these same people turn in the amount given on their income tax return. Then in turn they get back most of what they have given. Is this really giving tithes and offerings?*

*When an ordained minister comes from another denomination and joins the Free Will Baptist denomination does a council ordain him again? What is the proper thing to do?*

We are admonished in 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray and make intercession for "kings and for all that are in authority." The reason is indicated "... that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." With so much corruption, graft and political deceit nearly everywhere, we need as never before to pray without ceasing. How God continues his blessings upon us is beyond me to explain except for the faithfulness of the "despised few" who refuse to conform to this world. Since "righteousness exalteth a nation" (Proverbs 14:34) and since Psalm 33:12 assures us "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." let us pray for those in authority, live righteously ourselves, and constantly watch for the fulfillment of Jesus' promise, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself..." (John 14:3). May God hasten the day!

I'm not sure, but I think I detect in your letter an undertone of dissatisfaction with the practice of using the envelope system. A person does not get back his tithe from the government, but rather a part of the income tax which most employers deduct from a person's paycheck before he gets it. I always advise use of the envelope system so that proper credit can be given by the church. Since the government will allow up to 30% deductions for church and charitable contributions, it is worth our while to give generously for that reason. But we have a better reason. The Bible commands it and there is a reward in eternity for faithfulness in stewardship. See Malachi 3:10; Revelation 2:10b; Luke 12:42-48.

There may be various ways practiced by associations or conferences in different states. Part of the associational decorum printed in the annual minutes of the district association of my state (Georgia) carries this item: "No church shall liberate any minister who comes from any other denomination until he has been examined by the ordaining council and has received credentials bearing the approval of the council." After proper examination, the council may recommend to the body that the new man be received and recognized with full privileges, etc. Sometimes he is received for a probationary period of a year before he is released or ordained as a minister in our denomination.

## Hospital Visitation

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phases needs to be given to this area. I believe that the minister, in any given situation, should make himself available to the medical staff for consultation when the need arises. Just recently I was called upon to render service to a particular patient where the doctor was unable to determine the patient's problem. The patient had a fear of what the doctor might think about some things she had done. After about thirty minutes of counselling with this young lady she gave her heart to Christ and I was able then to convince her that it was necessary to give the doctor all the facts concerning her case. This she did and the doctor was able to help her immediately. In this case, time was of essence and a combination of our efforts helped to put this young lady on the road to recovery.

I believe that it would be well to list some suggestions to the casual hospital visitor or the laity who feels that hospital visitation is part of his calling. The following list of do's and don'ts are simple suggestions that should be kept in mind while visiting. Remember, every visitor that enters the hospital either helps or hinders the patient. Much damage has been done when the visitor says or does something without thinking about the effect it will have on the patient.

### Do's For Hospital Visitors

1. Do your visiting during visiting hours.
2. Do check with the receptionist before going to patient's room.
3. Do be quiet.
4. Do consider the other patients.
5. Do be cheerful.
6. Do cooperate with the medical staff.
7. Do let the doctors diagnose the case.
8. Do let the pastor know who is sick.
9. Do call the nurse if you notice anything unusual about the patient.
10. Do leave on time.

### Don'ts For Hospital Visitors

1. Don't smoke in the room.
2. Don't sit on the bed.
3. Don't talk about your problems.
4. Don't take food into the room.
5. Don't have but two visitors in the room at one time.
6. Don't get aggravated with the personnel.
7. Don't grumble and complain in the presence of the patient.
8. Don't use the rest rooms provided for patients only.
9. Don't do anything that would upset the patient.
10. Don't forget to pray. ■■



# 1965 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

January, 1965

## COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	January, 1965	Year to Date	Total to Jan. 1964	Designated Jan. 1965
Alabama	\$ 61.90	\$ 61.90	\$ 290.94	\$ 9.90
Arizona	52.57	52.57		
Arkansas			212.98	
California	614.61	614.61	1,208.07	
Florida	38.01	38.01		
Georgia	138.61	138.61	157.06	
Illinois	520.95	520.95	678.50	
Indiana	66.00	66.00	64.00	
Kansas	161.69	161.69		
Kentucky			70.00	
Mississippi	42.00	42.00		
Missouri			1,832.72	
New Hampshire	19.19	19.19	46.66	
New Mexico			45.95	
North Carolina	73.37	73.37	185.46	
Ohio	165.68	165.68	128.15	
Oklahoma	1,211.71	1,211.71	959.32	43.53
Tennessee	532.37	532.37	703.77	
Texas	210.23	210.23	259.98	
Virginia	316.00	316.00	328.72	

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	Cooperative January, 1965	Receipts Year to Date	Designated January, 1965	Year to Date	Total Receipts to Date
Foreign Missions	\$1,212.62	\$1,212.62			\$1,212.62
F.W.B. Bible College	878.10	878.10			878.10
Executive Dept.	836.26	836.26			836.26
C.T.S. Dept.	418.12	418.12			418.12
Home Missions	659.12	659.12	9.90	9.90	669.02
Superannuation Board	125.45	125.45			125.45
Stewardship Commission	41.79	41.79			41.79
Headquarters Building Fund			43.53	43.53	43.53

# GEMS

## FROM THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

IN LAST MONTH'S column, comment was made about part of Galatians 1:8, 9. Another part of that passage occupies us in this column, particularly the word translated "accursed" when Paul says "If any preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be *accursed*." The word is *anathema*, and is very interesting indeed.

The basic idea in the word *anathema* is of something "devoted to God," "consecrated" to Him, "set apart" for Him. When we stop to analyze the matter of things that are devoted to God, we recognize that some things are devoted to God for His use in a good way; other things are devoted to God for destruction. Either way, it is a matter of something being consecrated or set apart to God for His glory, for He does get glory by the things He must destroy as well as the things that are yielded for His service.

If this sounds like a strange idea, one might recall the matter of Israel and Jericho in Judges 6. One will note there (verses 17-21 especially) that Jericho was "accursed to the Lord," that is, devoted to Him for destruction; on the other hand, there were vessels, silver, and gold that were "consecrated unto the Lord," that is, devoted to Him for use in His service. In both cases the thing is "devoted" to God "set apart" for Him; and in both He obtains glory for Himself. In one by destroying it and in the other by using it in His service.

This distinction is exactly preserved in two Greek words in the New Testament, both of them being built on the same original root word and having only a slightly different spelling: *anathama* means something set apart to God in a good sense for His service, *anathema* something set apart to Him for destruction. It is this latter word, which is obviously a very strong one, that Paul uses in Galatians 1:8, 9. Any teacher who comes along bringing a false gospel comes under Paul's denunciation: "Let him be devoted to God for destruction!" This is the equivalent of saying "Let him be destroyed!" or "Let him be damned!"

This word also occurs in four other places in the New Testament: Acts 23:14, Romans 9:3, I Corinthians 12:3 and 16:22. The other word, *anathama*, devoted to God's service, occurs only once, in Luke 21:5, where it is translated "gifts." ■ ■



# Glancing Around The States



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## BIBLE CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL 4-8

The 22nd annual Bible Conference, April 4-8, will feature as speakers Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland, president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and newly elected president of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges; the Rev. J. R. Davidson of Vienna, Georgia, pastor and an early founder of Free Will Baptist Bible College; and the Rev. Guy Owens of Detroit, Michigan, pastor-evangelist.

The conference program will also include special music by the College music department and daily missionary prayer band services. The first service will begin Sunday evening, April 4, at 7:30. Services are scheduled each morning and evening Monday through Wednesday with the five-day meeting closing at noon on Thursday, April 8.

Services will be held in the College's Memorial Auditorium with the exception of the Wednesday evening service which will be held uptown in the 2200-seat War Memorial Auditorium. College officials have announced that conference guests cannot be accommodated in the

dormitories this year. A nursery will be provided for pre-school-age children of guests.

### Awards Given

TUPELO, MISS.—The Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church here recently made 62 Sunday school attendance awards. They range in years from one to 25.

The church also observed National Youth Week January 31-February 7. The young people were used to fill positions in the church. The "Tony Fontaine Story" was shown during the week. Rev. Luther Gibson is the pastor.

### Mission Abroad Continued

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Director, Reford Wilson, and Director of Information, Jerry Ballard arrived in Calcutta, India January 22 as they continued their assigned photographic and research mission abroad.

The two mission leaders spent 15 days in Japan surveying Free Will Baptist work there. Landing in Tokyo after their departure from Los Angeles, they traveled up the country to Hokkaido and then down to Taipeh, Taiwan. Their stay in Japan included visits with Free Will Baptist missionaries and a general survey of the field.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Ballard flew to Hong Kong from Taiwan and then to Calcutta, India.

Reports from the two men indicate optimistic views toward developing Free Will Baptist work in those countries. The weather has been good for photographing the fields, a main purpose of the trip.

"Some difficulties have been encountered", reported Mr. Wilson, "but the Lord has taken care of us completely."

They will make other major stops in the Ivory Coast of West Africa, Europe, and South America.

### Purchases Made

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Foreign Mission Board purchased two vehicles during January for missionaries in Uruguay and Panama, the Bill Fulchers and Bill Phipps. The Fulchers, after ministering in Uruguay for four years, have not had the convenience of an automobile on the field. The Phipps are in their second year of missionary work in Central America.

### Church Purchases Car

AKRON, O.—The Akron Free Will Baptist Church here, under the leadership of its pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, raised the necessary funds for the pur-



chase of a car for Miss Volena Wilson, missionary in South India.

#### **New Church Organized**

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Home missionary, Rev. E. B. Ledlow has been working faithfully for several months here. Recently a new church was organized with 30 charter members.

#### **Church Dedication**

EL CANELITO, MEXICO—Another Free Will Baptist Church was dedicated here on February 10. The service was under the direction of Missionary Arthur Billows.

#### **Funds Needed**

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A monthly sum of \$31,000 is needed to meet the budget of the Foreign Missions Department. The general fund is about \$5,000 in the "red." Funds are also needed for furniture for the new headquarters office.

#### **Parsonage Purchased**

NICEVILLE, FLA.—The First Free Will Baptist Church here recently purchased a three-bedroom house to use as a parsonage. Included in the purchase was the adjoining property with an eleven-room house to be used for the training department.

There is a new auditorium under construction. The church had a bond program to finance the negotiations.

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# **STATE ASSOCIATIONS**

## ***North Carolina State Association, May 3-5***

Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church  
New Bern, North Carolina

## ***First New Mexico Association, May-13-14***

Hobbs, New Mexico

## ***West Virginia State Association, June 11-12***

Walnut Hill Free Will Baptist Church  
Omar, West Virginia

## ***Kansas State Association, June 17-19***

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church  
Kansas City, Kansas

## ***Kentucky State Association, June 17-19***

Toler Free Will Baptist Church  
Toler, Kentucky

## ***Michigan State Association, June 18-19***

First Free Will Baptist Church  
Hazel Park, Michigan

## ***Virginia State Association, June 18-19***

Bethany Free Will Baptist Church  
Norfolk, Virginia

## ***California State Association, June 23-25***

Oxnard Free Will Baptist Church  
Oxnard, California

## ***Ohio State Association, June 25-26***

Free Will Baptist Tabernacle  
(Slocum Station)  
Sciotoville, Ohio

## ***Illinois State Association, June 25-26***

Camp Grounds  
Benton, Illinois

## ***Missouri State Association, August 17-19***

Monett Free Will Baptist Church  
Monett, Missouri





by Samuel Johnson

*Samuel Johnson, National CTS Director, discusses plans with members of the Oklahoma State CTS Board. Seated in the middle is Don Jones and on the right is Burton Perry.*

## CTS WORKSHOPS

*Pictured below is a group from the South Grand River Association who attended a CTS workshop at the camp grounds near Waggoner, Oklahoma.*



THE OKLAHOMA CTS Board met with General Director Samuel Johnson in January to work out plans or coordination of promotional activity. The meeting was held during a week of workshop activity which had been scheduled by the board through the state promotional office. State Promotional Secretary, N. R. Smith, provided transportation and presented an opening devotion at each of the eight CTS workshops conducted.

The meeting of the General Director with the State Board proved to be extremely helpful to both. Ideas for improving the services of the national office were discussed and plans were made to involve the members of the state board in more promotional activity.

Since the meeting of the board in January, a suggested goal for new CTS groups has been considered. Sample literature and other helps will be provided to the board members for the purpose of extending the Church Training Service throughout the state.

### Activity in Florida

A similar meeting to the one in Oklahoma was held in the state of Florida. The General Director met with the State





*Pictured above is a group from Gaines Creek Association who attended the workshop held at the First Church in McAlester, Oklahoma.*



*Members of the Central Florida Association met at the First Church in Auburndale, Florida for a CTS Rally. Rev. Harvey Hill is the pastor.*

# PAY RICH DIVIDENDS

Board of Christian Education which is Florida's agency for promoting assistance to the National CTS office. A total of six workshops for churches were conducted by Mr. Johnson during the week.

Goals were set for the remainder of the associational year for organizing new CTS groups. Plans for reaching all active churches with the new CTS literature were also discussed. Suggestions and ideas for improving the CTS program were carefully considered. Such helps as sample literature, display items, and workshop outlines will be made available to state board members.

## Other States

Other states are invited to contact the national office and utilize the services which are being made available. There is no fixed charge for the services of the CTS personnel. It is requested that some type of offering or honorarium be made in order to cover actual traveling expenses. Thus far these needs have been met with little reference to finances. The emphasis has been on providing a service to the churches who wish to participate.

Every state, for the most part, has a board or committee which has been given

the responsibility of promoting the youth and training work. It is the desire of the National Church Training Service department to work with these agencies to help them accomplish their purpose. The involvement of state elected men in a planned program of promotion and extension will provide more help at a reasonable cost to more churches.

Workshops can be held by state CTS board members who may only have to travel a few miles in order to reach the host church. There are many churches in every state who either have no program of training or who do not use the new CTS materials. In most cases these churches would welcome the opportunity to have a CTS workshop conducted by a member of the state CTS board. Such activity will produce rich dividends for the church and the state.

Your National Church Training Service department is anxious to be of service to each state. If you are directly concerned, please write for the helps that are now available. Additional information will be supplied upon request. The answers you want may be waiting. You will never know until you ask. Write to your National CTS department today. ■■

*Left to right; Harvey Hill, Chairman Florida State Board of Christian Education; Milton Gann, member; Samuel Johnson, National CTS Director; Luther Burns, member; and C. I. Woodrull, member discuss plans for the state CTS promotion.*





# WANTED!

## SOME NEW

by J. D. O'Donnell

*There are many  
church workers  
who do not meet the  
qualifications of a  
good leader.*

THE OLD APOSTLE PAUL knew that he was soon to pass from the scene of his earthly existence. The great work which he had been doing was to become the work of others. His Pastoral Letters reflect his concern that his younger successors be prepared for the monumental task which he was leaving.

Timothy was in Ephesus. Paul had sent him there with confidence that he could lead these people. This letter and its admonitions were written to hearten this shy leader and to inspire him to achieve his purpose in this work. In the balance of his success lay the victory of the Gospel. He must fulfil his task.

Christianity needs leaders today. The church has workers galore but few leaders. This is because so many workers do not meet the qualifications which make a good leader. The leader who affects this world for Christ must be fully dedicated to his task. There must be no "Lord, suffer me first



# LEADERS

to bury my father" excuses. The decision must not be the rash decision of the one who came saying, "Lord, I'll follow you whithersoever thou goest." A sane consideration of the cost involved must be given before one commits himself. A leader cannot afford to hesitate while he "bids them farewell who are at home at my house." Such weighing of worldly attachments over against discipleship leads to ineffective leadership.

The leader who commits his all must be conscious of the type of world in which he lives. Jesus knew the world. He knew the circumstances under which He had to labor. God's leaders cannot be dreamers always envisioning the "sweet by and by." They must relate themselves to the "unsweet now and now." The messy world here is the area of our service. The monastery cannot be our haven. We must go to the "highways and hedges." We cannot be worshippers only relishing our beautiful services and chapels. We must be out

in the world reaching those who will not come to Him for life. There are many tasks which a leader must perform to be effective in the work of Christ.

## Learn of His Relation to Others.

The true leader must learn to relate himself to others. Though not "of the world," we are "in the world." Our lives overlap in this world. Each of us needs to know how to relate ourselves to our fellowman without handicapping him. Conflicts among Christians, idle gossip about each other, and other little things cause handicaps to each other. The work of Christ has reached a stalemate in some churches because men handicap each other with petty disagreements. They cannot relate themselves to each other. A man tells the story of watching as two mountain goats met on a log across a stream. Expecting a battle to ensue, he was surprised to see one lie down while the other climbed over him. Cannot leaders so learn to humble themselves, to prefer the other before himself?

Leaders must learn not to disturb the rights of others. Our age is characterized by men clamoring for "rights." Minorities and majorities are demanding that they be given their "rights" at the expense of others. I have no right which takes away the rights of others. If I desire the liberty to sling my arms around, I must remember that my liberty ends where your nose begins.

Like Adam we love to blame others for our wrongdoings. He blamed God. Look how he emphasized, "the woman which *thou* gavest to be with me." When anything goes wrong in the world, we blame others. The Democrats are to blame. The Republicans are to blame. The modernists and liberals are to blame. Never us. The other denominations are wrong, not Free Will Baptists! The former pastors are to blame, not you! Who is to blame for the depraved moral condition of society around us? Why not admit it? We're all involved.

Nations, peoples, individuals can't get along. They can't relate themselves to each other. Christians in churches are constantly bickering because they can't get along together. Proper relations to others will develop when we return to Biblical admonitions. "As much as lieth in you live peaceably with all men." "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Learn to go the second mile.

## Choose What Is of Highest Value

A leader must choose between values. We live in a world which deprecates the spiritual and exalts the material. A conflict rages, as it always has, in every heart between the choice of the mammon of the world and the things of the Spirit. The materialism of our world makes the spiritual out of step. Preachers, teachers, missionaries, all Christians must not let their hearts be deceived by choosing material values above the spiritual.

Our age is marked by the grasping after "things." But men of Jesus' day had the same problem. He warned against concern for food, clothing, shelter—the *things* for which men the world seek. Remember He said that if we should seek that which is truly valuable, "the kingdom of God and his righteousness," that "all *these things* shall be added." Concern for *things* should not mark a Christian.

What is valuable? Things which will not pass away. Things which have true value are spiritual. They are eternal. Material things will be destroyed when this world is destroyed.

As we look at men we need to have proper values. There is something beyond the meanness and madness of man. Man is depraved, sinful, corrupt, but this is not all. Men around us, no matter how immoral were created in the image of God. Something within him needs to be restored. If we are able to discern this in every man and realize his poten-

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## New Leaders

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tial, it will thrill us so that we will want to win men to Christ.

Let us rise above materialistic values. Let us learn to discern that in every man "feelings lie buried which grace can restore."

### Sense His Redemptive Responsibility

The leader in Christ's service must realize his potential to redeem others. A Christian who does not affect his society is not the leader he should be. Truly the Christian leader was intended to be the "salt of the earth." We are to be "the light of the world." The worldly man uses others for his own selfish person. The Christian leader is a servant to others.

Your neighbor who is lost is your responsibility. Not the priest, not the Levite, but *you* must take responsibility for him. We cannot condemn all other denominations and then refuse to take responsibility for witness. We cannot stand aside from the world and refuse to take responsibility. It is easy to criticize, but it is hard to step in and assume responsibility where we condemn. The Methodists may be doing it wrong, but are we doing anything at all? The other Baptists may be carrying the wrong doctrine, but are we carrying any at all? We don't like the way another fellow is doing it, but before we criticize we must be willing to assume the task he is carrying out.

Christians never become great leaders by fighting the bad in each other. To bring out the good and best in others, you must release the good in yourself. Christ taught us how to release the good in ourselves and to bring out the best in others. "Turn the other cheek" is not a bad admonition. When you carry out this principle, you challenge something in the other man. It causes him to see that something has happened to you. He wants it to happen to him. When you're sued for your overcoat, pitch in your other coat also. Doing unto others what you would have them do unto you is much better than fussing at him because he is not treating you right. As long as you quarrel, he'll quarrel. As long as you have your fists clenched, his are clenched too. Smile, he will have to smile also.

Going the "second mile" is an intriguing thought! Imagine in Palestine. A Jew under Roman domination hated the Romans who ruled his country. A law stated that when he met a Roman soldier he must, if asked, bear the luggage of that soldier for one mile—no more, no less. It mattered not which way

he was going nor how demanding his business was. Now suppose this Jew had become a Christian. He had heard Jesus' remarks about going the second mile. He meets a soldier who demands that he carry his baggage for a mile. As they trudge alone, he is impressed to witness. Can he witness? No, for he is no more than a dog in the sight of this arrogant soldier.

But when they come to the end of the first mile, the soldier says, "All right, your mile is finished. Let me have my load." The Christian Jew responds, "Sir, if you don't mind, let me carry your bags a piece further. I know you must be tired." As they trudge along, thoughts begin to pass through the soldier's mind. What kind of a person is this? Then he inquires, "Why are you doing this for me?" What an opportunity for witness! Now the Christian Jew can say, "Jesus has saved my soul. He has changed my life. I was a sinner and did evil. Now the change in my life teaches me to do good to all men." What a witness! This would be our opportunity too if we would sense our responsibility to redeem others by following the commands of Christ.

To redeem others, we must not judge them but try to rebuild them. They can only be rebuilt by the new birth. Christ in a life can change a life. Here is where the sense of redemptive responsibility is most vital. The story is told of the missionary who wore no shoes because he couldn't preach to those who had no shoes if he wore shoes. The principle goes further. We cannot effectively pray and send money for missions if we do not love lost souls. Concern for lost souls will cause us to sense our responsibility. This is what James was talking about when he showed how ineffective it was to pray for a person's needs to be fulfilled if you could fulfil those needs yourself.

This principle goes even further. We must be redeemed to feel the responsibility for winning others. A man was saved one night. The next day he felt that he just had to tell others. He was reprimanded by his foreman for telling others on the job. The matter came to the attention of the superintendent. Calling the saved man in he inquired why he was wasting time on the job. He replied, "I was saved last night and something inside makes me want to tell others." The superintendent replied, "I'm a Christian too. I know what you mean. Go back into the plant and tell everyone about your salvation. Then take the day off and go tell anyone you want to tell." Thus it is, one must be redeemed before he can tell others. Every leader must truly feel this experience before he can bless others. May we who are truly redeemed become leaders who affect our society and bring others to our Christ. ■■

## IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Roger C. Reeds**, Director of Sunday School Department, will be attending a TNT Rally in Norfolk, Virginia, March 5-6. He will be in a Sunday School Institute at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, March 15-19. Mr. Reeds will be in Nashville for a meeting of the Sunday School Board, March 23-25.

■ Promotional Secretary for National Home Missions, **Mark Vandivort**, will be attending the South Grand River Conference in Oklahoma, March 8-14. He will be in Nashville for the State Promotional Director's Meeting, March 25-26 and in St. Louis for a missionary conference, March 27-28.

■ **Harrold Harrison**, Director of Teacher Training, will conduct a Sunday School Institute at Woodbine Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, March 1-3. He will attend the TNT Rally in Norfolk, Virginia, March 5-6; Sunday School Institute in Morehead City, North Carolina, March 7-12; Ahoskie, North Carolina, March 15-19 for an institute; State Promotional Director's Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, March 25-26, and Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, March 28-April 2 for a Sunday School Institute.

■ Executive Secretary, **Billy A. Melvin**, will be in area meetings with pastors in Ohio, March 1-6. He will attend a Rally for NAE Convention and Executive Committee meeting, March 7-8 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Melvin will be in Nashville for the meeting of the State Promotional Directors, March 25-26.

■ **Homer E. Willis**, Director of Home Missions and Church Extension, will be at Loudendale Free Will Baptist Church, Charleston, West Virginia, March 22-28. He will be at Southgate Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan April 9-16.

■ Director of Youth Activities, **Ken Riggs**, will be attending the TNT Rally in Norfolk, Virginia, March 5-6. He will speak for the Youth For Christ Rally in Marianna, Florida, March 20 and March 30-April 2 he will be attending the Christian Camp and Conference Association, Green Lake, Wisconsin.



## The Price Of A Freeway

WHILE RIDING pleasantly along on one of this country's splendid freeways, have you ever asked: "How much did it cost?"

Highway officials say freeways cost anywhere from \$200,000 a mile in the rural areas to several million a mile in the hearts of cities.

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"Very costly!" you exclaim. Yes, indeed. But when one considers the convenience experienced, and the time saved; especially when that time means money, happiness, or the saving of life itself, the great cost of the freeway is more than justified.

These thoughts bring to mind the most costly of all freeways—the one leading from earth to glory. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "I am the way . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

He is the way to forgiveness, to deliverance from judgment, to rest, to life everlasting, to joy unspeakable and to divine glory!

This free Way was expensive! It cost the Father the giving up of the One in whom He found all His delight; and the sending of Him into this world of sin, sorrow, corruption, violence and death.

It cost His Son the glories of Heaven. It caused Him to take the form of a servant, become obedient unto death—the shameful, painful death of the cross.

It cost Him excruciating heart-break and agony as He took our sins upon His shoulders.

Yet it was all justified, since by His vicarious death and glorious resurrection, He opened the free Way from earth to glory. It is still open for whosoever will to enter and travel.

His invitation, "Come unto Me" is extended to all; and along with it is this blessed assurance: "... him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

All who travel this Way are given the Holy Spirit to be their Comforter, Guide and Teacher. They have the Holy Scriptures as their Food, and believers as their companions. They are witnesses for Him whom they love, worship and serve.

There is no other Way to Heaven and Glory—no other is needed. This Way is perfectly satisfactory and sufficient. It is open to all. Enter today, tomorrow may be too late. ■■

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# THE STORY OF EVANGELICAL COOPERATION

The first splintering from the cooperation movement began with those who no longer accept the Bible-based statement of faith.

OVER A CENTURY AGO—in 1846—evangelicals took the initiative in inter-church cooperation and organized the World Evangelical Alliance in England. This was done in order to present a united voice for Bible-based Protestantism and to stand steadfastly for the basic principles of the Word of God.

It soon made its influence felt in matters of religious liberty, observance of the Lord's Day, temperance, evangelism and human rights. Individual alli-

ances were organized in several countries, including the United States.

Near the end of the 19th century some in the Alliance, influenced by German rationalism and enamored with the "social gospel," tried to change the Alliance in America to fit these new ideas. But the Alliance had taken a strong position for the evangelical faith and resisted these efforts. The dissidents, in a minority and unable to change the Alliance to fit their modified faith, withdrew in

1894 and formed the Open Church League. In 1900 it became known as the National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers, but this organization stepped aside in 1905 for the formation of the Federal Council of Churches. This in turn was replaced in 1950 by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

It is interesting to note that while evangelicals are sometimes accused of being divisive, inter-church cooperation did in fact begin with them, and the first splintering from the cooperation movement began with those who no longer accepted the Bible-based statement of faith of the Alliance.

Active evangelical cooperation declined with the rise of the old FCC and it was not until the late 1930's that evangelicals began to join hands in cooperative efforts once again. This new cooperation first emerged in New England with the formation of the New England Evangelical Fellowship. Here evangelicals discovered anew they could work together and accomplish many things unitedly that could never be brought to pass otherwise . . . things vital to the extension of the kingdom.

Out of the evangelical success in New England came a concern for a National Association of Evangelicals.

## What is the NAE?

The NAE is a voluntary association of evangelical denominations, churches, schools, organizations and individuals. The purpose is not to eliminate the denominations, but to protect them; not to force individual churches into a mold of either liberal or radical sameness, but to provide a means of fellowship in cooperative witness; not to do the work of the churches, but to stand for the right of the churches to do their work as they feel called of God.

The NAE is a fellowship, based upon a statement of faith that is descriptive of the true evangelical. In a sense the statement of faith is exclusive, but only of those who do not accept the Bible as God's Word. Bible-believing Christians of almost every orthodox denomination have rallied around this statement of faith.

The NAE was organized in 1942 and ever since it has provided a means of "cooperation without compromise" among Bible-believing Christians. At the present time it represents 40 complete denominations and has within its membership individual churches from at least 30 other groups including many Bible schools, colleges, seminaries, ministerial fellowships, and evangelistic organizations, as well as individual Christians.

Actual membership now numbers more than two million, with a service



constituency of more than ten million through its commissions and affiliated service agencies.

### Where Does NAE Stand?

The following statement of faith clearly indicates that the NAE stands firmly upon the Bible, the written Word of God.

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The NAE has not been remiss in its obligation to society and the world, and has taken a firm stand relative to the great problems and needs of our time. However, since the association derives its authority from its constituent members, it speaks only as directed by them on matters of common agreement. The following are some typical examples of positions taken by the NAE:

For human rights and a "cultus of life which will provide equal rights and opportunities for every individual."

For separation of church and state as a prerequisite of religious liberty.

Against admission of Red China to the United Nations.

Against communism and for governmental investigatory functions necessary for national security.

For Christian unity which manifests itself "in love-inspired fellowship . . . without the necessity of formal ecclesiastical union or uniformity of practice and polity."

For the right to read the Bible and pray in public schools.

### What Does NAE Do?

The NAE provides a positive identification, a united witness, and an extended outreach for its members. Those who are part of NAE are immediately identified as being truly evangelical and in the main-stream of evangelical life in Amer-

ica. It has been the NAE which has been effective in bringing together the varying denominational groups holding conservative theological doctrines. Together evangelicals are making it clear that it is possible to have a spiritual unity and vital action without organic union.

The NAE provides essential services in almost every area of evangelical interest and concern. This service ministry is implemented through commissions and affiliated agencies.

As the missions arm of NAE, the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association serves 58 member mission boards who have over 6,000 missionaries in 108 different countries. EFMA provides diplomatic contact, government representation, and a purchasing and travel office. In addition it performs a host of informational services and defends the religious liberty of minority groups in foreign lands.

Through the World Relief Commission the members of NAE minister to the needy of the world. During 1962 the WRC distributed about 5,000,000 pounds of food and clothing. With every gift goes a gospel message in printed or spoken form.

The commission on Chaplains provides evangelical chaplains for the armed forces. NAE is the endorsing agency for 17 denominations and serves many other groups who, because of their small membership, would have no representation in the chaplaincy. Through fellowships and Bible study groups contact is kept with evangelical men and women in the service.

A constant nationwide evangelistic emphasis is encouraged by the Evangelism and Spiritual Life Commission. Prayer fellowships have been organized, pastor's retreats have been planned and churches have been challenged to greater evangelistic efforts.

National Religious Broadcasters and the Radio-TV Commission serve scores of gospel broadcasters. Much has been done to preserve the right to buy time to air the gospel. NRB has also established a code of ethics which has raised the standards of evangelical broadcasting.

The Church Extension and Home Missions Commissions gives special help to denominations and individual churches in the establishment of churches and aids them in the problems they face in doing so. It gives particular interest to work among immigrants, foreign-speaking people, under-privileged communities, rescue missions, etc.

Evangelicals have a genuine Christian concern for the social needs of their communities and through the Social Action Commission they are given the help and guidance to do a more effective job. The commission coordinates the work of evangelical welfare agencies and encour-

ages the application of Christian principles to the social needs of the day.

The National Sunday School Association is the Christian education arm of NAE. NSSA sponsors some of the largest Sunday school conventions in the country. Its ministry to Sunday school and youth leaders has resulted in increases both in attendance and effectiveness in the Sunday school and youth work of America.

There are other commissions and service agencies which can only be named because of space limitations:

- Education Commission
- Evangelical Action Commission
- Laymen's Council
- Women's Fellowship
- Stewardship Commission
- National Association of Christian Schools

Each of these divisions plays a vital role in the ministry of NAE as it ministers to the needy world.

### Where Does NAE Have Its Offices?

The *Headquarters Office* is located in Wheaton, Illinois, at the corner of North Main Street and Gundersen Drive. It is the hub of activity for the organization. From here the ministries of the regional offices are coordinated, the Office of Public Affairs in Washington, D. C. is supported, and the official NAE magazine, *United Evangelical Action*, is published. This office is responsible for the fiscal operation of the association. Here also the work of the various commissions and service agencies is coordinated.

The *Office of Public Affairs* in Washington, D. C. is at the very heart of NAE service and influence. This office is the "eyes and ears" of evangelicals. It keeps watch on legislation and works to correct any infringement of religious liberty. It expedites innumerable matters that might affect the cause of Christ. This office is an invaluable asset to all Christians.

*Area offices* are maintained throughout the nation in order to work effectively on the local level. These offices operate under the National Office and work in cooperation with local regional boards or area committees. Through these offices problems involving evangelicals on local and state levels are resolved.

### Who May Join NAE?

Affiliation with the National Association of Evangelicals is open to Bible-believing denominations, churches and other organizations which stand without question for the Bible, the written Word of God, both by affirmation and practice.

Also individual membership is open to all who can testify they have been born again by faith in Jesus Christ and who believe in the historic doctrines which comprise the NAE statement of faith. Complete information on membership will be sent upon request. ■ ■



**B**IBLE BOWLS, MIDNIGHT HOURS, and food galore have kept a lot of young people on the move during this month. It all started in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at a teen retreat and Bible Bowl. This annual affair was held at Oklahoma Bible College.

About three hundred gathered on Friday night for a worship service, refreshments and talent time. On Saturday the Bible Bowl began. There were twenty-two different teams entered. The competition was stiff. This particular bowl was played much like a basketball tournament. The teams "drew" for positions and the losing team was eliminated.

In the afternoon came the big Championship Run-Off. The same church won both first and second places. Greenbriar, whose pastor is Rev. Gerald Chester, was the grand champion.

In Hazel Park, Michigan, the hours were long. The First Free Will Baptist Church held its annual Midnight Banquet. Yes, you read right. It started at midnight, and to keep from becoming embarrassed we will not say what time it stopped.

Singing, laughter, and food prevailed. Under the direction of Minister of Education, Finis Barr, the church provided this Friday night occasion. This event was the "kick-off" for the events of the week-end but was also the climax of the entire week. It was National Youth Week and the young people of the church had been doing the work of the church. Some went on visitation, others did office work, while others helped publish the church paper.

On Saturday night the film, "In His Steps" was shown. Sunday was youth Sunday and once again another church used its youth throughout the day.

In Nashville, Tennessee, the Woodbine Free Will Baptist Church was the scene of another banquet. This one was in recognition of Valentine's Day. Here again, the food was plenteous and the "sweethearts" looked good.

It was my privilege to attend all three of these occasions. The thing that stands out most was the influence such an event has on those who attend. In Oklahoma City during the Saturday morning worship hour, several young people came forward to give themselves to Christ.

In Hazel Park on Sunday night, there were several young people who wanted God to take complete charge of their lives. In Nashville, a young boy was saved on the Sunday night after the banquet. He attended the banquet with the other Christians and no doubt saw that you could have a good time and be a Christian.

*Jim Lauthern is pictured below as waiter for a recent youth banquet. The affair was held in the Fidelity Federal Banquet Room.*



As a denomination, we have a gold mine waiting to be tapped in our young people. They're waiting to be challenged. Christ is the only answer to their problems and the only way to their success. We cannot, and must not fail them. ■ ■



*Pictured here are the young people attending a banquet sponsored by Woodbine Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Richard Cordell is the pastor.*



## YOUTH IN ACTION

by Ken Riggs



# Activities For Juniors

by Al Sedgwick

matter of soul-winning. Nothing creates soul-winning passion and excitement within a church like a pastor, who is burdened for the lost and manifests his concern by going from house to house. And, too, nothing stifles the missionary passion of a congregation like a pastor, who is lazy and self-indulgent, and seldom leaves the parsonage or study to search for souls.

**Contact:** What are some of the major factors that have contributed to the growth of your church?

**Sebastian:** Whatever has been accomplished here is certainly due to God's grace. Much credit must go to the former pastor, Rev. David Paramore.

One big factor contributing to the growth of the church is simplicity of organization. The week-nights are not filled with all kinds of meetings by various church committees, boards and circles. This leaves most of our nights open for such evangelistic activities as cottage prayer meetings and visitation.

When time comes for church business, that too, is simple. There is no official board. The men of the church get together and share in the discussion of the business to be presented to the church. When all the church does assemble for business, the entire membership is encouraged to vote on motions made. Yet, only the men make, or discuss any motion. How do the ladies feel about this? They love it! This may not work in many places, but here it works just wonderfully.

Another factor of importance is the high standard required for all officers and teachers. No person can hold office at Mt. Calvary who is not an example of the believer in dedication and purity. An example of this can be seen in our Sunday school teachers. This is the very heart of the tobacco belt, yet, not one of our 27 teachers uses tobacco.

However, I felt that the biggest single factor for the growth of this church in its six-year history has been the elevation of the layman to a place of real service. In every way possible means are employed to use the abilities of the laity. Young and old alike are asked to come to the platform and "tell the story of their conversion." New converts are encouraged to attend visitation and go soul-winning. Many of the men are given the opportunity to speak at the various cottage prayer meetings and jail services. And plans are being made now to extend the ministry of our Sunday school into the near-by prison camp and the new county home for the aged. ■ ■

**I**F YOURS IS THE JOB of teaching active, curious, fun loving Juniors and you are wondering what to do next to keep their interest inside and outside of Sunday School, why not consider some of the following?

### Collecting Curios

Juniors are natural collectors. They collect anything from postage stamps to bottle caps. Put this natural interest to work by providing a Junior Missionary Museum. Secure names and addresses of missionaries from various fields and have your juniors write to them during the presession time requesting inexpensive items of interest from their respective fields. Items can then be used in other departments of the school with a junior going along to explain. One Junior Department collected dolls from various countries.

### Reading

Since he loves to read, you can provide your Juniors with good literature that will help mold his life for God. A bookcase (made out of orange crates if necessary) can become a valuable Junior library with the right selection of books. Books that are suited to his interest, (Missionary adventure, Christian fiction, biographies of outstanding Christians, etc.) that are printed in large type, with not too many words to a page, and with a lot of illustrations—with more action than description, are sure to interest him, and have a definite influence upon his spiritual growth.

### Conducting Worship Service

Who is a more natural worshipper than the Junior? The Lord's presence can be realized in your departmental worship service through a worship program planned *by* and *for* Juniors. Meet with a group of your pupils before Sunday School begins, to plan the worship service. Guide them in their thinking and help them to choose the theme of the service, and then to select the hymns,

Scripture portion, etc., that will carry out the theme. Allow your pupils to lead the singing, and play the piano (if they are capable), read the Scripture, pray, and take the offering. Seek to make each part a definite act of worship.

### Memorizing Scripture

Some authorities have called the Junior age the "golden age of memory" since at this age the pupil is quick to memorize, more so than at any other age. If Scripture memorization is made attractive and interesting, Juniors can be led to hide large portions of God's Word in their hearts, "that they might not sin against Thee." One method used to aid learning, which Juniors enjoy, is to write each word of a verse on a separate oblong piece of paper backed with flannel and put the words scrambled on a flannelboard. Pupils can take turns trying to put the words in their proper order. During the exercise, the teacher guides the conversation to the meaning of the verse, talks about and explains difficult or important words, and gives illustrations as to how the verse can be used in real life situations.

### Outside Activities

Organized sports like soft-ball, volley ball, relay games, etc., appeal to the Junior as do most games of skill and help foster a group spirit among the members of your class. They give you an opportunity to "get next to them" and make them your "pals." Parties for your group will do the same thing. In planning parties, however, keep in mind that Juniors not only enjoy attending parties planned for them by the teacher, they also enjoy and profit by attending parties they have planned for the pastor and his wife, or church officers—or one planned for a younger department of the Sunday School—or a Christmas party planned for poor children—will not only provide social activity for your pupils, but will have definite spiritual value as well. ■ ■



I HAVE JUST RETURNED from an amazing trip into the interior of Panama with my son, Tom Jr. We passed over trails cleared by the Cuna Indians. A great part of the trail is marked off by the Pan-American Highway, which after passing what is known as the bottle-neck of the low jungle country, leads into the swampy, lower jungle which is an almost impassable network of vines. Here a mule trail, very often a muddy, sticky, gummy mass that never dries because the sun cannot reach it, is marked by hundreds of footprints.

A large timber company is slowly making its way over the trail. The whine of the lumber-jack's saw and the roar of big trucks and bulldozers are heard as they construct the most amazing road in the world. It is to extend from Alaska to the southern-most tip of South America. Where it now ends at Jenene, we have our mission. The day will come when we can drive through Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentine and to Chili.

We soon passed the roar and whine of the road building equipment and came into the awe-inspiring silence of the jungle with its giant trees.

I followed my son Tom, Jr. He is a modern edition of Daniel Boone. I marveled at his stamina. Loaded like a pack mule and with the sturdy stride of a real woodsman, he moved on. Eventually he stopped and said, "Pop, we are going to hunt Lions." "Lions in Panama?" I asked. "No, this is a family by the name of Lions. We have already reached some. They number over fifty. To reach their homes we must climb. They build their homes on the highest peaks."

On this trip I saw medicine used as the key to reach people. Tommy made his first contact with them through a small ten year old girl. He found her with a terrible bone infection in the face. Through a wonderful Christian doctor, who is interested in what we are doing, she was taken to the American hospital in the Canal Zone. She stayed there fifty-two days. Thus the little girl from the jungle introduced her whole family to the Gospel. Tommy and Ruth would keep the mother or father in their home for weeks at a time. Through this, these people saw for the first time a working religion and people called Christians who cared and loved.

I saw the results of all this as a large group gathered in the home of the parents. There was no furniture, so the people sat on the floor or stood. The only light was a flickering torch made by a bottle filled with kerosene. They listened as the missionary gave the Gospel story. The children, with intense interest, listened, to go home and to tell others what they had heard. This is the future Free Will Baptist Church on the international

Pan-American Highway.

Thank God that even though I am old and tired, I can still go on carrying the message of Christ in the person of my son. If you have a son, give him to God. If you have a daughter, guard her jealously for the harvest fields of the world.

The following day, we climbed more mountains, and met more Lions. Little girls picked flowers to put in their hair to have their pictures taken. We dispensed our medicines and gave a lesson to a dear mother who wanted to learn to read.

There in the mountains a ministry awaits for some rugged, warm-hearted nurse. There the door is swinging open and many are saying, "Please come over

and help us. Come and teach us."

As we view this great field, there are many pressing needs. First, to spear-head this effort, we need a house in Jenene for this is the end of the road by car. There must be a clinic. The doctor and medicine are no problem. The mission board does not have to buy land. Land has been given by a young rancher and together with him we stepped off space for our buildings. At Jenene we already have a school with a government teacher. We are free to use the building for services, but there is not enough room to care for the crowd.

We are praying about these needs and for additional workers to enter this field. Is God calling you to be a witness at the end of the trail? ■■

# AT THE END OF THE TRAIL

by Thomas H. Willey, Sr.



# INSPIRATION . . .

## Prayer and Revival

When Finney was conducting a revival in a certain place, a young woman came in from a neighboring town and asked him to go there and preach. "Her utterance was choked with deep feeling." Mr. Finney told her he did not see how he could go, but he looked up the place and found that it was a moral waste, cursed by a minister who had changed to infidelity. The young woman came the next Sunday, and appeared greatly affected; too much so to converse, for she could not control her feeling." The evangelist consented to go the next Sunday afternoon, and after his arrival at her home he heard her praying in a room above. He remained in that home overnight, and heard her praying and weeping nearly all night. She pleaded with him to come again, and "at the third service the Spirit of God was poured out on the congregation." A spirit of prayer came powerfully upon Mr. Finney, as it had upon this young woman. The spirit of prayer spread, and the revival that followed was so powerful that "nearly all the principal inhabitants of the town were gathered into the church, and the town was morally renovated." The great spiritual movement was started by that young woman's prayers.

Gospel Herald

## Prayer For Revival

"Humbly now, O Lord, I pray  
Send revival here today.  
All my coldness, all my sin,  
All my doubtings deep within;  
Forgive them, Lord, and cleanse away;  
Oh, send revival here today!

"Humbly, Lord, I ask of Thee,  
Send this awakening through me;  
Emptied out of self and pride,  
Thy light no longer will I hide.  
And, or dear Lord, use me, I pray,  
To bring revival here today!"

Mrs. Charles Bell

## Subtraction Important

When I talk about blessing I not only mean additions, but subtractions, too. A pastor came to one of his fellow pastors and said, "We've had a revival in our church." The other man replied, "That's good. How many were added to your church?" "None were added, but ten were subtracted." That's spiritual prosperity. It may mean subtraction. If some of our churches had the unconverted deacons subtracted, revival would come.

Moody Monthly

## Dr. R. A. Torrey's Prescription

"I can give a prescription that will bring a revival to any church or community or any city on earth.

"First, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential. If this is not done, the rest that I am to say will come to nothing.

"Second, let them bind themselves together in a prayer group to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down!

"Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all!

"This is sure to bring a revival to any church or community. I have given this prescription around the world. It has been taken by many churches and many communities, and in no instance has it ever failed; and it cannot fail!"

## Evangelize

Give us a watch word for the hour  
A thrilling word, a word of power;  
A battle cry, a flaming breath,  
A word to rouse the Church from rest  
That calls to conquer or to death;  
To heed her Master's high behest.  
The call is given, Ye hosts arise,  
Our watchword is Evangelize.

The glad evangel now proclaim  
Through all the earth in Jesus' Name  
This word is ringing through the skies  
Evangelize, Evangelize.  
To dying men, a fallen race  
Make known the gift of gospel grace  
The world that now in darkness lies,  
Evangelize, Evangelize.

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## The Price of Revivals

A short while before Dr. J. B. Chapman passed away, he was addressing a gathering of preachers, when he said, "We have reached the place where one man plays a handsaw and another gives a 'Life's Story,' gathering a big crowd and we call that a revival. No! that is not a revival; that is a farce. Tears, sweat, and blood are the price of a revival, and some of us are not willing to pay the price."

Herald of Holiness



WHAT ABOUT  
UNION WITH ROME?

## personally...

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH is undergoing a radical change. Romanists are turning to the Bible and their scholars are seriously studying the Bible while thousands of their laity meet every week for home Bible study classes. The Vatican Council has been meeting. Following the lead of John XXIII, the council has held out to the "separated brethren" a tentative offer of "reunion." Changes are in the air. So much so that many people are asking: "What is happening to Rome? Is the Roman Catholic Church really changing?"

At the same time we find the legacy of the Protestant Reformation under fire by the suddenly popular ecumenical movement. Pressing a zealous crusade to unite Christendom, the ecumenists have declared that a divided Body of Christ is a sin and scandal.

Ecumenical forces in the World Council of Churches have already brought the Eastern and the Russian Orthodox Churches into its fellowship. Rome has moved to open the door wide in Eastern Orthodoxy. In the event these overtures are successful and the Eastern Orthodox Church finds a union with Rome possible, there is no reason why Rome could not also join the World Council of Churches since the minimal theological basis of the World Council acceptable to Eastern Orthodoxy should be no less acceptable to Rome.

In the midst of these events, which are making headlines throughout the religious world, we might well ask ourselves the question: "What has this to do with Free Will Baptists and where do we stand?"

One thing is immediately evident—Free Will Baptist views and Romanist views are incompatible. We accept believer's baptism and oppose infant baptism and the Romanist concept of baptismal regeneration. We believe a man is justified by faith alone. The Romanist believes that men are saved by faith plus works. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a symbolic remembrance of Christ's death. The Romanist believes that in the sacrifice of the mass Christ is offered afresh on the altar and is really present in the elements through the miracle of transubstantiation. We believe that Mary was born in sin, was the mother of other children besides Jesus and that her body lies in the grave. The Romanist believes that Mary was immaculately conceived and thus needed no redeemer, that she remained a virgin after the birth of Jesus and that her body ascended into heaven.

Moreover the Romanist believes in the infallibility of the pope when speaking *ex cathedra*, the necessity for a priesthood between God and man, and purgatory where the temporal punishment for post-baptismal sins must be paid for by the offender. All this is rejected by Free Will Baptists.

Probably the basic point of difference lies in the area of "authority" as it relates to matters of faith and practice. The Romanist believes in the Bible plus tradition, actually placing the traditions of the church above the Bible. We believe the Bible, and the Bible alone, to be our "authority" in matters of faith and practice.

Thus we are committed to the truth of God's Word as we understand it. We disagree with the teachings of Rome and our convictions are not negotiable. This does not mean that we are unwilling to talk to anyone, anywhere, anytime. But we will talk on the basis of "thus saith the Lord" and if anyone wishes that we forsake our convictions, let them show us from the Scriptures where we are wrong.

Basically, Rome has not changed. There have been some surface adjustments here and there, but that is all. Unless Rome does change, the gulf between Free Will Baptists and the Romanist is fixed. We take this position for one reason only—in the light of God's complete and final revelation contained in the Bible, we cannot do otherwise and be faithful to that which is true.



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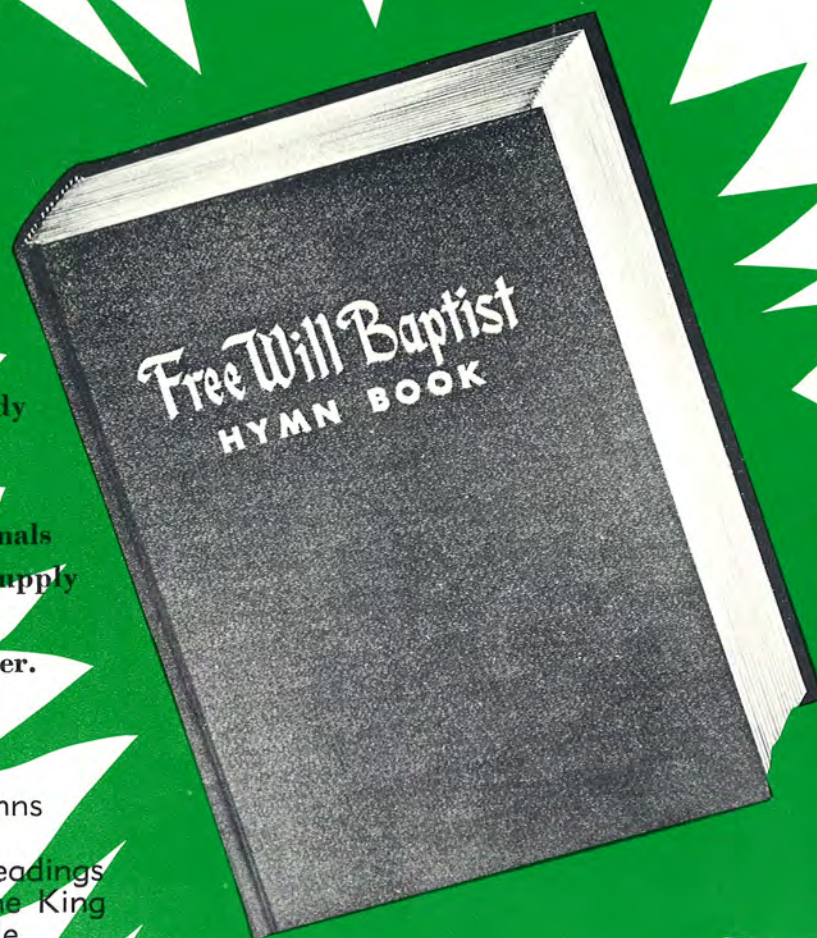
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## Growth Through Visitation

### An Interview with Gordon Sebastian

(Pastor of Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Hookerton, N. C.)



*Gordon Sebastian,  
graduate of Free Will  
Baptist Bible College,  
has pastored Mt.  
Calvary Church for  
three years.*

**Contact:** How long have you been the pastor of Mt. Calvary?

*Sebastian:* I assumed the pastorate here the first of February, 1961.

**Contact:** During the time you served as pastor, what growth has taken place in various phases of the church?

*Sebastian:* The church had been organized only 3 years prior to my coming. However, under the leadership of Rev.

David Paramore, who had pastored Mt. Calvary nearly from its beginning, the church's attendance both in Sunday school and church had climbed at a rapid rate of nearly 100 per year.

This past Spring the Sunday school averaged over 350, and in a drive to reach 400 two attendance records were set—409 and 417. During our best quarter this year attendance at the mid-week prayer service averaged better than 190.

I feel most of the progress made during

the past three years has been in soul-winning and missionary activity. The following missionary endeavors have been added to our work.

1. A weekly Sunday Broadcast on a 5,000 watt radio station.
2. A second Sunday school bus.
3. Three C.E.F. Good News Clubs—one of them for colored children and another for retarded children.
4. Two weekly cottage prayer meetings, which utilize the ministries of over 10 lay-evangelists.
5. A "Fishers of Men" Club for dedicated soul-winners.
6. A mission-church in Enfield, North Carolina—now self-supporting.
7. A pastor's assistant—the Director of Evangelism
8. The tripling of our giving to missions.

Last summer the church signed an agreement with a local contractor, and a new auditorium which seats 500 was completed in January of 1964.

**Contact:** Does your church maintain a visitation program?

*Sebastian:* Yes, we do have a weekly visitation program, and it is an active one. We would not be without it. Hardly a week goes by without a conversion either on visitation night, or cottage prayer meeting night.

We have been averaging between 15 and 30 on visitation. This has had some far reaching effects. It has been through the soul-winning emphasis manifested in our visitation program that has brought into being many of the other missionary projects mentioned previously.

**Contact:** How does the pastor fit into the visitation program?

*Sebastian:* Rev Glenn Hill, our Director of Evangelism, heads up the Thursday night visitation program. The two of us are always there. For me to miss visitation night would be like missing the Sunday morning message. The congregation looks to the pastor for an example in winning the lost.

Personally, I feel the success or failure of a church's outreach and growth is greatly determined by the pastor's attitude and personal involvement in this

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