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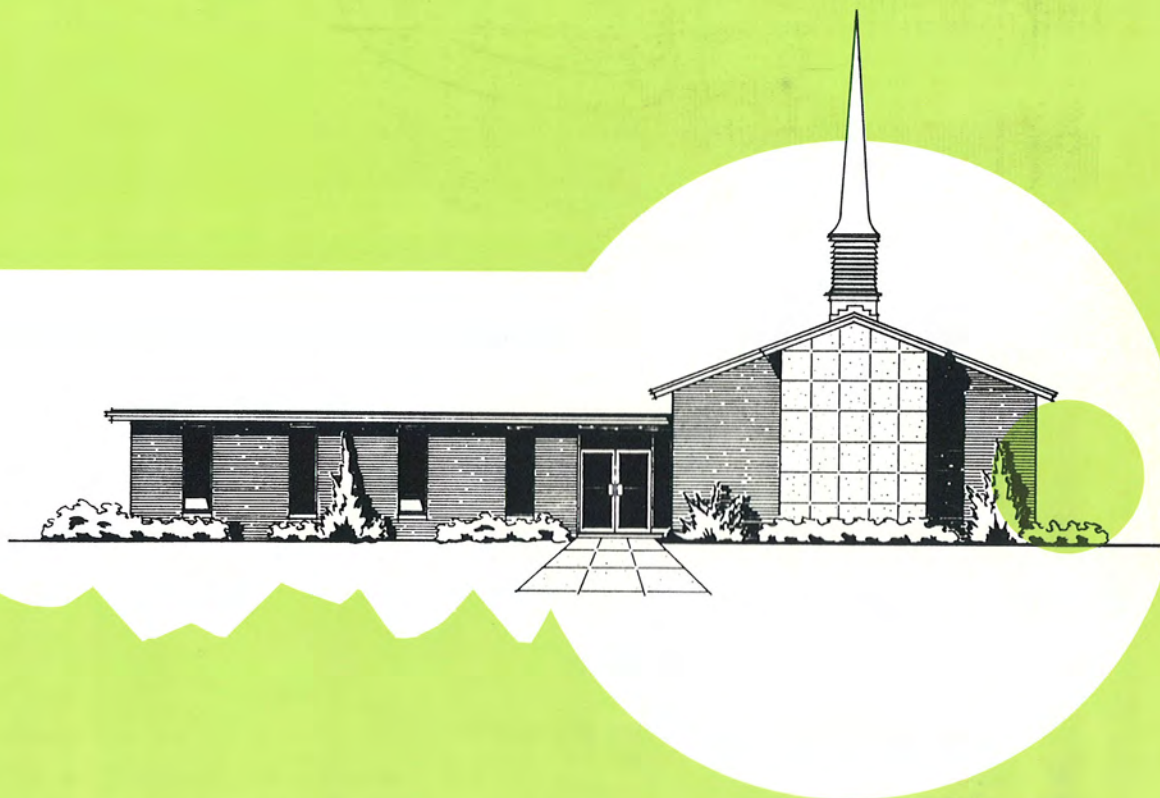
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"Lift up your eyes and look
on the fields; for they are
white already to harvest."
—John 4:35



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The Free Will Baptist denomination is building churches at the rate of more than one a week. Our mission work has more than doubled in the past five years. We believe this growth is the result of our commitment to God's Word and our emphasis on evangelism. The harvest fields are still white. Our challenge has never been greater. May God keep us faithful to the task.

A true story in the spiritual life of the author

God Gave Me A

THE WORDS ARE STILL ringing in my ears: "Why are they so concerned about me getting saved now, when two years ago I wanted to be saved and they wouldn't let me?"

It all began in the spring of 1963, when my oldest daughter and I were planning a birthday slumber party. What fun! I was about as excited as Trudy. Her brothers and sisters even seemed to enjoy this treat with their sister. They all tried to get into the act of planning. We decided that all eight of the girls who had been invited would enjoy slumbering together in the den. So cots, sleeping bags and mattresses were all gathered together for the big occasion and piled in a corner for safe keeping.

The birthday supper menu was finally decided upon. Spaghetti was to be the main dish, plus a few other goodies added as extras. The house was all aglow that spring day in April. Even our six-month-old-daughter seemed to be extra good. She must have realized how busy everyone was preparing for this once-a-year party.

A Gala Evening

Trudy thought 5:30 p.m. would never arrive that Friday, April 5th. Finally the doorbell rang, and the girls started piling in with their overnight cases, presents

and big grins all over their faces. They were all ushered into the den since this room had been carefully prepared to take on a birthday atmosphere. There was a long table set with birthday decorations—crepe paper, favors and balloons. The girls began picking out places they wanted to sit for dinner. I had hoped it would be a "feast," but anyone who didn't care for spaghetti was out of luck that evening. We decided to let our guests and Trudy have their meal by themselves for this one time.

After the blessing, the meal was served and the hungry girls seemed to gobble up their food with much enthusiasm, even the garlic bread which turned out to be a first with some of the girls. Of course, Trudy was anxiously awaiting the birthday cake for this meant that time was drawing near for gifts to be presented. *Happy Birthday* was sung by everyone and then each girl wanted her present opened first. They brought such lovely gifts. Trudy's eyes were glistening as she unwrapped each and thanked the girls for bringing such nice presents.

Dishes were cleared as the girls got to know one another better. We had lived here only six months, so most of the girls weren't too well acquainted with Trudy and hardly knew our family. But it didn't take long for this adjustment to be made, and they all became more

like our adopted daughters as the evening wore one.

Games were played and the girls seemed to be a happy group, however, (as I do when I am around any children) I did wonder how many of the children had this happiness down deep in their hearts. Were they Christians? Did they go to Sunday school and church anywhere? The girls hadn't come to Trudy's party to have her mother ask these questions. After all, this was a birthday party honoring our girl's ninth birthday! But God is ever mindful of our thoughts and prayers.

We try to make it a policy in our home to never do anything unless we talk to God about it first and get His approval. This party was no exception, strange as it might seem to some. We all knew the work involved in having so many girls in our home (which is not very large), especially when the home is already occupied by seven people. But for some reason, we knew God wanted us to show this kindness to our daughter at this particular time. And when God is leading there is no mistake.

One girl had to leave at ten o'clock, but all the others could stay for the evening of "slumbering." So about 9:15 p.m. Trudy's daddy gathered his family, plus his newly acquired family of girls, into the den for family devotions. We

by Barbara Haas

Second Chance



all sang songs together, and the girls enjoyed having church in someone's home. However, I was hoping these girls realized we were not doing this because they were with us. This was a daily happening in our home. We have found our family is not strong enough, spiritually speaking, without family devotions daily.

A Surprised Mother

Daddy read the Bible and commented on a familiar story from the Word. Questions were asked about what he read. For some reason the Holy Spirit led him to ask if anyone wanted to give a testimony. Several of our family gave witness to the Saviour's love, including one or two of the girls. Somehow the excitement of the whole evening faded into peace, and we could sense the Holy Spirit's presence.

Our family began their bedtime prayers, and the girls were asked to pray if they wanted to. However, in the middle of the prayers, we heard some sobbing. Immediately I thought, "Oh, someone is too embarrassed to pray and she feels badly about it all." However, we soon learned this was not the case at all. As the last prayer was finished, the girl who was crying almost came running to us and asked, "Oh Mrs. Haas, can I be saved?"

Now, I had worked with Child Evan-

gelism, but I must confess this girl's innocent question caught me off guard. And besides, this was the girl who was to be home at ten. And besides, what would her parents say about "converting" a girl at a birthday party in our home? And besides, we were rather new in the community and I surely didn't want Trudy to become branded with a bad mark in this new school. And besides . . . besides . . . oh, how the devil had my mind and heart in a whirl!

Then quietly the Holy Spirit told me to take her into the living room and with the Word of God lead her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I well remember the tears of repentance that flowed down this nine-year-old's cheeks as she told Jesus she was a sinner and asked Him to come into her heart. The clock was about to strike ten when I told the girls that Kaylin was now a saved girl and a child of the King. Some of the girls hugged her and expressed their joy.

As she went out the door with my husband to go home, I breathed a prayer as I dialed the telephone number at her home. I remember praying, "Lord, please help her mother to understand." Then the receiver was picked up and a lady said "hello." I explained to her that Kaylin would be home in a few minutes, and I didn't want her to jump to any conclusions when she saw she had been

crying. I told her of Kaylin's wanting to be saved. What a relief came to my heart when her mother replied, "I'm happy for her." We learned later that the church they attended was in a revival, and evidently many had been praying for her family. So the Holy Spirit had already been preparing the heart of Kaylin long before this birthday party.

After our telephone conversation, God was so real to me and great spiritual satisfaction was felt, knowing that another soul was saved from eternal punishment.

Well, little did I know what was going on in the den, for I was just privately thanking my precious Saviour and communing with Him in our living room. I decided to go down and see how the girls were getting along. I wasn't prepared for what I was to see. Standing at the door of the den was a picture I have long remembered. There were two of the girls under conviction. (I know that for sure now.) My daughter blurted out, "Oh, mother, Susan and Debbie want to get saved too." Words cannot express what my heart felt. But if you have worked in child evangelism, you know the dangers of "mass evangelism" with children.

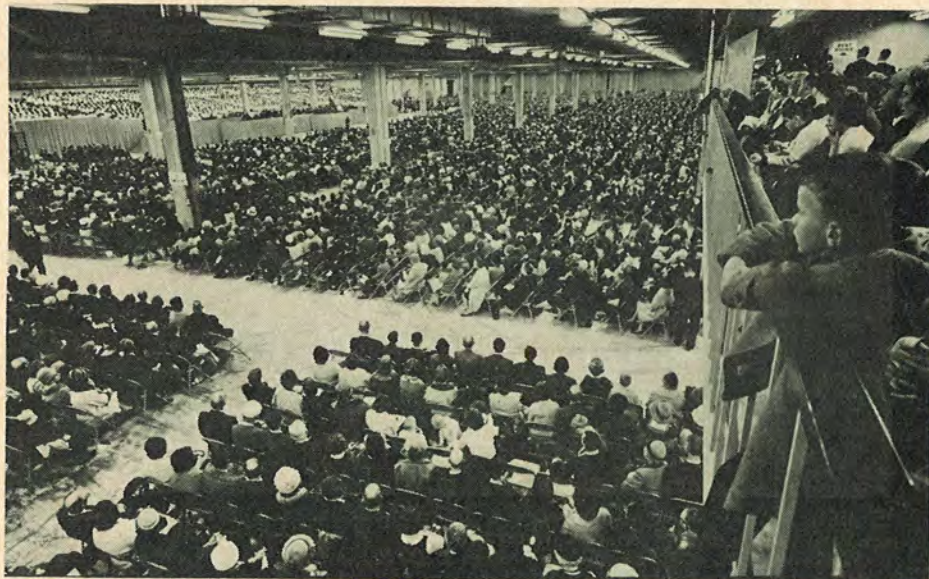
Sitting down on the edge of the couch, I told them that many times other chil-

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Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS



A young boy looks over part of the 21,500 people who packed Textile Hall in Greenville, S. C. during the first Sunday afternoon service of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade. Approximately 70,000 people attended the first three services. Massive crowds caused officials to announce double services for the final five days of the meeting. It is the first time Graham has ever held two nightly services back-to-back in any meeting in the United States.

Evangelism Congress

BERLIN, GERMANY—Special invitation to attend the World Congress on Evangelism to be held here this fall have now been extended to delegates from 92 countries, according to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, chairman of the Congress.

Dr. Henry, whose magazine, *Christianity Today*, is sponsoring the Congress as a tenth anniversary event, was in Berlin for a meeting of the planning committee. He said he expects the number of countries represented at the Congress to top 100.

Over 1,000 invitations have now been extended in three categories—delegates, observers, and news media—he reported. He said this leaves less than 200 participants to be approved. Berlin's Kongresshalle, where the meeting will be held, will accommodate a maximum of 1,262.

Congress offices were opened in Berlin shortly after the first of the year under the direction of Dr. Stanley Mooneyham. Dr. Mooneyham, special assistant to Evangelist Billy Graham, has been put on loan to the Congress as coordinating director. Graham is honorary chairman.

The Congress, called by Dr. Henry "the largest evangelical transdenominational endeavor in evangelism ever held in modern times," will be held from October 26 to November 4, 1966.

Premiere Showings

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Premiere showings of "Faith for Every Frontier," the special 150th Anniversary film being released this month by the American Bible Society, were held in Pittsburgh and surrounding vicinity recently.

The Council of Churches of the Pittsburgh Area planned the premiere showings of the 16mm color film which traces the history of the ABS, the largest nonprofit organization in the United States devoted to translating, publishing and distributing Scriptures here and abroad.

Hospital Dedicated

MANIPUR, INDIA—The Rev. Earl H. King, President of Indo-Burma Pioneer Mission dedicated the Mission's twenty-four bed Siemat Christian Hospital on February 13, 1966 here. Dr. Laltuoklien Sinate, the medical officer, treated over 10,000 out-patients while the building was being constructed last year.

The new hospital building is donated by the women's missionary society of the Wheaton Evangelical Free Church, Wheaton, Illinois. The dear ladies sacrificed anything sacrificible—easter hats, Christmas cards and gifts, and personal spending money. After the full commitment was met one of the ladies re-

marked, "It's worth it. The blessings we received far exceed our sacrifices. I am thrilled to have a part in this project."

Church Growth Seminars Announced

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—"It is increasingly obvious to many of us that the Church Growth emphasis is not another gimmick or panacea; it is the main road to the Big End in missions," said Dr. Edwin Jacques, chairman of EFMA's Church Growth Committee, announcing the Seminar for next fall.

The Seminar on Church Growth will be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, September 6-9, 1966 under the direction of Dr. Donald A. McGavran, Dean of the School of World Mission and Institute of Church Growth at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

Congo Stations Reopened

NEW YORK, N. Y. (MNS)—"Twelve missionaries have returned (to northeastern Congo) and are in the process of renovating devastated stations," reports Dr. Sidney Langford, home director of the Africa Inland Mission. "New buildings are being erected in connection with an inter-Mission Medical Training program. Plans are being made to reopen the north Congo Seminary."

Slain Official A Baptist

LAGOS, NIGERIA (MNS)—Baptist leaders here said that the Premier of Western Nigeria, Chief Samuel Akintola, who was killed during the January coup in which the army took over the administration of the country, had been educated at the Baptist college in Ogbomosho.

At one time he had taught at the Baptist academy at Lagos, and from 1939 to 1943 he edited the *Nigerian Baptist*, a denominational paper.

Summer Institute of Missions

WHEATON, ILL. (MNS)—Designed to meet the needs of missionaries on furlough and accepted candidates, the tenth annual Summer Institute of Missions will convene on the Wheaton College campus here June 7 to July 15, 1966. Dr. H. Wilbert Norton, veteran missionary and now professor of missions at Wheaton College, will coordinate the program.

The Institute is conducted in cooperation with the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association, The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, and the Commission on Education of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Courses are offered for both graduate and undergraduate credit. A variety of mission-related subjects will be offered at the Inter-Session studies June 7-17 and the first session of regular summer school June 18 to July 15.

WE GET LETTERS

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS:

The Mt. Home Free Will Baptist Church is sending a free will offering of seven dollars. We are just a small country church, but we are happy to do what we can for the cause of Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. James Chronister
Route 2, Box 148
Lamar, Arkansas

DEAR FRIENDS:

The enclosed offering is from the Clifton Free Will Baptist Mission. We only have a small group attending, therefore, our offering is small. Your letter asked for a dollar, but since we only have about ten adults we voted to make the offering \$50.00.

Sincerely yours,
Randall Goble
1438 Woodward Avenue
Springfield, Ohio

DEAR FRIENDS:

Enclosed is a check for the 20 + 8 Campaign. For two Sundays we "Let George Do It." Our crowd is small, but very willing to give.

Yours in His Service,
Mrs. Oscar Wright
644 "G" Street
Chula Vista, California

DEAR FRIENDS:

Enclosed you will find our check for \$34.41. We are happy to play a small part in this great work. We appreciate our denomination and thank God for its accomplishments. It is our prayer that the goal will be reached and the land can be purchased.

Yours in Christ,
Eugene Hales
Prospect Free Will Baptist
Church
Route 3
Dunn, North Carolina

DEAR FRIENDS:

The request to participate in the 20 + 8 Campaign was presented to our church. Wish we could do more, but our church is in a building program at this time.

Sincerely yours,
Riley Giddens
407 Floyd Street
Valdosta, Georgia

Total Gifts to 20+8 Building Fund Campaign

March 30, 1966

Alabama	\$ 587.13
Arizona	39.00
Arkansas	436.16
California	79.66
Florida	269.00
Georgia	335.10
Illinois	320.82
Indiana	90.00
Iowa	13.00
Kansas	26.00
Kentucky	199.50
Maine	27.00
Michigan	299.20
Mississippi	312.00
Missouri	435.05
New Hampshire	14.00
New Mexico	65.50
New York	3.00
North Carolina	301.46
Ohio	535.55
Oklahoma	246.75
South Carolina	249.20
Tennessee	876.65
Texas	111.00
Virginia	186.00
West Virginia	446.27
Total	<u>\$6,504.00</u>



World Evangelism or World Revolution?

by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry

OUR CENTURY OF CRISIS now faces a final choice between *world evangelism* or *world revolution*.

The near future is between Christ and Anti-Christ.

At stake in this escalating conflict of this age is the destiny of every last man, woman, and child of every single race and nation. Swaying in the balances is the fate of all mankind—not simply the security of isolated segments of the globe. A decisive verdict on civilization in our times, and possibly an end-time judgment, now hangs over the whole human race.

There was a time earlier in the Christian era when the evangelist's best ally was the theologian, whose forceful state-

ments of the Christian revelation served to clarify the urgency of the missionary task. Great theologian-evangelists like Jonathan Edwards in America or James Denney in Great Britain, and leading evangelist-theologians like Charles G. Finney, helped to shape the spiritual sensitivities of the people.

But today many theologians themselves need to be evangelized. They are prime examples of religious confusion, zestfully contradicting each other in the name of theological progress. Some ardently promote secular rather than supernatural perspectives, and eagerly undermine the faith of the Bible.

These deviant, radical theologians draw salaries from Christian institutions

founded for the promulgation of Christ's Gospel, and they piously plead missionary concern as an excuse for their defection from the historic Christian faith. For ostensibly evangelistic purposes theologians like Rudolf Bultmann stick the label of mythology on the biblical miracles, and philosophers like Thomas J. J. Altizer try to seal the living God in a casket. Professedly to make "Christianity" relevant to modern man, these religious revisionists administer "last rites" to evangelical Christianity and invite church-goers to the latest fashion show of religious speculation. Their tantalizing theories and their flash fads soon disappear, leaving the modern man still in desperate need of spiritual help

and salvation.

When some churchmen redefine the nature of evangelism so that the modern substitutes would go unrecognized by the apostles, confusion is compounded. Today evangelism is transmuted into political action; it is demeaned into a technique for material betterment through legislative programs; and it is even ventured on the assumption that everyone shares automatically in a universally accomplished redemption that erases the need for personal salvation in the traditional sense. By these new-fangled notions New Testament evangelism is so revised that the Devil himself must frequently be tempted to become one of the very first "converts."

It is the highest tragedy that this confusion of theologians and churchmen coincides not only with the crisis of this age, but with an era of unprecedented opportunity in mass communications. At the precise moment when the multitudes are most accessible, and when their need is unparalleled, many of the most prominent voices in the Christian community either suffer from evangelistic laryngitis or doctrinal derangement.

Never have the people of God faced a more urgent task. That task, in a word, is to get on with the Great Commission. It is to make visible a prospect of peace and power, of happiness and hope, in which men and women of all nations and races may share.

There is not the slightest need for skepticism about the power of the Gospel. *Not the slightest.* Everything men still need to have heaven on earth is to be found in Jesus Christ, and nowhere else. Many persons may—and doubtless do—prefer hell on earth. But knowing Jesus can be *heaven in this life* and, among other things, it is *heaven in the life to come*.

In the fulfillment of Christ's mandate we are not without resources. We have the Scriptures—"The oracles of God," as Paul called them. We know that around the world an innumerable company of the redeemed rejoice with us in the redemptive realities of revealed religion. The Risen Christ is present with His regenerate people. He is still calling His Church into being, commissioning His workers, confirming His obedient vanguard in its ministry to the world.

The Great Evangelist is our example. "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you."

In this momentous mission He taught His disciples to pray, and inspired them by His own example—and prayer remains among us a weapon often forgotten, yet more powerful than any in the Pentagon's top-secret arsenal. The fervent prayers of the early Christians were crowned by the conversion of Saul

of Tarsus, arch-persecutor of the early Church. Dare we pray that Mao Tse-Tung might even become the Billy Graham of Asia? Or that, in a time when many Protestants are minimizing their heritage of biblical theology, Pope Paul might emerge as the Martin Luther of the twentieth century? Among the undeniable facts of Church history is this, that God works decisive changes in the course of events through the conversion of human beings, for repentance and regeneration are among His greatest gifts.

The divine provision of redemption remains the choicest treasure of our time; to bring God's gift to grace within reach of the dying multitudes is our special task.

In the providence of God, we live in a critical moment in Church history, in a turning time. Either spiritual forces will cushion and contain the violent flow of secular events or modern civilization will tumble through its rejection of the Judeo-Christian heritage. Ours is an age of divided loyalties and alternating allegiances. As seldom before men live in an inner world of unstable minds and hearts.

Devout scholars have long warned that a civilization without vital faith in God would turn bitter-cold as the polar night. And they were right.

An enlightened generation armed with the most devastating weapons of mass destruction known to human history now stockpiles its missiles against the day when the whole earth may tremble like a devastated Hiroshima.

Despite the penetration of new space frontiers by modern science, more and more intellectuals live a life of suffocating existence.

The uneasy conscience of multitudes is secretly troubled lest, like the swoop of a hurricane, doom should suddenly settle over our times. There is gnawing awareness that for all his technological advance modern man has missed the best things in life, and the only durable inheritance.

Yet outwardly life goes on as if an overdue millennium is firmly scheduled to arrive the week after next. Political giants speak of peace and prosperity while strife and envy stalk the earth. Many new nations summarize their vaulting ambitions mainly in the aspiration for millions in military and economic aid. For many of the 12 million U.S. shareholders in business corporations, the deepest fear is erosion of the dollar and the deepest hope is escalation of Dow-Jones averages. The generation of the "new morality" reports a predictable decline of virtue; New York City alone reports 28,000 cases of venereal disease in a single year. Loss of respect for life is seen not only in the death toll on the highways, but in rising suicide rates

in lands of plenty.

Nobody can guarantee a spiritual explosion. But a holy remnant, a dedicated minority, can stir multitudes to "stop, look, and listen!" The world does not deserve renewal, but God graciously offers what men do not deserve. When He gives what men deserve, it will be too late. Speeding over the precipice of doom, with no concern but for "a tiger" in their tank, they can be told—as we ourselves have been—of living water that imparts a sacred momentum of life. Those who share the illusion that life consists in the multiplication of material things, or in a plenitude of sex, or in anything else but the reality of redemption, can hear the "good news" of abundant life in Christ and be rescued from a tomorrow always threatening in its prospect and always retreating in its promise.

God has openly published the conditions for life that is truly life, and these remain unchanged. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." In many parts of rural America, motorist suddenly come upon signs and billboards with the unexpected message: "Repent of your sins." "Ye must be born again." "Christ died for us." It is like the bold voice of the prophets, like a moving passage from the epistles, calling our generation to its high destiny.

Our object is to give new prominence to the evangel, to provide new conspicuity for the most urgent of all messages. We aim to remind this generation that beyond its present achievement it can touch inexhaustible resources of peace and power, and that everywhere on earth persons can share this legacy.

The World Congress on Evangelism scheduled for the Kongresshalle in Berlin October 26 - November 4, 1966, symbolizes bright burning hope for our generation. It offers possibilities of a giant stride of moral and spiritual renewal in which persons of good will everywhere may ally themselves. Through this wider identification the Congress may serve as the occasion of evangelical earnestness shared by redeemed men in every land, as well as an historical focal point for the future thrust of the Gospel.

The world stands at the crossroads, at the brink of doom. The evangelical task force dare not fail the Lord who sends us and the world that needs us. Of all failures in Church history, none would be more costly, none more ignominious, than this. Of all opportunities for spiritual advance, few are more exciting and promising. Let us link minds and hearts and prayers and get on with our Lord's bidding. ■ ■

DR. CARL F. H. HENRY is editor of *Christianity Today* and is chairman of the *World Congress on Evangelism*.

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.

Our pastor (if he can be called that) is pulling our standards down. Our church is evangelical and has good convictions. He doesn't visit and tells us there is no need for us to visit. He gets a good salary, but says he has better offers elsewhere. We don't know where our money goes. He gives no report. We really have a dictator. What should we do and why doesn't he accept some of these other offers?

Why all this "harping" on giving. Can't I serve the Lord and be a good Christian without giving all the time?

If conditions were to exist where a congregation could not meet property payments for a period of time and all members were poor with no homes to sell and donate the money to the church; would you say it should lose the property or support it for a short period by selling junk iron and using the money to make payments on utilities, insurance, etc.?

I have been driven almost to distraction by a drinking husband. Should I divorce him?

Pray that the Lord will move him and, if he doesn't, pray that God will move you. It is possible for us to become biased or prejudiced toward a man so that we can't see but one side—our side. If he is a man of God, he may not mean to give the impression of a dictator. Ask him about a financial report. Perhaps you could suggest that he run the amount of the offering in the bulletin each week. Whatever you do, don't start a whispering rumor or an underhanded campaign against God's man. It is forbidden in Scripture. Read I Timothy 5:1, 17, 19 and I Peter 5.

I recently read that the offering symbolizes the giving of the self to God. Men offer not only money, but their lives. The dollar bill or the ten dollar check stands for the giver. It indicates that a part of his talent and time is being offered to God. It is the means by which the work of the church goes on. To give is to affirm belief in what the church does. Purse strings are as important as heart strings. Read Luke 6:38.

By all means sell your junk iron, or anything else, which you may have to get money to give to your church so that payments may be met. Just please refrain from turning God's House into a house of merchandise. Tithes and offerings are the proper support for the Lord's business and Philippians 4:19 is still in the Word of God. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

No. Jesus said in Matthew 19:6 "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." I certainly sympathize with you but let me suggest that you ask the Lord to search your own heart, get thoroughly right with God yourself, filled with the spirit through a yielded and consecrated life, then live this life before your husband. At the same time intercede without ceasing to God on his behalf. Thank God, James 4:6 says, "But he giveth more grace."

IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Homer E. Willis**, Director of Home Missions and Church Extension, will be in Nashville for the annual Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College and will be at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado, April 17. April 18-21 he will attend the N.A.E. Convention in Denver.

■ Field Secretary for National Home Missions and Church Extension **Mark Vandivort** will be in revival services in Portland, Oregon April 3-10. He will be in Vancouver, Washington, April 11-17 and Seattle, Washington, April 18-24.

■ **Harrold Harrison**, Director of Teacher Training for National Sunday School Department will be in Greenville, North Carolina, for a Sunday School Institute, April 4-8. He will be in Richlands, Virginia, April 11-15 and Johnson City, Tennessee, April 18-22.

■ Director of Foreign Missions **Reford Wilson**, will be in Nashville for the annual Bible Conference April 3-7. He will attend the World Congress on Missions at Wheaton, Illinois, April 11-15; N. A. E. Convention at Denver, Colorado, April 18-21, and the Western Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association near Newport, Tennessee, April 30.

■ **Rufus Coffey**, Director of Conference Ministries for Foreign Missions will be in a Mission Conference in Davenport, Ohio, April 8-10. He will attend the World Congress on Missions in Wheaton, Illinois, April 11-15; N. A. E. Convention in Denver, Colorado, April 18-21, and will be in revival services at Capitol Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 24-30.

■ Executive Secretary **Billy A. Melvin**, will be attending the annual Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College, April 3-7. He will be in Denver, Colorado, for the annual N. A. E. Convention, April 18-21.

■ **Ken Riggs**, Director of Youth Activities for Church Training Service, will be in revival services at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, March 28-April 3. He will be in Bristow, Oklahoma, April 8-10; Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee, April 15-17; Christian Emphasis Retreat, Northport, Alabama, April 22-24, and in Youth Revival services at Ashland City, Tennessee, April 29-May 1.

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1966 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

February, 1966

COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	February 1966	Year to Date	Total to Feb. 1965	Designated Feb. 1966
Alabama	\$ 85.00	\$ 446.62	\$ 360.31	\$
Arizona	249.42	249.42	151.84	
Arkansas	424.64	872.19	707.59	
California	471.70	1,260.27	1,159.59	
Florida	160.87	515.43	444.75	
Georgia	292.71	538.67	381.28	
Idaho	32.48	64.13	41.26	
Illinois	707.47	1,481.43	1,049.33	
Indiana	94.00	94.00		
Kansas	150.00	600.00	261.69	
Kentucky	106.84	106.84	182.63	
Louisiana	25.00	25.00		
Michigan	7.90	7.90		
Mississippi			42.00	
Missouri	1,763.60	1,763.60	1,613.35	
New Hampshire	21.64	33.16	47.58	
New Mexico	23.91	59.37	37.51	
North Carolina	145.85	277.85	262.18	
Ohio	135.00	445.20	175.68	
Oklahoma	1,296.49	2,787.56		
South Carolina			6.84	
Tennessee	166.62	440.11	733.42	
Texas	292.66	513.77	473.92	
Virginia	552.44	775.71	583.10	
Washington and Oregon	116.25	116.25		

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	COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS		DESIGNATED		Total Receipts to Date
	February 1966	Year to Date	February 1966	Year to Date	
Foreign Missions	\$2,123.52	\$3,907.59	\$	\$	\$3,907.59
F. W. B. Bible College	1,537.72	2,829.64			2,829.64
Executive Department	1,464.50	2,694.90			2,694.90
Home Missions	1,171.60	2,155.92			2,155.92
Church Training Service	732.25	1,347.45			1,347.45
Superannuation Board	219.67	404.23			404.23
Stewardship Commission	73.23	134.75			134.75

GEMS

FROM THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

THE READER will recall that in last month's column it was observed that there are two different words in the Greek New Testament often translated "thief" in English. One of these, *kleptes*, was dealt with in that column. This word is always translated "thief," and properly so, since it conveys the idea of a person who acts under cover and by night, keeping his deed and identity secret as much as possible.

The other New Testament word is *leistes*, which is translated "robber" some of the time and "thief" even more often. Like *kleptes*, this word also occurs some 16 times; but it does not mean the same thing at all. The *leistes* is a man who does his mischief out in the open; he is an "outlaw," a highwayman, a brigand, a man bold and often violent (and perhaps for political as well as personal reasons). "Robber" is certainly a far better translation than "thief."

The King James does properly translate the word "robber" when it describes Barabbas in John 18:40; this certainly fits in with the other ways he is described, as in Mark 15:7, where he is said to have been involved in insurrection, and to have committed murder in the insurrection. (Likely, Barabbas was a political rebel and, if his insurrection was directed against Rome, it is not so hard to understand why the Jews clamored for his release.) What the King James causes us to miss, however, is the fact that the two "thieves" between whom Jesus was crucified (Mt. 27:38; Mk. 15:27), were also really "robbers." It is at least possible they were members of the same band of rebels as Barabbas himself.

The other times when *leistes* is translated "thief" would also be clearer if translated "robber." Jesus, in Gethsemane (Mt. 26:55; Mk. 14:48; Lk. 22:52), chided the mob for coming after him with spears and clubs as they would against a "robber" (not a "thief," that would not be the best way to attempt the capture of a sneakthief). He also condemned the making of his father's house (Mt. 21:13; Mk. 11:17; Lk. 19:46) into a "den of robbers" (not "thieves," one would hardly expect to find ordinary thieves living in "dens"). In the parable of the good Samaritan (Lk. 10:30, 36), we see that the man had fallen among "robbers," (not "thieves," who do not operate on the highway in broad daylight.) ■■

Glancing Around The States



Ray Lee, Jr. 1944-1966

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT DIES

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Ray Lee, Jr., 21-year-old Free Will Baptist Bible College senior and president of the student body, died Friday night, March 4, during an intra-society basketball game in Nashville.

With a large number of students looking on, including his wife of eight months, the former Jeanne Dukes of Lake Butler, Florida. Ray collapsed on

the gymnasium floor during the early minutes of the game. Students administered artificial resuscitation until the arrival of an ambulance, which rushed Lee to the hospital. The doctor pronounced him dead on arrival, probable cause being a cerebral hemorrhage.

The College family and many of Ray's friends, still stunned by the sudden tragedy, filled the College auditorium for a memorial service the following night. President L. C. Johnson brought the memorial message.

During his college career, many well-deserved honors were bestowed upon Ray. He was editor of the 1965 College annual and was elected 1965-66 student body president. The faculty this year

selected Ray as the most outstanding student in school, a fact that was not to be disclosed until early spring.

Perhaps the most fitting tribute left to Ray were the closing words of Dr. Johnson's memorial message: "Ray didn't cause problems; he helped us solve them."

Two Chosen Outstanding

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Two Bible College Alumni, Rev. Lonnie Sparks and Rev. Bobby Jackson, have been chosen for inclusion in the 1966 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." This annual publication, now under the direction of Doug Blankenship, past U. S. Jaycee president, is a compilation of the names of 10,000 young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have "distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding."

Lonnie Sparks, native of Sulphur, Oklahoma, attended the Bible College from 1950 through 1954, graduating with the B.A. degree. He is now serving his second term as a missionary in Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Bobby Jackson, also a 1950-54 B.A. graduate of the Bible College, is well-known among Free Will Baptist people, having served as a full-time evangelist for 12 years.

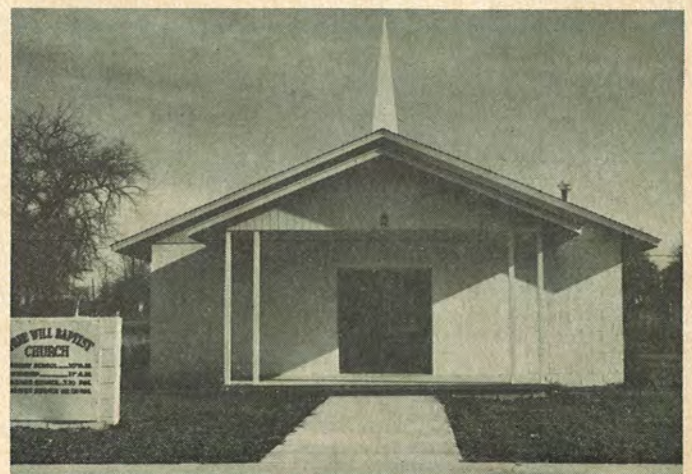
Children's Home Day

GREENEVILLE, TENN.—The first day of May, 1966 has been designated as Children's Home Sunday by the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Pictured below are the newly elected officers of the Phi Beta Lambda chapter recently organized on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College. They are (l. to r.) Phyllis Pettus, reporter; Miss Phyllis Rivers, Advisor and Business instructor; Phil Brinson, President; Peggy Weaver, Secretary; Pansy Smith, Treasurer and Tom Chaffin, Vice President.



Dedication services were recently held for the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church, Jerome, Idaho, pictured below. The Rev. Lonnie McAlister, pastor of the Bell Gardens Free Will Baptist Church, Bell Gardens, California, brought the dedicatory message. Rev. Wade Jernigan is the pastor.



Pastors are urged to give special emphasis to Children's Home work and receive a special offering on this day. Information, pictures, and colored slides can be secured by writing Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Rt. 9, Greeneville, Tennessee.

Plans are being made now for the Annual Homecoming services May 7, 1966. There will be a special program presented by the children and the traditional Bar-B-Q lunch and a tour of the buildings and farm. Mr. Ray Turnage, superintendent, states, "Everyone is invited to attend for this important event."

Successful Laymen's Rally

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Fifty laymen from eleven states gathered on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College, February 18, to officially launch the One Thousand Laymen Campaign, the first phase of the current Development Program of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Jack Paramore, Campaign Director, termed it "One of the most important and successful promotional meetings in the history of our denomination."

The One Thousand Laymen Campaign is the first phase of the three phase program which will ultimately run in excess of \$3,000,000. In this phase of the campaign, one thousand laymen are sought who will give \$1000 each to raise a total of \$1,000,000. Nine laymen have already given through the Laymen's Campaign for a total of \$9000. Four of these gifts were received during the day of the Laymen's Rally. A total of \$2,650 in bonds have also been given, plus numerous smaller gifts.

In addition to the immediate gifts, commitments for \$28,000 were received, bringing the total of voluntary commitments to date to approximately \$40,000. It is emphasized that commitments are voluntary and only those who fully intend to give, but cannot do so immediately, are encouraged to sign a commitment card.

Contributions To Commission

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Three churches have made contributions to the Commission on Theological Liberalism. They are, First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi; Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Cramerton, North Carolina; and Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. The gifts totaled \$55.37.

Other interested churches and individuals are urged to send their contributions to Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, 2709 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Property Purchased

COCOA, FLA.—The Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church has recently purchased property on Bellview Road here. Present plans call for construction of an educational wing which will serve as an auditorium until a new auditorium is needed.

There is an average attendance of 50 in Sunday School. Rev. W. C. Combs is the pastor.

Special Services

CHARLESTON HEIGHTS, S. C.—The First Free Will Baptist Church here recently enjoyed special services with Missionary D. L. Whaley and Evangelist Tom Hamilton.

Pastor Dennis Wiggs says, "Because of the recent special services our people have been challenged to serve the Lord in the mission field of our city."

New Work Planned

HIKSON, TENN.—Plans are under way for the Tennessee State Home Mission Board to begin a new mission in Jackson, Tennessee during April. Any Free Will Baptists in the area will want to contact Rev. Donald Sexton, 624 Ely Road, Hixson, Tennessee.

Pastoral Change

SAVANNAH, GA.—Rev. Louis H. Moulton, pastor of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church here and writer of the popular column "What's Your Problem?" in CONTACT, has assumed pastoral duties of the Princess Anne Free Will Baptist Church, Princess Anne, Virginia.

Mr. Moulton is moving to the new church under the partial sponsorship of the Tidewater Association of Free Will Baptists.

Pictured below is the 1966 Dodge Truck presented to the Bible Institute in Monterrey, Mexico, by Oklahoma Free Will Baptists. Rev. Arthur Billows, missionary and director of the school, says, "This is an answer to our prayer for much needed transportation."



Rev. Eugene Hales, right, pastor of Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina, is shown presenting the National Attendance award to his co-directors of CTS. This award is available to all churches who average 100 or more in Church Training Service for a period of twelve consecutive Sundays.



Pictured below are the Valentine King and Queen from the Primary department of the First Free Will Baptist Mission at Seminole, Texas. The money raised during the project will be used to purchase a piano for the mission. Sharon Oldecker is the Queen and Clifton McCown is the King.



In The Vineyard

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■ Director of Free Will Baptist Bible College Expansion Program **Jack Paramore**, will be in revival services at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, March 28-April 3. He will be in Nashville for the annual Bible Conference April 4-7; Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan, April 10-17; First Free Will Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas, April 18-24, and April 25-April 30 he will be in promotional work for the College.

An Unusual Opportunity

by Kirby J. Godwin

THERE ARE many Mormons in Juneau, Alaska. Since coming here we have asked God to give us an opportunity to talk to them. We did not want a chance meeting, but a prepared and planned opportunity to talk about our wonderful Saviour. This may sound like a big order for the Lord but He has told us to ask Him for help and that is what we did. We have learned to ask God and to tell Him just what we need. There is a difference in *asking* and *telling*. In this case we were telling God exactly the kind of meeting we wanted to have with these people.

I believe God wants His children to tell Him what they want when it comes to doing His service. In ourselves we do not have the knowledge and understanding to work out such things. So, we tell God what we need and He does the rest. Also, He has told us, "If you ask anything in My name I will do it." His Word says, "You have not because you ask not."

Time passed and we were beginning to slow down in our praying. God moved and showed us that we should not have grown tired of praying for the way was to be opened so we could preach His Word to these people.

Last Labor Day the door was opened. We had rented a larger apartment in the same building in which we live. The Mormon Elders then rented our old apartment. We were not in any hurry to move, so we were taking our time about getting things packed. However, the Elders had to move very quickly or pay another month's rent where they were living. God was working this out so

clearly, but at the time we had no idea just how. On Monday after the Labor Day weekend, I left home and was gone until about two in the afternoon. Upon returning home I found no furniture in the living room. The rug was on the floor but our foot lockers were gone from their place in the hall. Everything we owned was gone! Trying to think what could have taken place, and in this moment of complete surprise I said out loud, "What's going on?" I had not heard a sound until then and from the bedroom my wife Lib answered. She told me that the Mormon Elders had moved our things to the new apartment so they could move in also. All we had to do was place our things in the new apartment.

That night in our new home we talked about what had taken place. We discussed how we could show our thanks for what they had done. We could not pay them a wage, for there were four of them. We decided to prepare a meal for them. The next week we had them over. Now we can look back and see how God was using this very meeting at our home for the meal to lead to a time in which His Word could go forth. We had an enjoyable time that night. The Mormon Elders are very nice. They are morally clean, good men. They have very high standards under which they must conduct themselves or get sent home. Outwardly, their lives are beyond reproach. The ones here are college students. They are the best of their church. After the meal, two stayed until bed time and we had an opportunity to talk about our churches.

The next day two came back and asked Lib if she thought I would come and preach at one of their meetings. She told them that she could not speak for me and for them to come back that night when I would be home. They did and what a thrill it was. This was what we had prayed for. They put no limit on what I could preach. If you have never seen a happy person, you should have seen me.

Some times you feel like you are working against a steel wall. But that night we knew that the praying, working, hoping and tears had been worth it all. However, we did not let up in our praying. The rest of the week was spent in prayer and study. God led me in this as never before and I was depending on Him completely. This was no time to take it easy, for this was going to be right in the midst of the enemy camp. They would be looking for an opening to attack and I wanted to be ready for my Master.

For the sermon, God led me to use *A Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptists*. That way they learned what we believe and heard

the Gospel at the same time. God knows best in everything. Had it been left to me, I would have probably had a sermon and covered one subject, but God saw in this the opportunity to present the Gospel and introduce our church. Now you know that you cannot cover the eighteen chapters of our Treatise like they should be in two hours and a half. More time was spent on the *Fall of Man, Faith, Repentance, Regeneration, The Atonement* and the *Trinity*. During the sermon you could see that some of the people were being reached with the Word. The two Elders present knew that the truth was getting through.

After the services, I gave them an opportunity to ask questions. Believe me that was the test of what had been said. When we use God's Word and not our own it stands all testing. For the next hour there were many questions and still the chance to tell them that the Bible speaks the truth about our need of the saving grace of God working in our heart for the salvation of our soul through His Son Jesus Christ. Some of the questions were good and some of them were asked to trick and confuse. I praise God for the way in which He helped me to proclaim His wonderful Word and then to answer the questions. Some questions were: Do you believe that people in other lands who have never heard are lost? Do you believe that baptism is essential to salvation? They do. Do you really believe man is guilty today for the sin of Adam and Eve? They do not. If so why? Do you believe that there has been a prophet from God in modern time? I was ready for that one. Do you believe that the Bible is the only Word of God? So it went until it was quite late.

What were the results of the meeting? There were no professions of faith in Christ. While that is true, they did hear the Word and had a chance to ask questions about it. We may never see any visible results of that meeting. Not one of them may ever come to our church, but they heard the Gospel and had a chance to believe. They have not forgotten either. When they see me, they remember that night. They remember a portion of what was said. The Spirit of God talks to them. I believe that some of them will be saved one day.

We are still praying for other doors to open here. God at this moment may be setting events for us to present His Word to a person or group. We must be ready. It is so important that we take every opportunity. Souls are involved. May God always be able to use us here for the purpose of teaching and preaching His Wonderful Word. ■■

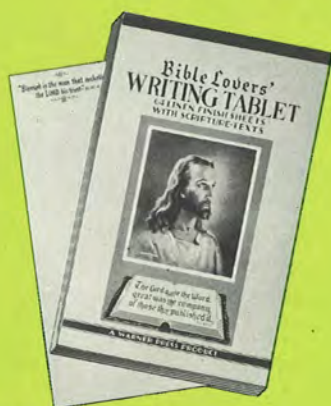
KIRBY J. GODWIN is a second term home missionary working in Juneau, Alaska.

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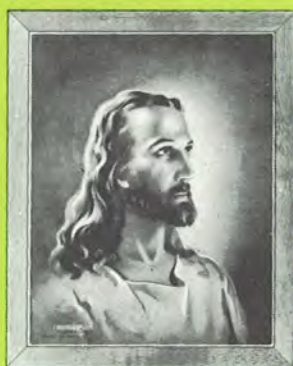


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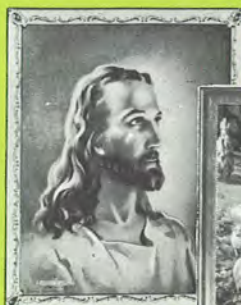
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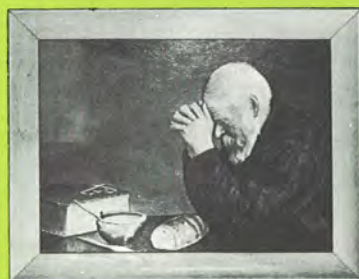
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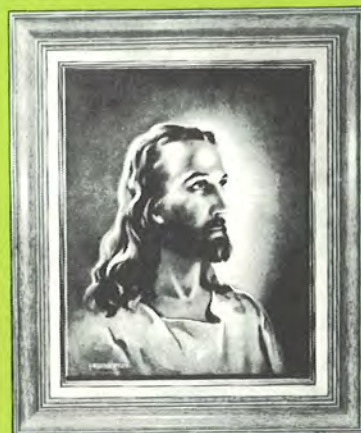
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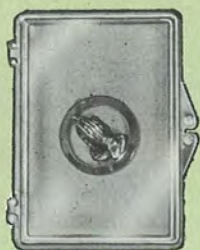
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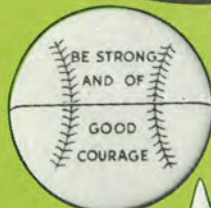
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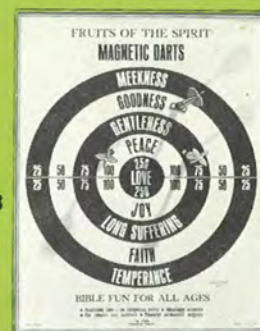


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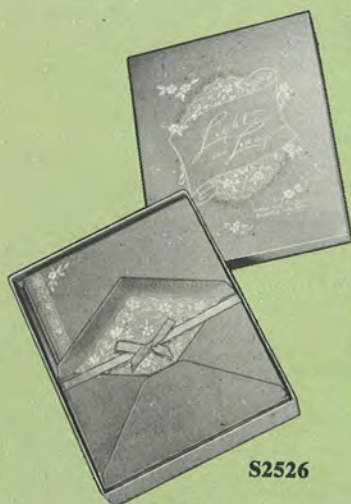
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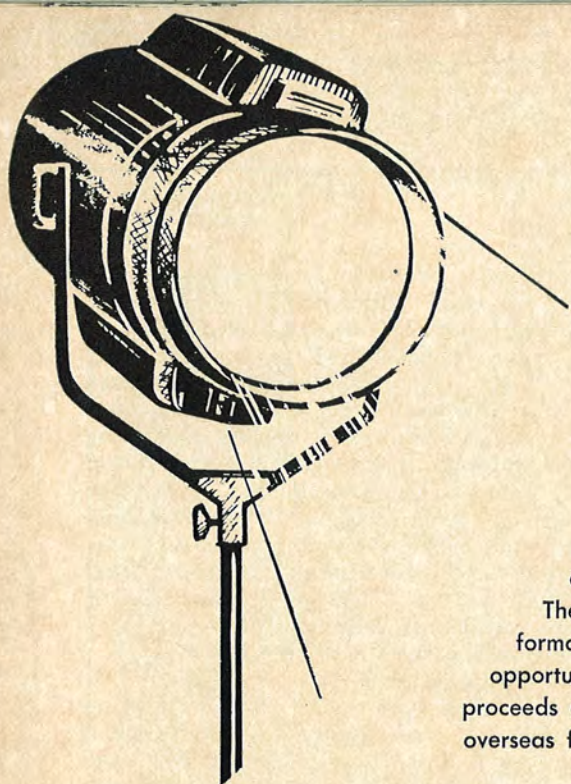
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An American businessman and his attractive wife come to the Orient as typical tourists. Through a series of gripping events, they face the startling fact that materialism is just another form of idolatry. (Y-A-M)

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Dr. Oswald J. Smith, a noted missionary pastor, delivers a dynamic missionary challenge. (A-M)

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Tashi, forced from his homeland, yet tied to his fathers' tradition, is confronted with a God who loves and a living faith displayed in Christian discipleship. (Y-A-M)

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A Japanese farmer, disheartened with life and contemplating suicide, finds true hope and the start of a new life in Christ through the witness of a Gospel tract. (Y-A-M)

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SUCH AS I HAVE (color, 19 minutes)

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THE "GOING TO . . ." Family (color, 22 minutes)

This film deals with the contemporary problems of a family who, having committed themselves to Christ for service, become involved and entangled with the complexities of a materialistic world. They suddenly become aware that they have substituted "we're going to" for action. (Y-A-M)

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Scene from Tashi from Tibet

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GOD'S WORD IN MAN'S LANGUAGE (color, 19 minutes)

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An informative film on Japan, and how Christians there worked to translate, print, and distribute the Word of God to their people. (A-M)

FILMSTRIPS—35mm with recorded sound

UNTO THE UTTERMOST (color, 23 minutes)

What Free Will Baptists are doing to reach the world is surveyed in this review of present fields and missionaries. (Y-A-M)

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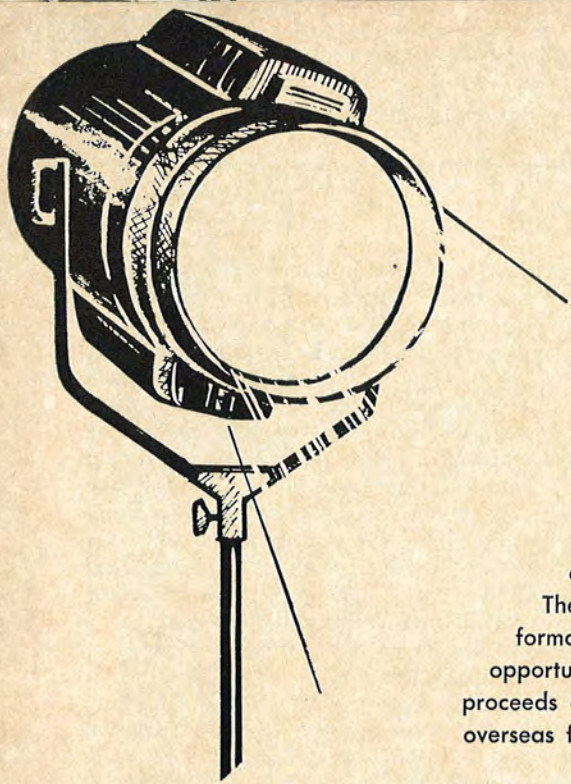
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TO PREMIERE IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST



Carnival of Pretense

THE STORY OF A YOUNG MAN'S
SEARCH FOR REALITY IN A WORLD OF MAKE-BELIEVE

FILMED IN BRAZIL

Against the backdrop of Mardi-Grà, this stirring motion picture starkly contrasts the tinsel world of pretense with the dynamic world of reality to be found in vital relationship with Jesus Christ. Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions in association with International Films produced this film as part of an expanding program of evangelism in Brazil, South America's largest country. Designed to reach Brazilian young people for Christ, the film is now available in English to reach American teens with the same message of reality and victory. Every church, youth camp and youth rally will want to use *Carnival of Pretense* in bringing the message of the Gospel to teen-agers in Hometown, U. S. A. (Y-A-M-E)

FEATURE LENGTH

ONE HOUR

SEE THESE POWERFUL MISSIONARY FILMS

MOTION PICTURES—16mm/Sound

LETTER TO MELITINO (color, 30 minutes)

That God can transform lives by the power of His Word is forcefully shown in this Free Will Baptist production of missionary work in Cuba. (Y-A-M)

THE HARVESTER (color, 30 minutes)

A missionary doctor in Pakistan, shocked by the overwhelming indifference of typical Christians to the millions outside Christ, discovers the difference between "token" involvement and "total" involvement. Very good for churches who already have a missionary program. (Y-A-M)

INHALE THE INCENSE (color, 30 minutes)

An American businessman and his attractive wife come to the Orient as typical tourists. Through a series of gripping events, they face the startling fact that materialism is just another form of idolatry. (Y-A-M)

PASSION FOR SOULS (B & W, 30 minutes)

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, a noted missionary pastor, delivers a dynamic missionary challenge. (A-M)

TASHI FROM TIBET (color, 45 minutes)

Tashi, forced from his homeland, yet tied to his fathers' tradition, is confronted with a God who loves and a living faith displayed in Christian discipleship. (Y-A-M)

SUICIDE MOUNTAIN (color, 40 minutes)

A Japanese farmer, disheartened with life and contemplating suicide, finds true hope and the start of a new life in Christ through the witness of a Gospel tract. (Y-A-M)

ORANG DYAK (color, 30 minutes)

Produced among a tribe in Borneo called "The Men of Blood" because of their intense search for salvation through blood sacrifice, this film emphasizes that the blood of Jesus Christ is the only true cleansing for sin. Strongly evangelistic. (Y-A-M-E)

SUN AND SHADOW (B & W, 27 minutes)

Communism has vowed to take the world, and the only force that can oppose it successfully is the gospel. The struggle between communism and Christianity to win the Japanese people is vividly shown in this film. (Y-A-M)

SUCH AS I HAVE (color, 19 minutes)

"How can the world possibly be reached in this generation?" This question is powerfully answered in this story of the pressing need among the people of East Pakistan. (Y-A-M)

THE "GOING TO . . ." Family (color, 22 minutes)

This film deals with the contemporary problems of a family who, having committed themselves to Christ for service, become involved and entangled with the complexities of a materialistic world. They suddenly become aware that they have substituted "we're going to" for action. (Y-A-M)

FLIGHT PLAN (45 minutes)

Gil, a young pilot, flies an ambulance plane in the mountains of Central America. There he meets Mario, a young cabellero desperately in need of Christ. What happens weaves a story of immense significance to the church today. (Y-A-M)

FAMILY THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (30 minutes)

One of today's most widely-viewed Christian films. The story of how one family recognized its world, and set about to change it. (Y-A-M-S)

THE ACCUSER (45 minutes)

The moving story of a college student from the East Zone of Germany, who came to Frankfurt and revealed, through his life, the importance of faith in Christ. (Y-M-E)

BEYOND THESE SKIES (30 minutes)

Dick, an alert young Christian, tries to present his faith to a group of foreign students, and discovers how ill-equipped many Christians are in all areas of personal witness. (Y-S)



Scene from Tashi from Tibet

BRAZIL, THE AWAKENING GIANT (color, 22 minutes)

Missionary linguists enter primitive tribes, analyzing the unwritten languages in order to formulate alphabets, prepare literature, and translate the Word of God, which alone can guide the tribesmen in their forced rapid adjustment to a changing civilization. (Y-A-M)

GOD'S WORD IN MAN'S LANGUAGE (color, 19 minutes)

To change a language's unwritten polyglot of sounds into written form, and then to translate the Bible into that tongue is the task of a Bible translator. Some of the burdensome, though fascinating, problems that he faces are shown in this very informative film. (A-M)

MY RIGHT AND MY CAUSE (color, 26 minutes)

The true and suspenseful story of Reverend Young Bivens, of the Korean Bible Society, and the miraculous preservation of a new Korean Bible manuscript during the Korean conflict. (A-M)

THE LIVING WORD IN JAPAN (color, 19 minutes)

An informative film on Japan, and how Christians there worked to translate, print, and distribute the Word of God to their people. (A-M)

FILMSTRIPS—35mm with recorded sound

UNTO THE UTTERMOST (color, 23 minutes)

What Free Will Baptists are doing to reach the world is surveyed in this review of present fields and missionaries. (Y-A-M)

FRONTIERS UNLIMITED (color, 20 minutes)

Produced by the Free Will Baptist Foreign and Home Mission boards, this filmstrip explores many geographical areas and ethnic groups which are untouched with the true gospel and which Free Will Baptists must reach. (Y-A-M)

THE AWAKENING GIANT (color, 20 minutes)

This filmstrip shows the tremendous need of Brazil and what Free Will Baptist missionaries are doing to reach this country, the largest in South America. (Y-A-M)

THE NEW JAPAN (color, 24½ minutes)

Free Will Baptists presently have six missionaries in the "Land of The Rising Sun." What they are doing and how the Lord has blessed the work is shown in this filmstrip. (Y-A-M)

CODE: Y—Youth
A—Adult
M—Missionary
E—Evangelistic
S—Soul-winning

FOR BOOKINGS WRITE TO: FOREIGN MISSIONS AUDIO-VISUAL DIVISION
P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202

FEAR IS AN astute master wielding a club of terror with which to bludgeon its prey. The prison house of fear can lock one inside a cell from which no jailer's key can bring freedom. It can ambush a twelve year old boy even in broad daylight. The haunting uneasiness of impending danger and destruction hounded Nathan Boudreaux to New Orleans and trailed him back upstate to West Carroll Parish again. Many times his fears were lurking in the shadows, not coming into full sight, yet somehow always present, always inescapable to his inner self. Then the worst part set in; from this there was no elusion. Shortly after returning from New Orleans with his guilt as his shadow, Nathan embarked on a long, stormy experience never to be forgotten.

Casting a desirous glance at Sardis Church as he arrived from a harrowing journey bringing him home, the fugitive from repentance felt some comfort at being so close to the "Holy Ground" again. At least in time of emergency, he concluded that he could run here for relief. The easing of his anxiety at seeing the church was short-lived however. After customary greetings and embraces with the family, Nathan was again alone with a condemning God. The grief he had known in New Orleans was only a prologue for what stretched out before him now. Night came, and sleep blessed the boy with a bitter cup.

Nathan began to dream. He was out behind the barn throwing a knife. An ear splitting blast jerked his eyes upward. Everything was aflame; fire was everywhere. Houses blew by in the terrific wind. What was this? Judgment Day!

He screamed in astonishment, "I've waited too late! God give me one more chance! Look, I'm repenting now. Oh, I'm going to Hell—Lord, no!" He jumped up pleading with God.

His head reeling, Nathan awakened himself in his struggling. Sitting up in bed, he tottered unsteadily. No strength was at his command; he was as weak as a kitten. Outside, the lightning illuminated the horizon in jagged streaks. Nathan poked his head close to the window. Rolling, crashing peals of thunder greeted him. Away from the window, down on his pillow, and under the cover head and all shuttered the frightened boy.

"God is after me. I know that he is going to come back tonight, and I'm lost. I can't stand it!" stuttered Nathan. "He brought me back to watch me die when He came back for the Christians tonight; I know He did."

To his great surprise, Nathan woke up and saw daylight. He had not died. He was still alive. He would live one more day. At least during the hours when the sun shone, his quakes and fears lay

calm. It was so wonderful to see the fields again. Those Christians just did not realize how good they had it. The boy yearned for the assurance that if he were killed or died that he would not perish eternally. He enjoyed that bright, clear day, just being able to breathe in the fresh uncondemning air. Shadows began to lengthen, and the creeping dread of night dropped its net around him. He did not want to endure another night like last night. The sun was so beautiful as Nathan watched it slowly setting. From atop the rickety wooden gate where he was sitting, the rays of sun ever seemed more alive. The nearer to complete sunset it got, the more the boy found himself meditating about God.

Nathan, his hat, and three more boys raced across a plowed section of the bottom land. My, but that freshly turned

footing, the powerful machine resumed normal speed. As the tractor gained average speed again, the four hobos on the pan plow had to scramble to keep from falling off. Nathan did not react fast enough. Either somebody bumped him, or he just lost his balance; either way in one awkward motion he found himself precariously bouncing off the ground immediately in front of those discs! In one last desperation attempt before the disc began cutting into his legs and back, Nathan grabbed for the drawbar of the tractor with his right hand. For some unexplainable reason he involuntarily retrieved his hat with his left hand. Not six inches behind him were three rings of grinding, steel death.

Hanging onto life by his right hand, Nathan was dragged down through the field about thirty feet. The other boys



blackland gumbo did smell good. Joe Harper was astride an old "A" John Deere tractor with iron wheels. The tractor was towing a huge pan plow with the rolling, sharp discs standing almost two feet high. Without a second thought, all four boys made a beeline for those pan plows. Climbing atop the frame which was loaded with "toe-sacks" full of dirt, the young adventurers could hardly hear one another when yelling as loudly as they could. Sitting there watching the rough ground being slashed to bits not a foot from them proved to be quite a thrill. It certainly did not appear to be dangerous.

Plowing in the blackland is unpredictable. There are areas of extremely rough terrain. Joe Harper hit such an area. The tractor slowed to almost a stall, and the boys lurched forward. Gaining surer

finally drew the attention of the driver to Nathan. The tractor stopped. The boy slowly got up from his undesirable position. Everyone received a hearty laugh from his carelessness. After assuring them that he was all right, Nathan watched as the three boys continued riding the pan plow. He had had enough of that pan plow for one day. The reality of his closeness to being shredded to bits was seeping in now. Still almost numb from the experience, he ventured toward home.

That night every demon in Hell was screaming for his soul. Tossing and turning did no good; he was in mortal agony. Rain plummeted down; lightning harassed the sky; thunder boomed in an effort to match the display of the rain and lightning. Nathan Boudreaux was one step removed from a mental break-

down. Time after time as he closed his eyes, he could almost feel the disc tearing into his flesh. Just a split second later, and he would have died; he would have been killed in a most horrible manner. Death had never come so close to him as it had today. The terrible chaos in the weather outside was not helping his condition any. The house shook underneath the sound waves of God's wrath. It looked to Nathan as sure as everything that God was going to end the world today, this very night in fact. Trembling as he remembered the sick sensation of falling and being pulled teasingly, dangling before vicious death, he was as miserable a wretch as walked God's green earth. Only low pitiful moans of grief and welled up fear could be uttered. He was practically beyond logical reasoning at this point.

hated the night that was supposed to bring rest. He would gladly have traded his nights for his days and worked all the time in the daylight, but he was denied the privilege. The days and nights wore on, and his entire life was revolving around his fears. He stopped going any place unnecessarily. He avoided crowded highways, loaded guns, fast cars, anything which might cause him to lose his life and soul before the revival next year.

"Next year" came, and Nathan was thirteen years old. Not only was he thirteen, but he was still lost, still unsaved. His intentions were good, but somehow the feeling of the need for being saved was not quite so urgent as before. Revival time at Sardis arrived; he attended. An uncomfortable feeling still prevailed whenever he attended the services. He went to the meetings actually desiring to

happen. Surely it would not happen to him, not Nathan Boudreaux, not a boy just thirteen years old. Now this thought was like the pestilence to him. He had waited too late; he would never be saved; there was no hope for him. He was becoming convinced that this was true. He could just envision himself standing before God without an excuse in the world, condemned to die for his neglect of salvation. The revival had long since closed at Sardis; it closed without a single soul being saved.

One more twisted, tortured year struggled into history. Nathan was fourteen years old. Louisiana remained unchanged. The church was unaltered. The crops were the same as usual. Only the "certain fearful" afraid of God changed. Nathan dejectedly resolved himself to the idea that he had sinned away his days of

God In The Bayou Country

by Jack L. Williams

Continued from last month

Words saturated in sobs and despair bombarded the throne of God. "Oh, my God! What will it take to bring me to Jesus? Lord, no more; I can't take any more. I was almost sliced into Hell today! God, please spare me until the revival next summer. You know I want to be saved. Just give me one more chance to be saved."

The routine ensued in the following days. Nathan wolfed down every part of each day that he possibly was able to do. Every day was lived to the fullest, and he appreciated the blessing of just being alive; but then the shadows began to lengthen and darkness cut off his living for another night. At times he even begged God to let the sun shine longer. When the evening air began to grow cool and the neighbors began coming in from the fields, Nathan wept in his soul and

be saved. That was his purpose for being there. Every night after services, he was sorry that he had not gone up and been saved. He just could not seem to step out. Clinging to the bench each night, Nathan systematically eliminated opportunity after opportunity to drain his life of sin. He began to be aware of what was happening; his neglect of chances to become a Christian was becoming worrisome. He could not understand why he did not go up.

"What is God going to think of me? I promised Him that I would get saved if He would spare me until the revival came," questioned the puzzled lad. "If I had gone up last night, it would be all over now."

Restless nights pursued the boy. Was God giving up hope on him? He had heard it preached and knew it could

grace. The tears he used to shed in days gone by came less frequently now. Whenever he attended church, he no longer felt the strong, moving appeal to plunge beneath the blood of Jesus. He wanted to be saved still, but he did not feel the power drawing him which he felt he ought to have. Again there was no rest for the scared boy. The long awaited revival passed.

Floodtides of despair engulfed Nathan, "Oh God, won't you please let me be saved? You don't seem as concerned about me as you used to be. Lord, I make this one promise to you. If I don't keep this promise, you can kill me; I'm serious. Lord, if you will just one more time speak to my heart about being saved. I'll be glad to do it. I didn't mean to wait so

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IS YOUR NAME HERE?

1945

Gertrude Victoria Bowe
Daniel R. Cronk
Alethia Etheridge
Huey Eustace Gower
Maggie Allene Gower
John Earl Hahn
Albert L. Halbrook
Alvin F. Halbrook
Christina Halbrook
Opal Pauline Hiltibidal
Rashie Kennedy
Paul J. Kettman
Luther D. Nance
Frances Tinnin
Homer E. Willis
Katherine Woodson

1946

Hazel Cook
James Emery Davidson
Elizabeth Gibson
Luther Gibson
T. G. Hamilton
Wade Jernigan
Lorene Norris
John M. Rich
Adam Scott
Ruby Wood
Allen B. Bryan
Harold Dunlap
John McLean

1947

Thora H. Arbogast
Hazel Eleanor Dawkins
Everett D. Hellard
Mildred Gene Lane
Oliver D. Matthews
Robert Luther Sanders
Mildred Nadyne Scott
Helen E. Sanders

1948

Robert Allen Galloway
Etheline Whaley
J. Reford Wilson
William Joseph Mishler

1949

Juanita Barrow
Charlie Watson Brown
Myrtis Levoid Carnes
Willie Gaston Clary
Damon C. Dodd
Kermit Esther
Joseph Reese Haas
Mary Delores Hale
Marie Thomas Hyatt
Wesley L. Hawkins
Katherine Cox McDonald
Billy Alfred Melvin
Aileen Mullen
Harold Wayne Parsons
William Walter Reynolds
Margaret Denton Richards
Walter Herbert Richards
Clifton Styron
Charles A. Thigpen
Laura Thigpen
Bertha Faye Tuttle
Derald J. West
Dorothy Whaley

Robert Lee Roy Wilfong
Marie Lenore Wright

1950

Joseph G. Ange
Marvin Wesley Calvery
Charles B. Craddock
Ronald Creech
Maurine Edwards
Clemmie H. Heath
Lester C. Jones
Myrtle May Jones
Billy Morris
Cathern E. Pettry
Leon E. Styron
Raymond Tilley

1951

Thomas Kenneth Carter
Wanda Lea Conkey
Patty Gray Creech
Laurel Dorena Davis
Cadel B. Dowdney
Wanda R. Edwards
William Donald Ellis
Ruth Floyd
Betty Christine Hooks
William B. Hughes
William James Irvin Hyman
Helen Marie Johnson
Martha Jane Kettman
Fred J. Kirby
E. Bayless McDonald
Daniel J. Merkh
Patricia Norris
Roy C. O'Donnell
Eloise W. Phillips
Olin G. Phillips
Robert E. Picirilli
Norma Jane Reeder
Mary Belle Smith
N. R. Smith, Jr.
Rolla D. Smith
Carrie Stanford
Janie Sumner
Ralph Sumner
Tressa Wiggs
Lucy Ellen Wisheart
Hope Reedy Saverance

1952

William Clyde Clearman

1953

Wilburn Beasley
Alene Coffman
Ella Marie Crawford
Larue Davis
Elro I. Driggers
Galen F. Dunbar
Robert L. Edwards
Esterlene Ellis
Dave R. Franks
Oliver Wayne Hicks
E. Carlton Lambert
Mary Evelyn Lawrence
James C. Lynn
Edward Crawford Morris
Coretta Ann Pettry
James Earl Raper
Mary Lou Raper
Myrtle Alice Reeds
William Paul Sitton

Rebecca Jane Smith
Ilean A. Stults
Jesse Roger Tripp
Sterling A. Tucker
Ray Carroll Turnage
Donald Wayne Upright
Robert Eugene Waddell
Carey D. Watkins, Jr.

1954

Janet Blackburn
Ruby Griffin
Mary Francis Hess
Betty Wall Lambert
George C. Lee, Jr.
Eula Mae Martin
Elva Leah Nichols
June Marie Rivenbark
Rachel Marie Rolins
Virginia Hales VanKluyve
Mary Jo Wall

1955

Everette E. Bryan
Geraldene Bryan
Clarence H. Burton, Jr.
Janie Cagle
Bobby Joe Davis
Juanita Dunn
Lorena Bell Edwards
Joyce L. Gore
Charles O. Hollingshead
Joyce Lane
Julia Ann Pate
Roger C. Reeds
Harry Boyce Wallace

1956

George H. Branning
Herbert James Bryan
Odes Faries
Odell Harris
L. Donald Hill
Paul Lee
Leslie W. Rowe
Jessie B. White
Carl Young

1957

Chesley Ray Hill
Robert C. Hill
Luther Reed
John W. Vick

1958

Josie Ruth Baker
Molly Gray Barker
Luther R. Burns, Jr.
Hubert Randolph Cox, Jr.
Ellis L. Cravens
Leroy Respass Cutler
Theodore Lawrence Davis
Moses Earnshaw Deeds
Willie Jean Deeds
J. B. Fletcher, Jr.
Ralph Clayton Hampton, Jr.
Ernest Donald Hollingshead
Paul Wayne Inbody
Ann Johnson
Wilma Ann Jones
Robert L. King
Bily Ray Livesay
Luther Ray Morgan
Sterl Dixon Paramore, Sr.

Ronald Thomas Peele
Billy G. Sherrill
Patsy Loyce Swann
Kenneth Mason Walker
Naudja Yvonne Collier
Willie Mathew Gardner
Mack C. Owens
Bobby Luther Poole
Mary Ellen Rice
Robert Logan Shockey
Kay Frances Whitaker
Kirby Joe Godwin
Billy Brown Walker

1959

Sarah Jean Brown
Freeman Lewis Edwards
Bobby Gene Ferguson
Wm. McKinley Fulcher, Jr.
Margaret Ann Hampton
Harold David Harrison
Billie Geneva Hicks
Charles Owen Hollingshead
Jimmy Lee Hughes
Joe T. Hurst
Willie Carol Justice
Bertie Clark Mangham
Gerald Marcel Mangham
Ira Sue Nicholson
Guy Franklin Owens
Barbara Hart Phipps
Marvin Cecil Sanders
Edward LaVelle Sawyer
Gordon R. Sebastian
Norma June Travis
Benny Howard Turner
Wiley Carson Weaver

1960

Jimmy Aldridge
George F. Allen
James Edward Bowman, Jr.
James Milton Crowson
Orie Dean Dobbs
Charles Phillip Gilbert
Flora Turnage Gilliam
Charles Edgar Hampton
Gordon Winfred Hart
David A. Joslin
Fleda Mercer
Allen C. Messer, Jr.
Bettie Marie O'Haver
Lonnie Palmer, Jr.
Roger Allen Phenicie
Betty Jean Pittman
Lloyd George Plunkett
Donald R. Sexton
Roy Lee Thomas

1961

John Elvin Moehlman
Barbara Willey Moehlman
Gene E. Anderson
Jacob M. Creech
Hildred Murray Dew
Dorothy Ann Elliott
Joseph Earl Gilliam
William Thomas Godley
Edmond Eugene Hales
William E. Hall
Francis Freddie Hawkins
Everett R. Keiffer
Bobby Lamar King
Daniel W. Parker
William Ravon Phipps
Norman H. Richards
Carmel Don Robirds
Richard Howard Sample
Robert Paul Smith, Jr.
Charles William Snow
John M. Warren
John A. Edwards

1962

James Kermit Argo
Francis W. Boyle
Lewis Eugene Campbell

Kenneth Wade Doggett
Marcia Rudder Ellison
Walter Marvin Ellison
William Walter Evans
Darrell Lee Fulton
Thomas Ashford Hughes
Donald Lee Jones
J. W. Long, Jr.
Barbara Ann McGahey
Flora Dianne Manning
Sarah Mayhew
William Stanley Outlaw
Eddie Joe Payne
Lewis Allen Perry
Jean Pittman
James Russell Puckett
Leslie Wardell Rowe, Jr.
Ella Ruth Rutledge
Douglas Jackson Simpson
Mary Inez Taylor
Gustus Morris Thompson
Elbert W. Tippet, Jr.
Robert F. Valentine, Jr.
Rashie Kennedy, Jr.
Alvin Raleigh Davis

1963

Bobby Glenn Abrams
J. Ann Arnett
James Kemper Combs
Ralph Edward Cook, Jr.
Jane Jones Duke
Carla Kay Dunham
Margarette Earnest
Florine Faulkner
Thomas W. Johnson
Shirley Rudene Kennedy
Andy W. Lay
Charles Thomas Malone
Archie Mayhew
Verla Fay Pembroke
Larry Powell
Dwight Dawson Riggs
Dorothy Louise Robertson
Wanda Annette Watson
Jerry W. Williams
Harring D. Shuemaker

1964

John Stewart Craft
Paul Fredrick Hall
John William Ham
Mrs. Dale Cole Hill
William Glenn Hill
Marjorie Ray Hinton
Sherwood Cullie Lee
Clarence Raymond Mays
Thurmon Murphy
Dixie Carolyn Myers
Jerry Lee Norris
John H. Reed
Janice Joy Rice
Kenneth Howard Riggs
Doyle Dean Shepherd
Wendell Lee Walley
Theodore Edwin Wilbanks
Erwin Eugene Workman
Delma Louise Wright
Benny Gerald Owens
James M. Walker, Jr.
Billy Marion Jones
Elizabeth Ann Lamm

1965

Betty Halliburton
Van Dale Hudson
Joseph Jones
Jim Lauthern
Bernadene Little
Joyce Maxwell
Sharon Newsome
Charlie Potter
Victoria Proctor
David Shores
Kenneth Stephens
Sandra Hudson
Howard Price

DID YOU FIND YOUR NAME?

■ OTHER NAMES flooded your mind with fond thoughts too didn't they? Some of these names have changed through the years. Yours may be listed under your maiden name. Know why they're listed here? Because of a marked achievement by all of them.

These are the ones that hold ETTA Diplomas issued by Free Will Baptist Bible College from the year 1945 through 1965. We've listed them here to remind you of your teaching responsibilities.

The Sunday School department is asking that each of you teach at least two ETTA courses during the coming year. Think of the impact this would have on Sunday school teachers and workers across our denomination if the 350 plus ETTA Diploma holders did this.

Will you do it? For additional information and help write today to: H. D. Harrison, Promotional Secretary, Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.



YOUTH IN ACTION

AN ENTHUSIASTIC crowd of approximately 500 was present for a recent CTS Rally sponsored by the Coastal Association in eastern North Carolina. The young people of the association raised \$574.61 which will be used to purchase pews for the church in Panama, Central America. Named as King and Queen of Youth were William F. Davis and Bertha Davis of Davis (N. C.) Church.

Much excitement was created as teams from the churches competed in the Bible Bowl and Tic Tac Toe contests. Winner of the Bible Bowl was the team from Pleasant Acres Church. There was a tie in the Tic Tac Toe between the teams of the Sherwood Forest and Pleasant Acres Churches.

Pictured above is a group of teen-agers with William F. Davis and Bertha Davis, King and Queen of youth. Below is the winning Bible Bowl team composed of Brenda Heath, Kay Jones, Wade Brown and Billy McKay. Sponsors for the team are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith.

News Of Note From CTS

by Samuel Johnson

IT IS IMPORTANT that all contestants for the competitive activities at the National Youth Rally be properly registered. Registration forms are available from the National CTS office. A separate form should be completed for each person in the individual competition and for each team in the team competitive activities. The registration forms are to be in the national office by July 1, 1966, accompanied by the proper registration fee. We do not want the confusion that results in late registration, so please write for your registration forms now and complete them as soon as you have had your state contest.

The registration fee for each entry in the declamation contest is \$2.00. Registration for the sword drill contest is \$4.00 for each individual. Registration for Bible tic tac toe and Bible bowl teams is \$10.00 for each team. These fees are designed to help cover a portion of the cost involved in providing these various contests and the awards which are presented to the winners.

There has been some question about the eligibility of individuals for the various contests this year. We are accepting either the age level requirements or the grade level requirements for this year. A person may elect to participate in only one of the age or grade levels. For participation in the Adventurer activities, the individual must be nine, ten or eleven years old, or have been in grade four, five or six during the year preceding the national meeting. To participate on the Heralds level, the individual must be twelve, thirteen or fourteen or shall have been in grade seven, eight or nine preceding the national. In order to participate at the Crusader level, the individual must be fifteen, sixteen, or seventeen, or in grade ten, eleven or twelve preceding the national. After this year's national contest, the requirement will be based on grade level only.

National Youth Banquet

There will be a banquet for Heralds and Crusaders at this year's national youth rally. The banquet will be held on Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock. Reservations for the banquet may be made now. The banquet will cost each individual \$2.50. You are urged to send in

your reservations as early as possible as there may be a limit as to the number that can be served at this banquet.

At the banquet there will be special music by a youth choir from Oklahoma as well as other special numbers. Mr. Jack Franck from Forest Home Youth Camp in Southern California will be the guest speaker. The general theme for the coming year will be announced at this year's banquet. If you are planning to be at the national youth rally, you will not want to miss this highlight of the national meeting.

Field Trip For Adventurers

All Adventurers will have the opportunity of going on a field trip to a park near the headquarters hotel on Tuesday afternoon. The field trip will be conducted during the time of the banquet for the older young people. The cost of the field trip will be \$1.00. This will cover the activities and also will provide a picnic dinner for the Adventurers and their sponsors. Activities for the evening have not been fully planned as yet. There will be an opportunity for physical recreation, as well as other interesting things for junior boys and girls.

Youth Choir to Sing

On Tuesday evening during the main service there will be a choir of young people to provide special music. This choir will be composed of young people throughout our denomination. You are invited to be a part of this choir. You may write to the National CTS office for a copy of the music that will be sung on this occasion. The choir will be under the direction of our National Youth Director Ken Riggs. For additional information, as well as copies of the music, please address your correspondence to Ken Riggs, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Contest Awards

We have available from the National CTS office, trophies which may be awarded to the winners of the various competitive activities. We have three sets of trophies, one set for the local church level, another set for the district level and still another set for the state level. These trophies may be purchased in sets for each level or they may be purchased

individually. There are trophies for the winners of Sword drill, declamation, Bible tic tac toe and Bible bowl. The Bible tic tac toe, and the Bible bowl trophies go the church and we have medals for the individual members of the winning team. We urge you to use these awards to show recognition to those who have worked diligently in order to achieve their status as winners.

Pictures of these trophies have appeared on the covers of several of our publications. If you need additional information in the way of description and prices, you may write to the National CTS office.

CTS "100" Club

In 1964 we began our CTS "100" club. Several churches won this award during the spring quarter of that year. One church has qualified since that time. The last church to meet the requirements for this award was the Prospect Free Will Baptist Church in Dunn, North Carolina.

You may qualify for the CTS "100" Club by averaging 100 or more during one full quarter. This does not mean that you will have to have 100 each Sunday, but you must average 100 or more for thirteen weeks. When you have met the qualification, simply write the CTS office and give the statistics for the quarter. We shall be very happy to award you with a plaque stating you are a member of the CTS "100" Club.

Youth Camp Literature

For the third summer the National CTS office is publishing literature for youth camp. The theme for 1966 is "The Blazing Torch". There are three courses in this year's curriculum: (1) Bible study, (2) Practical study and (3) Evangelism study. There are nine separate instructor's guides and three camper's books. The topical themes are the same for each of the three age levels, Junior, Junior High, and Senior High. However, each of the materials have been written by different authors for a particular age level.

You may write to the National CTS office for samples of the 1966 camp literature. Address your correspondence to Camp Literature, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. ■■

long. I intended on being saved; I really did."

There was no light from the light-house for the boy. He had no Damascus Road experience. He kept waiting for God to speak to him, to move him like He once did. No movement came. Nathan was fifteen years old now. He thought back over his wasted life and wished a thousands times that he had yielded to God when he was eleven. He was nearly afraid to attend the church now, afraid that God would not pull him to be saved. He thought that he had better help the Lord some way to atone for some of his sins. He quit lying to anybody. Still, no satisfaction was available. He laid aside his cursing vocabulary. For six months he would not utter a curse word. He treated everybody like the Bible said, but there was no peace for him. He had one last hope, if this did not work, he would be ready for insanity. Just before his birthday, Sardis Church held its annual revival. This would be the crisis experience. It was now or never.

On the first night of the revival, Nathan renewed his vow to be saved if God called to him. He arrived at the church expecting to see the great crowds which had attended there in years previously. To his astonishment and disappointment, there were only close to thirty people present. No strange feeling came stealing over him. He dejectedly dragged himself down the dusty road with his soul as black as the night surrounding him. Again Nathan determined to be saved the next night if God moved him. God did not bother to shake him. Tuesday, Friday, and then the services were dismissing on Saturday night. The revival had been a failure. The spiritual conflict raging within Nathan was taking its toll. This had been the time of harvest; the summer was ended as far as he was concerned, and he was not saved. Partial payment for his sin of neglected opportunity trickled down his face in the form of silvery, repentant tears, as the boy whom God did not care to save trudged back to a life of sin. Despondency was a sea to him; the God whom he had spurned had allowed him to seal his own doom. The most terrible of all his agonies was the growing bitterness that he had been so close to God, so close to being saved, and now there was no more mercy. What else was there to live for?

He turned his eyes upward, "Dear,

Lord, why won't you save me? I want to be saved more than anything else in the world. Won't you give me just one more chance?"

No voice spoke from heaven. There was no one upon whom Nathan could lay his heavy burden. He had chosen; the wages of his choice were now to be lived by him. The lonely nights still came. The rains, the thunder, the lightning—the symbols of God's power to the lad, all these found one who was offering no excuse to them. He simply bared himself in their presence and trembled at the wrath he must suffer at the hands of the offended God. He lay awake and bemoaned his pitiful cup of life, only crying to God for mercy, mercy whose door he knew was shut never to be opened to him who had once too often rejected the Saviour.

To try and obtain temporary relief of mind, Nathan took a job hauling Johnson Grass hay for a week. On the first day of the job, he found himself working beside the deacon's boy from Sardis Church. News was spread around about a revival being held by Preacher J. E. White at the Corbin Ferry Church just across the Bayou Macon. A reprieve for the prisoner! Nathan could hardly contain his joy at hearing the words. Mr. White was the preacher who brought the message those five years ago when he first felt God dealing with him. If anybody could tell him how to be saved, certainly Preacher White could. Maybe God was going to let him get saved after all. This looked like it would be the one more chance that Nathan had begged for.

Dashing home after working ten hours in the hay field, he felt that he just had to go to this revival. An urge inside him told him that he must attend. A quick clean up job and into the truck put Nathan on the road to Corbin Ferry Church. As he arrived the yard was already filled with people. His heart leaped for joy. This was how a revival was supposed to be. He almost thought of himself as a Christian he was so happy at being there. Milling about before service, Nathan was warmly welcomed by Preacher Sharpton, pastor of the Sardis Church. There was a love between the two of them that Nathan could not explain, but he liked it.

The song leader called the folks in and began the singing. Nathan, very conspicuously, tried to sing also. Then the message began. The message ended. The invitation was extended and closed.

Church was dismissed, and Nathan found himself soon hauling hay again. He was stunned and confused. He was so positive that he would get saved last night. Nothing had happened. He had felt nothing. The Lord was nowhere near. He wanted to be saved, but there was no call, no desire, no anything. What was wrong? His old fears returned. Maybe it was true after all, perhaps there was no hope for him.

Tuesday night was a re-run of Monday. Wednesday followed suit. A remorseful Nathan Bordeaux slowly pulled the pick-up truck into the church yard on Thursday. He opened the creaking door and slid out. Mr. Sharpton, the pastor of Sardis Church, sighted Nathan and came over. The two shook hands spontaneously. The whole world seemed calm and serene that evening.

"Nathan," spoke Preacher Sharpton with tears in his eyes, "someone is going to have to make a move."

"Yes, I know," returned the boy.

"If just one person will go forward and break the ice, there's no telling how many more will follow," said the burdened pastor.

Still in a low, disappointed attitude, Nathan entered the already crowded church. Looking around for a seat, he saw only limited space. He seated himself on the back row behind the door. Service began. It was the same thing happening again; there was no spark of response on his part. Preacher J. E. White preached and stirred no dead coals in the boy's soul. Having finished his sermon, the godly evangelist began the invitation.

One stanza was sung and nobody moved. The second verse was done; no stirring. The third verse of the song began. What was this? Could it be true? Only a faint fluttering, but yet it was there.

Nathan Boudreaux stood with bowed head. From far away there seemed to come a quiet, settled tug. Nathan swallowed hard. This was not like he had expected at all. Was God dealing with him?

As if in answer, these words seemed to play on his heart, "The last call, the last call, the last . . ."

Preacher Sharpton turned at the light touch on his shoulder.

"Will you go with me to the altar?" asked the boy.

Tears flooded the eyes of the broken—
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hearted pastor. He led Nathan to the front bench and knelt beside him. There on the floor before his God, Nathan Boudreaux came home. The prodigal son was met by his heavenly Father. As the confession was made, a new name was written down in the blood of Calvary's Lamb in God's Book of Life. Nathan could feel the burden leave. He glanced up at Preacher Sharpton as the pastor led out with the victory shout. Unashamedly, Nathan poured out tears of sorrow and joy. He had made it! He got in at the eleventh hour. The pastor had been right. Nathan finally noticed the altar; it was full of young men and women returning from the ways of sin. Sixteen souls found the power line that Thursday.

God walked the Bayous that night. His power was manifest. Nathan slept peacefully for the first time in almost five years. There was no fear for his soul. All was settled; the debt was paid. He hauled hay the remainder of the week and did not mind either the scratchy grass or the scorching sun. Night was no longer a dreaded monster to fight, but truly the rest it was intended to be.

Six months after his conversion, Nathan began experiencing spiritual unrest again. He could find very little satisfaction. Something was causing a ripple in his sea of calmness. On Wednesday nights he began consulting his pastor, Mr. Sharpton. He had to do something to relieve the unstable feeling. After about two months of intensive concern, he made his decision. Approaching his pastor, he said he was ready. The old veteran of the Cross understood.

On Sunday night the pastor told the folks that he had a special announcement for them. Every eye was eagerly turned toward Mr. Sharpton. Then he spoke.

"On Wednesday night, we have a young man who will be preaching for us, Nathan Boudreaux."

After service the kindly pastor approached Nathan. "Well son, our prayers have been answered."

"What do you mean?" asked the lad.

"You don't know anything about it, but two years ago we met at Sardis Church and asked God to send us a preacher out of the boys in the church. We figured that one of the deacon's boys would be the one. But the night you got saved, I knew that you would be the one whom God would call," spoke the pastor joyfully.

On Wednesday night, one redeemed Cajun bearing the name of Nathan Boudreaux bore testimony that God was real in the Bayou Country. ■■

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Missionaries Who Can Stay Forever

by Frank Cousineau

ONCE READ A STORY of a man and a boy who were traveling through the countryside leading a donkey. As they passed through a small town they heard some of the people protest, "What a stupid man! At least he ought to put the boy on the burro and save him the trouble of walking." The father heeded their complaints and set the boy on the beast.

But when they reached the next town someone exclaimed, "Such an injustice! The boy surely has more strength than his father. It should be the old man who rides the donkey." So, the father traded places with his son.

But in the third town he faced still more criticism. "What a heartless, selfish man, making his son walk while he rides." So the old man decided that the only way to keep everybody happy was for both of them to ride the animal. This, of course, promptly brought upon him the ire of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

This story represents the case of many missionaries in our country today. Each missionary is under pressure from all directions. He is told how he should dress. He is told how he should talk. And today's advice is usually the exact opposite of yesterday's. Thus, we should see that it is not easy to offer solutions and answers concerning the type of missionary who can stay forever on his chosen field.

The situation is further complicated by the variety of circumstances surrounding each case. Our answer to present-day problems are all too prejudiced.

Nevertheless, no one can deny that the kind of person who has been needed in the past will both now and always be needed in the work of the Lord—a man with more heart than head, with more understanding than intellect, and more zeal than missionary theory. This is the man who will become the missionary who will stay forever.

To put it bluntly, the missionary who can stay forever in the fields is one who adapts to the present generation the methods of Livingston and Carey; who sets aside his prejudice and ambition to follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Christ did not limit Himself to only one method of evangelism, for He used them all. Does it seem too much to ask that the modern missionary be an executive

or a technician, yes, but at the same time be consumed with a passion for the lost?

And how can he achieve this "all things to all men" type of personality? Here are a few suggestions:

1. He should use every possible means to evangelize while carrying on his own specialized type of work.

2. He should study the areas where there is potential for growth of the work, and then apply the methods, both old and new, that will produce results. Evangelism, after all, should bear fruit.

3. He should be an example to the nationals, not only in theory but in practice.

4. He should avoid binding himself to a rigid office schedule that serves as an unconscious barrier to friendships and contacts with others.

5. When asked to assume a specific responsibility in this local church, he should accept, but should begin immediately to prepare a substitute who can eventually work into the post.

6. He should act like a man who considers himself a notch lower on the organizational scale than his national co-workers, in order to maintain their confidence in him.

7. He should encourage missionary interest among his people.

8. He should be careful to orient his wife so that she is an asset to evangelism, integrated into the society in which they live, rather than a hindrance to work he is doing.

9. He should consider the advantages of taking several years of training in a good, fundamental school.

10. Above all, he should continually analyze his program to make sure that he is contributing to the salvation and Christian growth of his nationals.

In the final analysis, a missionary is not an individual who can afford to become discouraged when circumstances are adverse. On the contrary, the harder the situation, the more inspiration he finds. A missionary is a man who continues through thick and thin with the same zeal and passion with which he began, and who inspires his national brethren as they observe the joy and power of God in his life. ■■

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INSPIRATION . . .

The Uneducated Poor Man

This is the testimony of a village carpenter's neighbor: "He cannot talk very well in a prayer meeting, and he hasn't a lot of education. He isn't worth much money, and it's little he can give to the church or to any charity. But a new family never moves into the village that he does not find them to give them a neighborly welcome, and offer any little service he can render. He is always ready to watch with a sick neighbor, and help him in his affairs. He finds a pleasant word for every child he meets. He really seems to have a genius for helping folks in all sorts of common ways, and it does me good every day just to meet him on the street."

—Sunday School Times

The Point Is Obvious

A chaplain on the battlefield came to a man who was wounded, lying on the ground. "Would you like me to read you something from this Book—the Bible?" he asked the soldier. "I'm so thirsty," replied the man; "I would rather have a drink of water." Quickly as he could the chaplain brought the water. Then the soldier asked, "Could you put something under my head?" The chaplain took off his light overcoat, rolled it, and put it gently under the soldier's head for a pillow. "Now," said the soldier, "if I had something over me! I am very cold." There was only one thing the chaplain could do. He took off his own coat, and spread it over the soldier. The wounded man looked up into his face, and said gratefully, "Thank You." Then he added feebly, "If there is anything in that Book in your hand that makes a man do for another what you have done for me, please read it to me."

—Moody Monthly

Words About The "Word"

In an issue of the *Bible Society Record*, the following quotations from prominent and well-known Americans appeared concerning "God's Word."

George Washington:

It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

Abraham Lincoln:

I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.

Woodrow Wilson:

I have very simple thing to ask of you. I ask every man and woman in this audience that from this day on they will realize that part of the destiny of America lies in their daily perusal of this great Book.

Dr. Helen Keller:

Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright

moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations, because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker:

The Bible is "one Book" for "one world" . . . Today I realize that I probably would not be here, had it not been for the spiritual light and the moral power learned from this Book, which has carried me through the many crises of my life.

John Foster Dulles:

The Bible means to me that there is a God, that He has purposes for men and that each of us has the task to find and immerse himself in the stream of the Divine purpose.

Douglas MacArthur:

Believe me, sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed.

Herbert Hoover:

The whole of the inspirations of our civilization springs from the teachings of Christ and the lessons of the Prophets. To read the Bible for these fundamentals is a necessity of American life.

J. Edgar Hoover:

The Bible is the unfailing guide which points the way for men to the perfect life. The lessons of charity, justice and equality which enrich its pages should be learned well by all men in order that greed, avarice, and iniquity can be blotted out.

Dwight D. Eisenhower:

To read the Bible is to take a trip to a fair land where the spirit is strengthened and faith renewed.

Senator Styles Bridges:

All citizens of our Republic must constantly be reminded that the American heritage is a Biblical heritage; that the American present is a Biblical present and the American destiny is a Biblical destiny.

—Gospel Herald

Said Henry Ford

"All the sense of integrity, honor, and service I have in my heart I got from hearing the Bible read by a school teacher in the three years I was privileged to go to a little, old-fashioned grammar school. The teacher read the Bible every morning to start the day right. I got a great deal out of that influence. I was brought up in the church. I belong to the church. I attend church. I never go to hear a sermon, whether it is by a preacher in a small church or a large one, that I do not get help."

—Gospel Herald

personally...

REVIVAL TIME

OVER THE YEARS it has been customary for Free Will Baptist Churches to have special times of revival effort. Many of these meetings are planned at this time of the year and we refer to them as the "spring revival." Converts to Christ can be found throughout the length and breadth of our denomination who were saved in the "spring" or "fall" revival.

Word has already come of some very successful revival meetings in our churches, and since others will be having such meetings, I think we do well to remind ourselves of some basic truths concerning revival. Let's review them as presented in the prescription for revival found in II Chronicles 7:14.

Revival *concerns* the people of God. "If my people . . ."

True revival is not an evangelistic campaign. Strictly speaking, an evangelistic campaign is a concentrated effort on the part of the church to win the unsaved of the community to Christ. In contrast, revival has to do with the people of God. So long as Christians have two natures and are surrounded by temptation, revival is needed. Although revival has its beginning with the people of God, it never ends there. It reaches out and influences others.

Revival *commences* with a humble spirit. ". . . shall humble themselves . . ."

One of the biggest hindrances to revival is the sin of pride. The prophet Malachi catalogued certain sins of which Israel had been guilty, but each time sin was named, the people raised the question, "Wherein have we done this?" They were too proud to confess their sins. Likewise, Christians today rebel against a confession of sin and are strangers to humility and a contrite spirit. We need to remember the judgement that came to the Laodicean church because of its pride. "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing . . ." (Revelation 3:17).

Revival *continues* through prayer. ". . . and pray . . ."

Supernatural power can be ours and in the church through prayer. It is the power-line which connects us with God. Elijah, in contest with the prophets of Baal, prayed (I Kings 18:37) and the fire fell. "Then the fire of the Lord fell . . . and when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God" (I Kings 18:38-39). We get what God can do through prayer.

Revival *commands* a God-likeness. ". . . seek my face . . ."

When genuine revival comes to the individual or church, there is always a hunger after God. The Psalmist prayed, "Wilt thou not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee" (Psalm 85:6)? Do we know for certain that every area of our lives is surrendered to the Lord? Are we fulfilling God's perfect will? If revival burns in our hearts, our lives will conform to the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

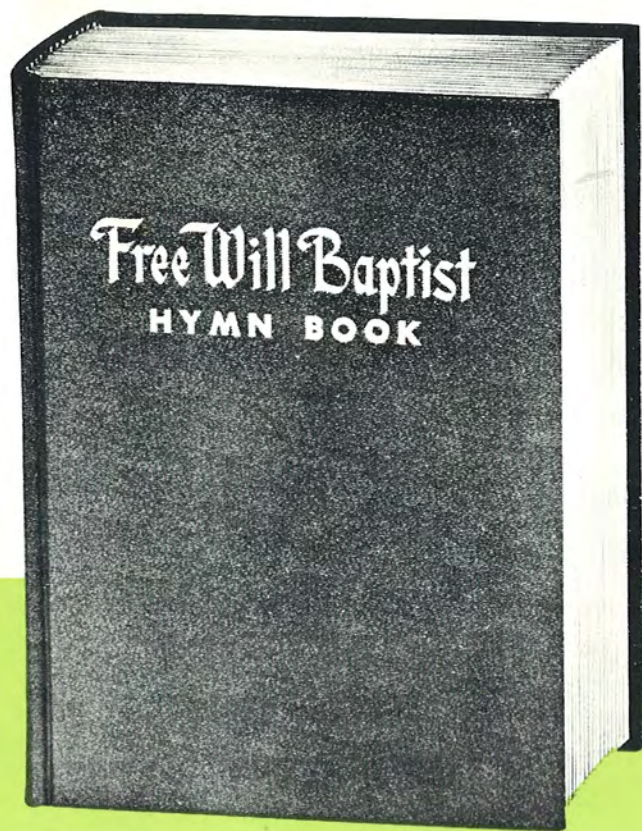
Revival *contains* repentance. ". . . turn from their wicked ways . . ."

Repentance is a turning from sin. Secret sins which have long been buried in our hearts must be confessed and forsaken. The Holy Spirit will bring them to mind. Revival tarries until the people of God turn from their wicked ways. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1).

Revival *climaxes* in forgiveness and healing. ". . . then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Here is a twofold promise. There is first the promise of individual blessing—"I will forgive their sin." Then, second, there is the promise of national blessing—"I will heal their land." The need for revival and the healing which it brings is recorded in the headlines of our daily newspapers. Reports of crime, immorality, drunkenness, broken homes, murder and sex scandals make revival and its attending blessings imperative.

Does your heart long for revival? Let's remember that God is ready to give revival to those who meet the conditions. Search your heart and join me in prayer that revival fires will burn in Free Will Baptist Churches all across America.



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