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ABOUT THE COVER

Capacity crowds filled Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock for the evening preaching services. God spoke to hearts, too, and it is now the responsibility of us who were there to fulfill commitments made and share what our hearts felt during those days.



Give Us A King

by Robert E. Picirilli

THE MODERATOR'S message is not intended to be a sermon. Rather it provides an opportunity for the moderator to speak a few words from his heart to the denomination. But even though I have no intention of preaching on this occasion, I want to use First Samuel 8:4-7 as a basis for my remarks. The background of this passage is well known—Israel is asking Samuel for a king.

The Lord had brought the nation from Egyptian bondage to the promised land; He had constituted them a nation and given them laws to guide their worship as well as their civil administration. In short, He made them a theocracy, established them in the land, drove out their enemies before them, and made them powerful. He had turned the dead womb of Sarah into a living multitude who bore His name and testimony in a dark world. He made them great, blessed them, gave them prophets and judges. He made them a unique people. Now, they want a king like all the nations around them. What a pity! The Lord recognizes they are not rejecting Samuel, but Him.

Free Will Baptists, like Israel in a way, are God's people brought from in-

significant beginnings to a place of blessing and even greatness. Our history is a long one, with its ups and downs; but we believe our existence as a denomination was ordained of God to serve our own unique place in His program of the ages. And in these past few years God has blessed us in a marvelous way. It is as though we had been born again in our generation; new enterprises of work for God's kingdom have flourished. We have, for example, a well-established college that is virile and growing, beginning this year a multi-million dollar expansion, expecting to see this year-for the first time-a regular day-school enrolment of 300 students. In missionary effort, there are ever-expanding areas of ministry on both the home and foreign fronts, so that today the sun does not go down on Free Will Baptist missionaries in countries around the globe.

And we would not dare even begin to think we have "arrived." We believe, in faith, that these are only beginnings. We can not even imagine the blessed future in store for Free Will Baptists if we stay true to God and abide in the place where He can use us.

But like Israel again, as there is growth,

blessing, and a little greatness, we are all too prone to desire "make us a king . . . like all the nations," to go in "the way of all flesh." We are all too apt to forget how the Lord blessed us and think mistakenly that our strength lies in the hundred-odd things that other people possess, as Israel thought their strength would lie in a King. But in so thinking, they were rejecting Him who made them unique and great; and the decline had set in that would ultimately bring them to ruin.

Here are some of the "kings" we may be tempted to enthrone; each which may be helpful and good when kept in their proper place and used rightly. Perhaps because we see them set in a place of prominence among others, we find it increasingly easy to exalt them to a place of prominence and undue emphasis.

First, there is *education*. All of us realize that education is one thing that can be, of all things, most helpful; and I believe we have been experiencing in our denomination some of the blessings of education in its proper place. But education can also be, of all things, most dangerous. May God help us if we get our eyes on the exaltation of the intellect and the Ph. D's and think therein lies the road to success.

Next, there is *material wealth* as seen, for example, in new buildings. We are quite happy that Free Will Baptists have moved out of the little frame buildings on the wrong side of the tracks into airconditioned brick buildings on the main streets; and rightly so. We have a fine new national office building; and not before it was needed. Our college will begin in a few weeks the first of several fine new buildings; and thank the Lord! But God help us if we place our confidence in buildings, if we are tempted to think that this is the source of our attraction to the multitudes around.

Then we are often tempted to enthrone centralized power. We look around and see the lack of "conformity," the poor methods used by some among us, and we think of all the wonderful improvements we could make if there were a little more power and authority, a little more regimentation. And we are tempted to build the structure a little more tightly. But, brethren, freedom is far more important than conformity, and we must be on guard. This is not to say that we must always be seeing a "bogeyman" behind every bush; indeed we can become witch-hunters at times in our zeal for the cause of freedom. But on the other hand, there is still great wisdom and truth in that old saying: "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

Another "king" we sometimes desire is *recognition*. We want identification; we

want to make a "name" for ourselves; we want the approval of other groups; we want to be part of some "larger" ministry; we want to take our place in the sun. God help us if we come to the place we think we need the eyes of men on what we do. God forgive us if we think we must remove the "stigma" of our own individuality and denominational distinctives.

Finally, we are also tempted to place our confidence in *programs*. Both on the local and on the denominational level, we easily drift into that feeling that we need the gimmicks, the bold plans, the new ideas, the imaginative promotions, and so on. But God help us if we begin to think that slick methods will bring us to spiritual goals. If you must, give me stumbling, ill-prepared men, but give me Spirit-filled men every time.

It is not enough, though, to speak of these dangers. Most of all, we must discuss the emphases we need to help guard our place in God's kingdom. Many things could be listed; here are five of what I consider the most important.

1. We need to continue a strong emphasis on the local church. As Brother Melvin recently put it, "the churches do not exist for the National Association, but we exist for the churches." And much more is involved here than just an affirmation of congregational church government; it means we must recognize that the only organism that God ordained-other than the church universal-is the local congregation. All other bodies are organizations. The local church is the source of all meaning and authority in the work; we need continual reemphasis on the place and responsibility of the local church in all ministries.

2. We need simplicity. At an afternoon session in a Bible conference several years ago, Brother L. R. Ennis suggested simplicity of organizational framework as a denominational distinctive for Free Will Baptists. I like that idea. Brethren, let's be high on service and low on schemes; strong on fellowship and preaching, with not so much emphasis on business and organization.

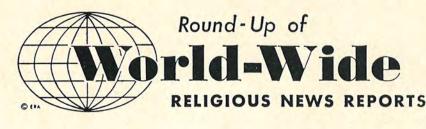
3. We need denominational integrity. All this propaganda we hear nowadays saying that denominationalism is bad ought not to lead us astray. God has brought the Free Will Baptist people into existence as a unique, distinct people to fill their own place in His program. Not to say we have no need of anyone else; there are other fine Christian people who have their place to fill, and at times we can help them and they us. But what we do, let us do it as Free Will Baptists.

4. We need a Spirit-filled ministry. This is the source of real strength; and this is the only answer to the temptations to place our confidence in methods, or in attractive buildings, or in education. If we do not have the unction of the Holy Spirit on our preaching, all the other fine things we achieve will be but curses. If we do not preach in the demonstration of the Spirit and His power, someone might well write Ichabod over the door.

5. We need to concentrate on the main job. The task of the church is evangelization and the edification of the saints, and we need to constantly re-examine what we're doing in the light of this job. Jesus is coming soon, and we need to be at work on the essentials. There are a lot of fine things that we could devote our attentions to, but we were not called into being just to do fine things. We may have to let a lot of good things go in order to devote ourselves to the best thing. When Jesus comes, I would much rather be found neglecting some worthy ends in order to concentrate on the main job, than be found fiddling with side issues. May God help us to get on with the job of preaching the Gospel.

MR. PICIRILLI is moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He. gave this address during the opening service of our convention in Little Rock last month.





French Language Center Organized

NEW YORK CITY (MNS)—In May a number of mission executives from the New York-Philadelphia area met at the Christian and Missionary Alliance headquarters here to hear Dr. Jacques Blocher report on a new French language school which is being organized by an association of French evangelicals.

Dr. Blocher, who is co-director of the Nogent Bible Institute, said that buildings for the new school are now under construction at Albertville, France. Albertville is located 60 miles south of Geneva, Switzerland and has daily train service from Paris, which is about 360 miles away.

The committee hopes to have the new facilities available for use by the end of 1966.

Children's Television Program Established

SANTO DOMINGO (MNS)—Some Dominican Republic evangelicals with an unimaginative name—"Grupo Evangelico Asociado" (Associated Evangelical Group)—have come up with an imaginative approach to child evangelism. They produce a weekly children's television program which is carried each Sunday at 12:15 noon over Radio-Television Dominicana, the national government network, reaching most cities in the nation.

The format provides variety, including a good humor section, stories and adventures, a Bible lesson with flannelgraph, and a music section with children participating.

Seminar on Christian Education

CHICAGO, ILL. (MNS)—A special seminar concentrating on the effective use of Christian Education methods and techniques at the local church level has been announced by Scripture Press Foundation for December 5-7, 1966.

The purpose of the seminar, according to Dr. Roy B. Zuck, Executive Director, is to challenge missionary personnel regarding the importance of local-church Christian education, to discuss problems related to Christian education on mission fields, and to consider ideas and develop plans for advancing local-church Christian education around the world.

Koran Written In Gold Thread

LAHORE, PAKISTAN (MNS)—Pakistani craftsmen will soon begin the task of writing the Koran (the holy book of Islam) in gold thread, according to a Reuters news report.

The approximately 140,000 words will be worked into specially selected satin by a team of ten highly-skilled Muslim artisans. They will produce three copies, at a cost of about 400,000 rupees (about \$28,000) each.

One copy is to be kept in the New Pakistani capital of Islamabad. The others will go to the Muslim shrines of Mecca and Medina, in Saudi Arabia.

Donation For India Relief

NEW YORK CITY (MNS)—The Park Street Church in Boston, through the services of the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals, has contributed \$2,952 to be used for food distribution in India. Since WRC does not have its own program in India, the Mennonite Central Committee has been asked to distribute the aid through its outlets there.

Christian Basketball Team

PALO ALTO, CALIF. (MNS)—Sponsored by Sports Ambassadors, the 12th Venture for Victory Basketball Team tour will take eight young champions to Japan, Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Australia and New Zealand on a unique missionary journey.

Using basketball as the platform, these cagers dedicated to Jesus Christ will speak and play before hundreds of thousands of persons before the tour ends, according to Roy Thompson, executive director of Sports Ambassadors.

Over the past years 80 athletes have served in Venture for Victory. Fifteen of these have already returned overseas in Christian service, and several others are planning to do so upon completion of their education.

Missions Take-Home Paper

TORONTO, CANADA (MNS)—The publication of a "take-home" paper geared to presenting teenagers with the claims of missionary service has been announced by the Sudan Interior Mission. The paper, *Missions and You*, is designed as a special once-a-quarter supplement to the take-home papers used by many churches.

These papers are the only ones of their kind, as far as we know," says SIM Home Director Ian Hay. "Distribution is just now getting under way, but so far the kids have really taken to them. We have high hopes for this project."

Each paper features a true missionary story, a quiz, a believe-it-or-not section about some country of the world, and a challenge to commitment.

\$324,000 For World Missions

TORONTO, CANADA—The Peoples Church here concluded its month-long World Missions Conference with a Faith-Promise Offering amounting to \$324,000.

Every session was conducted by Dr. Oswald J. Smith, the Minister of Missions and speakers came representing the mission fields of the entire world. Highlights of the month featured a colourful Pageant and a Missionary Opera. The final services drew crowds of more than 2,000 people. Dr. Smith, Sr. preached and took up the Faith-Promise Offering on Sunday morning, and the Pastor, Dr. Paul Smith brought the message and received the offering at evening services.

The Sunday school which averages over 1,000 gave \$144,000. The Music Ministry gave \$29,000 and the Elders gave \$74,000.

The Peoples Church will be able to maintain its sustantial contribution towards the support of some 30 missionaries and a number of new workers will be added.

Living Gospels Available

WHEATON, ILL.—The long-awaited *Living Gospels*, a paraphrase of the four Gospels and Acts by the author of *Living Letters*, has been released for bookstore sales.

Advance orders and requests have assured a sellout of the initial press run of 1,200,000 copies—a near-record first printing, according to Tyndale House Publishers, Wheaton. The production required 40 railroad cars of paper, a ton of ink each day and three weeks of around-the-clock printing on high speed presses.



CONVENTION CAPSULE

■ In spite of extremely hot weather, Free Will Baptists came to Little Rock in record numbers for the 30th annual session of the National Association. At least 3,000 attended the Tuesday and Wednesday night services while attendance at day sessions set new highs. Registration totaled 2,369. Of this number 249 registered as delegates, 552 registered as ministers and 1,568 registered as visitors. Several foreign countries were represented.

■ The new convention format gave additional opportunities for fellowship. Everyone seemed to enjoy this feature of the program planning. The new features such as the pastors meetings, laymen meetings and youth meetings were all greeted with much enthusiasm.

▲ A large and attractive exhibit area was a popular gathering place and was visited by hundreds. Each ministry of the National Association was represented as well as other related ministries. Free literature and "give away" items were never more plentiful.

Business moved along with minimum difficulty and the moderator had little trouble maintaining time schedules. A recommendation concerning the work of the Superannuation Board brought the longest discussion from the floor.

■ Laymen of the Year award went to Travis Ray Carter, a member of the Free Will Baptist Church in Winfield, Alabama. Mr. Carter teaches a Men's Sunday school class in his church and served as the first president of his local Master's Men chapter, as well as an officer in the CTS. He has taken much time from his business to promote the cause of Christ and his denomination throughout the state.

■ Total budget adopted for 1967 was \$1,454,864.17. This compares to a budget of \$1,267,307.55 for 1966. Cooperative Plan allocations remain the same: Foreign Missions 29%, Bible College 21%, Executive 20%, Home Missions 16%, Church Training Service 10%, Superannuation 3% and Stewardship Commission 1%. The budget committee reported that study would be given to the matter of Cooperative Plan allocations in the next year.

Dr. Laverne Miley spoke to 390 persons at the annual Pastor's Dinner. He leaves for a second term of service in Ivory Coast within the month. His simple, but eloquent, plea was that we give, pray and go until the gospel has been given to every man. Dr. Miley was a speaker on the convention program last year just after his return home.

■ A large and enthusiastic crowd attended the Laymen's Breakfast and thrilled at the testimony of a substitute speaker, Tommy Smoat. Mr. Smoat, a Christian, told of his miraculous escape when his SAC aircraft exploded over Little Rock after only seven minutes into the air. Mr. Smoat is now flying for JAAR, a division of Wycliff Bible Translators.

A generous spirit was demonstrated by all in attendance through liberal giving. Over 3,000 was given for convention expense by Wednesday night eliminating the necessity of a Thursday offering, 3,228.53 was given in the missionary offering and 5,662.75 was given in cash and faith commitments for the 20 + 8 offering.

■ Two fraternal delegates and two visitors from the General Baptist denomination were present on Tuesday night and Wednesday. They were Dr. Kenneth Kennedy, Executive Secretary; Rev. Minvil L. Clark, Executive Director of Education and Publications; Rev. Don Willingham, Director of Foreign Missions and Rev. Edwin Runyon, Editor of *The General Baptist Messenger*.

The Mississippi State Association was received as a member. Prior to this year, representation was by a district association—the Northeast. The new state association is made up of the Northeast and South Mississippi associations.

Approval was granted to the Sunday School Board to erect a 40 x 80 warehouse building on property adjoining the present National Office Building. This additional building is needed to take care of the growing activity in the literature field.

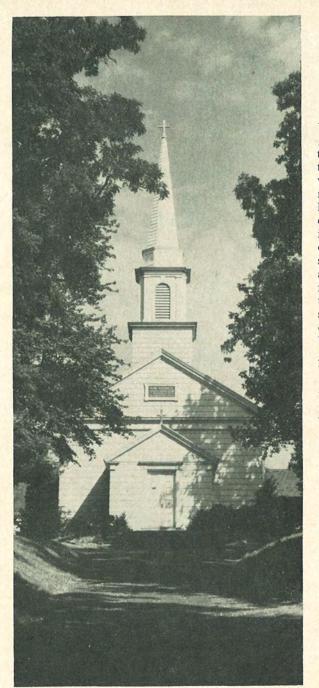
Free Will Baptist Bible College announced plans for the first buildings under the three million dollar expansion program approved last year. A boy's dormitory and a classroom building are to be ready in the fall of 1967. Combined cost of the two buildings will be close to one million dollars. Alumni of the college, meeting during the convention, adopted as a project the building of a gymnasium.

The Foreign Mission Board reported that their 1965 budget was exceeded by \$14,577.55. Several new missionaries will go to the field this year. The Home Mission Board was encouraged in a five year program to reach the large cities of America with a gospel witness. The Sunday School Board announced that the new curriculum, which is now available at the lower grades, was being well received by the churches. The Church Training Service Board announced that response to the new youth program, Sunday evening activity and summer camp revealed a growing desire on the part of the churches to reach and train their membership.

Past officers of the association were reelected. They are Robert E. Picirilli, Moderator; Wayne Smith, Assistant Moderator; Malcolm Fry, Clerk and Johnnie Floyd, Jr., Assistant Clerk. Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary, was elected to another two-year term.

Convention site for 1968 will be Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Jacksonville, Florida, had previously been picked as the 1967 site. The association will vote next year on sites for 1969 and 1970.

Photo above: Officers of the National Association are (l. to r.) Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary; Wayne Smith, Asst. Moderator; Robert E. Picirilli, Moderator; Malcolm Fry, Clerk; Johnnie Floyd, Jr., Asst. Clerk.



The Burning Witness

by Jim Lauthern

ow WELL I remember those happy days, gone but not forgotten, when the sound of hymns and praises echoed throughout the valley from within my walls. But now, all is quiet and lonely in my little valley, and only the song of the lonely whippoorwill and the chirp of the crickets break the silence at twilight. It isn't that I'm all alone, for my life-long companions are still with me. The stately sycamore behind me has gained dignity and grandeur through the years. To my right on the hillside grow those two small, twisted dogwood trees that bloom each spring and show the beauty of God's creation. I recall that spring, when they bloomed and people climbed the hillside just for a closer look. Then on my left is the rambling brook that winds its way down beside the road and under the old wooden bridge and then empties its cool, refreshing waters into the muddy river. The sturdy oak tree stands in front of me and gives me shade from the burning sun. Many a boy has climbed into its branches in search of fun or the first bird's nest of spring. Close beside the oak stands the huge, thorn tree. I never could understand why they didn't cut it down, but then, I don't understand many of the things they did.

Another day is dawning, but it isn't just another day; it is Sunday morning and soon Brother Lewis will come and visit me once again. He has been so faithful all of these years. Not one Sunday morning has he missed. Sometimes he is all alone, and then at times he brings some of the children in the valley with him. He is old and feeble now, but I can remember when he was young and in the very prime of life. He gathered all of the men of the community together and they came to this very spot and began to clear away timber and underbrush. Having accomplished this, they began to construct my foundation and erect my walls. Oh, those were glorious days when I was admired by all who passed my way. How proud they were of me, but alas, that was long ago. Once within me rang the words of "Amazing Grace," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and "More Like the Master." How ironic that is, for it is I, not they, who is like the Master. I am the one that is despised of men and rejected. I, like Christ, have been forsaken and denied. But not by Brother Lewis; he has never forsaken me. How he was filled with pride that day as he watched the workmen place the bell securely in my new steeple. He had purchased the bell so that all would hear it ringing and would come and worship the Lord.

I have shared his moments of happiness and his moments of sorrow. I remember the day that he knelt with his new bride at my altar, and then just a year later here at the same place she lay in her coffin, a victim of malaria. Once each week, rain or shine, he still visits her grave in the little cemetery just beyond the brook. Then across the old, wooden bridge he comes and enters my presence through the back door. Down the side aisle to the third pew from the front he makes his way, picks up a hymn book and begins to sing one of the old songs of the church. Why he opens the book I'll never know, for he knows the songs by heart, and he couldn't see to read the words anyway for the tears that flow down his cheeks. His voice is soft and shaky now, but once his vibrant, happy notes seemed to make my rafters ring. Then he opens his Bible and reads for awhile. He never utters a sound, but I can see his lips slowly moving. Many times he stops reading and lifts his eyes toward Heaven as if to say, "Lord, give me understanding of Thy Word." Finally, he closes the Bible and makes his way down to the altar and goes to his Maker in prayer.

You would think that he didn't have any problems or needs of his own to hear him pray. It is always for others that he prays. Each time he prays for God to send a preacher to the little valley, although it has been over thirty years since the gospel has been proclaimed from behind the pine pulpit on my platform. Then he closes by asking the Lord to help him to remain faithful and obedient.

How lonely this valley would be without these visits from Brother Lewis. Oh, there are others that come by occasionally but they don't give me a glance, except when Mrs. Bledsoe comes up to the brook each spring to gather watercress. She usually looks around to see if anyone is watching and then she will sneak over and peek into my window and see if the piano is still sitting where it always did. Once she even slipped through the back door, dusted off the piano and began to play. It did sound good to hear it being played once again, even though she missed some of the notes. It was mostly her fault that my doors had been closed anyway. She wouldn't let anyone else touch that piano

and she took her whole family out of church that Sunday the new preacher's wife wanted to play for a choir special. Then she started telling false rumors about the new preacher. Being as influential as she was, it wasn't long until everyone had left but Brother Lewis.

Oftimes during the summer months the children scamper down the dusty road in search of new adventure, but they are not interested in me. In fact, they often throw rocks at me and break my stained glass panes. Poor Brother Lewis has neither the money nor the strength left to repair me. He used to ring the bell each Sunday morning although no one would come. But now, a branch from the thorn tree has grown through my steeple and has entwined the bell in its grasp and it will not permit the bell to ring. But Brother Lewis cannot cut down the tree by himself and so I remain, like the Savior, crowned with thorns.

Yes, they have treated me as men also treated the Master. Jesus proclaimed that He was the Door and they nailed Him to a cruel cross. Likewise they have nailed my door with crossboards, refusing to let any enter. They cast lots for the garment of the Savior, and they also cast lots for my furnishings, but Brother Lewis purchased them back, in hopes that the day would come when the pews would once again be occupied by those who desired to worship the Lord. As they mocked Jesus, they have mocked and ridiculed me as a symbol of the Christian faith. They placed a title over Jesus which read "King of the Jews"; they also covered the sign above my doors that once read "Come Unto Me," and now it simply states "For Sale." Shall I be sold into evil hands as the Master was? Only last week there were two men who were talking about tearing me down and replacing me with a new lodge house for the businessmen in the community where they could come on the weekends and enjoy themselves.

Where is Brother Lewis this morning? He is usually here before now. Could something have happened to him? No, here he comes at last over the bridge. My, but he seems depressed. He has stopped on the bridge and is just looking at me. Why is he acting so strangely? Why doesn't he come on in? Now he has stopped and he is stooping over to pick some of the wild, yellow flowers that bloom by the side of the road. He has never brought flowers in here before, although he usually brings them to his wife's grave. He is now looking up at the old bell that no longer rings and now he slowly drops his head and comes around to the back door to come in. But he isn't going back to the pew as he usually does. He is going to the back; he is going to try and ring the old bell once more. As he gives a tug at the bell, the rotten rope falls to the floor around him. He droops his silver head and the tears glisten on his pale cheeks. Then in just a short while he lifts his head up high and with all the strength he can muster he sings forth the glorious message of "The Old Rugged Cross." As he sings he makes his way to the altar, places his flowers in a small vase and kneels to pray.

I can see the dust flying as a car makes its way up the little gravel road. The boards really clatter when the car speeds across the old, wooden bridge. Is someone else going to come to church this morning? Two men get out and take two cans out of the car and come toward me. They are the same two men that were here last week. They are not going to church. What are they going to do? They begin to pour gasoline out of the cans all around me. Are they going to burn me up? Don't they realize that Brother Lewis is inside? Before long I am engulfed with flames; the flames are leaping up the walls and into my steeple. My old dry timbers just crack and pop as the flames hit them. A portion of the steeple falls aflame to the ground and as it does the branch from the thorn tree springs back and releases the bell. The tolling of the bell seems to echo and bounce off the hills in the little valley, but Brother Lewis remains undaunted in his prayer.

Immediately the yard is filled with the people of the valley. They try to make a bucket brigade from the little brook, but it is too late to save me now. Many of them are crying and some fall to their knees in prayer as they watch me, their church, ascend in smoke to heaven. Why have they waited so long to be concerned about me? I hear some ask, "Where is Brother Lewis?" Just then as my roof and walls give in, the crowd hears the faint pleading voice of Brother Lewis within me as he prays, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

MR. LAUTHERN is manager of Teach and Train Publications and a member of Woodbine Church in Nashville.

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, 2719 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.

I have noticed that many of our Free Will Baptist Churches are in a poor state of repair. I am of the opinion that God's house should be kept in a good state of repair at all times. If this is not done, it would appear that the church has weakened its testimony in the community. What do you think?

You recently told a woman whose husband drank excessively not to divorce her husband. My husband drinks some, but my biggest problem is his unfaithfulness. He has been involved with a woman now for about five years, not just an every once in a while thing, but two and three times every week. I have two children which are his. This woman can't have children. Should I divorce Him? His father is a Christian and says that the Lord would not hold it against me in a case such as this.

What do you think about people here on earth knowing whether they are going to heaven. You hear it said, "Oh, I am on my way to heaven. I am going there." I do not think anyone knows just where they are going. I know we all, or most Christian people, aim to go to heaven, but I don't think we can really know. Do you?

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To allow our churches to deteriorate, to go unpainted, or to "run down" is a definite reflection on us. We have only to read the description of the materials used in the erection of the Tabernacle and later the Temple in the Old Testament to see what God said about His house. The Catholics, the Jews and most of the cults have attractive places of worship. "In my Father's house are many mansions." Let us make God's house just as beautiful and attractive as we possibly can. Then remember to reverence it as a sacred place where we meet God in worship.

There are several scripture passages which forbid divorce and remarriage. Space prohibits anything except the references. Please read them: Mark 10:11, 12; Luke 16:18; Romans 7:3; I Corinthians 7:11; I Corinthians 7:39. There are two passages which use the expression "except or save for the cause of fornication." These are Matthew 5:32 and Matthew 19:9. There are those who say that these passages allow remarriage for the innocent party. My advice is this. If you must separate, stay unmarried as long as your mate is alive. However, I am not for divorce at all and the mass of scripture backs up this stand.

There are so many "know so" scriptures that space prohibits listing but a few. Concerning Christians, Paul says, "Ye are fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19). In Phil. 3:20 he says, "For our citizenship (margin) is in heaven." Jesus said in John 14:2, "I go to prepare a place for you . . . and will come again . . . that ye may be there also." Acts 1:11 says, ". . . this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner. I John 5:13 says, "These things have I written unto you that believe . . . that ye may know that ye have eternal life." I John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God . . ." We could go on and on. I know I'm on my way to heaven because "I know whom I have believed" (II Timothy 1:12) and "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).



■ Jack Paramore, Director of Expansion for Free Will Baptist Bible College, will be attending the Missouri State Meeting, August 24. Following this meeting he will be in several states for promotional work.

Director of Home Missions and Church Extension, Homer E. Willis, will attend a Missionary Retreat at Montgomery Bell State Park, Dixon, Tennessee, August 21-27.

■ Mark Vandivort, Field Secretary for National Home Missions and Church Extension, will be in missionary services in West Virginia, August 1-7. He will attend the Missionary Retreat at Montgomery Bell State Park, Dixon, Tennessee, August 21-27.

■ Director of Foreign Missions, **Reford** Wilson, will be at a missionary conference in the East Alabama Association, August 10-14. He will attend the Missionary Retreat at Montgomery Bell State Park, Dixon, Tennessee, August 21-27.

■ Rufus Coffey, Director of Conference Ministries for Foreign Missions, will be attending the Illinois Camp meeting at Benton, Illinois, August 8-14. He will be in the First Oklahoma Youth Camp, Roman Nose Park, Oklahoma, August 15-19; Missionary Retreat at Montgomery Bell State Park, Dixon, Tennessee, August 21-27 and in a missionary conference at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri, August 31-September 4.

■ Director of Teacher Training for National Sunday School Department, Harrold Harrison, will be in Columbia, Tennessee, August 1-6. He will be traveling in Texas August 15-20 and in Georgia August 29-31.

■ Jerry Ballard, Director of Publications for Foreign Missions, will be appearing with the new motion picture "Carnival of Pretense" in premiers scheduled in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. The film also will premier this month in Oklahoma, Illinois, Michigan, Texas, Missouri, Arizona, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio.

■ Executive Secretary, **Billy A. Melvin**, will attend the Missouri State Association during the week of August 22. Sunday, August 28, he will preach at the East Nashville (Tenn.) Church.

1966 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

June, 1966

Cooperative Gifts From The Churches . . .

	June 1966	Year to Date	Total to June, 1965
Alabama\$		\$1,445.96	\$ 679.54
Arizona		492.50	487.60
Arkansas	233.94	2,298.69	1,554.42
California	472.59	3,813.29	3,677.66
Florida	370.07	1,450.41	873.38
Georgia	204.41	1,080.18	1,180.09
Idaho	41.41	234.69	161.83
Illinois	670.78	4,009.99	3,204.37
Indiana		94.00	157.00
Kansas	500.00	1,350.00	777.85
Kentucky	125.00	465.93	475.89
Louisiana		64.43	
Michigan		173.22	300.00
Mississippi			119.00
Missouri	1,296.22	7,676.59	6,429.67
New Hampshire	18.38	98.81	130.62
New Mexico	27.80	169.47	123.74
North Carolina	289.00	944.15	833.48
Ohio	500.66	1,868.02	1,244.32
Oklahoma	1,204.00	7,807.29	5,852.78
South Carolina			6.84
Tennessee	47.30	1,249.78	1,930.85
Texas	415.99	1,414.61	1,481.82
Virginia	918.66	3,222.26	1,237.27
Washington and Oregon		221.55	80.00

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	Cooperative June 1966	Receipts Year to Date	Designated June Year to 1966 Date	Total Receipts To Date
Foreign Missions	\$2,183.88	\$12,077.28	9	\$12.077.28
F.W.B. Bible College	1,581.43	8,745.62		8,745.62
Executive Department	. 1,506.12	8,329.16		8,329.16
Home Missions	1,204.90	6,663.34		6,663.34
Church Training Service	. 753.06	4,164.58		4,164.58
Superannuation Board	. 225.92	1,249.37		1,249.37
Stewardship Commission	. 75.31	416.47		416.47

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by ROBERT PICIRILLI

E PHESIANS 2:19 reads, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God." A study of three Greek words in this verse makes the meaning clear.

The word translated "strangers" is xenos, which emphasizes the "peculiarness" or "unknowness" of a person who does not belong. In Matt. 25:35-43, the word is used when Jesus speaks of taking in "strangers"; in 27:7, Judas is buried in a field for "strangers." In Hebrews 13:9, the word is used for "strange" doctrines, and in 11:13, Christians are said to be "strangers" in the world. The idea of the word, then, is quite descriptive of persons who do not belong, who are unknown and unrecognized, outsiders, peculiar, different. Ephesians 2:19, in using the word, is referring back to verse 12, where we-as Gentiles-are said to have once been aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and "strangers" from the covenants of promise.

The word translated "foreigners" is *paroikos*, which is from two words, *oikeo* (dwell) and *para* (alongside); the word thus refers to one who dwells alongside the people of a country, but is himself not one of those people. It is used regularly in Greek for one who lives in a land but is not a citizen, thus a *foreigner*, an *alien*. He resides alongside the citizenry, but is denied the full rights and vote of a citizen.

Thus Paul describes us as strangers, unknown to God and His people, on the outside looking in; and we only dwelled alongside His people, but were not part of that people. We were stranger and different, like people who move in from another land and speak a different tongue and follow different customs; we were considered aliens, without the rights of the citizenry, foreigners.

Thank God, though, Paul does not leave us on the outside. He says, we have been made "fellowcitizens" with the saints! The word translated "fellowcitizens" is *sumpolites*, from two words, *polites* (citizen) and sum (together). So we have been made citizens together with those who were already full members of God's country and household. We are not any longer "strange" and "alien," but joint-citizens, having all the rights and privileges enjoyed by anyone else. We have been brought into full fellowship with the people of God.





California School Buys Property

FRESNO, CALIF.—The California Bible Institute, owned and operated by the California State Association, has recently purchased a 3½ acre site which will be the permanent home of the school. According to Rev. Gene Rogers, President, there is a large two story building and a smaller three bedroom dwelling already on the property. The larger building will be used for administrative offices, class rooms and a boys dormitory. An additional building is to be built in the immediate future to house girl students.

The school operated in the San Francisco area for a number of years, but has recently been located in Fresno, using the facilities in one of the Free Will Baptist Churches. 35 students were enrolled in courses last year.

Prior to the end of last term, the school sponsored "hospitality days." This was a period of two days when prospective students could visit the school to see what college life was like. Officials of the institute were gratified at the enthusiastic response. Indications are that the school will enjoy one of its best years during the next term.



Officers Elected

MT. VERNON, ILL.—During the recent meeting of the Illinois State Association the following officers were elected: Rev. Jim Walker, Moderator; Rev. Fred Hall, Assistant Moderator; Rev. David Shores, Clerk; Rev. Albert Bays, Assistant Clerk; and Rev. Clifford Hicks, Treasurer. All officers will serve for one year. Rev. George Waggoner continues as Promotional Secretary in the state.

Homecoming For Missionary

HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—It was homecoming day for a stranger recently at the Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist Church here. Mr. Lonnie Palmer, missionary to Africa, returned home on furlough. For over four years the church had given financial support to the Palmer family even though most of the members had never met them.

Glancing Around The States

Following the evening worship service, the Master's Men invited everyone to enjoy an hour of fellowship with the missionary family. Rev. Carl Vallance is the pastor.

Revival Spirit Prevails

CHUCKEY, TENN.—The Liberty Free Will Baptist Church here experienced a revival spirit during a week-end revival with Rev. Arnold Woodlief as the evangelist. The pastor, Rev. Henry D. Bailey, said, "We would like for arrangements to have been made for Mr. Woodlief to have been with us longer."

Mortgage Burned on Parsonage

BELK, ALA.—A dedication service was held by the Free Will Baptist Church here at which time the mortgage on the parsonage was burned. The pastor of the church, Rev. G. C. Lawrence, was the

The congregation of the Free Will Baptist Church in Exeter, California, has been enjoying the facilities of their new church for the past several months. Pictured here is the interior of the sanctuary. The building program was made possible by a bond issue directed by Executive Church Bonds, Inc., with Rev. Francis Boyle as representative. This is one of several new churches built in California during recent months.



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speaker. Value of the property is \$12,000.00. Members of the building committe were Grady Gilreath, Laren Williams, Jack Newman, Aubrey Belk, Dalton Gilpin, Robert Collins and Houston Hamm.

Women Meet In Illinois

BENTON, ILL.—The Woman's State Auxiliary Convention of Illinois met during the month of June for their annual meeting. Ella Mae Hiltibidal, President, presided. Guest speaker was Mrs. Evelyn Hersey, missionary to Japan. Part of her presentation was the explanation of items brought from Japan and special music by her children.

A number of items for the national provision closet were brought to the meeting for delivery to Nashville.

Association Meets

PORTLAND, ORE.—The Northwest Association met in semi-annual session here during the month of May. Assistant Moderator Fred Dellinger presided over the business sessions and messages were brought by Rev. M. C. Kendall and Dr. Ronnie Winkle. Interest and attendance was good for this young association.

A new feature at the association was a youth rally. This was under the direction of Mr. Nathan Ruble.

Association Will Meet

CHESTER, S. C.—The Beaver Creek Association will meet with the Free Will Baptist Church of this city on August 11-13. Theme for the association is "God Lives Today." Rev. Paul Sheehan, Rev. Lloyd Gore, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. Joe Faile and Rev. Truitt Dick will preach during the three day meeting. **Two Pastors Die**

GREENVILLE, N. C.—The Rev. Ernest Bowen, 22, was accidently killed on the Belvoir Highway near this city when his car collided with another vehicle. His wife was injured but is recovering from her injuries.

Rev. Bowen was pastor of the Belvoir Free Will Baptist Church and had just graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, this past June.

The Rev. Ronald Creech and the Rev. Billy Morris, both of Durham, North Carolina, conducted a memorial service in the Belvoir Church and the funeral services in the Liberty Church in Durham. Mr. Bowen was a native of Durham. MARYSVILLE, CALIF.—The Rev. George Sherbourne, pastor of the Hallwood Free Will Baptist Church near here, was shot and killed in his pulpit Sunday morning, July 24, just five minutes after he had taken the stand to deliver his morning message.

The gunman, an enraged husband of one of the members, came into the sanctuary and shot his wife in the back and head, critically injuring her. Rev. Sherbourne asked the man to put the gun down and not shoot any more as he was in the house of the Lord. The man then turned the gun toward Rev. Sherbourne and fired, striking him in the head just above the left eye. Death came about four hours later.

Rev. Sherbourne was 51 years of age and had worked in the Maryville area for several years.

Attends Chaplain School

BROOKLYN, N. Y., July 22—Chaplain (2nd Lt.) Gerald M. Mangham, 29, a

Free Will Baptist minister, is one of 32 Baptist clergymen currently attending the nine-week Chaplain Officer Basic Orientation Course at the U.S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, N.Y. The class as a whole numbers 170 clergymen from throughout the United States, representing some 28 religious denominations.

Rev. Mangham, who calls Oklahoma City his home, is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. He earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1955 at the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Since that time he has served churches in Springfield and Ashland City, Tenn., and in Aurora and Chicago, Ill.

NSSA Convention

BOSTON, MASS.—The 21st Annual Convention of the National Sunday School Association is scheduled for a meeting here September 21-23, and is expected draw five to seven thousand people from over the United States and Canada as well as foreign countries. Representatives will be in attendance from more than 50 denominations at the conclave which will feature eight major sessions being held in the new War Memorial Auditorium in the Prudential Center.

Six headline speakers, each a wellknown leader in his field, will be taking part in the major mass meetings. In addition 175 workshops will be offered. Workship leaders, experts in various fields of Christian Education are being made available by cooperating denominations, publishers, and kindred organizations.

Three of the oldest ministers in the Cumberland Association (Tennessee) shared together recently in dedication services. They are (l. to r.) Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. C. A. Craft and Rev. E. A. Craft. They have given a total of 135 years in pastoral ministry. The newest addition to the Free Will Baptist Churches in the Nashville, Tennessee, area is Grace Church organized on September 26, 1965. The church was organized with 22 members. It now has more than 78 members and faithfully supports national work.





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Convention Time Means...

> WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS SINGING SHARING

1 Capaciy crowds filled the Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock for each session of the association. Executive Secretary Billy A. Melvin is at the speaker's stand.

2 A portion of the crowd which was present for the Pastor's Dinner. A total of 390 persons attended to enjoy the food, fellowship and message by Dr. Laverne Miley.

3 Youth were featured on Tuesday night. Special music given by a Youth Choir from Oklahoma was enjoyed by all. Mr. Bob Followwill is the director and sponsor of this group.

4 Mr. Travis Carter of Winfield, Alabama, was surpised as the Laymen of the Year. Here he is pictured as he was presented the award on Thursday morning by the moderator.

5 Dr. Laverne Miley spoke to the pastors during the Pastor's Dinner. His address was in the form of parting remarks before returning to the Ivory Coast for another term.

6 Russell Spurgeon was one of four convention speakers. The responsibility of "The Christian Imperative—World Evangelism" was forcefully presented by each speaker.

7 There is a time for all things. The General Board, meeting through the day Monday, gets down to the business of hearing department reports and budgets for 1967.

8 Steering the work of the Master's Men is the responsibility of the Laymen's Congress. They met through Tuesday morning to review the work and project future plans.

9 A full house turned out early on Thursday morning for the Laymen's Breakfast and heard the personal testimony of Tommy Smoat. Everyone marveled at God's providential care.

10 In morning Pastor's Meeting, pastors heard Dr. Jack McCombe of the American Bible Society speak about the desperate need for Bible distribution around the world.







Highlights At Little Rock

PHOTOS GET THE ACTION





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Youth Director Ken Riggs makes presentation of awards to National winners in the Bible Tic Tac Toe contest. They are Jean Ann Spurgeon, Deborah Heine, Deborah Hendershott and Charles McDonald. Their home church is Trinity Church in Bridgeton, Missouri.

Youth Compete At National

by Samuel Johnson

A PPROXIMATELY ONE hundred and thirty-five Adventurers, Heralds and Crusaders competed for thirty awards which were presented to the winners of the 1966 Sword drill, Bible tic tac toe, Bible bowl and declamation contests. Response to the program of competitive activities at this year's national meeting was perhaps the best in the history of our youth program. The competition was keen and a good attitude was displayed by the contestants throughout the meeting.

Eleven states were represented in Bible bowl competition and twelve states in Bible tic tac toe. This was excellent representation considering that this was the first year for actual competition on a denomination-wide basis for these two activities. It is anticipated that more states will be represented next year at the national meeting in Jacksonville, Florida.

With the exception of the sweep made by Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Bridgeton, Missouri, of both the Bible bowl and Bible tic tac toe, the winners of the various contests were distributed fairly evenly across the denomination. The 1966 winners in all competitive activities provided through the Church Training Service are listed below:

Sword Drill: Vicky Brown—first place from Collingswood Church, Portsmouth, Virginia; Jean Picirilli—second place, Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee. Bible Tic Tac Toe: Missouri—first place. Team members: Charles McDonald, Deborah Hendershott, Deborah Heine, Jean Ann Spurgeon from Trinity Church, Bridgeton, Missouri. Alabama second place. Team members: Teresa Brewer and Dianne Gables from First Church, Florence, Alabama.

Bible Bowl: Missouri—first place. Team members: Diane Horton, Robert Colby, and Nedra Horton from Trinity Church, Bridgeton, Missouri. North Carolina—second place. Team members: Gene Terry McLeod, Connie Parker, Tommy Turner, and Danny Lucas from Prospect Church, Dunn, North Carolina.

Adventurers' Declamation: Steven Eaddy—first place from West Side Church, Johnsonville, South Carolina; Terri Barnhart—second place from New Home Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Heralds' Declamation: Vicky Mosley first place from New Home Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Bonnie Jo Ragsdale second place from Fellowship Church, Flat River, Missouri.

Crusaders' Declamation: Randy Rutka —first place from First Church, Denver, Colorado; Louise Armstrong—second place from Pearce Chapel, Smithville, Mississippi.

Adventurers' Essay: Louie Loetscher from Bethany Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

Heralds' Essay: Kay Coleman from Prospect Church, Erwin, North Carolina. Crusaders' Essay: Elaine Williams from

Northside Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In order to help develop more participation in competitive activities on all levels, the National CTS office has made available several items to be used. A study booklet for Sword drill competition may be ordered for fifteen cents per copy or twenty-five copies for three doldollars. Each Adventurer should have his own copy for personal study at home.

Declamations may be purchased for fifteen cents per copy. There are twelve titles available now and new ones are to be added during this year. It is permissable for a contestant to write his own or for someone else to write it. The contest is judged on the skill of delivery.

A study kit of questions plus the new category cards for Bible tic tac toe is available for \$3.95. There are one hundred and twenty questions on each of the nine categories making a total of 1080 individual question and answer cards. The national contest next July will be primarily based on this plus additional questions from the following books of the Bible: *Ruth, Daniel, Mark, Acts,* and *Ephesians.* Questions in the kit will be rephrased, but the answers will be the same.

A study kit is also available for Bible bowl for \$2.95. There are more than 1250 questions in this kit. The questions and answers are on individual cards. The national contest next July will be primarily based on this kit plus additional questions from the following books of the Bible: *Proverbs, Amos,* and *Romans.* Questions from the kit will be rephrased, but the answers will be the same.

The National CTS Office has plans to make available to district and state quiz leaders questions for Bible tic tac toe and Bible bowl. The sets will contain rephrased questions from the study kits plus questions from the other sources listed above. The state level will be different from the district level. No one but the official quiz leader will be permitted to obtain these special sets. Write for further information if you are responsible for either of these levels of competition.

All contestants for the 1967 national competition must qualify according to grade in school. The official age classification is as follows: Adventurers for Christ—Grades 4, 5, or 6; Heralds for Christ—Grades 7, 8, or 9; Crusaders for Christ—Grades 10, 11, or 12. The grade determination is based on the school year preceeding the national meeting.

It is quite possible that additional activities will be provided for the 1967 meeting. You are urged to stay alert for announcements in the Church Training Service materials and this magazine.

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WOMAN'S PLACE in the church has long been disputed. Opinions vary widely from those which demand she "keep silent" to those which grant equal privileges with men. Perhaps most people will agree there are certain valuable contributions which woman can make to the local church not "in spite of being a woman," but because she is a new creation in Christ.

Reference is made to spiritual contributions rather than money raising projects or free janitorial service. There was a time when the husband handled most of the money and the woman devised other ways of supporting the church and missions. She promoted rummage sales, bake sales, chicken suppers and quilted. She sold vanilla, black pepper and doughnuts. Today's Christian woman is thinking less about making a fast dollar for the church and more about giving from her own purse as a good steward, using her time in a better way. Her God-given ability, devotion, and spiritual power, equip her for service as a "co-laborer with God.'

Women were prominent in the activities of the early church. Dorcas, in charity and good deeds (Acts 9:36); Mary, mother of John, was foremost in prayer (Acts 12:12); Priscilla was equally gifted with her husband as an expounder of the Way and instructor of Apollos (Acts 18:25) and Paul's fellow worker in Christ (Romans 16:3). Women today feel a close relationship with those women of whom Paul wrote, "Help those women which labored with me in the gospel . . . fellowlaborers" (Philippians 4:3).

As each Christian woman earnestly considers the work and needs of her church she will discover the channels through which her talents and training will count most for Christ and the church.

Intercessory prayer should be considered a vital part of one's service to the church. The activities of the modern church are many and varied. Pastors and other Christian leaders often find it difficult to spend adequate time in prayer. How blessed is the ministry of prayer in their behalf, for missionaries and the unsaved. There is no substitute for family devotions which insure the early conversion of children and link the home with the church, but women can increase their prayer time by praying while doing routine things which require little thought-like ironing, vacuuming or washing dishes. There is no limit to what God can do through women completely committed to burdened, intercessory prayer (John 15:7).

The Sunday school will probably be the avenue through which many women can contribute most. With the passing of the teaching parent from the home and



CONTRIBUTIONS WOMEN CAN MAKE

by Cleo Pursell

the Bible from the school room, this is one of the few agencies left for the religious instruction of the child.

To make teaching effective, one needs to make use of every opportunity to increase knowledge and to find new ways of presenting Gospel truth. A dedicated teacher will attend teacher-training classes when possible and study God's Word prayerfully.

Those who like to work with youth are needed in CTS, vacation Bible schools, youth camps and youth choirs. Mothers can contribute greatly to the success of all these organizations by seeing that their children and young people get to these meetings and are regular in attendance. They can also help by assuming responsibility for transportation, as well as assisting in the social activities when the need arises.

Music has always been a vital part of worship. Frequent scriptural truths in song find their way into hearts which have been unresponsive to the preached Word and hearts experiencing sorrow have found comfort and courage in the lovely strains of some hymn of the church. "And when the song was raised, with praise to the Lord . . . the glory of the Lord filled the house of God" (2 Chronicles 5:13). It is to such a purpose

that choir members, directors, organists, and other musicians dedicate their talents in the church today. There is always a need for trained personnel here.

Church visitation is an essential part of church work and in many instances the most neglected. Visits to the sick, shut-ins, absentees, new members, prospective members, those in trouble or experiencing bereavement and social visits must be made, for all of these people have special needs. The pastor cannot possibly find time to do all this work himself and will welcome help.

Since women control over 70% of the wealth of this country and do 90% of the spending, they have a responsibility and privilege to support the church and its world-wide ministry. The church cannot operate with the change left over from the weekly shopping or after all bills are paid. If one's Christian profession indicates any depth of consecration, surely one cannot give less than a tenth. The most famous steward mentioned in the Bible is the widow who contributed two mites to the treasury. Her offering will never be forgotten for she gave all she had.

The Womans Auxiliary is an integral part of the church. It helps the church fulfill its world mission by leading women to become involved in missions through prayer, study, stewardship and the promotion of soul-winning and benevolent activities in their communities.

The Auxiliary offers every woman a place of service through which she may develop her talents and contribute to the life and work of the church. When a woman relates herself to the Woman's Auxiliary she relates herself to a world objective. Can a woman find any cause more worthy of her time, abilities, energy and material possessions?

The church could not continue to exist if people were not willing to share their talents and abilities. Joseph Murray writes, "The more you do, the more you will be asked to do. That is the blessed penalty for willingness. The more you do, the more you will be able to do. That is the blessed law of effort. The more you do, the more it will mean to you. That is the blessed promise of reward in the Master's service. They know Him best who serve Him most."

They talk about a woman's sphere as though it had a limit;

There's not a place in earth or Heaven,

There's not a task to mankind given,

There's not a blessing or a woe,

There's not a whispered yes or no,

There's not a life, or death, or birth,

That has a feather's weight of worth without a woman in it.

-C. E. Bowman

MRS. PURSELL is Executive Secretary of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.



Promoting Successful Mission Services

by Leslie C. Carney

THE MISSION program on the local church level inevitably effects the mission program on the denominational level. It is important, therefore, to make every mission service successful. There are several contributing factors which can help mission services meet with success.

Ranking high on the list of "things essential" would be motive. Why have home and foreign mission services? What good are they? What do we hope to achieve by them? Is it the financial question alone, or is there a deeper, spiritual purpose? Our true motive is ever and always: "For the love of Christ constraineth us" (II Corinthians 5:14a). Just preceding that statement Paul said, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" (II Corinthians 5:11a). Knowing men are accountable to God and hopeless without Christ should move any Christian to become identified with reaching souls for Christ. Our love for Christ is the basis for our motive. Note that this basis does not basically lie in the plight of the lost; rather, it lies in obedience to the command of Christ, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Obedience to the Lord's command is the real test of our love to Christ.

Then, too, the methods used to promote missions are varied and important. We need not be apologetic or haphazard in promoting the mission program. What is really needed is an aggresive and well organized program at every level. Keeping missions before people will in itself serve to keep them mission-minded. And it need not be understressed, for any successful mission service is dependent upon the response of the congregation. Bring in missionaries from time to time.

Other methods which promote missions include the annual missionary conference, the posting of missionary literature and maps where the people can see them, letters between churches and individuals with the missionary, prayer for the various missionaries and fields and, if possible, a visit by the pastor to one or more of the fields. This will aid the pastor in viewing first hand the needs and will serve to aid him in making the mission program more effective.

With the motive and methods in mind, what are the means of carrying them out? The real key here is total cooperation

between the missionary and the mission board and cooperation between the local churches and the mission board. Actually, this is the point upon which success or failure is determined.

Once the missionary and the mission board have discussed the plans, and the board has given approval, then the task of promoting a successful service really begins.

Publicity

Publicity is of utmost importance. If a service is to be successful, spiritually rewarding and leave an impact, careful planning is necessary. Usually, the first step in publicity is in the hands of the mission board. Once a candidate has been approved, then the task of planning the itinerary begins. If a service is requested in advance and confirmation from the local church is received, then the board can begin to send information about the missionary before he arrives. This all serves to introduce the candidate and will stimulate interest.

The advantages of making appointments far in advance are numerous. It gives the pastor a chance to plan his schedule of events for the coming year and the chance of "overloading" is lessened. The pastor can keep it before his people, and gradually build the planned service to a peak. There is time to set goals. Unless a church is very well off, real goals cannot be set on short notice. Every church ought to set a definite goal.

In a recent service I had, we enjoyed a really successful meeting. The service was planned about three months prior to my coming. The pastor took the lead at that point. I gave him literature concerning myself to post on his bulletin board. The people received announcement of my coming. Then literature was posted. In the prayer meetings the service was constantly mentioned, interest stirred. When I finally arrived, the folks were all anticipating a wonderful service. The love offering was good and, in addition, five families pledged monthly support for a period of one year. The service was successful because ample time was given to properly promote it. Such services will promote missions on the local and denominational level.

Prayer

Prayer is absolutely essential. All the planning is but so much toil and labor, if prayer is not engaged in. We need the spiritual guidance that God gives. Each member of the church should feel his responsibility in praying for the missionary and his needs. The missionary can help the local church in this regard. He should list his needs, the condition of the area to which he is going and other things connected with his work.

Prayer may be offered at the regular prayer meeting on Wednesday, in the various Sunday school classes, at cottage prayer meetings, or each family may take two or three requests and remember them daily in their homes. Special requests can be inserted in the bulletin.

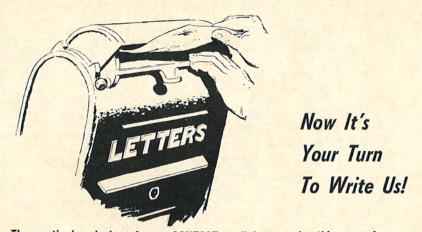
Role of the Pastor

When once a service has been arranged, the real key to its success lies in the hands of the pastor. From this point on he plays an integral part. The depth of his interest will determine the depth of interest his congregation manifests. If a service is being properly publicized, prayer enjoined for it, then the pastor is undoubtedly interested.

In a real sense it is the pastor's duty to stress that the service is more than a "fund raising" meeting to help the missionary out. The real purpose is obedience to Christ's command, and it is the Lord's work that is being supported. This must always be the perspective in view.

The pastor also should strive to challenge his people to prayerfully consider underwriting individual monthly support in definite amounts. Also, he should, if the church is able, try to lead his church to vote on underwriting a portion of some particular missionary's support on a monthly basis. It would be good if both a "home" and "foreign" missionary were included.

In summary, our motive must be right. Our methods must be in line with our motives, and the means of effectively carrying them out must be Biblical and ethical. Proper publicity is essential to creating a deep interest in the coming mission service. Prayer is the key to success. The pastor is the key to successful promotion of the service. Through it all, we must rely upon the Holy Spirit to move as we pray fervently. **m**



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S OME PEOPLE say discipline is outdated, but God's Word teaches us that discipline is as necessary now, as it has ever been. Here is why.

Moral and mental instruction began with the opening pages of God's Word. In Genesis 2:7, 16, 17, we read, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

Throughout the Scriptures, mankind's need for discipline is recorded and what happens when one fails to be obedient to that need. All around us we see the result of lax training. Genuine love, respect, a sense of duty, responsibility and strength are missing from our character and those we are trying to mold. Surely we are compelled to face this problem. We know why these traits are missing. God has been left out of our lives. Our excuse? There isn't enough time for all we have to do. The tragedy we try to do too much, with emphasis on the material.

A wonderful example is given to us in the Scriptures from which to pattern our lives concerning time and all else . . . our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He was never in a hurry. He put first things first. He came to earth to do the will of the Father. Even though the cup was bitter, He drank it. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might . . . And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children . . ." (Deut. 6:6, 7). When the Lord comes first in our lives, all other things fall into place. Human nature tends to forget the really important things in life.

Discipline begins with the entrance of each individual into the world. Almighty God has blessed many of us with children. Too often we fail to grasp the grave responsibility of parenthood. These precious souls are entrusted to our care. A child's character reflects that of his parents'. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

The prevailing rebellion and lack of respect for parents stem from the fact that parents do not take time to correct or guide their children. On the other hand, some of us expect too much of our loved ones. Either way, the reaction is the same. Many times, rather than be bothered with them, we soothe our conscience by over-indulging the offspring. The Old Testament records the story of an indulgent parent, Eli. His sons were what we call today deliquents. Here is a vivid picture of what lack of discipline does. For contrast, there is Hannah who loved the Lord and her child, Samuel. Refresh your memory. Read I Samuel 1 and 2.

Today, by some standards, if little Suzy throws a tantrum, she is only expressing herself. When Jimmy hits his pal over the head, it is only because Daddy forgets to increase his weekly allowance. Much of the reading material nowadays advises parents to refrain from spanking the child-forbid the favorite TV program instead. After all, we may give the replica of ourselves a complex. The Book of books instructs us, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare his crying" (Prov. 19:18). "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15). "Withhold not correction from the child: for

and paganistic outlook on life. Boys and girls look alike because of the way they fix their hair. All this is a form of hysteria. In our mind's eye, we see vividly homes that lack discipline and love, pitiful souls without Christ.

Ideals have become warped. We say we want what is best for our loved ones. We protest our love. In wanting the best for those we love, are we emphasizing the material or spiritual? Are we so busy with the cares of this life that we forget the importance of not only instructing our families in God's Word, but living it daily?

Discipline is a real necessity of life. Man cannot survive without it. This is fact. God, our Creator, created us for His glory. This is fact. Jesus said, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments . . . And marvel not if the world hate you." This too, is fact.

Compromise with the world's way of doing? We cannot. Paul tells us in

Discipline Makes The Difference

by Gloria C. Turner

if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Prov. 23:13, 14).

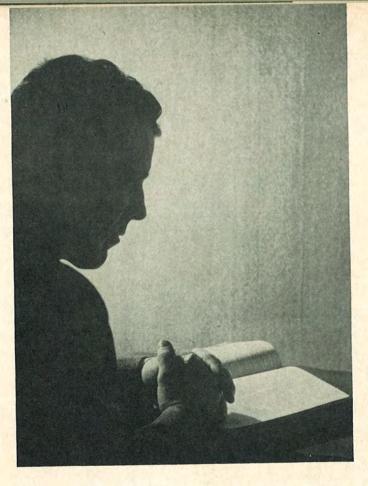
This younger generation resents the slack and over-indulgent attitude of some parents. It may seem strange, but there are many young people who want their parents to say "no" and stick to it. Deep down, although they will probably not admit it, children want to know we are interested, that we truly care what happens to them. Love is the neded ingredient, not things. Where insecurity is instilled, rebellion is born. Perhaps most of us become aware of this rebellion in our teenagers. Oft times, an expression of love and discipline is too late then. It should be applied from the cradle days.

Pathetic sights are all around us these days . . . unwashed bodies, partly naked . . . the screeching and moaning that is called singing . . . a demand for self-expression, bottled up resentment Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." After accepting Christ as Saviour, our best is required and, at that, it seems so little to give the Master.

Take heart, Christian! Obedience is not a forgotten thing. Looking at God's world and at man, we see the stark need for instruction. Lifting our eyes heavenward . . . our hearts whisper within where it should begin.

Is it possible that we have become slack in spiritual matters? Are we completely submissive to our Maker? Is the cloak of indifference on our shoulders? Ponder these things. Then, without further delay, let us go into action. "For ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

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EFFECTIVE

M ANY SERMONS have been preached on the imperative of Bible study convincing Christians that they should honestly study the Scriptures. After all, the Bible does teach in II Timothy 2:15 that we ought to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Jesus further admonishes believers to "search the scriptures" (John 5:39). Paul commended the Bereans because they were "more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed" (Acts 17:11, 12).

Honest Christians have taken the admonition seriously, picked up the Bible and started to "study" only to put it aside as "too deep for me." They have been frustrated because they did not know how to properly approach the Scriptures. There is a wrong way as well as a right way to approach the Bible just as there is a wrong way to pray as well as the right way. Knowing the difference between the right and wrong way could make the difference between a Bible student and one who is ignorant of the Bible. It may well mean the difference between being used of God and

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not being used of God; the difference between a vessel unto honor or one unto dishonor or a castaway.

The basic principle in Bible study is to do just that-study the Bible. Read the Scripture and let it speak for itself. Many so-called study courses are not the answer because any study course that does not bring one back to the Bible is not worth the time, money, or effort to do it. Read the Bible in a survey manner, such as suggested by the American Bible Society, which is to read three chapters a day and five on Sundays and the Bible will be read through in one year. Young Christians should especially set out to read the Bible, but starting perhaps in the New Testament rather than the Old Testament. It is not wise to become bogged down at first in small details which are not clearly understood because an over-all picture of the Bible will help a person to understand the minute details later when a more detailed study is undertaken. So, stick to the Bible and place it above and before any other book because it truly is the Book of books. In it is revealed the way to heaven.

James M. Gray in his book, *How to* Master the English Bible, lists six points that give much wisdom to the earnest inquirer. First, begin the study where God begins—with the book of Genesis.

Secondly, read the book. Thirdly, read the book continuously ignoring the chapter-verse division because they were not added until around the 13th Century. In the original form the books were like long letters which contained only paragraphs. Also, as much as possible should be read at a single sitting. The fourth principle is to read the book repeatedly which is over and over. The fifth is to read the book independently. Always read the Bible apart from commentaries and other books even though many are valuable in their place. But at first, cling to the Bible. The sixth principle is read the book prayerfully. This point needs to be stressed very much because in these days so much of the Lord's work and study is done without seeking the aid of the Holy Spirit. This boils down to selfeffort and confidence in the flesh which is a very good recipe for false doctrine.

After the passage of Scripture has been read enough so that the student is clear as to what it says then other helps could be read to get other ideas and thoughts. For Sunday school teachers the same is true. Get the Scripture lesson clearly in mind before turning to commentaries and other study aids. Give the Holy Spirit an opportunity to help you rather than having the mind filled with so many of men's theories that the Bible

by Galen Dunbar

BIBLE STUDY

is approached with preconceived ideas. These ideas (if they should be wrong) have to be overcome before truth is allowed to work.

The Bible is not a human book and neither is the author human. It is a Divine Book given by God through men who were instruments in the hand of the Holy Spirit to record the messages for us and our benefit. In order to understand the Scriptures as the author meant them to be understood requires a divine interpretor. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is precisely at this point where so many people go astray into false doctrine, liberalism, modernism, and other tangents. They ignore the meaning which was meant by the author and put human meaning to divine thoughts.

Another method of Bible study is the "book of the month" plan. This plan is to choose a particular book of the Bible and read it daily. Read it over and over and over. Repetition is the key to learning, we are told, so read the book repeatedly and with each cycle new thoughts and understanding will be obtained that were not gotten before. The author is familiar with a man who along with the book of the month also had a "book of the year" which was read and studied over a period of twelve months. He read from both of the books each day in his devotional period. With whatever else you do, always make Bible reading as much a part of your daily schedule as you do eating food when you're hungry, for the Bible is "spiritual food." Never allow a day to close without having read a portion of the Scriptures.

There is more to Bible study than just reading. Along with reading there should be meditation. Take time to let God speak to you through meditation on a verse or perhaps a chapter. Meditation is the doorway to application of the truths to our lives and without the application the truth will mean nothing. Truth without application is like having the "sure-cure" medicine, but never taking it; being rich and dying of hunger; oxygen by the bed of a dying man, but never applying the mask to the nostrils.

Choose a particular verse or passage and read it over and over. Read several verses before and after the verse or verses for meditation to determine the context, for we dare not ignore the context. Pick out a single truth in the verse or passage and after reading the Bible turn aside and put it in your own words. If it is convenient to do so, write it down in your own words for writing it helps to make a "double impression." Then ask yourself questions about that verse

from different aspects with a personal inquiry always foremost. Does this verse contain a promise? What? Does it apply to me? How? Am I doing it? How? Are there conditions involved? Am I meeting them? Such questions as these and many more enable us to make the personal application of the verse under meditation. After having done this, do your best to make an application of that verse during the day. If this is done, courage to face the enemy and faith in God will be the results. One thing to be guarded against is generalities. God deals with promises and sins specifically, so do the same in meditation.

The study of the Bible can be thrilling, exciting, and most inspiring if the time is taken to study. But time is essential! It cannot be done in spare-time or the time when one is tired with nothing else to do. Put forth the effort, with the Holy Spirit as your guide, and see the Scriptures unfold to you. Others, thereby, will see your growth in grace and in the *knowledge* of God (I Peter 2:1; II Peter 3:18).

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PLAN NOW FOR THE FALL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

by Harrold Harrison

HIS HAS been no ordinary year. It has been a year filled with startling news—much of it bad. Bad news always travels fast. Is it because it has so many carriers? It could be!

Truth seems slow in getting about. Have you ever wondered why? Is it because we fail to carry it to others with the same fervor that we carry bad news? It could be!

The "good news" that Jesus saves needs to be shared in your community. You have the prospects. We have the material to help you catch their eye, win their ear and ultimately their heart. Our working together in dependence on the Holy Spirit can get the job done.

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Dear Editor:

Each issue of *Contact* seems to get better! I thank God for a denominational paper that we can be proud for people anywhere to read. I look forward to receiving it each month.

Your editorial and the article by Ella Rae Jones were extra special this month. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely, Rev. Roger Russell Winterville, N. C.

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Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a check for a one year subscription to *Contact*. I would like for this to be mailed to my sister.

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Thank you, Mrs. Richard Murphy Cove City, N. C.

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Dear Editor:

Enclosed is check for *Contact*. Our pastor brought back a few copies from Little Rock and we enjoyed ours so much, especially the article by Thurman Murphy. If it isn't asking too much, would you try to get me the August issue? I am looking forward to the article "Contributions Women Can Make."

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boggs Wadsworth, Ohio

Too Much From Outsiders?

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find check for my subscription to *Contact*. You have a good magazine. Give us more articles from our own pastors and people and less from outsiders and NAE, even though they are a wonderful organization and doing a wonderful work. Just a suggestion from one of your readers. Keep up the good work.

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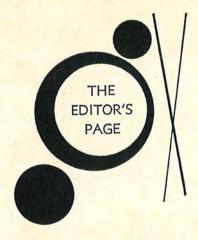
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REFLECTIONS ON LITTLE ROCK AND BEFORE

personally...

THE THIRTIETH annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is now history. From Little Rock we have returned to our homes and churches. Thinking back over this year's convention, I was reminded of the first National Association which I attended. It was in the summer of 1947 and I had just graduated from high school. In February of that year I had answered the call of God to preach, and as summer approached, my father suggested that I should plan to attend the national meeting of the denomination. His conviction was that if I expected to minister within the framework of the Free Will Baptist denomination, I should participate in all its activities.

Thus in July of that summer, I boarded a chartered bus, with my father and a number of other ministers, for the trip from eastern North Carolina to Detroit, Michigan. What a trip! For me, it was like going half-way around the world. Coming back, we visited Niagara Falls.

In Detroit, the National Association was hosted by the Highland Park Church (now Central Church). Rev. Raymond Riggs was pastor. (I still have a picture I made of him standing by a sign announcing the convention.) Most of the time I sat in the balcony and during some periods I didn't follow too well what was going on. Business has a way of getting complicated sometimes! There was plenty of room for everyone and seats to spare. I don't recall the attendance, but I am sure that we have several state associations now that have more in attendance than were present at that meeting.

Each year, since 1947, I have attended the National Association, missing only once in 1950. That year the convention was in Richmond, California, and I was traveling with a quartet from the Bible College. We wanted to attend, but there were not enough Free Will Baptist Churches across the west to provide services and traveling money so we stayed in the east.

Th work of the National Association has always been a blessing to me. Some of the happiest years of my life have been those in which I have been most intimately involved in the work of my denomination. My denomination has been good to me. My denomination owes me nothing. Instead, I owe much to my denomination and I pray that I might be faithful to the trust that is mine.

Free Will Baptists have made significant gains across the years that I have been privileged to view the scene. I rejoice in every step of progress, in each soul won to Christ as Saviour, and in new fields of service opened at home and abroad. Encouraging signs are seen—renewed commitment to the Word of God; an increase in lay participation; an active, vigorous youth program; an improved Sunday school curriculum and teacher training program; an awareness of contemporary problems and needs; a growing and expanding Bible College; and growth in evangelistic efforts and missions. For this we can take heart and thank God. While some denominations are wrestling with fringe items and trying to decide whether or not the Bible is trustworthy, Free Will Baptists are seeking to determine how they can enlarge their soul winning efforts, build anothr church or send out another missionary.

But let us not deceive ourselves! The pressure to get sidetracked from the main business of the church is ever with us. We must never forget that Satan desires to get in and destroy this good work through seeds of discontent and discord. It is always his purpose to hinder that which counts for God and the salvation of souls.

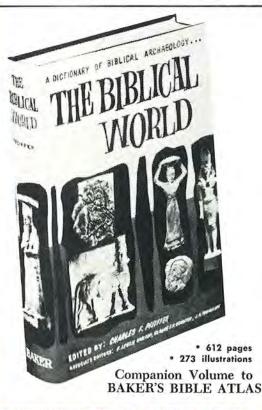
What is it that can save us, keep us useful and in the will of God? Much prayer and a total dependence on God. How we neeed to pray one for the other! In the work of God, our fervent prayers are not optional, but essential.

The National Association in Little Rock indicated that we are growing and enjoying the blessing of God. Let's keep it that way. It can be so—with your help and prayers.—BAM





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