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OUR HOME MISSIONS TASK

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The home is rapidly disintegrating. The new philosophy of *morality* increases *immorality*. The very moral fiber of our nation is being broken by this immorality, and we are on the verge of complete moral bankruptcy.

Our public schools and colleges with their secular, ungodly philosophies are producing a pagan society. When youth are deprived of moral and spiritual instruction, chaos results.

The spiritual decay of the protestant church is quite obvious. Apostasy is evident from attendance, impure doctrine, and hypocritical living. Liberalism has taken its toll—the salt has lost its savor. False cults with doctrines of the devil prey upon and beguile many unstable souls. Heretical teachings by the Roman church blind the eyes of one-fourth of our nation's people.

Even our evangelical churches are filled with worldiness, low standards, superficial convictions, and a lack of vision. There is contentment with a form of godliness. With so many unconverted members, instead of being a *force for the world evangelization*, many churches have become a *field for missions*.

Our task is to begin at Jerusalem and continue our witness there while the boundary lines of the church are extended to the utmost parts of the earth. Our foreign missions program was instigated by American churches. The continued expansion of our foreign witness depends upon the vitality and effectiveness of the home church.

We need to reexamine and reevaluate our *personal* commitment to reaching our nation with the gospel. Home Missions Month must not merely be something on the church calendar. We must become directly involved. Motivated by obedience to Christ's command and a compassion for the lost, we must actively engage in personal soul-winning. This can be done by being alert to opportunities and by participation in our local church visitation program.

Another way to improve our home obligation is the prayerful use of tracts. A tract was instrumental in the salvation of one of our pastors. Another tract was the means God used to bring Anita Sparks to our Bible College, where she found God's will to become a missionary.

Neighborhood Bible studies is another effective means of extending our home witness.

What about inviting foreign students into our homes from the college campuses in our cities? Think of what this would mean if we could win these students who, in turn, would take the Gospel back to their own country.

Perhaps the greatest (and most neglected) media of communication today is the use of radio and television.

We can play a vital role in helping reach our nation for Christ by sharing the needs of our home missionaries and the ministry of the home office.

We cannot build Free Will Baptist Churches without missionaries. We cannot expect our missionaries to lay their lives, talents, and strength upon the Altar of Service unless we stand with them in our prayer and financial backing. You are encouraged to invest in this vital ministry this month.



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The E. B. Ledlow family, Free Will Baptist home missionaries to Birmingham, Alabama, are representative of the many home missionaries who have and still are engaged in building a strong local front. Walking advertisements of the power of the gospel, they seek to broadcast to those in cities across America the transforming, regenerative power of God, operative through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what God intends should be true of every believer—be a living display of His tremendous power.



religious news

Course Breaks Two Million Barrier

WHEATON, ILL. (EP)—The globe-encircling Light of Life Bible correspondence courses have now reached almost two and a quarter million people, according to Don W. Hillis, associate director of the Evangelical Alliance Mission, who founded the program.

The lessons have been translated into more than 50 languages and are being used by some 60 mission groups, he said.

"The island of Ceylon with its 12 million people presents one of the most dramatic challenges to the Light of Life ministry," Hillis said. "Ceylon's handful of evangelical missionaries cannot begin to evangelize the people. But the Bible correspondence lessons used as follow-up of 'Back to the Bible' radio broadcasts, are doing an excellent job."

'Disfellowshipped'

NEW YORK (EP)—One Jehovah's Witness quietly was "disfellowshipped" for every six who joined the movements in colorful mass immersions during the past 12-month period ending August 31, according to H. E. Miller, office manager of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society headquarters in Brooklyn.

Reasons for the ouster were mainly because of immorality, "particularly adultery," Miller said.

Even though the number of persons disfellowshipped was one of the highest ever for the sect, this past year was their strongest in terms of active membership. Miller said a monthly average of 311,378 Witnesses went door to door and that a peak total of 328,648 was achieved one month.

Laymen's Bible Institute

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (EP)—Weekly evening Bible classes geared to training young, mature business people in the Scriptures, have opened here at the First Brethren Church, 36th and Linden.

Founder of the new lay institute

which conducts classes Monday and Tuesday nights is Dr. William Orr, director of the Radio School of the Bible. He is one of a faculty of some 12 Bible teachers which consists mainly of local pastors.

"We are attempting to combat materialistic views on the part of young professional people," Dr. Orr said. "A study of the Scriptures gives balance to lives of engineers, sales people, manufacturers, physicians—whoever they may be. We're just trying to lift up an old fashioned standard for the Word of God."

Dr. Orr, who lists himself as acting president of the school, was associated for 15 years with the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, now known as Biola College, La Mirada, Calif. He believes that too many schools today are pursuing accreditation and recognized degrees to the detriment of the Bible courses.

Pay Less Attention to Pike

SAN FRANCISCO (EP)—Attempts by fellow Episcopal bishops to prosecute the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike are regrettable, said the Archbishop of Canterbury during a three-day visit here.

The most Rev. Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, primate of the Church of England, said he had read most of Bishop Pike's works and found them to be "superficial stuff."

Dr. V. Raymond Edman Dies

WHEATON, ILL. (EP)—While speaking in Edman Chapel at Wheaton College, Sept. 22, on "The Presence of the King," Chancellor V. Raymond Edman collapsed and died of a heart attack at 67.

Don't Blame God

SAN DIEGO (EP)—Retired lightweight boxing champion Archie Moore believes racial riots and lawlessness currently troubling America will lead to civil war, untold bloodshed, and "the end of our dreams."

Writing in the San Diego Union, Moore said "the devil is at work in America and it's up to us to drive him out . . ." He cited the absence of mature Negroes running wild in the streets or sniping at total strangers and added: "God made the white man as well as the black. True, we haven't acted as brothers in the past, but we are brothers. If we're to be so many Cains and Abels, that's our choice. We can't blame God for it."

Moore is "doing something about the situation" through his "Any Boy Can" program, a teaching ministry to all races "showing what dignity is, what self-respect is, what honor is."

"I have been able to obliterate juvenile delinquency in several areas," he said.

United Church Thanksgiving Appeal

LONG ISLAND, N. Y.—Poverty, hunger, political upheaval, natural disasters, disease, illiteracy—the distresses afflicting our fellow men throughout the world are many. Through the World Relief Commission many thousands of dollars are channeled to help alleviate suffering through programs of assistance to the needy overseas.

Hundreds of churches of all denominations will be participating in this year's World Relief Commission Thanksgiving effort. Funds raised will provide emergency food, medicines, clothing and shelter for victims of famine, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters; help resettle and rehabilitate refugees; assist orphans and the elderly and patients in hospitals and clinics, and help break patterns of poverty by supporting vocational training, self-help projects and agricultural and community development.

As the World Relief Commission, relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, labors to meet oppressing human need in many lands, each gift of assistance is accompanied by a gospel tract or spoken Christian testimony, "reaching men for Christ . . . by showing them the love of Christ".

Church Extension Goes Camping

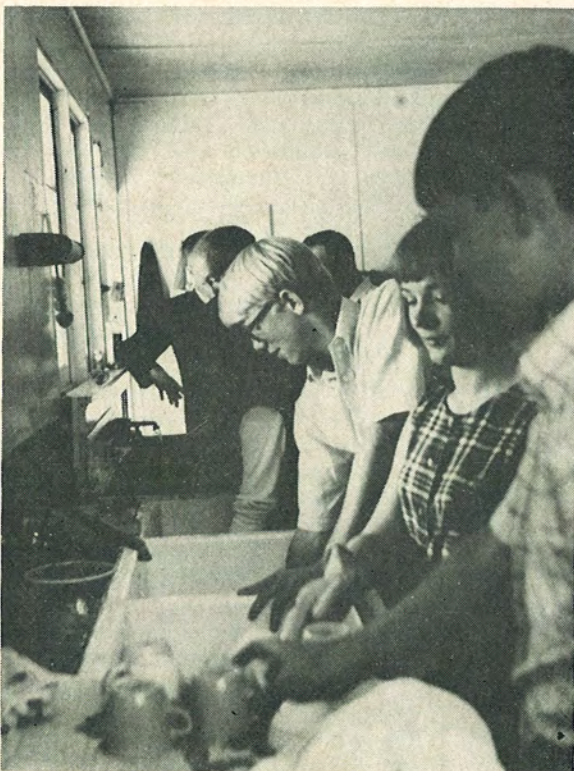
CHRIStIAN CAMP IS a place for decision, according to camp specialist Jack Franck. This has certainly been true in Free Will Baptist camps from Maine to Texas and from Florida to Seattle. Old-time revival spirit has broken out, and hundreds of decisions for Christ have been made. Many making decisions will one day emerge as our Christian leaders. Countless young people have returned from camp to their local community and school as faithful evangelists for their Saviour. Space will not permit me to share reports from the many camps of our denomination, but I do want to share a few camp reports that have been made possible through Home Missions and Church Extension.

For the first time, the Northeast Association, made up of churches in New



Jim Nason of Charlotte, Maine, receives a gift from Mack Owens (right) for his services as camp director.

Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, conducted a youth camp at Glen Cove, Maine. The camp site is a beautiful spot nestled in a grove of spruce adjacent to the beautiful rocky coast of the Atlantic Ocean. One's mind can easily turn toward the Creator as he enjoys the pleasant sensation of the wind making its way through the tops of the tall spruce, with the low thunder of the waves crashing against the granite rocks a few hundred yards away. It was here that fifty-four campers and seventeen staff workers met for a week



Campers doing K.P. duty at the northwest camp.



Horseback riding at Camp Venture in Virginia.

MEXICO'S NATIONAL CONVENTION

by Dave Cochrane

by Mark Vandivort



Larry and Wanda Powell, missionaries to the Virgin Islands, served as evangelist and counselor for Camp Venture.

of decision. Thirteen were saved and twenty-nine rededicated their lives.

Lloyd Plunkett reports from the Northwest Association camp in Seattle, Washington, that fifty-five young people and sixteen adults were in attendance. Thirteen were saved and several rededications reported. Jack Gilbert of Fresno, California, was evangelist.

The Rocky Mountain Free Will Baptist Youth Camp of Denver, Colorado,

reported fifty-four campers from Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, and Idaho. Eddie Altis of Missouri assisted in the camp. Student summer missionary Don Hanna served as evangelist and student missionary Sandy Goodfellow served as youth director. Eight young people were saved during this camp.

Again, I would like to remind you that these marvelous reports are possible as a result of home missions and church extension ministries.

Miss Rudene Kennedy, mission worker for the Virginia State Association, reports from the Camp Venture at Norton, Virginia. The total attendance of campers and staff was two hundred and twenty-eight. Twenty-four first-time decisions were made and many rededications were reported. Missionaries Mary Ellen Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson assisted in the camp. Plans next year call for six weeks of camp: two junior weeks, two junior-high weeks, and two teenage weeks.

Several other states and districts reported camps for the first time this year. In camp, one is taken out of his regular environment and placed in a situation where the Holy Spirit can speak to him about his spiritual needs and God's will for his life. □□



Lloyd Plunkett leads the juniors in evening devotions.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Free Will Baptists of Mexico began September 1 at 2 p.m. with the woman's auxiliary conference and continued through Sunday, September 3, with over two hundred delegates and sixteen American visitors registered. Several new missions represented in addition to the regular churches and their pastors and delegates. The convention delegates and visitors enjoyed the facilities of the *Institute of Gold*.

The theme of the convention was "Spiritual Power." The key-note message, "Power in Personal Holiness" (I Peter 1:16), was presented by Dave Cochrane, instructor at the *Institute of Gold*. Lazaro de la Rosa, principal of the Bible Institute, spoke on the subject, "Power in Unity" (John 17:21). H. Z. Cox of Dallas, Texas, a member of the National Home Missions Board, delivered a message on the subject, "Power in Preaching" (I Corinthians 2:4). Roy Thomas of Denver, Colorado, chairman of the National Home Missions Board, spoke on "Power in the Home" (Colossians 3:21). The speakers did exceptionally well in bringing to our minds and hearts the real crying need for spiritual power with the Lord.

As always, music played an important part in each meeting. The quartet, which many have heard, did most of the singing. Soloist Ruth Rodriguez is known for her heartfelt singing, especially, "I'm a Child of the King". Roy Thomas and Dave Cochrane sang several duets of the old familiar southern style in English. Two special numbers were presented by the choir of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monterrey.

The convention business was conducted smoothly with many new steps taken, including the beginning of a youth camp scheduled for next summer. The Mexican Free Will Baptists voted to sponsor two home missionaries in Mexico next year.



Dave Cochrane

BUILDING A MISSION CHURCH

DETERMINING THE PROPER location for the mission church is an important task. If there is a field that God would have one to enter, there is a place in that field which is the right place for the church. In order to determine that location, the missionary must make a careful survey of the area.

The first thing needed is a good map. The mission worker should become familiar with the main traffic arteries and the residential developments, especially the newer ones. The Chamber of Commerce is a good source of information concerning the location of new developments, what type they are, class of houses, etc., and future potential. This is very important. Many churches are having to sell and relocate because they failed to get this information when it was available. The worker needs to look over his field thoroughly. For instance, how many churches are in the area?, what kind of churches?, where are they located?, and are they fundamentally sound and active?

If at all possible, view the field from the air. In this way churches and residential developments can be pinpointed, as well as areas without churches. I did this in Jackson, Tennessee, and came up with two possible locations. Then, after more prayer and a closer look, I found that several of the larger churches had already purchased property in one of these areas. Therefore, I had my general location confined to one area.

Look for the center of activity in the area finally decided upon.

1. Where is the school? (People must know where the church is, and there is no better way to get the word around than to locate near the school.)
2. What is the main street or flow of traffic? If a sign must be erected from the main flow, that is where

the church should be.

3. What kind of industry is in the area? Is it permanent?
4. Are there any zoning problems?

Pinpointing the exact location is a problem because the location best suited might not be available. It is good to begin by getting acquainted with the local grocer, the druggist, or other local businessmen. Here are a few don'ts for the mission worker in obtaining property.

1. Do not approach a realtor at the beginning.
2. Do not tell the residents that a church will be built in an area until it is definite.
3. Do not purchase any property without inquiring as to what restrictions are on it.
4. Do not let other churches, pastors, or realtors—unless they are personal friends—know of interest in a particular piece of property until it is under contract.

After reviewing the area, the missionary and his members should pray until they are sure of the property wanted.

The best way to purchase the property is to:

1. Locate the property owner and find out if he will sell.
2. Get his price. If possible, have him write it down and sign his name.
3. Find a good real estate lawyer. The county clerk or assessor will usually know the best ones.
4. Have the title checked. This will serve a two-fold purpose. (1) It will verify that the property is clear and (2) that there are no written restrictions which will

prevent a church being built there. While doing this, it is possible to find out what kind of building code is in force on this particular property.

If at all possible, it is always best to locate in the midst of a residential area.

Obtaining Money

I have always contended that God has never started an institution but that He also provided the financial means for carrying it on. If it is God's will for the mission worker to purchase a piece of property, He will provide the means for doing just that. One reason many Free Will Baptist churches struggle along on crumbs is because they do not trust God for more. We talk and act as if God were a sick, retired uncle living on social security, and we hope He has some left over for us after He pays all His bills. God wants us to "seek . . . first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Then He promises to provide all our needs.

The answer comes when we seek. It might be that the congregation, though small in number, will have enough among themselves to pay a down-payment on the property. As property is purchased, it should be remembered that it is always easier to borrow money on good property. It is much easier to get a loan on a good corner lot in a good location. No one wants to lend money on run-down property on the back side of town!

It is difficult to tell anyone the best method of raising money to buy property. I have bought property for three churches and have built three church buildings without any serious financial problems. On one occasion, two men and I signed a note at the bank and borrowed \$5,000 to build the First Free Will Baptist Church of Memphis. Mem-

bers of the church did all the work. Today the building is worth approximately \$30,000. On another occasion I tried to borrow from the bank to build Randall Memorial Church in Memphis and was unable to do so because the building was already started. As I was telling one of the deacons about the bank's refusal to lend the money, a fellow came up peddling eggs. He overheard our conversation and volunteered to lend us \$10,000 dollars. This was all we needed to finish the building. The building cost us \$12,500. We had approximately \$28,000 in the property and sold it to Memphis State University for \$51,000. We then paid \$22,500 for another piece of property, sold bonds (which we had printed up ourselves with the help of a real estate lawyer, saving approximately half the usual fee for such service) and, though they were not all sold at once, there was no real trouble in selling them. I recently heard the present pastor and the chairman of the building committee discussing the number of bonds that had been sold. They stated that one individual who had already purchased \$2,500 in bonds wanted \$2,500 more. This property is now worth more than \$150,000. The church could sell and get more clear money for their property than their total offerings have been since the church started, including missions, pastor's salary, etc. This is the way God blessed in Memphis.

We have purchased property in Jackson, Tennessee, on which to build a church. We feel that this church will prove a blessing to our West Tennessee work. I used the money from the sale of my home in Memphis to buy a home on Russell Road in Jackson. The very property on which I felt that the Lord wanted us to build our church belonged to a man who wanted to trade houses with me. I only had \$6,000 and he would have to have \$10,000 for his equity. Two of the church members and I signed notes for the other \$4,000 and bought the property. It is like going out soul winning. We must stay home until we have victory in our souls and then God will lead—and provide.

The Director of Executive Church Bonds is happy to share financial advice or assist a church in setting up a bond program.

Choosing Teachers and Lay Leaders

As in any other ministry, the missionary must start with what he has, even if he is the only one who can teach. He should be careful not to fall into the error that many do—elect or appoint a teacher just because he or she seems to have talent to teach. Many times this is

selfish aggression, and there are no Christian virtues which would qualify this individual to teach in church. Sometimes even those who have taught in some other church or school are not good Sunday school teachers because of their dominant personalities or their lack of conviction.

The first qualification taught in the Bible is LOVE. It is easy to determine to some degree how much love one has for Christ by observing how much he contributes to His work in relation to his ability and dependability. Dependability is one of the most important abilities. Also important is his "teachability"—is he willing to be taught? If he already knows too much to be taught, he should have started the church without the missionary. Every new movement in which I have participated has had to deal with "religious hobos." These are trouble makers who are usually so spiritual that they can't sit still. They are too saintly to unite with any church because they must share their heavenly experiences with all.

Paul knew there were many unfaithful ones when he admonished us. "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" (II Timothy 3:14). This is a good verse to remember. It is far better to have a teacher who knows the Lord and is willing to be taught than to have a college graduate who has just enough religion to be pious and critical of everyone else. No one should be placed in an important position until the missionary is sure of him. He should be sure that all officers chosen pro tem know that their offices are temporary. Look into their devotional and prayer life. To teach, one has to study, and to understand spiritual things one must have the Spirit's presence to interpret God's Word. I do not want a teacher who does not respect his wife above all other women, or a woman to teach who does not love and respect her husband. Neither do we need teachers who will publicly, or even in the home, criticize any church officer. To be right one must begin right, or he will suffer for it later if someone has to be purged.

The qualifications which a teacher should possess are:

1. A teacher must possess a sincere devotion to God, be born again and dedicated to the task at hand, be willing to launch out into the deep at the Saviour's bidding.
2. He must be devoted and respected at home.
3. He must not be so busy that he will fail to prepare.

4. He must possess a passion for souls.
5. He must have a real foresight toward the growth and maturity of new Christians.
6. He must be willing to help with a progressive plan for study and growth, both spiritually and in number.
7. He must have a willingness to be led in all phases of the ministry. Until such leadership of this quality is obtained, a group should remain a mission. Much prayer is the key to good selection.

Planning The Church Building

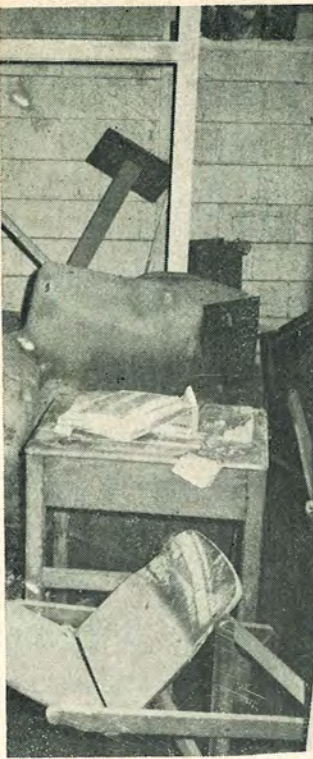
There are several things to consider when beginning a church building. The needs, the cost, the type of building which the lot will accommodate, and the type of restrictions or building code on the property are all items which should be given careful consideration.

To acquire plans, it is always good to see if there is a contractor among the church people who has an architect who draws for him. If not, a local architect who knows the Lord and is interested in Christian work should be secured if possible. He can tell by looking at the property if a basement is needed or exactly what type of building will be best fitted to the property.

In planning, the *future possibilities* of the church should be considered. The church should be built so that any future additions can be made without destroying the current building. In most cases, I believe it to be commendable for a mission church to begin with educational buildings, leaving some of the partitions out for a temporary auditorium. By the time more room is needed, it is easier to determine how large to build, and the church will be able to build a better building. It is much easier to add to an educational building than an auditorium.

The place to start is with the drawing. The entire plan should be on paper before construction of the first unit is begun. No man has ever gone far unless he has first committed himself to the task at hand and gotten his direction.

Every mission builder should keep in mind that the reason many of our churches have not grown any larger is lack of vision. An architect will visualize the entire skyscraper before he makes his drawing. He plans a big building and he builds to his plan. I believe if we plan for a thousand members, we will have a thousand if we won't settle for less. Little minds express themselves in little ideas. Great minds challenge the world. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18a).



FLOOD DESTROYS FAIRBANKS FWB MISSION

by Dixie Myers

THE CHENA RIVER, which winds through the city of Fairbanks, overflowed its banks on Monday, August 14, 1967, while most of the city was asleep, reaching a crest of 18.82 feet, 6½ feet higher than flood stage on Tuesday, August 15. For five hours it remained there, then began slowly to recede, a recession that was not completed until Monday, August 21. The situation was desperate most of the time. Water flowed with such force that everything and everyone was a victim. No one escaped. Even though the Chena reached flood stage Monday morning at Fairbanks and water began to enter low-lying subdivisions, few believed there would be damage to the entire community. However, Monday night, the flood damage became unbelievable.

I had been down by the river banks around 8:00 p.m. Monday evening, watching the Chena rushing by, touching the tops of its banks, but it never entered my mind that the water would reach more than one or two blocks, let alone cover the entire city with 4 to 9 feet of water.

Telephone communications were drowned out of existence by early Tuesday, and the only links with the outside world were a single telephone line from the Alaska Communication System toll center building and a small strip at the International Airport which somehow remained above flood level. Helicopters, boats and big Army trucks carried people to safety on higher ground and brought in supplies. More than 7,000 took refuge at the University of Alaska campus; thousands at Lathrop High School; more than 5,000 flew out to Anchorage and further south, and many more were taken into homes that were on higher ground.

Everyone was affected by the flood to some degree. Many people lost everything except the clothing they had on. Foundations of buildings crumbled and many cars were completely submerged. I have much to be thankful for because my car was the only thing damaged of my personal belongings. I lived on the top floor of an apartment building and was safe from the raging waters, although I was surrounded by water and was unable to get out of the building for about 5 days. I had just been to the grocery store the day the flood began, and C-rations were brought in by boat so I didn't go hungry. My car was submerged in water about half way up the windows, and water filled the inside of the car up over the dash. It was full of mud, silt, and sewage, but the Lord blessed and I managed to get it cleaned out and repaired to where it is running. Of

course, it still has a terrible odor.

Many businesses, churches and homes suffered great damage. Everything in our little Free Will Baptist Church was a complete loss, and the basement building we were renting as our place of worship was filled to the ceiling with water and damaged almost beyond repair. Our total loss which included a new Baldwin piano, pulpit, 25 hymnals, 60 folding chairs, space heater, literature, flannel boards, a table-model chord organ, attendance wall-roster, etc., amounted to an estimated \$1,200. Everything in the church was full of mud, sewage and silt. The current of the water was so strong that it pushed a big hole through one of the doors and a couple of windows. The piano was lying on its back in the middle of the room, and the piano stool was in the kitchen of the church hanging on the sink by its leg. Chairs, Bibles, hymnals, pulpit, etc., were scattered everywhere. Everything was so water-logged, filled with silt and sewage that it was not worth trying to salvage. (The only thing I salvaged was the communion set.)

Because we have been without a pastor for over two years and since everything in the church was destroyed by the flood, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fairbanks will not be re-opened until we secure a pastor through our Home Missions Board or until someone feels led of the Lord to come on his own by faith to pastor the church here. The funds in our church treasury and building fund will be kept in the bank here for a period of one year, allowing time for someone to come as pastor, if the Lord should so lead. At the end of the year, if no one is in the process of coming to pastor the church, the funds will be distributed to our Bible College and/or missions. (The amount will be decided by those present at the last regular business meeting of the church via letter.)

Even though the church has been closed, I will continue to stay in Fairbanks until the Lord leads otherwise. I still teach at least 2 children's Bible Clubs in the evening and on Saturday. I may take a class or two at the University of Alaska during the spring semester as well as continue on as a full time employee at the University of Alaska Mailing, Duplicating and Stenographic Center.

My prayer is that someone will be led of the Lord to come to Fairbanks and re-open the church here. This open door should be a challenge to Free Will Baptists. I trust we as Free Will Baptists will meet this challenge while there is still time.

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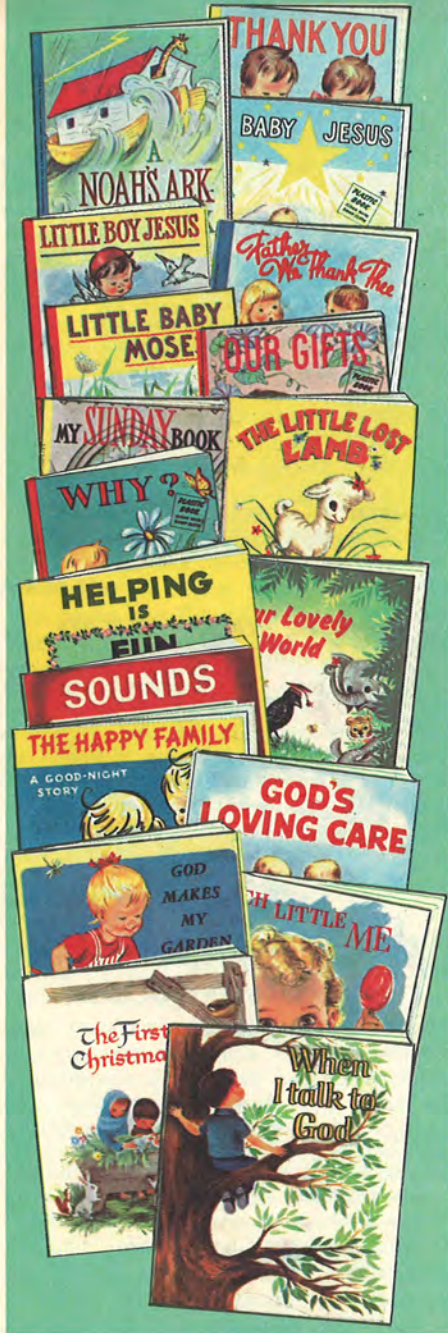
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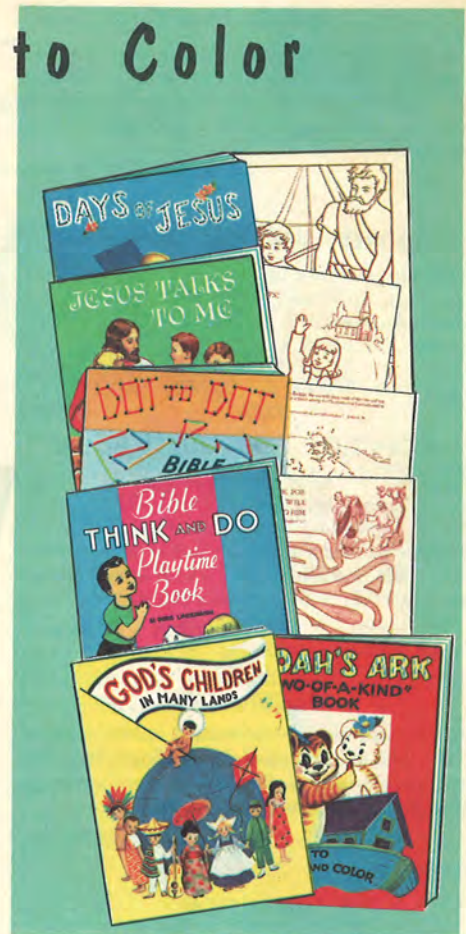
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FT. SMITH, ARKANSAS—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was organized in 1931, and the blessings since organization have been too numerous to mention. For the past few years the church has averaged fifty additions to the church yearly with a growing interest in missions.

The church is active in the local community and participates with other churches and civic organizations. We give cooperatively to the denomination. With special offerings to both home and foreign missionaries, our giving to outside causes exceeds \$5,000.

With twenty years' experience with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith, this has been our greatest year in giving, with a total income of \$48,000. My prayer and heart's desire to God is that the whole world can be saved and a church placed in every town in North America for Christ.

Rupert E. Pixley

DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA — Through the efforts of the Board of Home Missions I have seen many souls saved and hundreds of new Free Will Baptist churches established, for which we give God the praise. I see a greater need for home missions and church extension than ever before in my ministry.

The Drumright First Free Will Baptist Church, of which I am now pastor, has always supported home missions through the cooperative plan and special monthly missions offerings.

Harry E. Staires

DALLAS, TEXAS—The burden of my heart, more than ever before, is "missions on the home front." I believe our world outreach as Free Will Baptists has been hindered because of "home front oversight" on the part of many of our churches and people.

The Dallas First Church, of which I am pastor, has been working through many channels to accomplish what we feel to be the will of God for us.

- We have helped with the Austin

project through our state home missions board.

- We have helped sponsor mission projects at Arlington and Grand Prairie, Texas.

- We have sent money to the general fund of the National Home Missions Board.

- We paid one-half the pastor's salary for a mission church in Paris, Texas.

H. Z. Cox

JESUP, GEORGIA—"Westward Ho" was the cry of our fathers a few years ago as they sought for land and the prospect of building a new home for themselves and family. Today, the cry is "to the city"—and with this in mind, my life, my heart, my soul, my all is wrapped up in starting churches in cities throughout America. That's where the jobs are; that's where the people are; the only logical thing to do in order to reach people is to go where they are.

Our very first budget adopted by our church had an amount designated for home missions as well as foreign missions each month, and that has held true the past seven years. To further emphasize our conviction about the need, last year our church purchased a beautiful piece of land across town with the idea and vision of one day starting another Free Will Baptist church. The work of our entire denomination is dependent upon being undergirded with strong local churches in North America.

J. E. Blanton

DENVER, COLORADO—Ten per cent of our church's income is divided equally between home missions, foreign missions, and the Bible College. We have successfully started one mission—the Lakewood Church.

Each Sunday morning we have what we call "Missionary Moments." A layman in the church takes one of our missionaries, tells about him, his family, and his work and has special prayer for him. The first Sunday in each month is

Missions Sunday. On that Sunday the members give their pledges to missionaries and give special offerings to missions. The church also sends birthday cards to each member of the missionary family. Our Vacation Bible School offerings are always given to home missions. A special offering is taken each November in recognition of National Home Missions month.

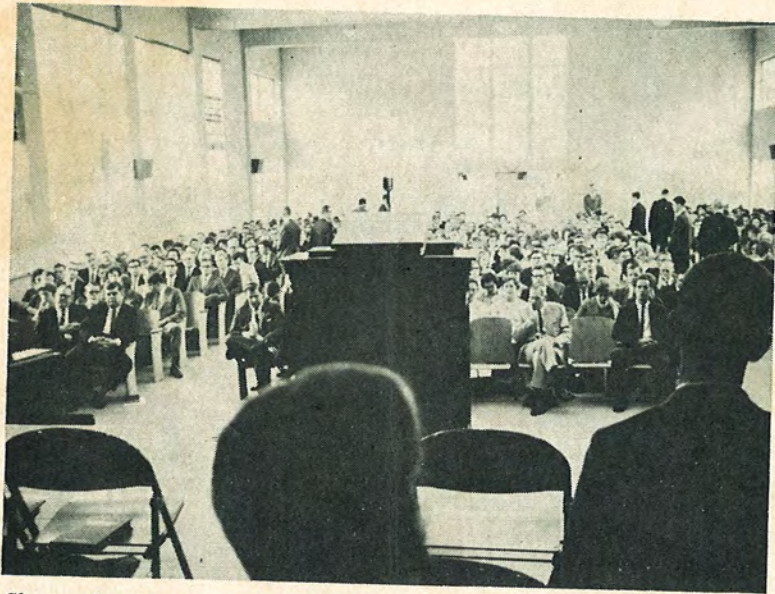
Each year a youth camp is sponsored by our church involving the home missions churches of Colorado, Nebraska, and Idaho. This year there were ninety-seven enrolled in camp.

Roy Thomas

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA—About six years ago I felt the Lord leading me to resign the old, established church I was pastoring and accept the challenge of a new work in Hookerton, North Carolina. The church at Hookerton was three years old. It was a zealous group that had gotten off to a good start. However, the concrete block building they were meeting in was far from adequate for this growing congregation. A building program would have to be started immediately. But before this was initiated, the Holy Spirit spoke to one of the members, A. C. Morgan, and called him to start a mission 70 miles away. The Hookerton church, a young work needing another building of its own, responded unanimously to God's call and sent Mr. Morgan to Enfield paying him \$50 per week. God blessed by giving us a church in Enfield, missionaries to help in Canada, Alaska, and South America, and a fine new auditorium that seats 600.

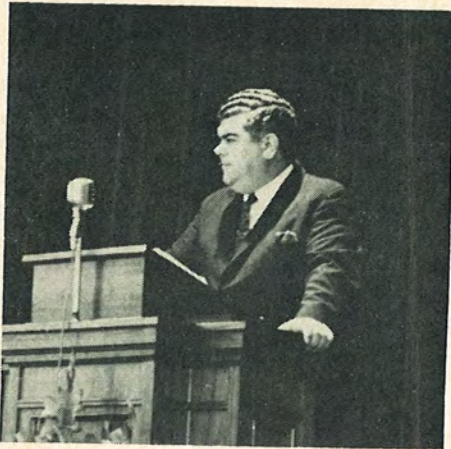
One year ago I felt led to leave Hookerton to accept the call to another new work located in Wilson, North Carolina. This new work is not unfamiliar for it is a church that the Hookerton church and I organized in June of 1962. After arriving, one of the first things the Lord allowed us to do was to pledge support for another missions ministry in North Carolina.

GORDON SEBASTIAN



Shown above is a portion of the morning crowd which attended the recent Missionary Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

glancing around the states



Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey is shown participating in a panel discussion during the afternoon session of the annual Missionary Conference.



Missionary Earnie Deeds, home on furlough from Brazil, was caught in a discussion in the lounge at Free Will Baptist Bible College.



Pioneer missionary, Thomas H. Willey, Sr., is shown during recess period, giving a few points of advice. Mr. and Mrs. Willey have been devoted servants of Christ for many years.

Founders Dedication Day

NASHVILLE, TENN.—November 23, Thanksgiving Day, has been set aside by the officials of Free Will Baptist Bible College in honor of the school's founders. Dr. L. C. Johnson, president, has also announced that a special service will be held that same day to dedicate the two buildings recently completed on the college campus.

The Bible College's newest additions, the 3-story classroom building and the 120-student men's dormitory, will be dedicated in a 10:00 a.m. service. A spe-

cial committee of the school's Board of Trustees will announce the names chosen for the buildings. Rev. Jack Paramore, director of the College Development Department, will award specially-prepared plaques to churches who have given as much as \$1,000 to the institution's building fund. Following the service, an open-house tour will be conducted through both buildings.

The founders of Free Will Baptist Bible College will be honored at a 7:30 evening service. The service will feature a special program depicting highlights from the history of the school.

Numbers of special guests have been invited. School officials have also expressed their hopes that many Free Will Baptists who have never visited the school will take advantage of this special opportunity.

Pioneer Preacher Passes

NEW BERN, N. C.—Elder J. C. Griffin, as he preferred to be called, went to be with his Lord September 8, 1967. During his 57 years as an ordained minister, Elder Griffin served as pastor of 10 percent of the Free Will Baptist churches of North Carolina, served as

evangelist in North Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Alaska. He assisted in organizing our missions work in Alaska into a church. For 20 years he was a member of the Board of Publications and literature of our denomination. CONTACT staff feels as though E. H. Parker expressed well their feeling concerning Elder Griffin's life: "Life's race well run, Life's work well done, Life's victory won, Now cometh rest."

Supports Scholarship Fund

TULSA, OKLA.—The Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church here recently voted to send \$100.00 annually to the Free Will Baptist Bible College to be applied on a scholarship in memory of Ray Lee.

56 Per Cent Jump

MOORE, OKLA.—The registration figures for the fall semester at Oklahoma Bible College reveal that the full-time day college enrollment increased 56 per cent over the previous fall semester. Registrar Eugene Workman reports that fifty students of the total enrollment of eighty-one are full-time students as compared with thirty-two last fall.

The enrollment of part-time day students presently stands at eleven. The remaining 20 students are enrolled in the evening school division.

The incoming freshmen class is the largest that has matriculated during the nine-year history of the College, numbering thirty-five full-time students and fifteen part-time students for a total of fifty members.



An opening highlight of each new school year is the Faculty Reception given for all students at OBC. Sophomore Johnny Williams is served by some of the sophomore girls.

Bus Purchased

CHESTERFIELD, IND.—The Chesterfield First Free Will Baptist Church here has recently purchased a bus. A regular route will be established for Sunday services. The bus will also be used for youth activities.

Bible Conference Announced

MOORE, OKLA.—Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, President of Oklahoma Bible College here has announced the annual Bible Conference for November 8-10. The event is expected to draw attendance from the six states now represented on the campus.

Speakers will be Rev. Malcolm Fry, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscon, Arizona, and Rev. Harrold Harrison, Promotional Secretary for the National Sunday School Department.

Development Progress Report

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Rev. Jack Paramore, Director of Development for Free Will Baptist Bible College says, "An



Eugene Workman (right), Registrar at Oklahoma Bible College, answers questions during recent enrolment for (l. to r.) Nora Jernigan, Karen Rhoades, and Johnny Parr.

analysis of the development program reveals several striking facts."

Denominational giving to the Bible College more than doubled in one year's time. For the first time, giving to the general operational fund did not decrease with an appeal for building fund gifts, rather an increase was registered. This trend must continue since added



Pictured above is Jack Paramore visiting with members of the Oklahoma Bible College family during a morning coffee break. Mr. Paramore addressed the student body during two chapel sessions.

facilities and an increased student body demand increased operational funds.

To make the analysis even more meaningful, note the following totals: Total cash gifts, \$241,553.02; Total bonds and other assets, \$5,052.22; Total unpaid commitments, \$145,783.35, making an overall total of \$392,388.59.

Pastors are to be commended for their unselfish efforts in placing the challenge before their people and encouraging them to raise significant, sizable building fund gifts. Too much cannot be said on their behalf. We have a long way to go to pay for the academic building, but as long as the kind of cooperation we have experienced continues the outlook is bright indeed.



Academy Dean at OBC, Clarence Hearron, left, counsels with freshman David Parish of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

(The ordinances of our church will be discussed in three separate articles. The first deals with baptism, next month, communion and the following month will be feetwashing. We are grateful to Mr. Lee, pastor of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, for this informative series.)

IN the Scriptures we find certain acts of Jesus which He commended His Church as a whole to observe as a token of remembrance of and obedience to Him. These acts are called ordinances. A. H. Strong has this to say about ordinances: "By the ordinances we mean those outward rites which Christ has appointed to be administered in His church as visible signs of the saving truth of the Gospel. They are signs in that they vividly express the truth and confirm it to the believer."

Some groups refer to these as sacraments. However, there is a distinct difference between *ordinances* and *sacraments*. At the beginning of the church age, the word sacrament was used to mean to make something sacred or dedicated to gods or sacred uses. Later it was used in the same sense of binding a person to another by love or oaths, as in knighthood. Roman Catholics used the word to refer to their seven sacraments, namely: ordination, confirmation, matrimony, extreme unction, penance, baptism, and eucharist. They also hold that these sacraments are a means of conveying grace to the person who partakes of them. On the other hand, the ordinances show only the believer's relationship to Christ and are performed for the blessings received, and not as any means of salvation.

There are three ordinances which are set forth in the Scriptures. These are practiced by Free Will Baptists. They are *baptism*, *communion*, and *feet washing*. We will consider each of these

separately. We begin with baptism.

By baptism we mean *the act whereby a believer is immersed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, by a person who has been given the authority by the church, thus signifying that that believer has died to sin, being buried with Christ, and has arisen to a new spiritual life.*

I feel that the following is proof that Christ instituted an eternal rite called baptism. (1) From the words of the great commission, Matthew 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (2) From the injunctions of the Apostles, Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (3) From the fact that the members of the New Testament Church were baptized believers—Romans 6:3-4: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (4) From the universal practice of it in churches today except for the exception of the Society of Friends and the Salvation Army.

Some questions have arisen as to the *mode* of baptism. Hodge says that baptism is a washing with water. By washing is meant any such application of water to the person so as to render the act significant of the purification of the soul. Upon this he bases the fact that if we signify the way in which the water is applied, it will make Christianity more Judaic than Judaism.

However, the definition for the Greek word is *to dip, to plunge, or immerse.*

Jesus was immersed and we are seeking to follow His example. John the Baptist immersed all those who came to him after they had repented. Jesus commanded the disciples to go and *dip* or *immerse* all who became believers. Therefore, we conclude that immersion is the method of baptism.

And just why is the *method* so important? It is because of the fact that it is "a visible rite which symbolizes an inward experience as set forth by Christ and practiced in the church from the beginning" (Strong). It is because of the purpose of that death and resurrection—that is, to atone for sin and to deliver sinners from sin's penalty and power. Immersion is important because it shows the accomplishment of the person being baptized, who is thus professing his death to sin and resurrection to spiritual life. It is important because of the death and resurrection of the body, which will complete the work of Christ in us, and which Christ's death and resurrection assures to all his members.

Strong says; "There are two reasons, therefore, why nothing but immersion will satisfy the design of the ordinance: first, because nothing else can symbolize the radical nature of the change effected in regeneration, a change from spiritual death to spiritual life; secondly, because nothing else can set forth the fact that this change is due to the entrance of the soul into communion with the death and resurrection of Christ." Thus, to substitute for baptism some method which does not show forth the death and resurrection destroys the ordinance, just as to substitute some form in place of the broken bread and wine and which has nothing to do with the death of Christ, would be to celebrate a human invented ordinance for the Lord's Supper.

Great controversies, questions, and divisions have arisen in church groups

ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

by George C. Lee, Jr.

over the belief concerning the subjects for baptism, and just how much the baptism has to do with the subject. The writer believes that only born again believers are subjects for baptism. The Scriptures indicate in no place that people were baptized before teaching, repentance, and faith. We read in Matthew 28:19; "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." "Repent and be baptized every one of you . . ." (Acts 2:38). "But when they believed, Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12). Other groups hold different views concerning baptism.

The Friends, or Quakers, regard it only in a figurative or spiritual sense. They quote Hebrews 9:10, which refers to "carnal ordinances", but this refers to Jewish ceremonies and not to Christian baptism. They also refer to the baptism of the Holy Ghost mentioned in Matthew 3:11: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." However, this does not, nor ever did supersede water baptism, because the apostles literally immersed believers, even after the coming of the Holy Ghost. Also, a further look into their doctrine shows that they deny the deity of and atonement of Christ, and most of those who do that will deny the Divine authority of baptism.

In the early centuries, the doctrine that baptism regenerates became prevalent. The dogma of baptismal regeneration has prevailed extensively in the Catholic, Lutheran, and Episcopal Church establishment, and also by the Campbellites. They use the following passages as support: Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." John 3:5: "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (This may be translated—born of water *even* the Spirit.) And, Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." But these only prove the necessity of the symbol of regeneration. The whole Scripture is opposed to the theory of baptismal regeneration. Rather, it is taught, as previously stated, that regeneration is a prerequisite to baptism. Christ, John and the

apostles all insisted on fruits meet for repentance before baptism. The command was always—"repent and be baptized" or "believe and be baptized," and there is no evidence that any were baptized before showing true repentance in their lives.

And then there are those who contend that infants should be baptized. This is taught in the Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, and Anglican churches. Some Methodists, besides a few minor sects, also hold this view. Let us first consider the arguments for baby baptism held by Charles Hodge.

In order to justify the baptism of infants, he attains and authenticates such an idea of the church as to include the children of believing parents. He is here speaking of the visible church and sets forth eight propositions with regard to infant baptism.

1. The visible church is a divine institution. This is, God is behind it and has set up its laws and the standards by which individuals may become a part of it.

2. This visible church does not consist exclusively of the regenerates. He says that it is an impossibility to have a church of regenerates only: that any man may meet the conditions (competent knowledge and a credible profession of faith and obedience) in order to become a member of the visible church; that the Lord forbids a church of regenerates only when He said that the wheat and tares would grow together; that Christ who knew all men admitted Judas to the number of His most favored disciples, and that all attempts of such a church of regenerates have failed.

3. The commonwealth of Israel was the church, using Acts 7:38 and Romans 4:4 to support the idea.

4. The church under the new dispensation is identical with that under the old. He says that it is the continuation of the Abrahamic covenant. To this we will interrupt the listing of the propositions to refute by saying that Christ referred to the church as something future and declared that Christianity was new wine poured into new wine skins. There is a connection with the saved of all ages, but there is no indication that Christianity and the present church dispensation is a continuation of Judaism.

5. The terms of admission into the church before the advent were the same that are required for admission into the Christian church.

6. Infants were members of the church under the Old Testament Economy.

7. There is nothing in the New Testament which justifies the exclusion of the

children of believers from membership in the church, and,

8. Children need, and are capable of receiving the benefits of redemption. Thus, the author, believing that the present church is a continuation of Judaism, holds that infants would be made members of the church if they have believing parents. However, this argument lacks Scriptural support. Certainly there are no Scriptures which state that infants are *not* to be baptized, and neither does it say that they *are*. In the Book of Acts, where the story is related of the conversion of Lydia, and she and her household were baptized, and where the Philippian jailer and his household were baptized, there is no indication that there were any infants included in the baptism. Christ said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not," but He did not say to be baptized or to be made members of the church.

Therefore, let us turn from Hodge's thinking and consider other arguments concerning infant baptism. In the first place, many argue that baptism takes the place of circumcision. This is not Scriptural teaching. Both were practiced in the time of Christ, and the Apostles and Christ received both. There is only an analogy between them, but circumcision was prerequisite to the privileges of Judaism, and only the males were concerned with these prerogatives. Thus the rite was chosen which would be applicable to them only. Baptism is a symbol indicating the privileges of the Christian church and is applicable for all proper subjects of church membership—both male and female. Circumcision was for infants, but baptism for believers *only*.

Others use I Corinthians 7:14: "The unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; else were your children unclean; but now are they holy." If this proves that infants may be baptized on the faith of their parents, then the husband can be baptized on the faith of his wife and vice versa. Paul is not speaking of this here, but rather of the sanctity of marriage, after one of them has become a believer.

Some hold that the church has a right to cut out some rites and institute new ones, and thus they can introduce infant baptism. This we cannot do. Then there are those who believe that because certain ones have approved it, it is the proper thing to do. To all these we disagree. Even those who teach pedobaptism will admit that it is unscriptural. Therefore, we say that only those who are believers and have shown forth fruits meet for repentance are to be immersed, or baptized in any form.

woman to woman



by CLEO PURSELL

Why Be Thankful?

A housewife wrote:

"Thank God for dirty dishes; they have a tale to tell,
While others may go hungry, we are eating well.
With Home, Health, and Happiness, I shouldn't want to fuss;
By the stack of evidence, God's been very good to us."

Perhaps many people may feel they have nothing to be thankful for with war, riots, hunger, and strife throughout our world. But the Pilgrims had little materially for which to be thankful when they observed their first Thanksgiving Day. Starvation and death had stalked them that first winter and many had died, but their ideals transcended physical hardships, loneliness, removal from familiar surroundings, and even death.

Today we can be thankful for the heroic spirit of those who established the first Thanksgiving Day and for their consciousness of God in all their affairs. May we pray, "Lord, grant me this spirit and true sense of values."

Thanksgiving Motif

If you are planning seasonal programs or socials for your children's or women's groups here are some suggestions which may be adapted to fit your needs. *Invitations* to "gobble with the turkeys" may be adapted to fit your needs, with white ink. Cut turkeys from construction paper.

Decorations may consist of a diorama of the first Thanksgiving; a miniature boat representing the Mayflower; a tiny church with music box playing a hymn; Puritans made from black and white construction paper; turkeys or horns-of-plenty from the dime store; or you may wish to feature the formal beauty of mums and candles with silver service.

Black and white, red and brown, or blue and green could be a fitting color scheme for your table. Paper napkins

with prayers imprinted will be very appropriate. For an interesting centerpiece for your table try a Thanksgiving Tree. Cut a sturdy branch from a tree or bush in your yard. You can paint the branch a pretty color. Place it in a flower pot and fill with dirt. Get an assortment of small gifts to suit the occasion and tie to branches with gaily colored ribbons. This tree makes a happy surprise for a shut-in. After the party, tie on some little books, games, and get-well cards.

Refreshments for children could be orange punch, gingerbread turkeys (or ice cream turkeys, made with scoops of ice cream with pieces of candy forming tails and heads) and candy corn. For adults, cold turkey sandwiches and pie topped with whipped cream will give everyone something to be thankful for—especially if it's pumpkin.

Pre-Thanksgiving Season of Prayer

Woman's Auxiliary members and friends will be observing the Pre-Thanksgiving Season of Prayer, November 13-17. Mrs. Jacquelyn Owens is the author of the challenging programs in *Co-Laborer*, written especially for these services. She and her husband, Mack, serving under the National Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in Yarmouth, N.S., Canada. The offering is in honor of Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, pioneer mission worker, and is for National Home Missions.

What Is Death Like?

How do you explain death to little children? This is how one mother tried it. Her young boy had asked her: "Mommie, what is death like?" "Death is like this," the mother replied. "All day long you are busy playing or working hard. Like everyone else you get tired. You come into the house and fall asleep on the floor or the sofa.

Your father comes home from work and finding you asleep carries you to your own bedroom or into our bedroom.

When you awake in the morning, you find yourself in a different room than that in which you fell asleep. So it is with death. When death comes, one falls asleep and when he awakens he finds the Heavenly Father has taken him to another home, another room, another place, more beautiful perhaps than where we fell asleep."

Christmas Parcels

Christmas parcels often get tossed in the "dead parcel" bin because of damage to the outside wrappers, which can make the return and destination addresses illegible, the Post Office warns. One way to ensure delivery of parcels this Christmas, postal officials advise, is to place inside the package a card with the sender's name and address and the designation address. If this is done and the wrapper is damaged, postal clerks will rewrap the package, address it, and send it along.

On the Practical Side

- When sending cards to a friend in the hospital, write her home address instead of your own for the return address. This assures delivery in case she has returned home by the time the card reaches the hospital.
- Have to make posters for P.T.A., Scouts, or church? Use liquid shoe polish if you don't have a magic marker handy. It comes in colors, and the dauber makes a good brush.
- After polishing baby's white shoes, spray with hair spray to prevent white marks on furniture. It wipes off with a damp cloth for the next polishing.
- To split an angel or chiffon cake into even layers, measure, then mark cutting lines with toothpicks. Use a serrated long-bladed knife in a sawing motion.
- Tack small, square plastic freezer container to the inside of a cupboard door to hold soup, salad dressing, and ad drink mix packets.

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California	435.82	4,739.80	5,941.15	
Florida		3,905.60	2,253.02	
Georgia		2,156.69	1,823.16	
Idaho		216.53	333.19	
Illinois	1,330.07	6,517.68	5,527.00	
Indiana	14.60	301.97	94.00	
Kansas	158.00	874.50	1,758.00	
Kentucky	220.76	470.76	733.44	
Louisiana		256.26	186.54	
Michigan	161.85	2,132.12	482.27	
Missouri	1,066.62	16,036.95	12,092.35	
New Hampshire	35.34	358.50	223.77	
New Jersey	21.00	123.00		
New Mexico	185.92	416.42	249.95	
North Carolina	280.89	1,759.83	1,791.05	
Ohio	157.86	2,504.76	2,727.62	
Oklahoma	1,349.22	12,608.39	11,646.24	
Tennessee	384.87	4,278.14	1,947.71	
Texas	84.61	1,667.60	1,871.87	
Virginia	1,108.06	5,545.22	5,263.83	
Washington and Oregon		267.07	436.94	

	Cooperative Sept. 1967	Receipts Year To Date	Designated Sept. 1967	Year To Date	Total Receipts To Date
Foreign Missions	\$2,170.61	\$21,390.16	\$	\$116.27	\$21,506.43
Bible College	1,571.82	15,489.43		116.27	15,605.70
Executive Dept.	1,571.82	15,021.49		93.02	15,114.51
Home Missions	1,197.58	11,801.48		116.27	11,917.75
Church Training	748.49	7,375.92		13.96	7,389.88
Superannuation Board	224.55	2,212.77		4.65	2,217.42
Stewardship Com.		467.93		4.65	472.58

in the vineyard

Harrold Harrison, Promotional Secretary for National Sunday School Department, will be speaking for the annual Bible Conference at Oklahoma Bible College, November 8-10. He will be in a Sunday School Institute at the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Michigan, November 13-17 and in the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Glenwood, Arkansas, November 27-December 1.

Field Secretary for National Home Missions, **Robert Shockey**, will be in mission services in Oklahoma, November 1-5 and in California, November 11-18.

Henry Van Kluyve, Director of Deputation for National Foreign Missions, will be attending the Florida State Meeting at Eau Gallie, Florida, November 1-3, 1967. He will attend the South Carolina State Association in Spartanburg, November 17 and will be in a missionary conference at the East Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi, November 19-22.

Director of Development for Free Will Baptist Bible College, **Jack Paramore**, will be attending the Florida State Meeting at Eau Gallie, Florida, November 1-3. He will be in revival services in the area November 4-8; Alabama State Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama, November 9-11; South Carolina State Meeting, Arcadia, South Carolina, November 16-17, and revival services at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, November 27-December 3.

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EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY REPORT

by Luther Sanders

GREETINGS FROM THE 50th state! This has been a busy summer. We had a very successful revival in August with Bill Stevens from Charleston, West Virginia, as evangelist. The eight day revival was followed by Vacation Bible School. Each night of the revival found the chapel full, and our facilities bulged at the seams during Bible School. We enrolled a total of 121 children, which kept our staff of 22 teachers and helpers more than mildly busy. Several children were saved, and the closing program was very effective with over two hundred students and parents in attendance.

On September 3 we observed the eighth anniversary of the work in Hawaii. When we reviewed the record and heard the reports of how God has blessed during the past year, it seemed appropriate to conclude the service by singing "To God Be the Glory—Great Things He Hath Done." From September of 1966 through September of 1967 we received 52 members into our church family; baptized 26. There were 36 first time decisions, and 59 recorded decisions of

consecration and dedication to full-time Christian work.

The year held many "firsts" for our church: the first full-time missionaries were commissioned, Reverend and Mrs. Mike Kaneshiro and their children. We say *full time* because others have conducted Bible classes and services in Vietnam and Taiwan and were missionaries in their own right. Six answered the call to the gospel ministry and missions: Bob Barone, Charlie Sartar and Dick Camp preached their first sermons; Bob Barone was licensed to the ministry. One of the extra special blessings was the acquiring of the church bus—to be sure that has helped in making this report possible.

Our average attendance at all services is at an all time high, and in all respects the church is at its highest peak. But there is still a long way to go and much work yet to be done. The treasurer reported that we owe \$11,300 on our land and \$1,800 on the church bus. The buildings are paid for and all monthly bills were paid on time as usual. Even though our monthly financial obligations

are staggering, the church voted to begin a building fund. The target date for the new sanctuary is on or before our *tenth anniversary*—September, 1969.

Sam Allen, who spent the past year in Vietnam, where he was faithful in conducting Bible classes among his fellow marines, returned to Hawaii and picked up his family on his way to Norfolk, Virginia, where he will be stationed for one year. Then, Sam will retire from the marines, and he and his family plan to return to Hawaii to help with the work here. During this year Sam and Jessie will be available for special services in that area to show slides of the work in Hawaii and Vietnam. They can be contacted for special services at 359 Helmick Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia.

It is with happy hearts that we send this report to you with an urgent request that you pray much for us that God will give us strength and grace for the ever growing load we carry. It is because of your faithful prayer and financial support that this report is possible. We believe you rejoice with us in what God has done. □□

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