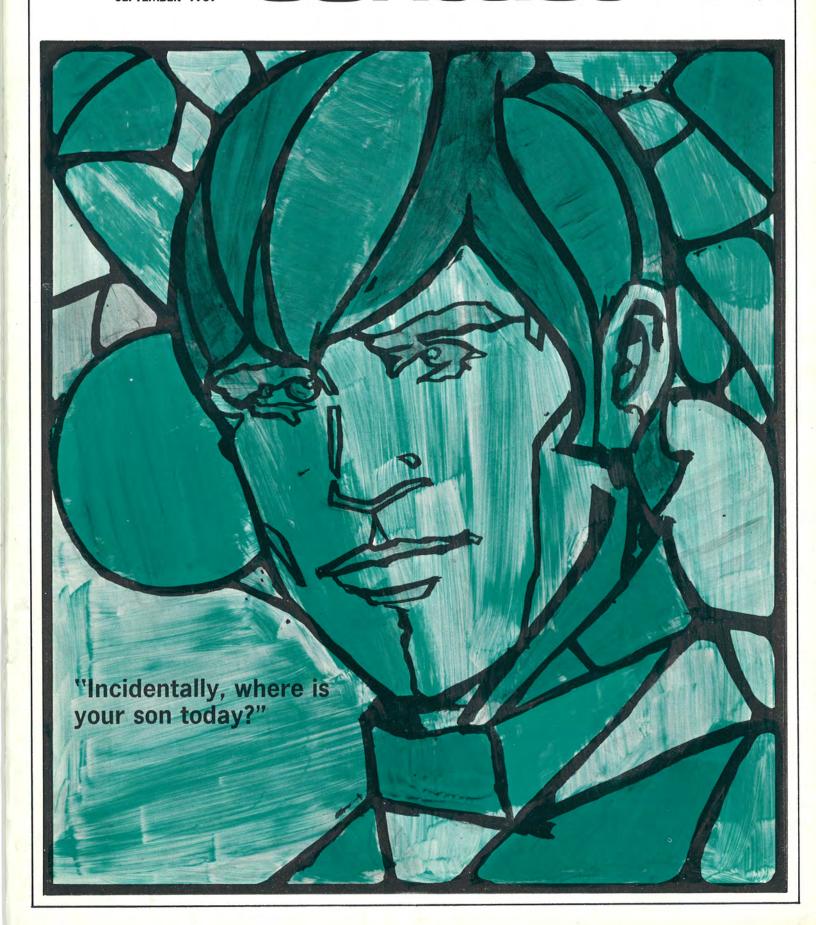
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INTRODUCING JIM JONES

When a young man walks into your office and says he's interested in journalism, you are at once delighted, encouraged and highly skeptical. These are the reactions I recall in thinking back to that day in 1964 when I first met Jim Jones. It was encouraging to find a young man seeking God's will for his life and finding it in the ministry of journalism. But I wondered if he really had what it would take, even though he was from Texas.

Perhaps it is possible to fool people in some forms of ministry. But in journalism your work is projected for the entire world to see and evaluate. This demands a wide range of knowledge of life in general, a fanatical dedication to getting the facts accurately and adequately, and the intestinal fortitude to proclaim the truth regardless of the risk.

During the past nearly six years, I've seen Jim Jones dig into the books, even late at night after working a full work day. His diligence has been rewarded with two bachelor degrees — one in Bible and one in English — and a masters degree in journalism. But academic understanding is merely raw material. Hard work is the furnace that molds the product.

When Jim returned to Nashville two years ago to work as my assistant, I determined to keep the furnace hot. My confidence in Jim has been vindicated. He has passed the test of fire. And he now tackles a formidable task ready with God's help to measure up to the demand.

He alone is not the whole key to success in a renewed thrust for *Contact* magazine: the mood of the denomination, the creativeness and confidence of his advisors, and everchanging economic dynamics are equally important. But the editor of any publication is its strongest or weakest link. My confidence in Jim is based not merely on his thorough training or his strong commitment to journalism as a ministry. It is on his total commitment to Jesus Christ to be used for God's glory in this generation.

JERRY BALLARD
Editor of Heartbeat



A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR Jim Owen Jones

It is appropriate that this first issue of *Contact* magazine speaks on youth. For it is a beginning, full of hopes about this venture into the world of commentary. It is a beginning in style, in content, in editorship.

The art of commentary bears responsibilities that can not be measured. Some of it is light, some unpleasant. Much of it reaps criticism, much of it earns a bit of satisfaction. It is occasionally violent, and often provoking. But in all our efforts, we propose to speak fairly on issues related to the Christian world and Free Will Baptists' involvement.

While some pieces of writing graphically displayed can wield wide influence, we don't propose to prepare the reader for his experiences in real life. For no amount and quality of writing and pictures can convey reality to him. But we do propose to lift him above the heights of his existence occasionally, and show him in some aesthetic fashion the mystical qualities of spiritual rewards, the horror of tragedies and crises, and the glories of achievement.

Within ethical bounds of human persuasion, we hope to consistently strive for editorial excellence. It must be, if the magazine is to do its job in the free marketplace of ideas where men are built.

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"Incidentally, where is your son today?"

This could be your church, your member, and your young people. What would you do?

by the Editor

66 J ust look at those beautiful young people. Aren't they inspiring? Sitting up there in that choir so attentively. All of us here are so proud of them. I do pray that they will be able to do so much with their lives."

The monologue that Mrs. Hardrock whispered to me as a visitor that morning before church service began forced me to pursue the subject.

"That's very nice," I said. "What kind of programs does this church offer them?"

"Programs?" she gasped. "Why, we don't have parties in this church."

"Yes ma'am. But is there any educational or training programs for them?"

"Oh, you don't understand," she persisted. "The church is for worship. We don't provide a lot of activities for young people."

My mind drifted back to a cold February night in Syracuse, New York two years ago. A heavy, six-foot, 200-pound youth waved a screwdriver before my face, his mouth frothing with anger as he cursed me. I had caught him bringing stolen hardware to the children's home cottage that late night. He had gone far from the beaten path of his early childhood when his Kentucky parents sent him to church.

"Yes, I can believe that, Mrs. Hardrock. But don't you think they could do well to be involved in a training program that would place them in a strategic position for Christian service?"

"Position? Oh, I wouldn't worry about that. It's much too early for these teenagers to be thinking about things like position. Why, they're not even out of high school."

When those boys at the children's home were "not even out of high school," they would have done well to encounter a program that led to Christian service. Most of them were at the home because parents neglected them. Some were even kicked out of the house. Others ran away. Some never knew their dad. A few had a black dad and a white mother. Some of the teenagers had police records. Practically all of them had learned — by the time they reached the home — to live by lying, stealing, or taking whatever others gave them with little gratitude in return. Many had been to church at one time or another. These, I found out, had not been taught, only tolerated or entertained.

I remembered talking to one Sunday school teacher, about 30 years old, with a masters degree. He encouraged those who misbehaved to simply leave the class. He, as did so many others I knew, talked about movies, cars, and school, but not Christ. The Sunday morning classes were so useless that even the teenage boys I took to the church from the home grew depressed with boredom and eventually quit. Even they had realized what Sunday school was supposed to have been. One of them went to jail six months later for car stealing. It reminded me of a sermon I once heard entitled, "Mr. Might-have-been."

"They may not be out of high school yet," Mrs. Hard-rock, "but that time isn't far away. A teenager should be giving much thought to the future before he enters college. And what should count most in life is whether he's giving his best talents for the Lord."

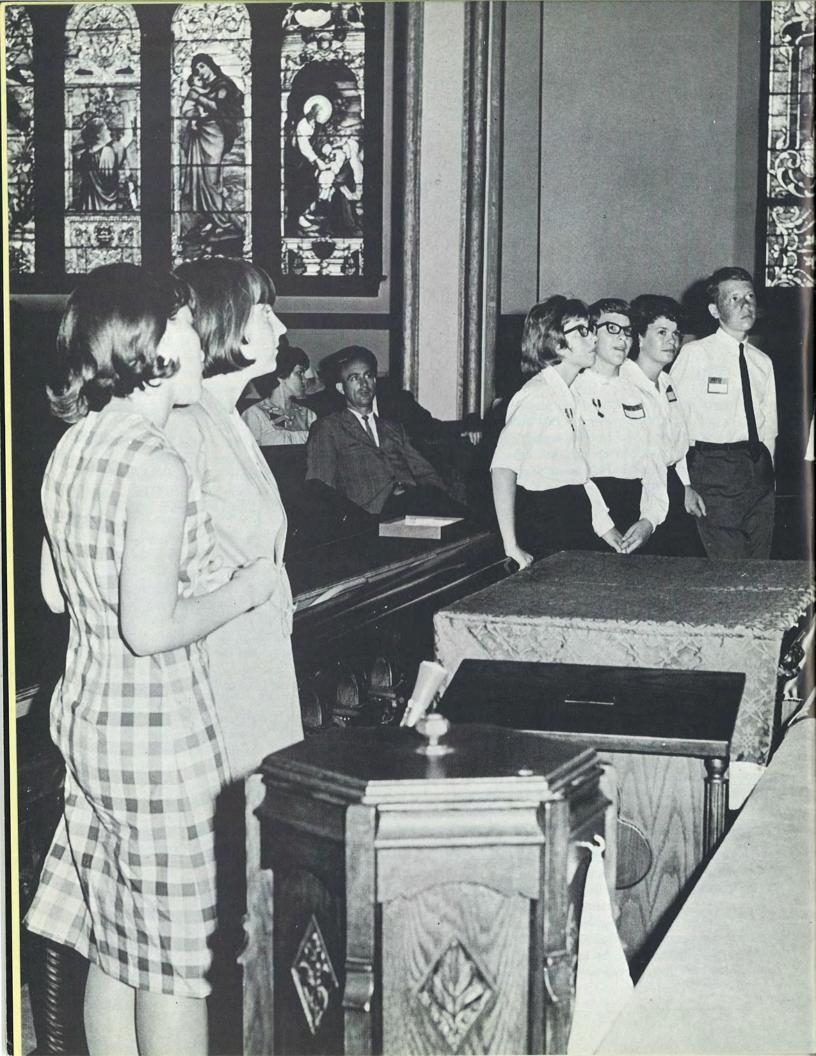
I didn't see how she could deny that kind of logic, being a Christian herself.

"Well, be that as it may," she replied. "I think this group of young people is among the best compared to the average these days."

She had blithely sidestepped the argument.

"I agree with you that these young folks are better than the 'average.' But if we provide training programs, youth camps, and workshops, we could teach them about evangelization and how to be Christian leaders, and at the same time give them opportunities to witness."

I was trying to show her the value of personal soul-



winning by young people to their own generation. I held little respect for these people who sheltered their own teenagers when they could do so much.

Again I remembered the children's home. Two 13-year-old girls I had known there could have used a Christian friend. Both tried to commit suicide. One took sleeping pills. The other was prevented just in time from slashing her wrist with a razor blade. One 14-year-old girl had run away from the home, and three days after her return, I took her to the hospital emergency ward after she claimed to have taken five birth control pills to prevent an expected pregnancy.

"Do you think, young man, for a moment that young people *really* (she rolled that "really" as if someone had lied to her about young people) understand soul-winning?"

"Yes," I affirmed. "I really do." My adverb wasn't quite as gluttural and convincing as hers, but it got my point across.

"Well, if that is true, my son has never intimated that he's concerned about his purpose in life." She sounded a bit hurt, as though she recognized suddenly that adults do not have a monopoly on spiritual thought. "And if he did say something some day soon about it, I wouldn't know what to say. After all, just how much good can a young man his age do?"

"That," I replied, "depends on him. A little hard work and imagination can do much."

I told her about my own experience at the children's home. Our newly created Sunday school circuit was one of the most encouraging projects the home had experienced in years, and for me, the most rewarding. They used to have a chapel service of a sort years before I came, but the program faded out. The children had no Sunday school, no church and no teacher.

The director wanted some kind of Christian training for the more than 80 youths, and because I grew up in church and had a Bible college background, I became a type of circuit rider from cottage to cottage. In one, 12 to 15 little boys of seven to nine years of age sat happily listening to Bible stories they had never heard before. After a 30-minute class, I would go to a cottage of older children, and another one. Eventually, I was asked to hold a regular church service for the teenagers who stayed on campus on Sundays.

"That's very interesting," she told me. "I'm sure those children learned a great deal. But then, how many opportunities like that are available to our own young students? They all can't go to Bible college."

I confronted Mrs. Hardrock with statistics, the kind that show what students can and will do.

In 1967 at Urbana, Illinois, InterVarsity Fellowship crowded 10,000 college students into the domed audi-

torium during Christmas holidays to focus its aims on opportunities for world-wide evangelization. It was one of the most awe-inspiring phenomena I had ever witnessed. Ten thousand young adults — seriously contemplating devoting their entire life to a full-time Christian ministry. In statistical terms they comprised 66 times the number of believers in the Upper Room at Jerusalem where the Holy Spirit initiated the greatest witnessing campaign ever undertaken by Christians in the history of the world.

Again, in early June, 1969, at Winona Lake, Indiana, eight to ten thousand youths poured into Youth for Christ International's Conference Grounds for night rallies, training sessions in teen evangelism and talent contests. The movement sponsors 1,875 high school clubs in 250 cities and reaches some 75,000 teens yearly. Enthusiasm for the ministry has spread so fast that in 25 years it has grown to an organization employing 500 paid staff members in the U. S. and 42 in 38 foreign countries, in addition to 1000 volunteers and national workers.

Mrs. Hardrock just couldn't believe it.

"You mean there are such large movements in this country? Why, I thought that those decency rallies you hear about these days were the only large-scale meetings our young people have."

I didn't have the heart to confuse her with more figures — that 12,000 youths of one denomination were meeting in Zurich, Switzerland; that half of the 234,000 attending Graham's New York Crusade were under 25; that more than 50 students attended a missions conference at Wheaton in June; that 3000 Assemblies of God young people were involved this summer in a missions program at home and overseas and 10,000 were expected to attend a gigantic rally in Dallas; and that 1000 Free Will Baptist youths participated in a National Youth Conference in St. Louis in July. These were only a few activities involving youths this summer.

"It's a bit complex," I said, "to describe young people these days. As in your own generation at that young age, there were all sorts. The problem is the same today, only with a lot more youths."

That was an understatement. So massive are the movements and so publicized that to describe young people is simply to talk about the profile of the world population. What about this young generation? These who at once understand hippie language, dope addicts, demonstrations, soul movements, decency movements, and Christian philosophy. These revolutionaries who side with Castro, fathom the art of meditation, and denounce censorship. The young ones who cut their teeth on credit cards and computer concepts, whose rote memory can recall every space shot, whose eyes watched color TV record the first walk on the moon and the first close-up picture of Mars. These young people whose bodies may



well become almost artificial with technical apparatus designed by scientists of the 1980's, whose age may reach up to 150 commonly, because of improvements in health and medical care. Communications will reach around the world one day via satellite from their wristwatch. Their glass houses may be the source of solar energy for their household equipment, and their daily transportation may very well take them across the country at speeds far greater than today's transportation. Who can categorically describe this generation whose lives are heavily influenced by riot, pollution, war, and hatred?

One writer in a widely published magazine gave this account about youths:

"Young people are being robbed by a generation of adults that countenances lasciviousness, adultery, deviation, and every form of sexual sin in the name of "freedom" and "art." The products of perverted and evil men are available for adolescents to peruse and purchase. The panderers of filth are unhindered in their unholy designs on the minds and hearts of the young. The open sewer of pornographic filth has flooded our land"

I pointed out to Mrs. Hardrock that those "beautiful youths in the choir" were a part of the scene that has no natural barriers. Races, attitudes, love, hate, and all the elements that make up man exist in an interrelated educational environment, the influence of which weighs heavily on the molding of a child. Our duty is to see that the good influence minimizes the effect of the bad.

"In a metropolitan high school where I taught for one year," I told her, "it was a common procedure to take up 'hate' literature from students, pick up handfuls of wadded notes of obscenity after school was dismissed for the day, explain to parents why Junior got a bad grade for not doing his homework (they usually said Junior had other things to do). I also sent eighth and ninth grade girls to the principal's office for smoking in rest rooms, risked a fistfight almost every day with undisciplined youths, was cursed by 14 and 15-year-olds daily (just before I sent them to the office), and went out of my way to avoid offending anyone who may be of a minority group."

I readily acknowledged to Mrs. Hardrock that the spirit of the times is different from that of my own high school career of less than a decade ago.

"Yes indeed," she admitted. "It is quite shocking, isn't it. But still, that doesn't mean that my son is going to change all that just by participating in training programs and the like, does it? Well, I mean, we're not responsible for the hideous environment in our schools."

"No," I said. "It's no more right for us to be blamed for the corruption that plagues this country than for us to be blamed for Adam's great sin or for slavery." Then I looked at her almost shamingly, squinting my eye as if to say, "tch tch". "But one wonders whether he could do more than he's doing. Do we turn our face when oppor-

tunity knocks? Do we pride ourselves in the beautiful young people in the church while failing to provide them with know-how about Christian living and personal evangelism?"

She drew back, looking out of the corner of her eye at me.

"All right," she sighed. "You're right. But if you get right down to practicality, what have we been doing for youths?"

She just about had me on this point. Luckily, I did know that Free Will Baptists had started doing something.

After 34 years, I told her, we have regained the Christian education emphasis that the denomination once had in the nineteenth century. At least four Bible colleges have struggled into existence, and several private, Christian day schools have sprung up literally overnight. The denomination has an estimated 110,000 youths and young adults, ages 10 to 21, two thirds of whom attend Sunday school. Free Will Baptists' fastest growing enterprise, the Church Training Service, now estimates its membership of youths who participate in concentrated youth programs to be about 26,000, which involves about 850 churches of the National Association's 2,200.

Bible college and university-trained people have filtered slowly into positions created by the Christian education institutions until the denomination is on the verge of a breakthrough in multiple expansion.

The dismal reality of all this though, is that while the Bible colleges and Christian day schools are expanding, all of them together probably number no more than 1000 in any given semester.

I could have told Mrs. Hardrock more. But it would have been harsh. For instance, how many young people have been stopped from entering the Christian ministry because of salary or lack of spiritual responsibility for others? How many thousands of persons turned their face to monetary gain when what really matters is the soul of billions of people? How many church programs instill concern in the heart of young people? How many return to their denomination to work full-time? Where is there a place for them? None has been created. And without utilization of those 110,000 young people, the denomination's future looks bleak. Leaders will continue to beckon in vain for young students to enter full-time Christian ministries but will have little to offer them for their services except monologues about beautiful people in the church choir who are "better than average."

Turning to the lady for a last remark before church service began, I asked, "Incidentally, Mrs. Hardrock, where is your son today?"

"Oh you won't find him up there in the choir. He's down at the beach leading a protest rally against Independence Day. Isn't it wonderful they look upon him so?"

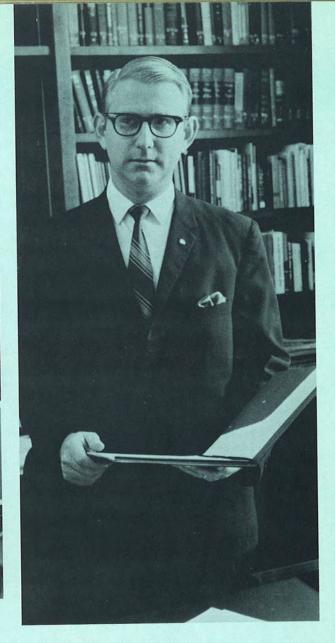
Samuel Johnson, director

CTS Director Samuel Johnson in conference with supervisory staff: June Critcher, literature content; Jim Lauthern, printing; Fred Green, sales.

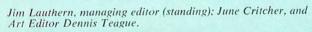




Virginia Van Kluyve, secretary to the director; Edith Phenicie, bookkeeper.



CTS ON THE GO!





Linda Dibble and Brenda Reagan, typesetting; Dottle Moore also in typesetting is not pictured.



Pressroom Foreman Bobby Hayes (right foreground) is surrounded by Kathy Edwards at the collating rack (left), Jerry Banks at the folder, Linda Sensing at the developing table (center), and Floyd Dean (right) at one of two presses.



Fred Green, sales manager, also handles shipping.



The fledgling youth program has come of age. The action-packed CTS department is literally leaping into the next decade.

by Jim Jones

Probably considered the denomination's fastest growing enterprise as far as popularity is concerned, the Church Training Service is coming of age. Leaping into the new decade of the 70's, CTS has on the drawing boards plans for improvement and expansion in all phases of its ministries. The department expects to reap a 30 per cent gain in membership within the next three to five years, and its increasingly popular camp programs and Project LIFE are expected to draw thousands of teens into action.

The history of CTS proves its serious intent. In 1961, the fledgling Free Will Baptist League, forerunner of CTS, reported an embarassingly small \$17,206.19 budget for the nearly 200,000-member denomination. Only one of the publications used by the Sunday evening Leaguers was written by Free Will Baptists. In those days, a Leaguer's response to the questions about the denomination from a member of the giant Baptist Training Union and like groups would flush his face red, knowing full well that the mediocrity of the program stifled the life out of Free Will Baptist youth. But then hardly any other Free Will Baptist department could boast. They all floundered in their smallishness.

But leaders came to grips with the potential of the denomination's youth. For several decades the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention and the Masters Men had grappled for a program that offered more than mediocrity for youth. Now it was time for progress to be born, and in 1965, CTS emerged as a baby. Five full-time and two part-time employees wrestled for a development idea, and they found one.

To implement the program, CTS launched into printing, literature production, camp programs, and leaders' guides. Using a table model offset machine, in the attic of an old, unpainted garage, they printed and collated by hand and stapled by hand with hand-designed 10c covers the guides and booklets that would initiate the new program. They used 10c paper, 10c pens, 10c emblems, 10c erasers, glue, staples, tape, correct-o-type, decals, labels, and wrapping paper. Everything was budgeted tightly. But the discipline paid off, for churches began to accept the new concepts offered by Director Sam Johnson and his staff, and the program was underway.

In 1965, CTS moved with all the national departments into the new, long office building atop a strategic hill overlooking a main artery leading out of southeast Nashville. After several months of continued operations with the table offset, CTS acquired the warehouse space once used by the Sunday school department, bought two one-color presses capable of printing 11 by 15 and 15 by 18 signatures, and a Nu-arc camera for making negatives. They hired part-time students from Free Will Baptist Bible College to help edit, design, print, wrap, pack, and ship. The operation went into full swing.

At the outset, no capital assets were layed out for the CTS department. Under heavy accounts and borrowed funds, the advance of the program struggled. Low volume sales prevented rapid gain. But with tight management, CTS eventually increased its literature publishing to 17 quarterlies, written and edited for the local Free Will Baptist church. In addition, two monthly magazines, competitive activity guides, camp manuals, and record materials went into production. At the end of 1968, the budget stood at \$164,204.02, an overwhelmingly increased figure from the deficit that the program began with.

The expanding ministries of CTS have overflowed into every niche of the church ministry. The services that fall under its umbrella range from graded curriculums to workshops, from printing to Bible quizzes, and from direct assistance on the local level to the planning and implementation of the National Youth Conference.

In fact, the services have grown so involved that hardly anyone can accurately measure the extent of their outreach. For instance, the department has gone to great length to develop a graded curriculum for children, youth, and adult publications on a variety of subjects. A curriculum expert with an internationally known publishing firm said that he knew of no other denomination comparable to the size of the National Association of Free Will Baptists which has developed such a graded curriculum. That program is now undergoing extensive updating to bring it in line with contemporary developments.

From its inception, CTS has broadened and modified its Bible quiz programs and its curriculum for summer camps which are distributed to local churches each year. The CTS printing division has reached maximum production and provides low-cost printing to all national departments and several state projects. That service alone has saved literally thousands of dollars for the national departments, as well as provided CTS with its own efficient production and distribution system.

The CTS staff now employs 12 full-time, seven parttime, and four free-time men and women. Five full-time workers are college graduates and all have had some professional training. All part-time workers are either college graduates, still in college, or have had professional training. Numerous others outside the department share in the writing of CTS literature. All are lay people.

Among all the CTS programs getting underway, the eyes of the nation's Free Will Baptist teenagers are on the National Youth Conference. For it is here that as many as 1000 to 1500 teenagers get together to enjoy contests, leadership workshops, tours, music programs, exciting entertainment, and a special evangelistic campaign. Slated simultaneously with the National Convention of Free Will Baptists, the conference enjoys a lively spirit all its own. Ultimately, it is the proving ground for the role CTS has chosen to play.

Project LIFE denotes the more serious nature of the youth movement. Held for the first time at St. Louis during the 1969 convention, it experienced what has been termed a "mild success." That means that it could have been more successful in view of the potential and the planning that went into it; nevertheless, it did get off the ground, and CTS expects far greater success the second time around.

Sponsor of workshops and seminars, supply house for local groups, representative of Free Will Baptist youth activity at outside organizational meetings, and provider of program resources for district and state CTS groups — all these offer a panorama of responsibilities for the action-minded CTS.

The facts are undeniable. Developments in the Free Will Baptist youth program make it the fastest growing enterprise of the denomination. Leaping into the decade of the '70's is not descriptive of what CTS hopes to do. It simply describes what it has done.



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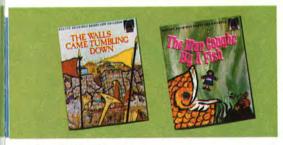
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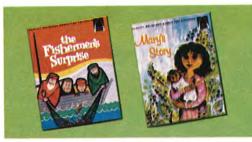
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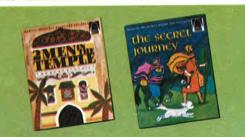


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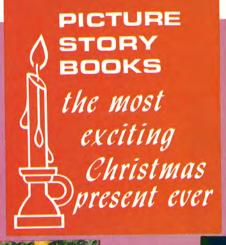


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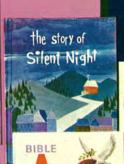
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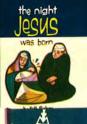
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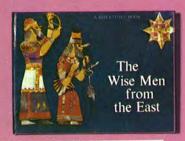
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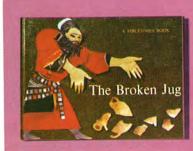


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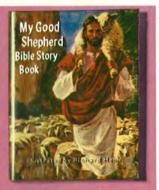


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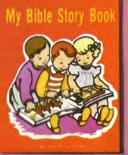
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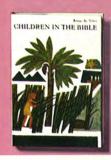
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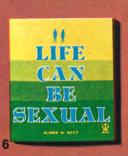
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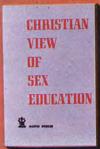
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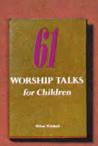












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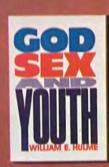
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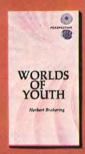
















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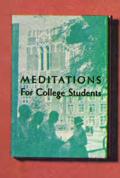
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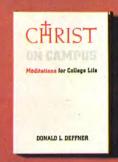
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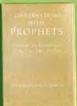






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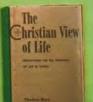
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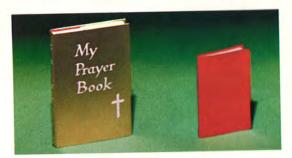
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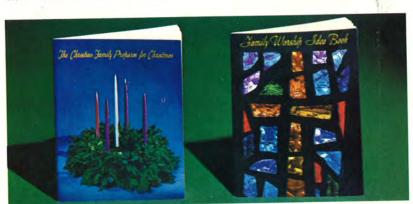
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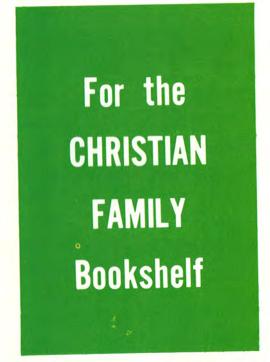
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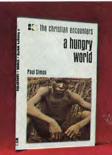
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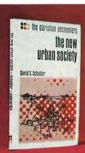
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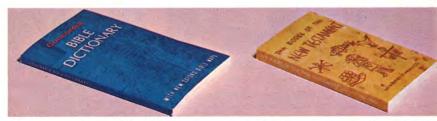
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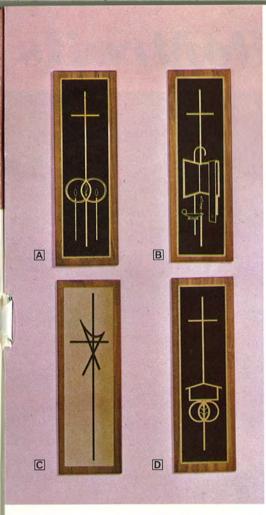
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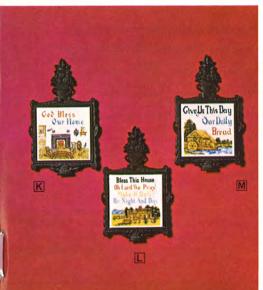


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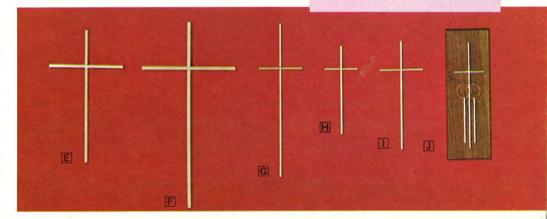
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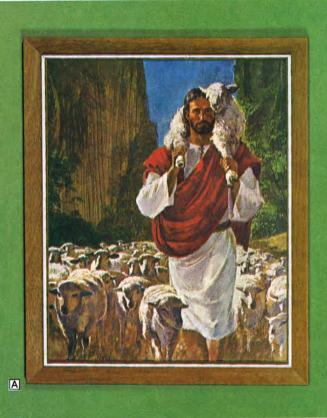
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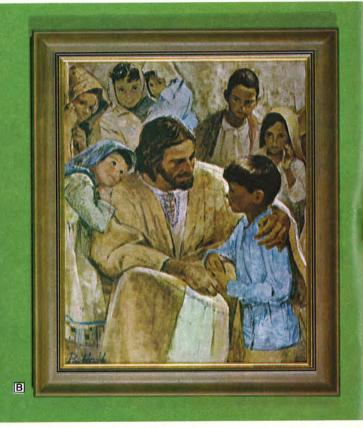
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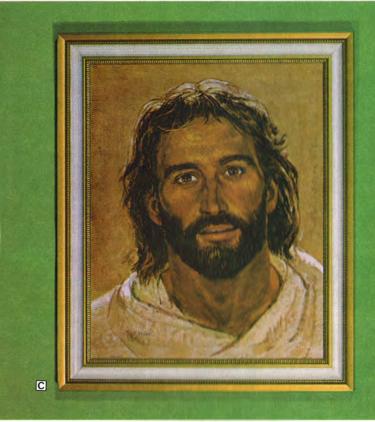
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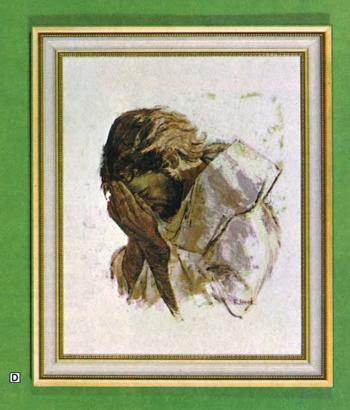
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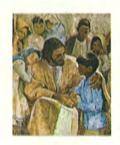
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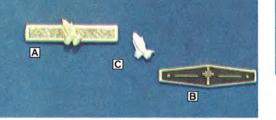
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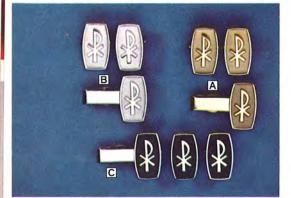


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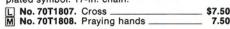
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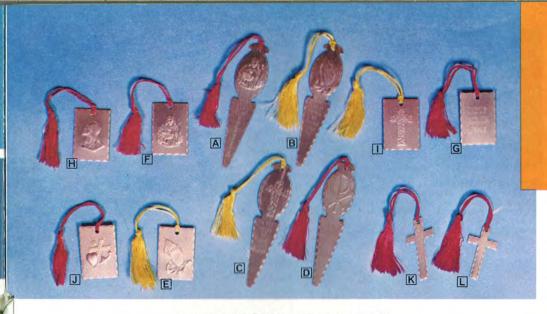
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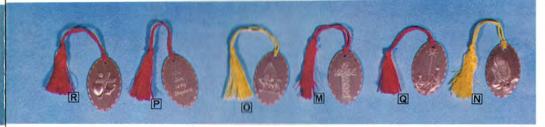
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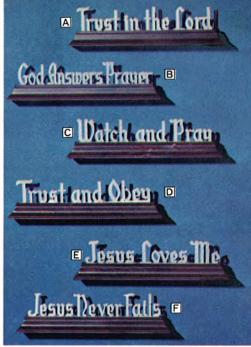
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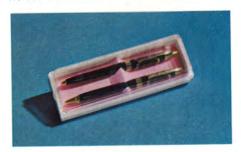
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ISRAEL TO EXCAVATE ENTIRE LENGTH OF "WAILING WALL"

Jerusalem (EP) — The entire length of the "Wailing Wall" (now often called the Western Wall), Judaism's most sacred shrine, will be excavated and made visible for the first time in nearly 2000 years, archaeologists announced here

The wall has been an object of pilgrimages by Jews since ancient times, but only 30 meters (about 100 feet) of it were accessible before Israel occupied East Jerusalem in 1967 and another 50 meters (162 feet) were cleared.

At present, a large mound of earth separates the wall from the Southern Wall, about 200 meters (650 feet) away. It is believed that when the excavation is complete, the two walls will be linked.

Archaeologists also believe that the still buried wall covers the remains of the main entrance to the Temple Mountain, site of the Temple of Solomon. This gate was the chief means of access to the Temple from the city proper in Biblical times.

DAVID C. COOK CO. UNVEILS PAPERBACK LINE

Elgin, III. (EP) — Three 90-page paper-backs have been published as the first efforts of the David C. Cook Publishing Company in this line of marketing.

They are, The View from a Hearse, by Joseph Bayly, What's So Great About the Bible, by James C. Hefley, and You Know I Can't Hear You When You Act That Way, by Bill Eakin and Jack Hamilton.

Bayly's book "does not seek to comfort, but to present facts . . . some of them chilling." He writes from the experiences of losing three sons. James Hefley's book attempts to bring to light little-known facts to increase the reader's understanding and apprecia-

tion of God's written Word. The third book answers hard questions of teens in all areas of life.

McINTIRE BLASTS LIBERALS, SEES WORLD CONSPIRACY

Rockland, N. Y. (EP) — "A world-wide conspiracy exists under the leadership of sinister forces," Carl McIntire warned here at a special Faith and Freedom Rally, adding: "Liberalism has wrought its dreadful havoc. We are in great peril."

The leader of the International Council of Christian Churches told 55 persons present at the rally, sponsored by the Trinity Bible Presbyterian Church of Nanuet, N. Y., that the World Council of Churches is sympathizing with Communists, Roman Catholics and other groups which he believes have left "true Christianity."

"I have no doubts about my faith," he said. "It is based upon one historical event nobody can change — the resurrection of Christ.

"And I am willing to believe someone who was resurrected from the dead before I believe any liberal ecumenical who changes the Bible to suit his needs."

"The issue that must be faced is whether Christians will honor the God in the Bible."

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS INCREASE OVERSEAS STAFF

Richmond, Va. (MNS) — On June 26 the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 27 career missionaries and employed 17 missionary associates and a special project nurse. In this action the board raised the number of its overseas staff to 2,052 and broke a 22-year record.

The 45 men and women appointed on this occasion are the largest put under assignment by the board in a single meeting since April, 1947, when 56 missionaries were appointed.

WRC AIDS VICTIMS OF THE NIGERIAN-BIAFRA CONFLICT

New York (MNS) — The World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals has programs to aid refugees on both sides of the Nigerian-Biafra conflict, according to Dr. Everett S. Graffam, executive vice-president.

The programs include the sending of funds for food, clothing and medicine to those who are conducting relief work in the affected areas. To provide clothing, WRC has negotiated the purchase of large quantities of cloth in Nigeria, and then has engaged Christian Nigerians to make the clothing. Funds have also been supplied to the Inter-Mission Medical Teams working in the "liberated" areas. WRC is planning for an expanded role as conditions permit.

(Those interested in this project may write World Relief Commission, 33-10 36th Ave., Long Island City, New York 11106.)

POWER STRUGGLE IN FORMAN'S WAKE

New York (EP) — Few visible gains can be seen in James Forman's quest for "reparations" to blacks from American churches but Edward Fiske noted a power struggle brewing between blacks and whites in the country's predominantly white Protestant institutions.

Blacks, who represent about one out of every four American Protestants, have thus far exercised little influence within these institutions, Fiske writes in the *New York Times*. He notes increased militancy among Negro churchmen and sees it being felt in all major Protestant denominations, and especially in the National Council of Churches which represents most major Protestant and Orthodox churches in the U.S.A.

Journalist Fiske says Forman has been able to raise only \$18,000 of the \$3 billion that he seeks from white churches and synagogues.

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FWBBC PLANS DORMITORY-CAFETERIA

Nashville — A women's dormitory-cafeteria complex is in the planning stage, according to Jack Paramore, director of the Office of Development for the school. Construction is expected to begin soon.

Part of the land on which the new building will sit was recently purchased as the second phase of the school's expansion program was launched. A 70 by 200-foot lot adjoining present college property was purchased for \$23,000.

NEW BIBLE COLLEGE STUDY PROGRAM WILL AID CHURCHES

Nashville — Free Will Baptist Bible College will offer in its fall curriculum a new study program aimed at meeting specific denominational needs. The program, which offers a combined major in music and Christian education, will lead to a B.S. degree.

Rather than offer extensive training in either music or Christian education, the program will combine studies of the most essential elements of both areas.

To graduate, 124 semester hours would be required. Of this number, 30 hours would be spent in the Bible major and 34 in the music-Christian education major. The remaining hours would be divided among basic college courses. No foreign language would be required for the B.S. degree.

BAPTIST GROUP OPPOSES SEX EDUCATION

Ypsilanti, Mich. — At the annual meeting of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists June 13-14, delegates representing five conferences and 45 churches went on record as being opposed to sex education being taught in public schools.

The association also went on record as favoring the return to Bible reading and prayer in the public schools.

OKLAHOMA STUDENT HAS PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Tulsa, Okla. — Miss Patti Rutledge has received perfect attendance awards for six years in the Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church here, and is expected to complete her seventh in January, 1970.

She is a 1969 graduate of Tulsa High School and has been awarded a \$1000 scholarship from Oral Roberts University of Tulsa.

PASTOR BECOMES EVANGELIST

Kansas City, Mo. — Reverend James McAllister entered full-time evangelism Sept. 1, resigning his pastorate at Central Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City after six years.

During his pastorate, 240 members were received into fellowship, the Sunday school averaged 150, CTS averaged 90, and the church recorded regular financial support for denominational ministries. Total church property is in excess of \$100,000, including a new sanctuary, a four-bedroom parsonage, and an educational room. The church began two missions, and five young men have entered the ministry from its ranks.

GEORGIA PASTOR RECEIVES D.D. DEGREE AT SEMINARY

Birmingham, Ala. — Rev. Mance Cason of Moultrie, Ga., promotional secretary of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree in ceremonies here May 21.

Dr. Cason, for eight years promotional secretary for Georgia Free Will Baptists, is editor of the *Promotional Bulletin*, their official publication.

111-YEAR-OLD CHURCH JOINS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Orr's Island, Maine — A Free Will Baptist church organized in 1858 with 12

members joined the National Association of Free Will Baptists in May, according to Rev. Eddie Riddick, reporter for the Northeast Association.

The 111-year-old church, once a branch of the church on Great Island, Maine, closed in 1916, and was reopened again by Rev. Bernard Berry Aug. 7, 1960. It affiliated with the American Baptist Convention, not knowing that a Free Will Baptist association existed until contacted by Rev. Herbert Bryan, pastor of Linneus Free Will Baptist Church in Linneus, Maine. After home missionary Mack Owens visited the congregation in March this year, the church voted to join the Northeast Association.

EDITORS OF NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS VIEW JOURNALISM POSSIBILITIES

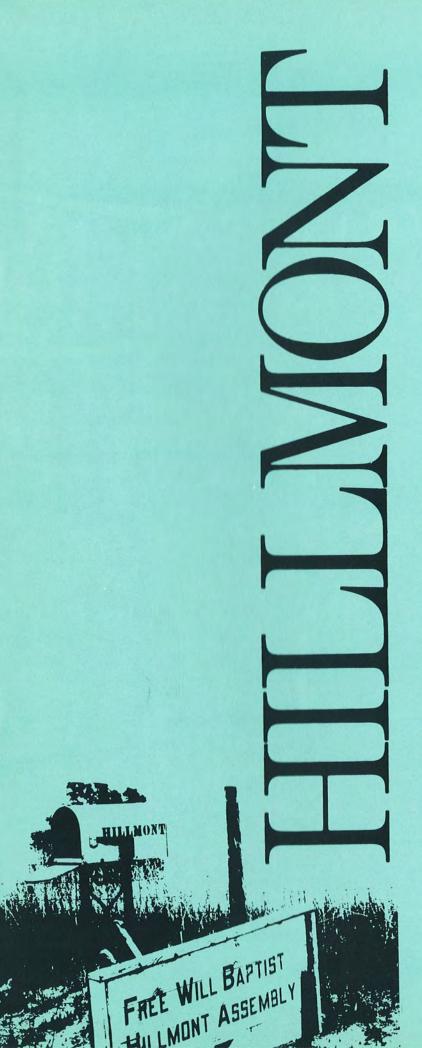
Nashville — At an historic first meeting, editors of Free Will Baptists' national publications shared views, plans, and operational procedures at the National Offices July 31.

Representing a combined circulation of 381,000, the nine editors and publishers of quarterlies, monthly magazines and special publications included Rev. Roger Reeds, director of the Sunday School Department; Sam Johnson, director of Church Training Service; Jerry Ballard, Heartbeat editor; Jim Jones, Contact editor; Bert Tippett, editor of the Free Will Baptist Bible College Bulletin; Janice Robinson, assistant editor of Heartbeat; Jim Lauthern, managing editor for CTS; and Dennis Teague, art director for CTS.

The journalists expect the session to become an important launching base for expanding ministries in Free Will Baptists' publications outreach.

One concept already being formulated by the group revolves around the utilization of research by the publications.

A meeting is planned for September, and the members hope to have a well-known research specialist to speak.



by Samuel Johnson

Hillmont is a 157-acre tract 40 miles west of Nashville. To real estate agents the land is a \$25,000 pasture with one long building on it. To neighbors of the site, it's simply another pasture with beautifully cut meadows and a large amount of timber. It could be thought of as a camp. But to CTS which has put a parcel of time and work into improving the rambling building and fencing off the place with rails, the 157-acre site represents a resource with which to tap a wealthy potential of leadership.

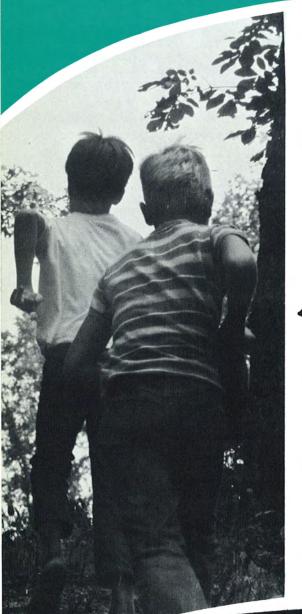
A leadership training center. Multi-purpose. Two years old. And growing.

Last year, 16 teenage boys spent several weeks of learning, working, and playing here. Three other programs were added this year, with a total attendance of 53— a training session for senior high girls, counterparts to the engineers; Arrowhead camp for junior age boys and girls; and an Apache camp for junior and junior high age boys only. The Apache camp was rustic camping in the woods, teepee style.

All of the programs at Hillmont were designed to provide a full range of training experiences, including devotionals, cooking, cleaning, ceramics, singing, a variety of games, and specific work assignments to improve Hillmont's facilities. The engineers, for instance, spent much of their time in building rail fences and pasture cleaning, after a morning of learning about the Bible, careers, and denominational operations. Both years were so successful for them that they were placed in leadership positions at the National Youth Conference and at Hillmont for younger campers.

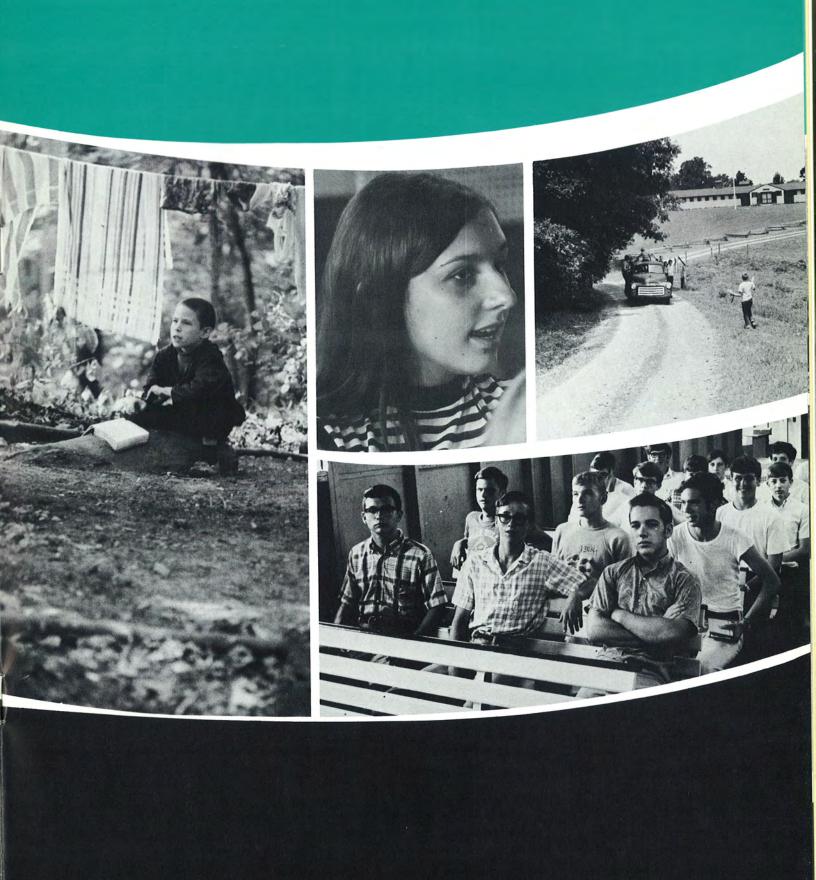
Future uses of Hillmont include weekend retreats with special emphases on music, drama and leadership. Church groups will be able to have weekend retreats and bring young people to visit Free Will Baptist Bible College, the National Office Building and famous sites in historic Nashville. In addition to these programs, there will be training sessions for CTS and camp leaders. Leadership training programs will be added as facilities are developed.

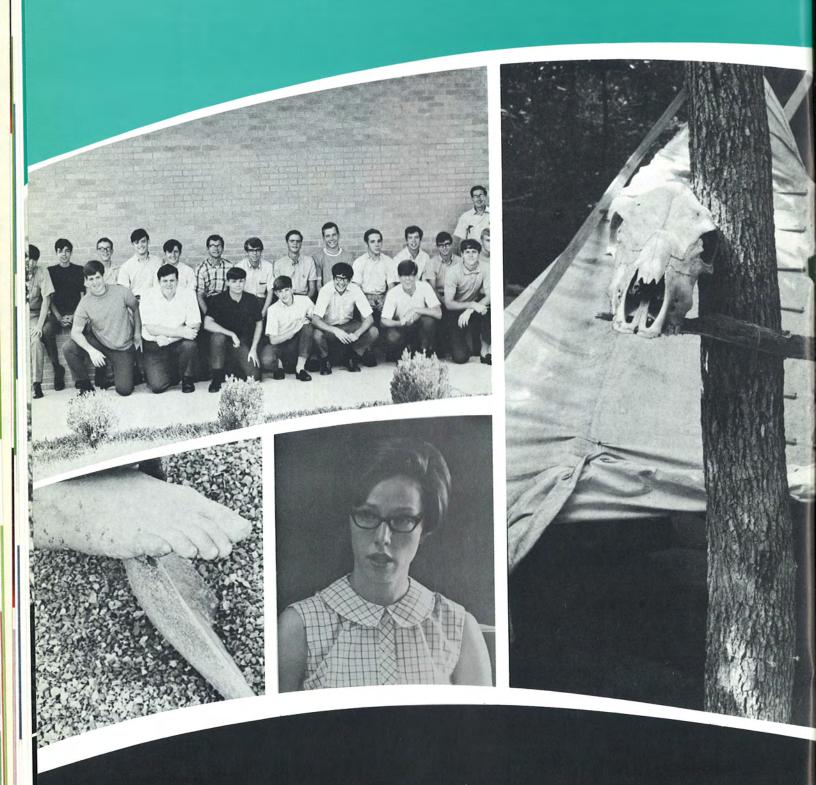
In short, Hillmont is a living laboratory where leaders can learn through experience. How well it succeeds may help determine the denomination's quality of leadership in years to come.



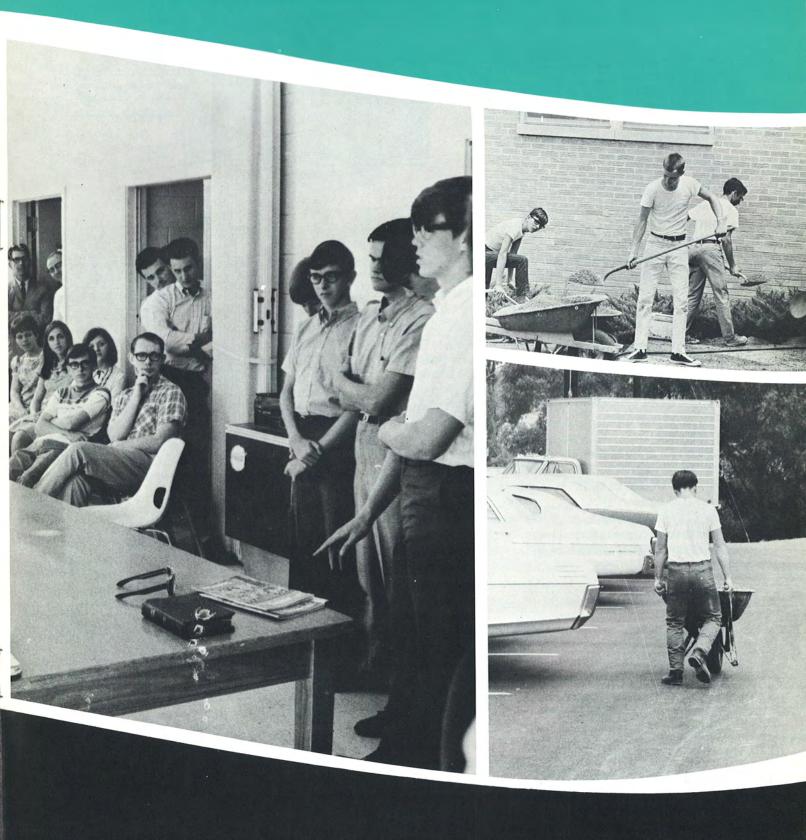
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Just before the National Convention in July, the Hillmont Engineers (top left) visited the National Offices in Nashville. They entertained office personnel with group singing, then spent the morning landscaping around the building. CTS Director Sam Johnson, Hillmont Director Ray Turnage, and Missionary Eddie Payne directed the entire Engineer program.





by Samuel Johnson

Talking about personal witnessing is one thing, doing it is another. Project LIFE dares young people to put their testimony in action.

A Free Will Baptist teenager who has found it difficult to speak to a group stood before an assembly of 3000 and told what it was like to lead another teen to Christ during the 1969 Project LIFE. This same young man, along with 18 other senior high teens had spent three weeks in the Hillmont Engineer program. He was one of 50 teens who shared in the first Project LIFE that involved Free Will Baptist high school teens.

The launching of this evangelistic campaign took place at the 1969 National Association of Free Will Baptists in St. Louis, Missouri. Project LIFE was a part of the activities for the youth sponsored by the Church Training Service in its National Youth Conference. It is an effort by the Foreign Missions department and CTS to involve Free Will Baptist teens in a program of witnessing to unsaved teens.

LIFE's activities in St. Louis involved three to four hundred young people in a general training session. This session was designed to explain how Project LIFE could be a vital part of the local church's witnessing ministry to young people. Later, specialized training was given to those who volunteered for the St. Louis campaign under the leadership of Project LIFE's coordinator, Jerry Ballard.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church provided adult assistance and selected the target area for St. Louis. Reverend Russel Spurgeon, pastor of Trinity and chairman of the CTS Board, helped with arrangements for conducting the Project LIFE field activities in the St. Louis's Bridgeton community. The Hillmont Engineers formed the core of Project LIFE teams, and they were joined by more than 30 other Free Will Baptist teams attending the National Youth Conference. In all, twenty-eight teams were formed and specific areas were mapped out. Materials for interview and witnessing were provided for each team member. Instruction was given to knock at each house and seek an opportunity to talk with other teens. Forty-five interviews were completed during the short period allotted for the survey. Twenty-five of those

contacted expressed a definite interest in learning more about Jesus Christ and enrolled in the Bible study course offered. Three decisions were recorded. A follow-up program is planned by Trinity Church youth.

What took place in St. Louis is considered only a beginning. While the responsibility to witness is preached from the pulpit, taught in Sunday school and CTS, and explained through special study courses, Project LIFE is a means of putting personal witnessing into practice. It is primarily planned for those teens who accept responsibility to witness to their own generation. It assumes that each generation has a unique responsibility to its own members, and that the earlier this truth is realized and acted upon the greater the number that may be won to Christ.

Projections for Project LIFE include assignments to summer mission points in the United States and around the world with Free Will Baptist missions.

Project LIFE provides the opportunity for Free Will Baptist teens to get involved in something for real. It means experiencing the joy of doing something that really counts. For Christian young people who will not be satisfied with a pretense of religious behaviour, who are not interested in playing at church, Project LIFE offers a challenge — the experience of seeing the Holy Spirit in action.

Help in getting Project LIFE underway in your church is available from CTS. Several pieces of literature have been printed and are available at nominal costs. Teens need some help in getting started and they will need encouragement along the way. Materials available include questionnaire, tracts, and booklets. Instructions and suggestions for getting organized and underway are available from CTS at no charge. The Bible study course is handled by correspondence with the National CTS Office with periodic reports sent to the local church. Initial contact and follow-up work must be done by the teens of the local church.

comment

by Cleo Pursell





from the Greek New Testament

by Robert Picirilli



CRAMMING FOR FINALS

Going to school is one experience almost everyone has shared. Whether we had to drop out of school at an early date or went on for several college degrees, memories of our school days will always linger with us.

We remember teachers who were especially kind and understanding, and those who were strict but challenging. And then there were boy friends and girl friends, glee clubs, the assemblies, report cards, and homework.

Most of us are out of school now, but there is one textbook we should still be studying. And failure to study it may show up any day during a sudden "test."

The textbook I refer to is, of course, God's Word. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). And that doesn't mean studying just on Sunday, but we are to search the Scriptures daily.

If you haven't been reading your Bible lately, you may have forgotten the comfort, help, information and challenges in it.

Some folks excuse themselves from reading the Bible by saying they can't understand it. Mark Twain once said; "Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture that they cannot understand; but as for me, I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand."

Learn to read the Bible daily and you will soon find your quiet time of Bible reading has become one of the greatest blessings of each day.

Observing that his grandmother spent a great deal of time reading the Bible, a little boy remarked to his mother; "It must be that Grandma is cramming for her finals."

Have you done your "homework" today?

In John 12:32 we read Jesus' words: "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will *draw* all men unto me." And in the same Gospel, 6:44, Jesus says: "No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me *draw* him."

What about this word *draw?* What does it mean? Does it suggest what our Calvinist brethren insist on, that when God determines it is time for one of His elect to be saved, He draws them with an irresistible force? Perhaps we can best answer this question by looking at the original Greek word translated "draw" and by comparing it to another Greek word which has a similar meaning.

The word translated *draw* in these two verses in John is *helkyo*, and while this word may sometimes be used of a force that does not depend on the cooperative will of the one drawn, it is more apt to mean what Trench calls a "mental and moral attraction," or as it is defined in Thayer, "to draw by inward power." This very same word is used in the Greek version of the Old Testament at Jeremiah 31:3: "With loving-kindness have I *drawn* thee;" obviously here force is not involved.

The Greeks had another word for an involuntary dragging, the word *suro*. This is the word used in John 21:8 where we are told that the disciples, in the boat, were *dragging* the net full of fish behind them. Clearly there is *force* involved in the word *suro*, but this is not the word used in John 6:44 or 12:32.

We Free Will Baptists believe that the Lord *draws* men to Himself, that He exercises the tug of love on their hearts, that the power of the gospel pulls at men's consciences, that the conviction of the Spirit weighs heavily on men's souls and attracts them to the wonderful offer of forgiveness of sins. We do not believe that God drags men to Himself against their wills.

And there is nothing about the word *draw* used in these verses to contradict our belief. Nor is there anything about the word that is not consistent with our view that the Lord *draws* all who come under the sound of the gospel, even though only those who yield freely to that drawing will be saved.

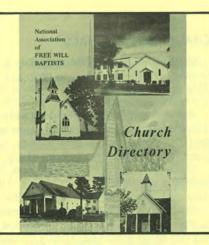
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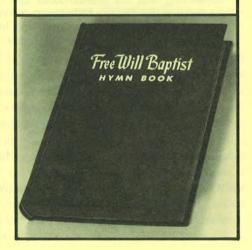
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