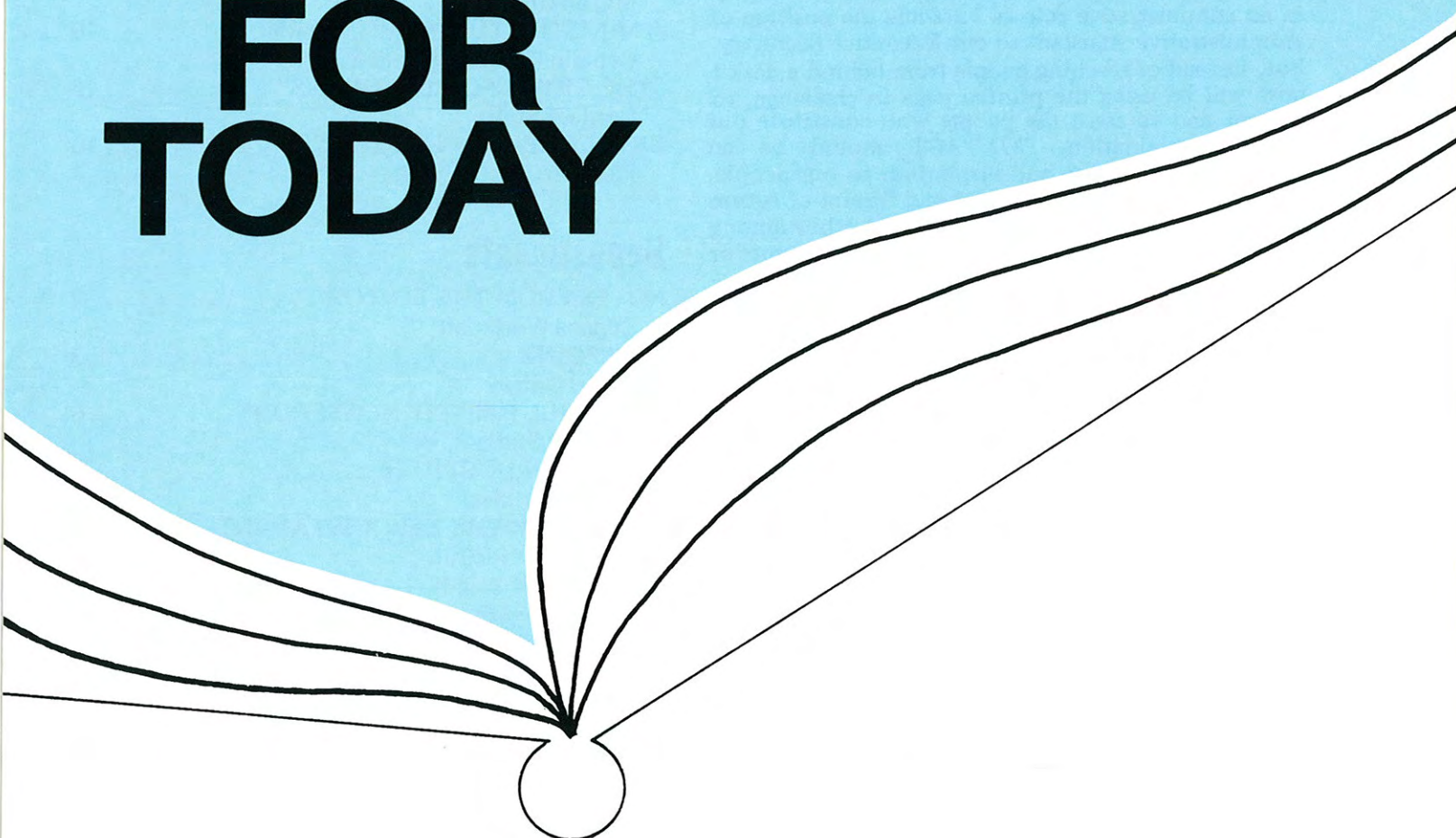


# GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

*Read It Through in '72*



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## NOTES from the Editor

Eugene Workman

This issue of CONTACT begins a new phase of denominational work for me. It is the first issue for which I am responsible.

For the past five years I have ministered in the role of a teacher-administrator at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma. I will still remain in an administrative role as I assume the position of Administrative Assistant to our Executive Secretary. But, instead of reaching people from behind a desk I now will be using the printed page to challenge, to inform and to assist the people who constitute our great denomination. CONTACT should be an instrument of service and inspiration to our people. It is my desire that the content and format of future issues will warrant an increased readership among Free Will Baptists. I invite constructive comments or suggestions.

### ABOUT THE COVER

In 1962, there was a successful effort to promote the reading of the Bible through during that year. Now, ten years later, a similar effort is underway. The National Association of Evangelicals has prepared a reading guide for each day of the year with the readings arranged in the order in which the events took place. This should make for exciting reading.

Church leaders may order these Bible reading guides for the active families of their church by clipping the order blank on page 18 of this issue. Other materials to promote this year of Bible reading in the local church are also available from NAE.

### PREVIEW OF THIS ISSUE

Since November is recognized as Home Missions Month each year, it is only appropriate that this issue contain some information about home mission efforts. One of the articles concerns the new church which has just been built by home missionary Larry Powell and his congregation in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. In an effort to challenge his congregation to read the Bible through in '72, Brother Powell has invited Stanley Outlaw, a professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, to conduct a week of in-depth Bible instruction. Mr. Outlaw will arrive in the Virgin Islands December 20.

Other articles contained in this issue include a report of missionary efforts in Indiana, reviews from two summer workers who served as missionaries on the home front and a look into the daily activities of a military chaplain.

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by the  
Executive Secretary  
Rufus Coffey

# VIEWPOINT

God deals with nations as well as individuals. He blesses "the nation whose God is the Lord." The righteous nation is exalted but the wicked one which forgets God will be turned into Hell. Every nation will give an account to the "the judge of all the earth." for this reason every God-fearing American ought to be deeply concerned about the spiritual plight of our nation.

The heartbeat of the prophets was the spiritual welfare of their nation. The burning desire of the apostle Paul was that his nation might be saved. The ministry of Christ was primarily centered on His own people. Even when He gave the Great Commission in Acts 1:8 He instructed the disciples to begin in Jerusalem and Judea which was their homeland. The passion of every Christian ought to be the winning of His nation to Christ. Unless a Christian is burdened to win His fellow countrymen to the Lord it is doubtful whether He possesses a genuine missionary spirit.

The need of winning America to Christ is self-evident. Although we have built up a self-image of being a Christian nation it is a distorted view. America is morally and spiritually bankrupt. The moral decay is putrefying. Our populace wallows in a cesspool of iniquity. Crime and lawlessness continues unabated. The Justice Department recently reported an eleven percent increase of major crimes the first six months of this year. Along with the mounting social evils of abortion, drugs, liquor, and immorality we are seeing the disintegration of the home as divorce increases and discipline is neglected. We are witnessing the same kind of moral breakdown which led to the judgment of God upon the Roman Empire.

While false religious cults offer vain hopes about the world tomorrow the influence of the church continues to wane and the Christian faith is losing ground. Many churches boast of being orthodox in doctrine and preach against sin, modernism, worldliness, apostasy, and social evils, but they have a small

crowd, win only a few souls, and oftentimes have very little influence in the community. Their services are dry, routine, and powerless. Congregations are self-content and apathetic. Their revival efforts are futile as far as reaching the community or town for Christ.

It is a sad, tragic fact that with few exceptions evangelicals are not reaching America for God. This is why a great evangelistic thrust is needed to make a dynamic spiritual impact upon our nation. A new evangelistic fervor must be kindled. With burning hearts and flaming tongues Christians must proclaim the good news in the power of the spirit and invite men to receive Christ as Lord and Saviour. The war against sin can be won if every believer commits himself to the task of communicating the gospel with the express purpose of winning men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Of course, we recognize the impossibility of the one person or one church evangelizing our nation. If America is to be evangelized it will be through a team effort. Believers must all work together to accomplish this one common goal. It is not a task for one department. It is the responsibility of every agency, every congregation, and every member to become involved in making known the Gospel of Christ to those about us who need to be converted to Christ. Through a cooperative endeavor our evangelistic outreach will be more effective. By combining our resources, energies, insights and labors we can make a greater impact upon our nation.

The success of evangelizing America will depend upon several factors. First, we must have a burden of prayer. In Ezra 9:1-10:1 we have a tremendous

example of intercessory prayer for a nation. Solomon also teaches us in II Chronicles, chapter six, the manner in which we should pray for our nation.

Secondly, our witness can become effective only as we are filled with the Holy Spirit. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." When the early church was filled with the Holy Spirit believers "began to speak . . . as the spirit gave them utterance." Jesus promised that the heavenly Father would "give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him."

Thirdly, every Christian must go and tell. Compelled by love and obedience each believer must count it a privilege to share his faith with those who are without Christ. Souls will never be won to Christ unless we are willing to go and confront men with the true message of salvation. Jesus directed the demoniac who was healed to "go home and tell thy friend."

Fourthly, we must bring those who are converted into the fellowship of the church. Believers need instruction. They must be taught to confess Christ publicly through baptism and identification with God's people. Through fellowship with believers they can grow in grace and be built up in the faith in order that they may in turn go out and win others to the Saviour.

Evangelizing America is both essential and urgent. Believers will be held accountable for their stewardship of the Gospel. We dare not fail to be faithful in this trust committed to us. Evangelizing our nation will please the Lord and avert His judgment. ▲

**1972: A Year of Evangelism**



## Virgin Islands:

# WHAT GREAT THINGS THE

Smiles of happiness cover the faces of those in the congregation. The singing rings with joyfulness and appears to be heartfelt. A spirit of thanksgiving pervades the entire service. And why not — it's September 5, 1971, and the congregation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, is having their first service in their new auditorium.

The completion of the church auditorium, with a seating capacity of 300, is just another evidence of God's blessings upon this Home Missions project. Missionary-pastor Larry Powell thrilled the hearts of those attending the Wednesday evening service of the National Association in Nashville this past July as he related the unusual ways in which God has been blessing this work.

It was in the fall of 1967 that Missionary Powell and his family arrived in this United States territory and began holding services in their home. Later, Brother Powell was able to secure the use of a school building in which to worship. Preparations for the construction of the new building actually began in 1968 when the congregation was able to purchase for \$8,000.00 an acre of ground valued at \$15,000.00. Located in Sion Valley almost in the exact center of the island, this property is in the midst of one of the fastest developing areas of the island.

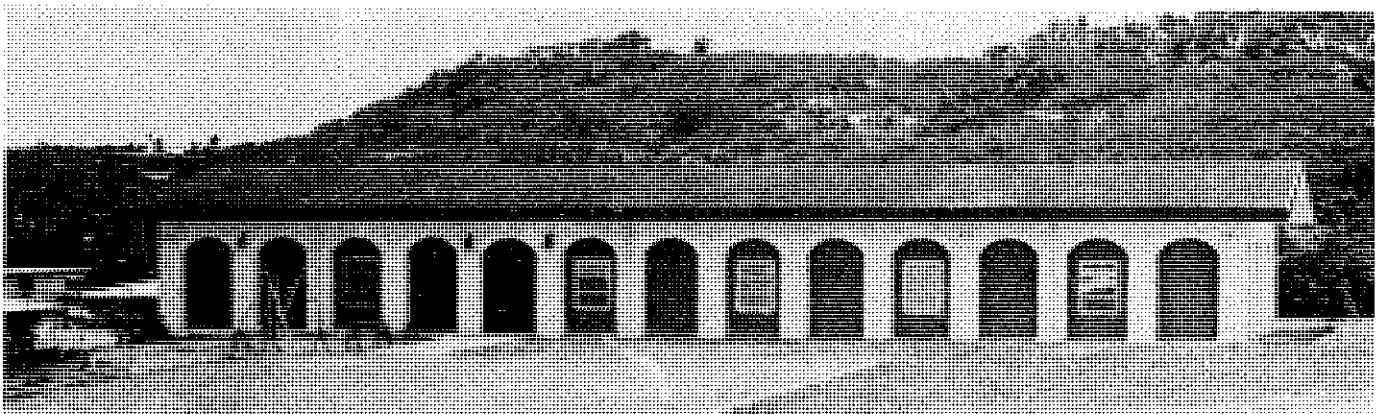
Missionary Powell recalls that after the papers for the sale had been signed, the owner of the property told the real estate agent he did not know what was

wrong with him when he agreed to sell for that small figure. He said if he had just divided the plot, he could have made three times as much money. Powell explains the unusual sale by saying God intervened to meet their needs in this manner.

Borrowing an additional \$10,000.00, the members of the church set out to construct a basement to be used for worship. When they were able to borrow another \$30,000.00 from a local bank, they began to construct the auditorium. Today upon the acre of ground which God allowed the congregation to purchase at a fraction of the market value stands a building containing 5,000 square feet of space to be used in teaching and preaching the Word. The building has been appraised at \$98,000.00 by an appraiser from the First National City Bank of San Juan. How God has taken a little and multiplied it for His cause!!

Already plans are underway to construct an educational wing which also could be designed for use as a future Christian day school. The church now maintains a pre-kindergarten and a kindergarten in its basement facilities.

The church building is of Spanish architecture. There are twenty-six arches around the structure. Some of the arches contain windows. The walls are made of concrete twenty inches thick, reinforced with  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch steel rods. The building is constructed to withstand the winds of a hurricane up to two hundred miles in velocity.



NEARING COMPLETION at the time of this picture, the St. Croix Church stands in the midst of a populace numbering near 31,000.

# LORD IS DOING!

The members of the church have assumed full responsibility for making the \$900.00 monthly payments on the building. At this rate, the current indebtedness will be erased in five years. The church membership is to be commended for assuming this financial responsibility. However, the support of Pastor Powell still remains the responsibility of the National Home Missions Department which looks to Free Will Baptists everywhere to help raise the \$10,654.00 budget needed each year to maintain the Powells on the field. Like all missionary pastors, Powell is anticipating the day when the membership of the church will be able to assume the support of a pastor in full.

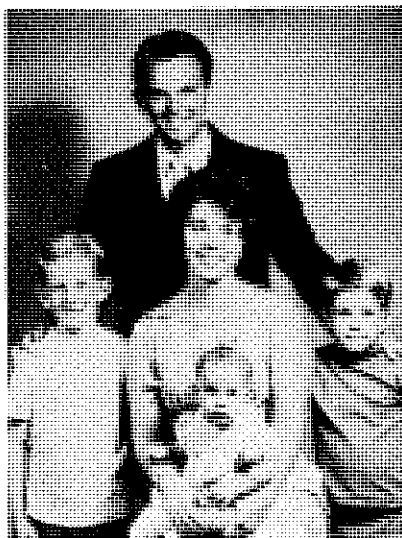
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*“Constructed to withstand  
the winds of a hurricane . . .”  
but not the  
Holy Spirit*

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When Rita and Sunny Wenning arrived on the field to serve as associates with the Powells, the financial obligation of the Home Missions Board was also increased. Living expenses are extremely high in the Virgin Islands. A modest dwelling rents for about \$300.00 per month. Therefore, the Wennings like the Powells are depending on the people of the States to financially undergird their ministry in this missions project where the divine approval is so evident.

The church is enjoying a unique two-fold ministry. First, on the average Sunday morning, the congregation is composed of seven nationalities. What an excellent way to prove that “Jesus loves all the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight.” Secondly, most of the members are professional people. Many of our Free Will Baptist churches are failing to reach the professional people of their communities for the Lord. Through several avenues, the Lord has opened the door for Brother Powell to be a pastor-friend to these professionals who sincerely love the Lord. The St. Croix Church has two bankers, two medical



*The Powells:  
Larry,  
Wanda,  
Jonathan,  
Mark,  
and Paige*

doctors, four public school teachers, a number of contractors, and several local shop keepers. Yet, the congregation is a mobil congregation. Missionary Powell estimates that during the past four years over two hundred people have been reached for Christ, but of that number at least half of them have moved back to the United States, Puerto Rico, or Europe.

Boy Scout Troop 162, which is sponsored by the St. Croix Church, is a good evidence that the church is enjoying an effective outreach in the local community. In 1970, the troop under the leadership of Scoutmaster Powell won first place in the St. Croix Council and advanced to the District Council which is composed of the islands of St. Johns, St. Thomas, and St. Croix. They also earned a first place rating at the district level.

Brother Powell also has an outreach through an exclusive private school where he teaches Bible and archeology daily to seventh, eighth, and ninth graders. Some of the children attending this school are already Christians. At this time there has not been any first time decisions as a result of this class, but several families are now attending the Free Will Baptist Church because of a contact established through the class.

Five days a week, Missionary Powell reaches the people of the community through a fifteen minute radio broadcast. Three to four times each year, in cooperation with the other ministers on the island, Powell appears on a Sunday television program. He also is privileged to serve as chaplain at the only hospital on the island on a rotating basis with other island ministers.

The Woman's Auxiliary at St. Croix has proven to be an asset in the church's outreach. The group regularly ministers to the residents of the island's only Home For The Aged. They also take gifts to a children's home, to children who are in the hospital, and pass out Gospel tracts. ▲

## NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN TENNESSEE COLLEGE CITY

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — The First Free Will Baptist Church of Murfreesboro officially came into existence Wednesday evening, October 9, when the fifteen charter members voted to adopt that name following the organizational service.

The organization of this church comes approximately one year after home missionaries Bill and Hope Van Winkle began services in this middle Tennessee college town. The work is a joint project of the National Home Missions Department and the Tennessee State Home Mission Board. The Reverend Wallace Hayes, chairman of the latter Board, preached the organizational message and extended the right hand of fellowship to the members.

Other men assisting with this service were the Reverend E. B. Ledlow, Field Missionary for National Home Missions, who presented the Bible to the church, and the Reverend George Lee, pastor of the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church of Nashville, who presented the church covenant.

The church elected Brother Van Winkle as their pastor. The group is negotiating for property at this time. They currently are meeting in the basement of a business located at the east edge of the town.



FREE WILL BAPTIST

**newsfront**



OFFICERS SERVING the 49th John Thomas Yearly Meeting were Ezra Johnson, left, Jenkins, Kentucky, moderator, and Everett Johnson, Westerville, Ohio, who completed his 28th year as clerk for the group.

## JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION ADOPTS MISSIONARY

VIRGIE, Kentucky — The John Thomas Yearly Meeting highlighted its annual September business session by unanimously adopting the Don Sextons as their missionary family. An effort will be made to raise a significant portion of this missionary couple's support before they leave for France. The Kentucky native and his wife now are doing deputation work.

In supporting the motion to adopt the Sextons, the Reverend Albert Dingus, pastor of the Burdine Free Will Baptist Church, Burdine, Kentucky, stated, "It is the church's business to send the Gospel into all the world." The Burdine Church has already assumed \$40.00 a month support. The Payne Gap Church and others have promised regular monthly support.

The Association, which was meeting for its 49th annual session, is made up of five quarterly meetings representing more than a hundred churches in five states. They are not affiliated with the National Association. The next meeting of the Association will convene September 8-9, 1972, at Caney Creek Church, Pikeville, Kentucky.

In other business, the Association voted to send Albert Dingus, Tommy Pike and Moderator Ezra Johnson as corresponding messengers to the National Association which convenes in Fort Worth, Texas, July 10-14, 1972.

## TEXAS GROUP HONORS MEN OF STATE

AMARILLO, Texas — The Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists selected the pastor of the West Side Church of Midland and a layman from the First Church of Odessa for special recognition during the 1971 state meeting here July 27-29.

The Reverend Glenn Hood, a 1968 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, was named Pastor of the Year. In commenting on this honor, Mr. Hood said the reason he received it was because of "the exceptional church I'm privileged to pastor." The Lawton, Oklahoma, native assumed the pastorate of the Midland Church in 1970. He formerly pastored

churches in Florida and Tennessee. The Hoods are parents of four children.

Weldon Ray Huston, who has served on the Deacon Board of the First Church in Odessa since 1956, was named Layman of the Year. The Texas native and his wife are the parents of four children.

The practice of selecting an outstanding pastor and layman from the state has been in affect approximately eight years. Local churches are encouraged to submit the name and qualifications of their pastor and a layman to the district association which in turn selects a pastor and a layman to represent their district at the state level. The final selection rests with the Executive Board of the state.

## PRIEST OPPOSING MISSION WORK

GUADALAJARA, Mex. — A Catholic priest in this Mexican town is openly opposing the efforts of Free Will Baptist Missionary Jerry Barron.

The Reverend Barron, who arrived on the field with his family June 1, reports the priest is telling the people not to attend the services being conducted in the Barron home. This has caused a decrease in the attendance to the services.

## HILLSDALE COLLEGE ENROLLS EIGHTY-SIX

MOORE, Okla. — Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College enrolled a record number of eighty-six students for the fall semester. Fifty-nine students are living in the dormitories while an additional ten carry a full-time load. All these figures represent new records in the history of the school, according to President Bill Jones.

Seven states and one foreign country are represented by at least one student. Freshmen outnumber the sophomores 60 to 16 with ten special students.

New faculty members include Dr. Charles Hampton, math professor, teaching Introductory College Math on Thursday evenings; Mr. E. E. Oliver who teaches physical science; and Mrs. Yvette Bredbenner who teaches French. Mr. Lynn Miley, son of Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley, teaches missions and a course in Christian education. Mr. Gerald Davis and Mrs. Labeth Myers are helping Mr. Ted Wilbanks in the Music Department.

All added faculty members are part time. They have made possible the enlargement of Hillsdale's junior college curriculum.

With the record number of students on campus for the 1971-72 school year, a spirit of optimism characterizes both faculty and board. It is hoped that an Activities Building will be started in the spring and another dormitory soon thereafter.

## DIRECTOR OF CHURCH BONDS ON LEAVE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mr. Francis Boyle, Director of Executive Church Bonds, and Mrs. Boyle departed in early October for an extended global tour which will take them to all the Free Will Baptist mission stations except India. They also will visit Russia and other places of interest. The expense of the trip is entirely personal. The Boyles will return to the states in early March.

The leave of absence, which was granted by the Executive Committee of the National Association, was announced officially at the National Association in July. At the time of his departure, the number of programs Mr. Boyle had directed for the first nine months of 1971 surpassed the number directed for the entire year of 1970.

Inquiries for bond programs are being handled by Mr. Boyle's secretary.



Hurst



Wood

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF INCREASES BY TWO

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —

The National Sunday School Department has welcomed two new employees to its expanding team of servants. They are the Reverend Joe T. Hurst, who leaves the pastorate of the Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia, and Mr. Delbert Wood, who has been an active deacon of that church.

Mr. Hurst assumed the responsibilities as editor of Adult Sunday school curriculum materials on October 11, 1971. He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and has done graduate work in history and education in Washington state.

Brother Hurst brings with him nearly fifteen years of pastoral experience. He has served churches in his native state of Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington and Virginia.

Mr. Wood has assumed a newly created position as pressroom foreman. Mr. Wood has for the past seven years served in the Department of the Treasury for the United States Government. He has been the foreman in the reproduction bureau.

Both men are veterans of the armed forces.

## BIBLE COLLEGE REPORTS VICTORY IN DEBT RETIREMENT DRIVE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —

The Bible College's recent appeal for \$25,000 to erase the school's indebtedness met with a generous response from Free Will Baptists. The drive, termed *DEBT RETIREMENT DAY: August 31*, resulted in more than enough response to clear the building campaign debt and pave the way for further campus expansion.

Jack Paramore, Director of Development for the Bible College, expressed deep gratitude to those Free Will Baptists whose generosity in this drive made victory possible.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT MOVES TO NEW BUILDING

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Editorial Department and the administrative offices were the first divisions of the National Sunday School Department to occupy their new quarters in the recently-purchased building on Ezell Pike at Bush Road. The move was made in late October.

The order, mailing, and printing divisions of the Department are expected to be resettled in the new quarters by mid-November.

## JOHN L WELCH APPRECIATION DAY HONORS FORMER PASTOR

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Reverend John L. Welch, a leader among Free Will Baptists for more than a half-century, was honored Sunday, October 3, 1971, by the congregation of Cofer's Chapel Church where he ministered for over forty years.

During the morning worship service, the congregation sang hymns which were favorites of Brother Welch. As a tribute to their former pastor, Mr. George Trotter, a deacon, presented on behalf of the church a book containing letters from members and former members. In the introduction of this book, which was written by Miss Mary Ruth Wisheart, it was noted of the members that "we are your epistles," as Paul noted to the Corinthians in his second epistle, chapter three.

Following the morning worship service, the John L. Welch Bible Class, which Brother Welch taught each Sunday for many years, sponsored a dinner at the church in his honor.



DELIVERING THE MESSAGE on the Sunday observed in his honor is the Reverend John Welch.

PUBLICATION OF  
CHURCH DIRECTORY  
BEING DELAYED

NASHVILLE, Tn. — The 1972 Church Directory of Free Will Baptist churches in the United States will not be available for distribution in January as originally planned due to the lack of response from associational clerks.

Information sheets asking for the name of the pastor and clerk for each church within an association were mailed last July to the clerks of the respective associations. To date, less than fifty per cent have replied.

A copy of this directory, which is published bi-annually by the Executive Department, is registered with the Internal Revenue Department in Washington, D.C. Individuals who make contributions to Free Will Baptist churches not listed in this directory as being affiliated with the National Association may be required to obtain special affidavits affirming their contributions as deducted on their income tax reports.

Not only does the publication of this directory meet a requirement of the Internal Revenue Department, but it

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## CLERGY GROUP EXTENDS CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS

NASHVILLE, TN. — In response to a request by the United Clergyman's International, Inc. of New York and Los Angeles, the Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is using the denomination's official publication to notify all full-time, fully sustained clergy that they are eligible to obtain charter memberships in this organization for a fee of \$15.00 per year. Without this notification from a denomination's executive staff, the yearly fee is \$25.00.

This notification is not an official endorsement of the

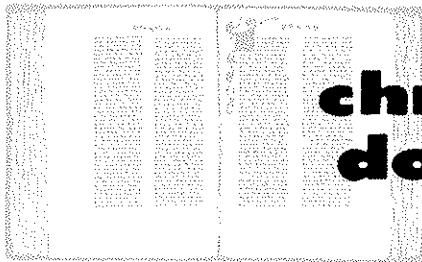
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also provides a ready access to the name and address of each church in the denomination and its pastor and clerk.

organization. However, a check with the Better Business Bureau shows this to be a legitimate group against whom there has been no complaints.

U.C.I. members are eligible for discounts and/or special rates at a number of national chains and local businesses that are under contract to recognize the U.C.I. card. At this time, among the 14,000 agencies recognizing the U.C.I. card, are national chains like Avis, Hertz, Ramada Inns, Rodeway Inns, Kinney Shoes, Thom McAn Shoes, Howard Johnson and Sheraton motels as well as many other franchised businesses.

Many Free Will Baptist pastors already have received membership applications. Others probably will be contacted at a later date. ▲



## christian doctrine

by Leroy Forlines

Frequently, people make the remark that doctrine is dry and impractical. Such a remark must be an indictment against the way some people present doctrine rather than against doctrine itself. When doctrine is merely the academic development of a particular teaching or set of teachings, it may be dry. It should be vitally related to life. The next few installments on Christian Doctrine will deal with making doctrine practical.

The beginning point for such a study is the purpose of redemption. Is redemption designed just to provide forgiveness of sins, escape from hell, and eternity with Christ? Or is it also designed to restore that which was lost

in the fall? Unquestionably, redemption is designed to do both. This being true, when we have won a person to Christ, we have taken only our first step of redemptive responsibility with him. He must be nurtured in his Christian experience. He must grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29).

When the church fails to recognize any significant responsibility beyond conversion to its members, it sees very little need of doctrinal knowledge beyond that which is needed for the simple presentation of the Gospel. Since some people tend to think of doctrine only in the formal sense, they may not even think about much of what is said in soul-winning as doctrine. However, all

such statements as "Jesus saves," "all men are sinners," "the wages of sin is death," "God loves you," "God wants to save you" are doctrinal statements. It is obvious that doctrine is very useful in soul-winning. It should also be obvious to the person who has spent much time at soul-winning that a good grasp of pertinent doctrines is certainly to be desired.

When one recognizes the usefulness of doctrine in carrying our soul-winning responsibilities, it should be easy to see that doctrine can also be useful in Christian growth and development. Christian growth is a lifetime experience. It has many facets. Does it not follow that all Christian doctrine may be useful in the fulfillment of the total scope of redemption? Should we not be careful how we say that some doctrines are important while others are not? Would it not be strange for God to give us so much doctrinal truth, and only a part of it be useful to us?

The first step in making doctrine practical is to recognize the fact that it is a needed and helpful tool in the fulfillment of redemptive responsibility. The next step is how it can be used as an effective, practical tool. This will be done in the next few installments. ▲



## Bus Ministry Credited

# INDIANA MISSION ON THE GROW!

By Milton Crowson

Home mission work reported and directed by the National Home Mission Board in Nashville, Tennessee, reflects only a part of the home mission work done by Free Will Baptists. Many state and district associations have their own mission projects. One such project is the Free Will Baptist Church in Beech Grove, a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana. The project has been underwritten by the White River Association in Indiana.

The group began meeting in July, 1969. The present pastor, the Reverend Wayne Phillips, began his work there in October 1969. The progress since that time has been amazing. The church is located on a five acre tract of land in one of the best subdivisions in the Indianapolis area. The congregation moved into its new building in May 1971. The church auditorium will seat 175 people. Seven large classrooms are in the educational wing.

During the spring months the mission averaged slightly over fifty in Sunday School. At that time the Reverend Phillips persuaded the congregation to embark on a bus program. That was a step thought to be advisable only for well-established churches. The initial cost of such a program constituted a giant step for such a young work. The results have justified the risk. At a time when most churches experience a summer slump, the Indianapolis church was establishing new attendance records. On the fourth Sunday in August, the Sunday School



THE BEECH GROVE CHURCH is a project of Indiana's White River Association.

attendance went over 100 for the first time. A record of 115 was set that day. That was short lived for a record of 120 has been set since then. During the month of September, attendance averaged 102.

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*"A spirit  
of enthusiasm is evident . . ."*

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The church, which is now operating two buses, has seen a large number of adults come into the church. Many of these were first reached through the bus ministry. People are being won regularly. The majority of the church participate in visitation and witnessing. A spirit of enthusiasm is evident even to the most casual observer.

The church's financial position has steadily improved with the increased growth in numbers. Brother Phillips, who attended Free Will Baptist Bible College for three years, expects the church to be self-supporting in 1972. The North Carolina native is also chairman of the Indiana State Home Mission Board. He has led his congregation to support all phases of the denominational work even while in the midst of a huge building program.

Mr. Phillips reports that the people of Indiana are already planning to start another mission next year when the Indianapolis work becomes self-supporting. That work will probably be done in cooperation with the National Home Mission Board. Indiana Free Will Baptists are expecting to make greater strides forward during the seventies. They are well on their way. ▲



OVERSEEING THE UNLOADING of his bus is one of the drivers from the Beech Grove Church.

# Is the daily role of a Chaplain routine?

## MINISTER TO THE

by Captain Gerald Mangham  
Stockade Chaplain  
United States Army

"Chaplain, you've got to help me! I've talked to the Red Cross, I've talked to my C.O., I've talked to my counselor, and no one has been able to help." I listened with interest, I was the Chaplain and he had come to me for help. He continued, "I have a wife and two babies at home, no money and the Army won't pay me." "I was promised I would be paid two days ago and nothing has been done." I began to question the man and felt that if he was correct, he should, indeed, have some money coming. He had been at the Stockade here at Fort Sill long enough to be paid and seemed to meet all other requirements. I picked up the telephone and called the Finance Office.

This is not an unusual situation for many soldiers in the Armed Forces. The outcome of this particular one was unfortunate in many ways. After my inquiry, I had to inform the man that he already owed Uncle Sam \$2,000 and would not receive any money whatsoever. When informed of this, he

smiled wanly and said "How about that, Chappie? Thanks anyway". And he walked out of my office! Sometimes it is very frustrating to be a Chaplain. Sometimes it is the best job in the world.

Once in a while I run into a young man who is a genuine Christian. Why is he in the Stockade? Usually because he is unable to adjust to an authoritarian situation, and he is not quite able to utilize the strength of his belief to handle his problems. These men are often boarded out of the Army. I remember one day talking to a young man who was a full blooded Cherokee Indian. He had turned himself in because he had become a Christian under the ministry of a Baptist minister in eastern Oklahoma. He wanted to "clear the slate", to really begin anew. He was a delight to have around, always asking questions about the Bible, no matter where he was or who happened to be there. I really enjoyed having him in my services.

Another man who had had an experience with the Church did just the opposite. He was a licensed minister who backslid and really flipped. He allowed his marriage to break up, went AWOL, and was finally apprehended. His problem was that he was trying to be perfect, and could not accept himself and did not believe God could use him. I'll never forget the day I walked into his hospital room, and after threatening to kill me, he just sat there like a

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About the author:

Chaplain Gerald Mangham was the first Free Will Baptist to enter the Armed Forces as a chaplain. He currently is stationed in his home state of Oklahoma at Fort Sill. He is married to the former Bertie Clark of North Carolina.



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# MILITARY

baby. Then he exploded and poured out all his hostilities on me. Later, when he realized that he was simply running from his problems, he came around and shook my hand and apologized. He was beginning to learn the lessons of Romans 7 & 8.

There are many stories about individuals who have come into my life since I have been in the military. Some were encountered in counseling situations and some as casual friends. Not the least of the latter are fellow Chaplains. I have found real faith in many men of the Chaplaincy. One weekend last summer, I was privileged to go with about twenty soldiers down to the Arbuckle Mountains of Oklahoma for a retreat. Another Chaplain, Tim Tatum, went along, as well as our civilian Religious Education Director, who had arranged the trip. We had offered the trip to any soldier desiring to go and we were hoping to do some good evangelistic work while there. We arrived in the area about 8:00 p.m. on a Friday evening and went about settling down and eating supper at the Lodge. Also at the Lodge that weekend was a group of young adults from a church down in Texas. Our soldiers were happy to hear that, you can believe!

We had Vespers that evening and most of Saturday was spent in canoeing or relaxing. The soldiers were looking forward to Saturday evening because they had been invited to share the evening

with the young people from Texas. After supper, everyone gathered in the den of the Lodge along with their records, record players, and guitars. They were going to have a dance. Tim and I heard of their plans and, of course, did not approve, but felt we should not interfere since we had allowed them the evening with the Texas group.

Unknown to us, the evening was already being worked out. The dance never got underway. One of our soldiers had been witnessing and had led one of the young ladies from Texas to Christ. This really had an impact on the group for she began to witness and by Saturday evening about twenty of her friends had taken part in some heart searching prayer meetings. So instead of a dance, we had an evening which sounded and looked like some Free Will Baptist camp meetings I have attended.

At first it began with folksinging, then as the Spirit of God began to move, it turned into a time of sharing Christ. One after another began to tell what had happened to them. The ones who were not receptive just sat and stared in unbelief at their friends who had undergone such a change. There was a great deal of pure happiness as we sat around drinking cokes, eating potato chips and listening to those young people talk of the Lord instead of the





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## *Minister to the Military*

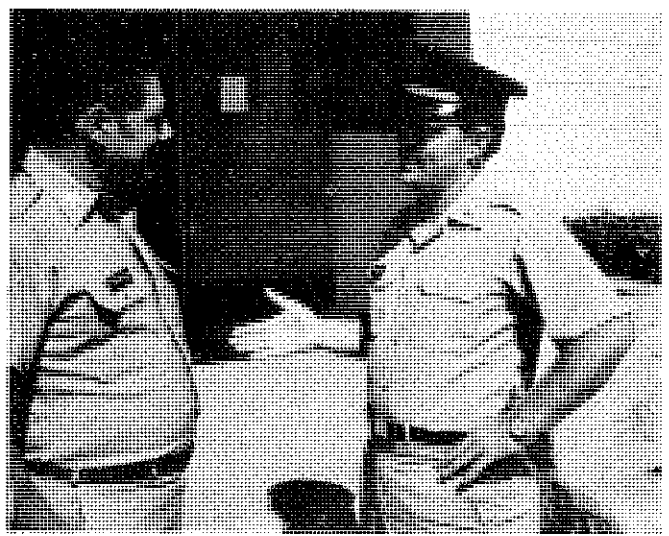
Rolling Stones, "pot", or other things. Our men were allowed to see that Christ is a personal Saviour and many of them, while not becoming a Christian, certainly came a long way toward understanding what it's all about. Tim and I also came to a better appreciation of laymen and their effectiveness. We also enjoyed a fine weekend of fellowship with each other.

There are many things that take place in the course of my day as Stockade Chaplain. Calling the Red Cross, writing letters for the men in trouble, advising the Commanding Officer on religious matters, kneeling in prayer with a troubled soul, and many other things which share a common nature with the activities of most ministers. However, while one belongs to the Army twenty-four hours a day, the day is usually finished by five o'clock, except for evening programs which nearly every assignment needs. If emergency problems arise, there is always a Chaplain on Call to handle them. Each Chaplain has this responsibility on a rotating basis, normally once or twice a month.

One of the most rewarding ministries is conducting military funerals. I feel very useful and needed at those times. This is true whether the individual is active or retired, and a certain closeness usually flavors the situation because of common likes and goals. I have received many blessings from being in touch with the loved ones of a departed comrade. There is nothing that sounds so final, yet hopeful, as the trumpet sounding the last taps for someone who wears the same uniform as you do.

At the present time a real active area for Chaplains is helping with the treatment of drug addicts. In cooperation with psychiatrists and psychologists, Fort Sill has been operating a "half-way House" for narcotic users. To be honest, the rate of success is very poor. While Chaplains do all they can in the official role, we believe the only real answer is involved in a dynamic response to Christ as Lord. I have worked with some men over a long period of time. Those who are able to conquer their problem are the ones who come to know the real Therapist, Christ, as their Saviour.

Many times questions are asked as I visit our Free Will Baptist Churches at various times. Some are repeated so often that I will try to answer a couple in this article. Probably the one most frequently asked has to do with the freedom I have to preach the Gospel in the worship services conducted in the military. There actually is only one restriction placed upon a Chaplain. He is not allowed to make



A DAY'S ACTIVITIES for Chaplain Mangham, right, includes a check with Provost Sergeant Paciello who is one of the supervisory personnel at Fort Sill's Post Stockade.

derogatory statements about another denomination or religion from his pulpit. Other than this guideline, I can preach the Bible as our denomination accepts it and interprets it without any reprisal. I, personally, have never been slightly upbraided for even the format of my services. Once gaining the confidence of the Commanding Officer that you are competent, he accepts you as knowing your job. Probably there are some officers who feel they should tell their Chaplain how to run his business, but I have not encountered this problem.

A question which interests some is whether or not a Chaplain is forced to attend social functions which normally would not be considered proper for a Free Will Baptist. No, you do not have to attend. There are functions which I am asked to attend, but never am I required. However, it is a great time to witness to people I otherwise would never see unless I attended. I find that in the military, a Chaplain's (or anyone's) convictions against such things as drinking or dancing are accepted. When these convictions are questioned, I have another chance to witness about our Lord.

Chaplains are usually accepted for what they are, as Clergymen and Officers. Sometimes the two roles are hard to reconcile, but a Chaplain is a minister to all, not just to either the enlisted or commissioned individuals. We are afforded all the amenities and benefits of the military and normally it is a nice environment in which to work. We cannot have tender ears and we must at times appear to be hard, but always with an abiding sense that this is where God wants us and do our best to be faithful.

The most difficult part of the Chaplaincy is the separation tours of duty. These have a way of either strengthening a family or causing some real problems. For my family, they have proven to be strengthening. They have been very educational and certainly spiritually rewarding. ▲



by Robert Picirilli

## **gems**

from the  
Greek New Testament

In last month's column I tried to introduce you to the subject of a "play on words." This simply refers to a deliberate choice of two or more words close together that are similar in sound or meaning, thus calling more special attention to them and thereby giving them the more pointed emphasis. Many of these occur in the Greek New Testament that are completely missed by the English reader.

One interesting example occurs in Second Thessalonians 3:11. There Paul is referring to some folk in the Thessalonian church who had, for some reason, quit their jobs and started living off the benevolence of the rest of the church (sound like anyone you know?). Of these disorderly deadbeats Paul says they are "working not at all, but are busybodies."

What we miss if we see only the English is the fact that the word *working* and the word *busybodies* are built on the same Greek root. This particular play on words could actually be translated into English and still retain its force: "not busy, but busybodies," or "not busy at work, but busybodies." Or how about this: "busy only with others' business!" Paul's point is that when folks don't have any business of their own to tend to, they will wind up tending to the business of others. And that point is made far more pointed and sharp by using the play on words.

Here's another play on words which you can catch without necessarily reading the Greek original, because sometimes word-play is done by choosing words that have similar meanings even though not necessarily on the same original root. This one is Galatians 5:15, where Paul says: "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Here Paul has chosen three words that can all refer to the act of eating. *Bite* means exactly that; *devour* means to *eat* or *swallow*. Of course Paul is not talking about literal eating of food for the body's nourishment. He is speaking of the bitterness and greed that are often manifested among folk in their attitudes toward one another, *back-biting* rather than literal biting, antagonism, envy, jealousy, strife.

So he compares this spiritual malady to biting and devouring. But watch out, he says, lest in your biting and devouring you *eat one another up!* For that is exactly what "consume" means. Of course Paul could simply have said that it is dangerous for Christians to have jealousy and strife among them, to bicker and argue, because they may well destroy one another. But the whole idea is so much more pointed and easy to remember when he uses the



## **words for women**

by Cathern Smith\*

The Psalmist David rang the bells of thanksgiving in Psalm 103, exhorting himself, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." The Psalmist lists five areas in which he is thankful.

1. He is grateful for salvation. Someone once wrote, "Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth \$6,000 — that is genius. Uncle Sam can take gold, stamp an eagle on it, and make it worth \$20.00 — that is money. An artist can take a fifty cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it, and make it worth \$1,000 — that is art. God can take a worthless sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put His Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity — that is salvation.

2. The Psalmist is thankful for the healing which comes from God. God will be with us for any emergency or crisis of life.

3. The Psalmist is thankful for safety. Even when man is not conscious of it, there is an eye that never sleeps watching protectively over him.

4. The Psalmist is grateful for strength. There is strength to go on when man has come to the end of himself. God assures us that He will be with us and will not forsake us.

5. The Psalmist speaks of satisfaction. "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things." These are words of gratitude for that inward contentment that can only come when one knows he is a child of God.

The Psalmist praised God and gave thanks for all the divine benefits.

At Thanksgiving time it is profitable for us to remember with gratitude God's many blessings to us. "Thank you" is a beautiful expression that should spring easily from our hearts.

One of God's gifts to us is the helpfulness and kindness of Christian friends. Do we appreciate their fellowship? Many times we fail to acknowledge the little courtesies which family and friends do for us. Do not let "Thank you" become lost in your life.

Gratitude comes from the heart. Words alone are never sufficient to thank God. The life dedicated to serving Him is the best way to show thanks.

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figure of eating and chooses three words built on the same figure: "Watch out when you're biting and devouring one another, for you'll eat one another up." ▲

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## MINI MESSAGE

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# GRACE

## Abounds For Sin

(Romans 5:20)

by I. J. Blackwelder

Since Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden and brought a curse upon the world and condemnation upon themselves, man has corrupted his way upon the earth and filled it with violence. And though multitudes of God-fearing men have faithfully sought to conquer sin and Christianize this wicked world, Satan is still the god of this world, and his endless efforts to overthrow God's kingdom on earth and usurp the power of the Lord Jesus Christ are still in force. Moreover, the forces of evil are not restrained. Wickedness of every kind is on the move and that with amazing progress and power.

But the Lord Jesus Himself warned us of these fearful times, saying, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end shall be saved" (Mat. 24:12, 13). The apostle Paul also spoke of the wickedness of men in the last days when he said, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Timothy 3:13). But we need only to listen to the reports on crime and violence to be more fully convinced that, "as it was in the days of Noah," so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man" (Luke 17:26).

But notwithstanding the ever increasing abundance of wickedness that is evident everywhere, there is one thing of which there is more in this sin-cursed world than there is of sin, and that is the wonderful, marvelous grace of God, for "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20b).

There are now some three billions of people on the earth, and other billions have lived and died during the thousands of years of man's existence. But numbers mean nothing when we compare them with God's provision of grace for the sins of the entire human race. For, in speaking of the

atonement of Christ for our sins, the apostle John says, "And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2). Regardless of the number and character of our sins, the grace of God, manifested in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ who bore them to Calvary, is greater and more abundant than they, for "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

When scientists began to work toward sending people to the moon and possibly to Mars by means of rockets, a bishop in a certain church said that his people would begin to prepare to evangelize the red planet, if they found people there. But as fantastic as the idea seems to be, it involves at least one area that is Biblically sound; namely, that if there are people on Mars, or any other place in this vast universe, the grace of God abounds for their sin also.

But not only does grace abound for the sins of the masses, it also abounds for the sins of every individual sinner. And evidently this is what the writer of Hebrews meant when he said, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9). However, there are those who say that God is too big and busy to waste His time and interest with one lone sinner. But if this were true, Jesus never would have stopped at Jacob's well to deal with the Samaritan woman. Nor would He have cast the devils out of those who were demon possessed. He would have no time to waste, even with a rich man like Zacchaeus. And most pathetic of all, Jesus would have had no time to spend with you and me. But thanks be unto God Whose only begotten Son said, "... and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37b). Moreover, if there had been only one lost sinner in the whole world, and that one had been you, the Lord Jesus would have gone to Calvary for your sins alone.

Finally, the grace of God abounds for the SIN of the world. The next day after John the Baptist bore witness of Jesus in Bathabara beyond Jordan, he saw Jesus coming to him and said to the people about him, "... Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29b). Now, it is my opinion, that the SIN of the world is not the same as the SINS of the world. The obvious fact that He has not yet taken away the sins of the world clearly distinguishes between the SIN of the world and the SINS of the world.

The sin of the world, I believe, is the sin of Adam's transgression, which brought condemnation upon him and Eve, and upon their posterity. But when the Lord Jesus Christ gave His life a ransom for our sins on Calvary, He made atonement for the sin of the world. Therefore, no person will go to hell because of Adam's transgression, for that sin is banished forever. Yes, even little children inherit a carnal nature, but it is personal sin and not one's nature that condemns a person. ▲

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*Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of four mini messages on the subject of grace by the Reverend I. J. Blackwelder. Brother Blackwelder, who now lives in Lake Butler, Florida, has long been active in our denomination.*



# "THE CRY IS FOR LABORERS"

If any one factor was impressed upon the Reverend Jerry Griffith during his summer missionary ministry in Corpus Christi, Texas, and his visit to the Free Will Baptist work in Monterrey, Mexico, it was the need for additional workers.

"The cry is not for opportunities but for laborers. The door is open now," the professor of Spanish and Director of Christian Service at Free Will Baptist Bible College reported after his ten-week summer ministry.

The Ohio native, his wife and their four children journeyed to Corpus Christi during early June where he became a summer pastor to the congregation of the Zion Free Will Baptist Church. The church had been without a pastor since the early part of this year.

Now, despite the fact the church has been without a pastor for almost nine months, the congregation is faithful in continuing the ministry of the church. Brother Avery Bell, the acting deacon, by necessity has assumed much of the spiritual leadership as well as the financial responsibilities for the church. The congregation is patiently waiting for the Lord to lay the

work of their church on the heart of a minister.

For a week in late July and early August, the Griffiths were able to attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Mexico. There they saw evidences of God's blessings upon the work of Brother and Sister Arthur Billows. But additional workers are needed to open an orphanage in the Monterrey area,

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*Each year several prospective missionary candidates spend their summer in missionary service on the home field. Two of these summer missionaries share some insights as a result of their summer activities.*

to begin a Christian day school in conjunction with the program of the Institute of Gold, and to continue the outreach of the Institute of Gold in training individuals for greater Christian service. ▲



ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

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## EIGHT WEEKS IN LAVERGNE

By Pam Orr

It is very difficult for me to share with you in a few paragraphs, what the Lord shared with me for eight weeks in LaVergne, Tennessee. However, there are three things in particular I would like to share.

*First*, He helped me to see and realize that "The field is the world" (Matthew 13:38) and that there were souls lost and groping in darkness in LaVergne, Tennessee, just as there were souls in Indonesia or Africa. I had let Satan blind my eyes to a portion of "that field."

*Secondly*, He helped me to see His love for all kinds of people. Sandra Bazen and I would go into a home and many times a glance around the room would readily reveal the fruit of wickedness in the lives of the members of that home. This was heart breaking. I thought, how could the Lord love them when they don't care about eternal matters. And then I remembered that I, too, was once as they — lost. God loves them

and died for them just as He did for me.

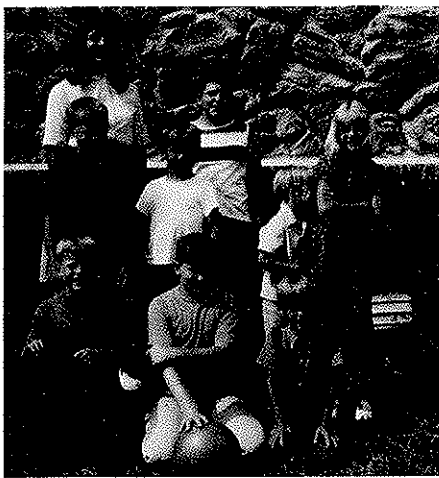
*Last of all*, He helped me to see two great truths in Matthew 28:20.

He has said, "Go!" And that is precisely what He means. For some, "Go," will mean across the waters; but for the majority, it means across the next hill, field, or the next yard.

In the latter part of this same verse I found the second truth. "... Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

During the eight weeks of our labor in LaVergne, Sandra and I knocked on many doors. We never knew what lay behind a door, or if when we entered a door that we would not be verbally or bodily ejected out of that same door. But not once did any serious physical harm come upon us! We weren't the only ones standing there knocking — He was knocking too.

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GOOD NEWS CLUB MEMBERS pose with Sandra Bazen in front of the LaVergne Free Will Baptist Church.



## religious newscope

### COMMITTEE SUGGESTS NIXON QUIZ OF RED CHINA LEADER

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — The Committee of One Million, whose chairman is Dr. Walter H. Judd, former medical missionary to pro-Communist China, has drawn up seven questions it hopes President Nixon will put to Premier Chou En-lai when he visits mainland China.

Inserting the questions in the Congressional Record, Rep. John J. Rooney (D — N.Y.) said he concurs in the sentiments expressed in the questions, which he stated “demand answers before Red China is even considered for admission to the United Nations.”

The Committee of One Million, opposed to the admission of mainland China to the world body, suggests President Nixon raise the following queries:

1. “When will you (Communist China) release the American servicemen whom you have held as prisoners for as long as 20 years?”

2. “Do you now accept the United

Nations designation of Communist China as the aggressor in the Korean War?”

3. “Do you now concede that you committed genocide (deliberate extermination of a national or racial group) in your invasion of Tibet as the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva has so stated?”

4. “Do you admit that you are responsible for the deaths of thousands of American servicemen in Vietnam through your supplying most of the small arms and ammunition to the Viet Cong?”

5. “Will you now apologize to my country and to me (i.e., President Nixon) personally for describing me as a ‘chief butcher’ and an ‘arch criminal’ in your official publications?”

6. “Are you now prepared to abandon Mao Tse-tung’s philosophy that political power grows out of the barrel of a gun?”

7. “Do you still believe that the U.S. is an ‘imperialist aggressor’ and is surrounded by ‘running dogs?’”

This “compilation” of church news is to acquaint our readers with what is happening in the church world. The CONTACT staff does not necessarily endorse any of the activities reported.

### 300,000 PILOT ISSUES OF NASSA’S ‘CONCEPT’ MAILED

WHEATON, Ill. (EP) — Two months ahead of its National Leadership Seminar Oct. 19-22, at Chicago’s O’Hareport Convention Center, the National Sunday School Association has mailed its pilot issue of Concept, new tabloid periodical.

The publication, according to Editor Donald L. Hughes, is slated to bring inspiration, information and motivation 10 times annually to Sunday school workers.

Originally, 100,000 copies were ordered but an overwhelming response to the periodical tripled the print run.

Featured in the lead of the first issue is Dr. Wilbur M. Smith with an article titled, “The Bible in Church Education.”

Special features include news, book reviews, cassette reviews and editorial columns.

Editor’s Note: The Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists has endorsed this publication. Any minister or Sunday School worker who desires to receive this subscription-free periodical may send their request to: CONCEPT Editor, 370 Main Place, Carol Stream, Ill. 60187.

## The History Corner

by Mary Wisehart and Robert Picirilli

A recent visit with one of our older pioneers has brought out a point or two that had been wondered about. The preacher referred to is Brother M. L. Hollis of Amory, Mississippi, now in his seventies and still about the Lord’s work.

While most of Brother Hollis’ ministry was spent in the Alabama and Mississippi areas (he probably has organized more churches than any Free Will Baptist preacher around), he did pastor a couple of years in Bryan, Texas, about 1927. He did not know how they got his name out in Texas, but they had written him several times urging him to come. Finally they telegraphed him an inquiry as to how much it would take to get him to come for a trial sermon.

Brother Hollis had never heard of a “trial” sermon, and he really didn’t intend to go, but he wired back that it would take \$100. To his surprise they insisted, and he went. Later he was equally surprised when they agreed to pay \$150 per month and build a parsonage, so he became their pastor.

When he went, the church was affiliated with the Northern Baptists (as a result of the 1910 merger, of course), and he told them plainly he wasn’t a “Northern Baptist,” but a “Free Will Baptist”; and they said that’s exactly what they wanted. But soon they (the Texas churches) asked Brother Hollis to be a delegate to the Northern Baptist convention. He asked that, instead, they send delegates to the Eastern General Conference of Free Will Baptists that would be meeting soon. They agreed.

It was surprising to learn that some Texas Free Will Baptists had stayed with the merger as late as 1927. Here, too, is apparently the explanation how Texas came to be in fellowship with the Eastern General Conference rather than the Western Cooperative. ▲

**WORLD VISION TO BUILD HOSPITAL IN CAMBODIA**

MONROVIA, CALIF — At World Vision's annual banquet, World Vision International President, Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, announced World Vision is undertaking the largest single project in its twenty year history — building of a hospital in Cambodia.

The medical situation is so serious the government of Cambodia has asked World Vision for assistance. A choice piece of property has been made available directly across from Phnom Penh's Russian-built university. The hospital is to be the first Christian institution in the history of the Khymer people.

The proposed hospital is a three-story facility with 100 beds and three operating rooms. The Christian and Missionary Alliance, largest Protestant organization in Cambodia, will staff and administrate the hospital when it is completed.

World Vision was the first outside agency to respond decisively to Cambodian need during May and June of 1970 when the Vietnam conflict spilled across Cambodian borders. Supplies and medicines were trucked from World Vision's warehouse in Saigon to Phnom Penh.

**MAGAZINE SAYS MCINTIRE MAY BUILD THE TEMPLE WITH JEWISH HELP**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (C T) — Radio minister Carl McIntire, the fighting fundamentalist who opposes ecumenism, says he intends to build a full-size replica of the Temple of Jerusalem as a tourist attraction in Florida — and he may align himself with Jewish financial interests to do it, according to a news story in a recent issue (October 8) of *Christianity Today* magazine.

"McIntire refuses to disclose how much it will cost or when construction will begin," says the article, entitled "Tycoons in the Temple." Finances of his own splintered organization are sagging, the story notes, "but — despite the arch-separatism he preaches — he may yoke himself to wealthy Jewish businessmen to fund the multi-million dollar project."

The magazine says that Maryland state comptroller Leo Goldstein was among those invited to talks at McIntire's Cape May, New Jersey base, where a model of the temple is on display.

**'ANY JAIL HE LEADS ME ...'**

CHICAGO (EP) — The Rev. Sammy Tippett had said it and sung it: "Anywhere He leads me, I will go."

Here in the Windy City, the "anywhere" included jail.

The Baptist minister and three of his followers have been charged with disorderly conduct by Chicago police. The arrests grew out of two separate incidents in the Rush Street area where the foursome and other "Jesus People" passed out religious literature.

"A night club barker said we were hurting their business," declared the Rev. Mr. Tippett several hours after being released on bail. "I say they're hurting God's business."

Standing before a seven-foot cross he had taken to the Civic Center plaza, he added: "The night club barker can stand on the street and tell about girls taking off their clothes. But we cannot stand on the street and talk about Jesus." (Acts 19:23-27, editors) ▲

*Thank You for Your Gifts to the ...*

**COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT  
September 1971**

**RECEIPTS:**

State	September 1971	September 1970	Yr. to date	Design.
Alabama	\$ 84.13	\$ ...	\$ 3,554.89	\$ ...
Arizona	...	303.32	1,350.63	...
Arkansas	1,798.64	1,660.92	7,611.43	...
California	665.63	1,418.23	6,036.74	189.82
Colorado	20.71	...	102.81	...
Florida	715.24	157.78	4,198.44	...
Georgia	600.48	263.82	4,657.74	...
Idaho	...	150.19	496.26	...
Illinois	796.28	837.33	7,023.51	...
Kansas	198.90	243.00	1,398.80	...
Kentucky	281.63	486.87	1,556.61	...
Michigan	...	315.43	1,726.43	...
Minnesota	48.57	32.73	424.66	...
Mississippi	46.61	...	260.38	...
Missouri	2,290.71	1,373.42	20,496.38	2,290.71
New Mexico	51.70	77.46	51.70	...
North Carolina	112.50	134.15	655.16	...
N. W. Assoc.	...	...	14.39	...
Ohio	44.28	407.00	2,290.56	...
Oklahoma	2,097.25	1,961.60	19,284.88	...
Tennessee	294.44	208.00	1,748.75	...
Texas	264.57	...	1,105.56	...
Virginia	29.27	26.36	307.01	...
West Virginia	20.00	...	195.00	...
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$10,461.54</b>	<b>\$10,057.61</b>	<b>\$86,548.72</b>	<b>\$2,480.53</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Executive Department	\$ 3,434.74	\$ 3,110.38	\$30,233.27	\$ 483.60
Foreign Missions	2,302.98	2,348.94	18,059.55	800.66
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# HISTORY OF THE MASTER'S MEN ORGANIZATION



by Robert Hill  
(as appears in Master's Men Handbook)

For several years many of our churches had organized groups for their men. Some had borrowed the name and ideas from other churches and denominations who had perfected laymen's organizations.

These groups were known as the Brotherhood, Men's Fellowship, Men's clubs and other names previously adopted by other organizations. These pioneers in the field are to be commended for the accomplishments made. However, there was definite

need that these organizations be made uniform and their interests channeled into a definite program.

In his annual report to the National Association of Free Will Baptists at Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1955, the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary, recommended that a special committee be elected to investigate the possibilities of setting up a uniform laymen's organization within the Free Will Baptist Church.

The convention was quick to adopt the secretary's suggestions, knowing that such an organization had been an imperative for many years. The special committee was elected and charged to report to the 1956 convention.

During the 1956 national convention at Huntington, W. Va., the committee, presented a proposed constitution and by-laws for local chapters and district conventions. The constitution stipulated that these organizations be called "The Master's Men."

The response at the convention was most gratifying. More than 200 churches from 20 different states, were registered at the Master's Men booth in the lobby of the convention hall. Scores of requests for literature to help organize a laymen's group in the local church were made to the committee.

In order to meet these needs, the committee published a "Handbook for Master's Men." This booklet contained steps in organizing, facts about the Master's Men, constitution and by-laws for local chapters and district conventions, suggested program, qualifications and duties of officers and committees, and other pertinent information.

Charters were made available, suitable for framing. They are issued for a period of one year and to be placed in the meeting room. Every organization is urged to apply for its charter after its initial meeting.

Charters will be granted to all chapters who will send in the name of their sponsoring church, and the president and secretary's name and address, and number of active members in your organization. ▲

## NEW CHAPTER CHARTERED

ARDMORE, OKLA. —

On August 25, 1971, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ardmore, Oklahoma, chartered a new chapter of Master's Men with 24 members. They thus become the largest chapter to charter in Oklahoma.

The group elected Brother Bobby Chandler as president and Brother J. H. Lyle as secretary-treasurer. Other officers will be elected later. The Reverend Milburn Wilson is pastor of this church.

The Ardmore chapter is the only chapter of Master's Men in the Hopewell Number Two Association. Two other churches have shown a desire to charter an organization. The three churches then would be able to form a District Convention of Master's Men.

Mr. Wyman Straughan, State Master's Men president, and Mr. Kenneth Lane, chairman of the National Layman's Board, were present for the organizational meeting at Ardmore.



PRESENTING A CHARTER to Bobby Chandler, center, president of the newly-formed Master's Men chapter at Ardmore, is Kenneth Lane, chairman of the National Layman's Board. At right is Rev. Milburn Wilson, pastor of the church.



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