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1972 JANUARY 1972						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Last Quarter
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 New Moon	FREE WILL BAPTIST HERITAGE WEEK - January 16-23					
			19 Robert E. Lee's Birthday			
23 First Quarter 23 Full Moon	24 31	25	26	27	28	29
NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK - Jan. 30-Feb. 6						

1972 FEBRUARY 1972						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASIS: National Teacher Training Month		1	2	3	4	5
NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK - January 30-February 6						
6	7 Last Quarter	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13	14 New Moon	15	16	17	18	19
	21 Valentine's Day	22 Mardi Gras Day	23 Ash Wednesday	24	25	26
20	21 First Quarter	22	23	24	25	26
	28 Washington's Day					
27	28 Full Moon	29				

1972 MARCH 1972						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASIS: March to Sunday School in March			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Last Quarter	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 New Moon	16	17	18
				24 St. Patrick's Day	25	
19	20	21 First Quarter	22	23	24	25
	27 First Day of Spring					
26 Palm Sunday	27	28	29 Full Moon	30	31 Good Friday	
WNAC'S PRE-EASTER SEASON OF PRAYER AND OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS - March 27-31						

1972 APRIL 1972						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASIS: National Foreign Missions Month						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Last Quarter	8
	9 Easter Sunday					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					20 New Moon	21
					20 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	
16	17	18	19	20 First Quarter	21	22
	23 Foreign Missions Call-a-Thon Sunday					
23 30	24	25	26	27	28 Full Moon	29

1972 MAY 1972						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Last Quarter
7	8	9	10	11	12 New Moon	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 First Quarter	20
	21 Mother's Day					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Full Moon
28	29	30	31			
	31 Memorial Day					

1972 JUNE 1972						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Jefferson Davis' Birthday
4 Last Quarter	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 New Moon	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 First Quarter	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25 Father's Day		27 First Day of Summer			
25	26 Full Moon	27	28	29	30	

1973 JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
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The denominational calendar is designed to suggest to the churches significant emphases and events which may be observed during the year. It also indicates the time when related materials will appear in the denominational publications. These suggestions are made with the understanding that each church, association, and denominational organization will choose emphases and events in keeping with its own needs.

- Executive Department

A Christmas Spent Alone

By Becky Mayhew

I took the twenty dollar bill from my top dresser drawer. Mother had mailed it to me there at boarding school so that I would be able to send Christmas gifts home for the rest of the family. I would not be spending Christmas with the family this year. They were over nine hundred miles from Sitka, and classes were dismissed for only one day.

The twenty dollar bill had been safely hidden in my drawer for almost two weeks. I had delayed making this shopping trip for so long that I now ran the risk of having my gifts arrive too late for Christmas. As I walked from the school campus to the downtown section of Sitka, Alaska, I reviewed my reasons for the delay. Honesty forced the admission that I had been trying to pretend that it was not Christmas at all. I had no Christmas spirit whatsoever; it simply did not seem like Christmas.

How could anyone expect a fifteen-year-old to get excited about Christmas when it consisted of a mere one day vacation? Why, even an ordinary weekend was longer than that! And what about the snow? There I was in Alaska without any snow! I wouldn't even have the consolation of enjoying a "White Christmas."

My thoughts sank from complaints to genuine self-pity as I imagined how it would be to endure Christmas without any family celebration. I would see the family Christmas tree only in a picture that Mother would probably send sometime in January. I had done most of the decorating of the tree in the past. I wondered what it would look like without my special touch. I had also helped with the Christmas baking in the past. Every year there were coconut cakes, boiled custard and homemade candies to be prepared. Then when Christmas day had finally arrived, each year we had anticipated the roast turkey and the dressing that only Mother could make.

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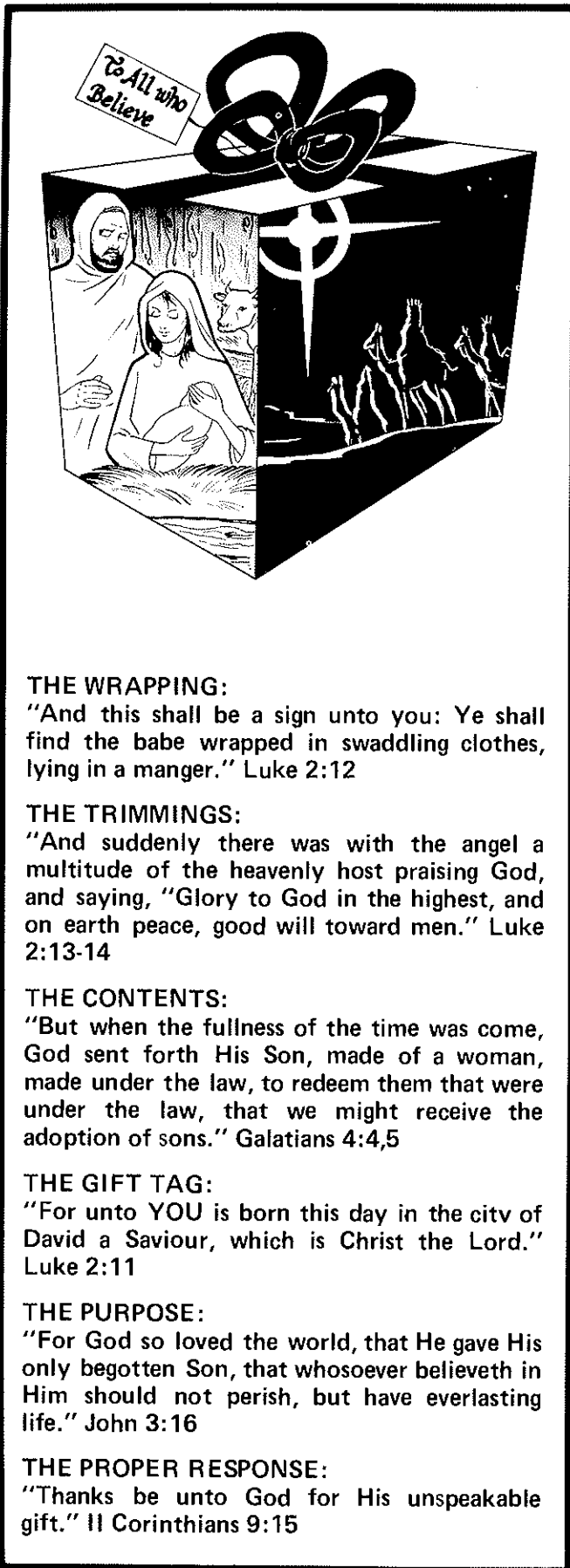
Mrs. Mayhew, whose husband Larry is the son of Missionaries Archie and Sarah Mayhew of Africa, is a teacher in the Nashville, Tennessee school system. She is a member of the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church.



It seemed that every Christmas of my life I had been awakened by Mother and Daddy saying their traditional "You all wake up — Santa Claus has come!" This Christmas I would be awakened by the harsh clanging of the bell that had awakened me for the past five months. Oh, I had gifts to open — a whole box of gifts from the family, but they would not see me as I opened them. No, I would have to open them by myself.

Neither would I get to see my family open the gifts that I was about to purchase for them. I remembered the look of inexpressible joy I had beheld on the face of my baby sister each year as she had come running out of her bedroom toward the Christmas tree, and I remembered hearing Mother say that Christmas was not Christmas without the presence of small children.

So deeply had I been wallowing in my self-pity that I had not realized I was now in downtown Sitka. Having determined to complete this shopping trip as quickly as possible, I stood wondering which store to enter. Suddenly I became aware of Christmas music which was being broadcast over a loud speaker system outside one of the shops. I stopped and listened as the choir sang "Joy to the world; the Lord is come." Those eight words brought such conviction to my heart that I stood there in the street fighting back the tears. I had convinced myself that I was so alone and in such pitiable circumstances that no one could expect me to enjoy Christmas. God understood my loneliness, but He also wanted me to understand that all of the things I would be missing that year were not the real sources of joy during the Christmas season. I was a Christian blest with the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. My source of joy became, as it should always have been, the knowledge that God had loved the *world* enough to come to the world and the knowledge that God had loved *me* enough to come into my heart. Yes, I spent that Christmas alone, but I understood that year for the first time what it meant to enjoy the Christmas season. ▲



THE WRAPPING:

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Luke 2:12

THE TRIMMINGS:

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:13-14

THE CONTENTS:

"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Galatians 4:4,5

THE GIFT TAG:

"For unto YOU is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

THE PURPOSE:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

THE PROPER RESPONSE:

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." II Corinthians 9:15

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LOOKING AHEAD
TO JANUARY
Jesus Christ Super Star?
Is the Jesus Movement for real?



by the
Executive Secretary
Rufus Coffey

VIEWPOINT

OUR FREE WILL BAPTIST HERITAGE

With almost two and one half centuries of spiritual service to America, the Free Will Baptist denomination has a rich heritage. Out of this heritage have come the convictions, practices, and beliefs which characterize our fellowship today. Because of our heritage we continue to labor in spreading the good news of Christ and gathering a harvest of souls into the church.

It is exhilarating to stop and ponder the blessings of one's heritage. When the psalmist paused to reflect upon his lot in life, he rejoiced because he had been nourished and sustained by the Lord. Gratitude filled his heart when he recognized the goodness and provisions of God. Exultingly, he explained, "Yea, I have a goodly heritage," Psalm 16:6.

Likewise, we rejoice with thanksgiving to God for His providential care. It is wonderful to consider the material blessings which have been transmitted to us but the spiritual benefits are even greater. Isaiah tells us that the protective care which God provides for us is the heritage of His servants. In Psalm 119:111 we learn that "the Word of the Lord is our heritage." Peter refers to the church as God's heritage, I Peter 5:3.

A consideration of our heritage as Free Will Baptists will enable us to grasp anew the significance of our faith and fellowship. An understanding of the past stirs our imagination. Knowing the historical facts of our movement and the awareness of our past struggles arouses within our hearts a greater feeling of loyalty. It stirs our emotions and kindles a new devotion. A knowledge of the people and principles which have characterized our communion will develop a greater sense of appreciation for our forefathers. When we study the past it helps us to reevaluate ourselves in order to recognize the place of Free Will Baptists in a contemporary world.

It is also important to recognize that we can learn valuable lessons for the future by understanding the past. The past is a prologue which challenges us to fulfill the dreams and concepts of our predecessors. It is not enough to be recipients of spiritual values, we must perpetuate them. We have a responsibility to posterity. As our heritage is related to the succeeding generation, it will keep alive the cause we represent. Furthermore, it will preserve the principles that have made us a vital force in the religious life of our nation.

Space prohibits a comprehensive list of the many aspects of our heritage. However, the following are some of the outstanding things for which we pay tribute.

(1) History attests that Free Will Baptists grew out of the heat of a revival spirit. The sparks that ignited our present fellowship of churches was ignited by the revival fervor of our founding fathers. Our movement has grown in proportion to the degree that we have kept revival fires burning.

(2) The concisely stated doctrines in our Treatise affirm the fact that our denominational fellowship is built firmly upon the Word of God.

(3) Our church covenant clearly reveals that our forefathers were men of strong convictions. Their stand for clean, separated living as opposed to worldliness is undeniable.

(4) History and experience prove that our forefathers possessed a concern and passion for world evangelism.

(5) Finally, our founding fathers have passed on to us a legacy of courage and determination to preserve the faith once delivered to the saints. A bond of fellowship has kept our congregationally governed churches cooperating in a common cause. Although offering communion to all believers, we remain untainted by liberalism.

Because of our noble heritage we suggest that our churches join in observing:

**FREE WILL BAPTIST
HERITAGE WEEK**
January 16-23, 1971.

A recollection of our heritage will enable each congregation to gain a new appreciation for the richness and fullness of the ministry God has bestowed upon Free Will Baptists. It would be well to choose either January 16 or January 23 as a day to honor Christ, His church and His servants who have contributed to the growth of our denomination.

We can be rightfully proud of our heritage and the blessings of God. Let us continue to uphold the purity and energy of our rich heritage by a renewed dedication to obediently follow the will of God. ▲

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RUFUS COFFEY, center, participates in the discussion of the NEA Study Commission meeting held in late November. The Commission, which was elected during the 1971 National Association, was chaired by Malcolm Fry. They will report back to the National Association in July.



**LONG-TIME OKLAHOMA
MINISTER DIES**

TULSA, Okla. — The Reverend Melvin Bingham, a Free Will Baptist minister of fifty-four years, died here November 15, 1971. The Missouri native was seventy years of age.

Funeral services were conducted November 17 at the Trinity Temple Free Will Baptist Church, of which he was founder and a former pastor, with Dr. L. C. Johnson of Nashville officiating and the Reverend Bert Rogers of Drumright assisting. Mr. Bingham was a former member of the Board of Trustees at Free Will Baptist Bible College, a post he held for some twenty years. The Trinity Temple Church has started a scholarship fund at FWBBC in memory of Mr. Bingham.

Mr. Bingham was active in the organization of the National Association in 1935. He continued to be active at the national and state levels throughout his ministry. In addition to founding Trinity Temple, from which he retired as pastor in July, 1971, he also founded and pastored New Home Church in Tulsa.

**“HOT LINE” CONTINUES
TO OFFER
MISSION INFORMATION**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The latest news and prayer information about Free Will Baptist foreign mission ministries is as close as the nearest telephone through a “Foreign Missions Hot Line.”

“Hot Line” is a 24-hour information service reached by direct dialing Area 616// 242-1771. The cost of the service is the regular station-to-station rate from any locality to Nashville, Tenn.

“Hot Line” was instituted January 1, 1970, in response to the need for specific and effective prayer for our missionary ministry. An average of 200 to 250 calls per month are received, and on November 10, 1970, a record 30 people dialed “Hot Line” for the latest prayer requests.

This service is provided by the foreign missions deputational office in cooperation with the communications division. The three-minute message is updated weekly; however, urgent prayer bulletins may pre-empt other messages at any time.

Designed to speed missionary prayer requests to home supporters, news can be channeled through the “Hot Line” to the nation in a matter of minutes. We encourage all Free Will Baptists to avail themselves to this service.



FREE WILL BAPTIST

newsfront

WINNERS OF FALL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Eight Free Will Baptist churches located from the plains of the Southwest to the Eastern seaboard were named the first place winners of the “In With People” Fall Enlargement Campaign sponsored by the National Sunday School Department.

In announcing the first and second place winners, N. R. Smith, Promotional Secretary of the Sunday School Department, noted that four per cent more Free Will Baptist churches participated in this enlargement campaign over any previous campaign. The net increase in the average attendance of the churches reporting was thirty per cent.

The first and second place winners are listed according to the

division in which they competed. The increase listed represents the percentage of increase in attendance for the campaign, which included the five Sundays of October, over the average attendance for April, May, and June of 1971.

The first and second place winners in each division will be awarded a plaque. The divisions are determined according to Sunday school enrollment: Division A-500 and up; Division B-400 to 499; Division C-300 to 399; Division D-200 to 299; Division E-150 to 199; Division F-100 to 149; Division G-50 to 99; and Division H-0 to 49.

Details concerning the national Spring Enlargement Campaign to be held in March will be released soon.

DIVISION	CHURCH	APR.-JUNE AVG.	CAMP. AVG.	INCREASE
FIRST PLACE WINNERS				
A	Fairmount Park — Norfolk, Va.	628	724	15.3%
B	Central — Royal Oak, Mich.	472	493	4.7%
C	Grace — Rocky Mount, N.C.	336	401	19.4%
D	Hilltop — Fuquay, N.C.	232	339.2	46.2%
E	Bethel — Hampton, Va.	166	323	94.6%
F	First — Claremore, Okla.	126	208	65.1%
G	Peace — Beech Grove, Ind.	54	110	103.7%
H	First — Austin, Texas	12	25	108.3%
SECOND PLACE WINNERS				
A	-----	---	---	-----
B	-----	---	---	-----
C	Grace — Greenville, N.C.	335	393	17.3%
D	First — Hazel Park, Mich.	222	300	35.1%
E	Shady Grove — Phil Campbell, Ala.	155	227	46.5%
F	Mt. Carmel — Lexington, N.C.	110	178	61.8%
G	Randall Memorial — Memphis, Tn.	80	154.2	92.8%
H	Faith — Manchester, Tn.	38	78.2	105.8%

MINISTER OF FIFTY YEARS OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

HECTOR, ARK. — Fifty years after he was ordained into the ministry at the Walnut Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Hector, the Reverend J. D. Coffman observed the anniversary as guest speaker for the church on July 4, 1971.

It was on July 3, 1921, that Brother Coffman was ordained. Both he and his wife were members of the church prior to their marriage fifty-six years ago and are currently members of the church. The Reverend Carrol Hanna is pastor of the church.

The church was organized in 1889 by the Reverends Enoch Vaughn and H. D. Harris. It is reported that the church has not been without a pastor since its organization.

EAST TENNESSEE CHURCH SETS SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. — East Side Free Will Baptist Church had the greatest day in its eleven year history on Sunday, October 17, 1971, when 513 people were in attendance for Sunday school.

The occasion was Pastor Richard Adams' first anniversary as the young church's leader. One year ago, the church had 124 present for the Sunday school hour.

Not only did this large number surpass the projected goal of 400 for that Sunday, but it is believed to have set a record for Sunday school attendance among Tennessee Free Will Baptists. Pastor Adams stated this was the largest Sunday school in Carter County on that Sunday.

The special speaker for this day was the Reverend Ronald Creech, State Evangelist for North Carolina Free Will Baptists. The Gethsemane Quartet from Greensboro, North Carolina, also participated in the anniversary service. Pastor Adams stated that plans for this day had been in the making for four months and that approximately \$400.00 was spent on radio, newspaper and other means of publicity.

East Side has made some remarkable progress during the first year of Brother Adam's pastorate. A new educational building valued at \$74,000.00 is nearing completion. Additional land valued at \$10,000.00 has been purchased. Twenty-seven new members have been added to the church and the budget is running one-third above that of last year. Four young men from the church are now enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. A church bus has been purchased by the Master's Men chapter of the church, under the leadership of Ray Scaff, president. Mrs. Carolyn Adams is serving as president of the newly-organized Woman's Auxiliary which is now supporting one missionary. A regular weekly Sunday school teachers meeting is promoted to work for numerical growth. Between thirty and forty people visit each week in Elizabethton and Carter County homes in behalf of the church's outreach. The church supports four missionaries, Free Will Baptist Bible College, and the Tennessee Home for Children.

CRAMERTON CHURCH BOASTS LARGEST C.T.S.

CRAMERTON, N.C. — The Church Training Service of the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, with an average attendance of 230 for the month of October, is the largest C.T.S. in the denomination according to the reports received by National C.T.S. Director Sam Johnson.

Three years ago when Hubert Rikard assumed the post as C.T.S. Director at the Cramerton Church, the average attendance for a Sunday evening was 35 to 40. Since that time, a high attendance of 272 has been recorded.

When asked to what he attributed the success of their C.T.S. program, Director Rikard stated "Hard work and the C.T.S. material produced by our

National Department." Rikard said they use the materials for all eight of their classes including the adults. "The adults like the material because they know they can have a part in the programs."

One means used by the C.T.S. staff at Cramerton to promote this important aspect of any church's program is a "C.T.S. Booster." This is an individual who is allowed by the pastor on Sunday morning and at other times to promote the entire C.T.S. program or to give special emphasis to some department or class.

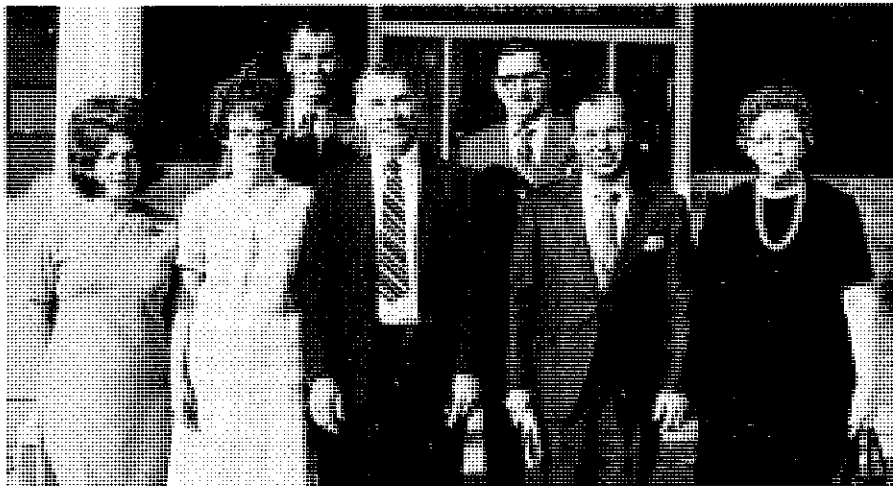
Another successful endeavor has been the enlistment of couples to assume leadership of all the classes except the adult classes.

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dean Charles Thigpen reports that there is still time for pastors to register for Free Will Baptist Bible College's 1971 Pastors' Conference, December 27-31. Registrations for the 5-day meeting have been coming in at a steady rate but there is still room to accommodate more guests in the school's dormitories.

Speakers for the conference will include Reverend Dale Burden, Dr. Monroe Parker, Dr. Leon Wood, and Dean Thigpen. Among the subjects to be discussed are Expository Preaching, Defense of the Faith, The Pastor in the Last Days, and Pastoral Problems. The fee for the entire conference, including room, board and conference fee is \$40.

Inquiries may be sent to:
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205



THE C.T.S. OFFICERS of the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church who have united to make their C.T.S. program successful are, left to right: Mrs. Rachel Clubb, C.T.S. Booster; Mrs. Judy Sanders, pianist; Director Hubert Rikard; Assistant Director E. W. Owens; and Mrs. Robert Parris, secretary. At the back are Tony Rickard, C.T.S. choir leader; and Rev. Roy Rikard, pastor.

REVIVAL STIRS BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A revival among the students at Free Will Baptist Bible College has resulted in several answering God's call to the ministry and mission fields, the confession of sins and bitterness, and a renewed spirit of evangelism on the campus.

The revival came during a series of services sponsored on campus by Ministerial Fellowship, an organization of student preachers. The Reverend Tom Malone, pastor of the First FWB Church of Florence, Alabama, was the evangelist for the meeting, held on campus November 3-7.

Night after night, students thronged to the front of the auditorium and filled the aisles as the invitation was given. Student prayer groups were organized and specific requests prayed for. In the concluding service, Malone said, "This is the greatest meeting I have ever held. I have experienced a personal revival during these days."

Statistics on the number of decisions and those who answered calls to specific areas of service are still being gathered. Estimates have run to approximately 12 called to preach, 6 to the mission field, and scores more who have simply yielded to God's will and are waiting for His leading. In the words of one student, "I was blessed and now only pray that God will show me His will for me."

"OLD FASHION SERVICES" OBSERVED BY ARKANSAS CHURCH

POCAHONTAS, Arkansas — The First Free Will Baptist Church here recaptured the atmosphere of the 'ole-time worship services when "Old Fashion Services" were observed Sunday, October 10, 1971.

In the dim light of twenty-four coal oil lamps and three oil-burning lanterns, the congregation heard an 'ole-time preacher, the 73 year old father of the Reverend Glenn Lewis, pastor of the church, deliver the evening message. This evening service climaxed a day in which members attired themselves in "Sunday-best" outfits similar to those worn by their forefathers at the turn of the century.

Pastor Lewis stated the purpose of these services was to recapture some of the spirit of the "ole-time religion which every Free Will Baptist should still have in this modern day."



SETTING THE PACE for the "Old Fashion Services" were Pastor Glenn Lewis and his family.



CTS DIRECTOR ELECTED TO C.C.I. POST

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Mr. Sam Johnson, Director of the Church Training Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, has been elected vice-president of Christian Camps International for 1971-1973.

His election to this post came during the bi-annual meeting of this international group at Greenlake, Wisconsin, in late October. The convention attracted over 800 members representing fourteen countries including Canada and the United States. The worldwide membership is now composed of nearly 3,000 evangelical camp leaders.

Since 1967, Mr. Johnson has served in various capacities on the international board including the chairman of the Southern Region which encompasses ten states. The various Regions will meet in the fall of 1972 with the international meeting convening in October of 1973 at Glorietta, New Mexico.

"NO SMUT FOR ME" SAY 500,000 CITIZENS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Acting under a new law which became effective February 1, 1971, 500,000 citizens have formally notified the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C. that they don't want to receive "sexually oriented" material in the mails.

Any dealer mailing obscene material to people so registered can be imprisoned for five years or fined \$5,000, or both.

"For half a million people in less than a year to go to the trouble of completing the form and sending it in is an indication that this material is bothering and concerning many families," said Assistant Postmaster General William Cotter, head of the Postal Inspection Service.

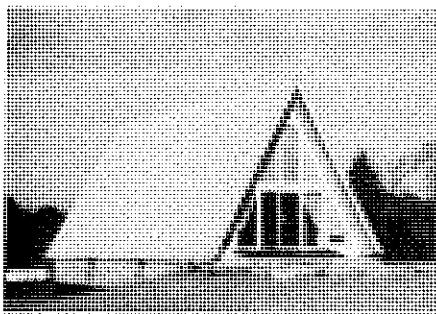
A check with postal authorities by a member of the CONTACT staff reveals that if a person desires to have his name added to this growing list, he may simply list his name on the form provided by the Postal Service. One may also list the names of any children under 19 years of age. Since the birth dates of minor children are required on the

form, when a minor reaches his 19th birthday, he will automatically be deleted from the list. If he then desires to be placed on the list, he must file a new application on his own behalf.

The form to be completed is called an Application For Listing Pursuant To 39 USC 3010. An official of the Nashville Post Office said they require the form to be filled out at the post office.

The Postal Service compiles a Reference List of individuals who have completed the form and makes the list available, at a fee, to mailers. The law prohibits any commercial solicitation of names on the Reference List. After 30 days from the date a person's name is added to the Reference List, any mailer who sends that person a sexually oriented advertisement subjects himself to both civil and criminal legal action by the U.S. Government.

One may have his application cancelled by so notifying his local post office. Otherwise, the listing will terminate five years from the date a name is placed on the list.



THE MURFREESBORO CONGREGATION assumed use of both floors of this rented building on December 1. They previously had occupied only the basement.

NEWLY ORGANIZED CHURCH PURCHASES PROPERTY

MURFREESBORO, TENN. — The recently organized First Free Will Baptist Church of this city has purchased 6.8 acres in a residential section of North Murfreesboro on which to construct their future church building. The property, which has 690 feet frontage on a proposed four lane street, includes a duplex. One side of the duplex will be used as a parsonage and the income from the other side will help to make the payments on the land. The purchase price of the property was \$32,000.00 which was a very reasonable price for the location according to the pastor, the Reverend Bill Van Winkle.

The purchase of the property required a \$7,500.00 down payment which was borrowed on a 90-day note. The Tennessee State Home Mission Board is now trying to raise this amount to repay the note which is due in early 1972.

The establishment of a church in this college town is a joint project of the National Home Missions Board and the Tennessee Home Missions Board.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS JOINS HILLSDALE STAFF

MOORE, Okla. — The Reverend Jerry Rhoades, former pastor of the Southeast Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has accepted the position as Director of Public Relations at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma.

Mr. Rhoades is well-known among Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma, as well as in other states, as an energetic supporter of Hillsdale and the world-wide cause of Christ. He is an alumnus of the college having attended when it was known as Oklahoma Bible College. He also attended Orthodox Baptist College at Ardmore before the college moved to Dallas, Texas, to become known as Dallas Bible College. Having pastored several churches, he is acquainted with the pastor's life and can certainly communicate with pastors.

The Southeast Church has made great strides in Christian education since Mr. Rhoades assumed leadership of the church. When he accepted the pastorate, the church was located in the dwelling where it began as a mission. Today, two units of the church's building program have been completed. The second phase was the construction of a two-story educational unit which houses a day care center.

Bringing his experience to this position, he will be giving his efforts to promoting the cause of Christ through Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Mr. Rhoades is anticipating great things from Free Will Baptists as he joins the staff at Hillsdale.



by Braxine Evans*

words for women

It was in the month of December, the 5th and 13th, that our children were born. As I awaited their birth, my mind would keep returning to the scripture of Mary and the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the World. I prayed fervently before they were born that they might grow up to serve Him and if not He would take them while they were small. You might well ask, how can a mother do this? It isn't always easy but God's grace is sufficient.

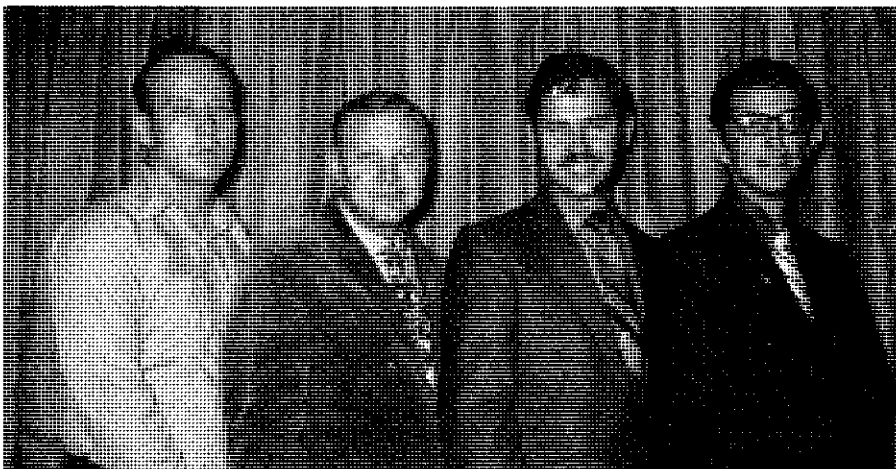
God sent His Son, our gift of salvation. The Angel of The Lord brought the message to the shepherds on the hills of Judea as they kept watch over their flock by night. This great gift has been extended to us. I pray that we may watch over those entrusted to our care for night is all around us in pleasures that are so numerous and appealing to the lustful eyes.

In the mad rush of the holiday season, among the glitter and bright lights, may we as Christian wives and mothers take time out to pause and let the light of the Lord Jesus Christ illuminate our lives. He lived, died and arose that we might have eternal life. This means accepting His gift and going forth to tell others.

As we once again plan for family reunions let us find a quiet time and worship Him in Spirit and Truth and give Him the honor and glory for this gift of love to mankind.

"THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT." II Corinthians 9:15. ▲

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FOUR LAYMEN of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Norman, Oklahoma, participated in the Layman's Day activities Sunday, October 3, 1971. The speakers were, left to right, Ron Armstrong, Bill Grizzle, and Jerrel Puckett, with Ron Stanley presiding. The Rev. Louis Wickham is the pastor of the church.

GOD AND I...

36 YEARS OF TEACHING

By Genevieve Waddell

"God and I decided long ago that I would be a teacher," said Mrs. Mary Lou Ennis, Nashville Teacher of the Year, and Sunday school teacher at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church for twenty-five years.

On October 26 Dr. Elbert Brooks, Director of Metro Nashville Schools, interrupted Mrs. Ennis' English class at Ewing Park Junior High School to present the award. The television crew only temporarily startled her, for nothing robs her of the calmness that characterizes her life.

"Why such calmness?" I asked her.

"Oh, it comes from inner peace. God gave me my abilities and He will provide my strength."

This strong faith was nurtured by her godly parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Gower of Robertson County, where Mary Lou was born September 20, 1916. She and her four brothers and sisters faithfully attended Heads Free Will Baptist Church where their father is still an active deacon at ninety-three.

As a child, Mrs. Ennis received Christ and discovered Him to be sufficient for every area of life, which explains her attitude. "God called me to teach. I have never questioned that."

God has blessed her ministry. She was valedictorian of Cedar Hill High School. After attending Austin Peay State

University one year, she began teaching. Her one room school had a single visual aid — a chalkboard.

"I made the fires, brought in water, and swept the floor." Then she went on to earn B.A. and M.A. degrees at Peabody College during summers and on Saturdays. She is now completing work towards an EDS degree in Curriculum Development.

The Teacher of the Year admits that equipment and educational trends have changed in her 36 years of experience, but "children are basically the same. Good teaching hasn't really changed that much. You still start with the child."

Congratulations continue to pour in from former students, friends and co-workers. A former student, now a college English professor, remembers 1947-48. "I did not know that I was being exposed to the quality of sincerity, but now I remember its presence most totally."

A parent thanked Mrs. Ennis for "blessing the lives of two of my children in entirely different ways, and through them our whole family."

Mr. Lucien Battle, her principal, describes Mrs. Ennis as a teacher who "arrives early and leaves late each day, and is always willing to cooperate with faculty and staff." She serves as chairman of the school's Language Arts Program.

Mrs. Ennis believes her students consider her "strict" and, though standards have changed in homes through the years, "my principles haven't changed. However, I think the absence of Bible reading in our classrooms has lessened respect for teachers and our country." She smiled and her warm smile hardly convinced me that she was very strict. "I still insist that students show respect for me and their fellow students, though."

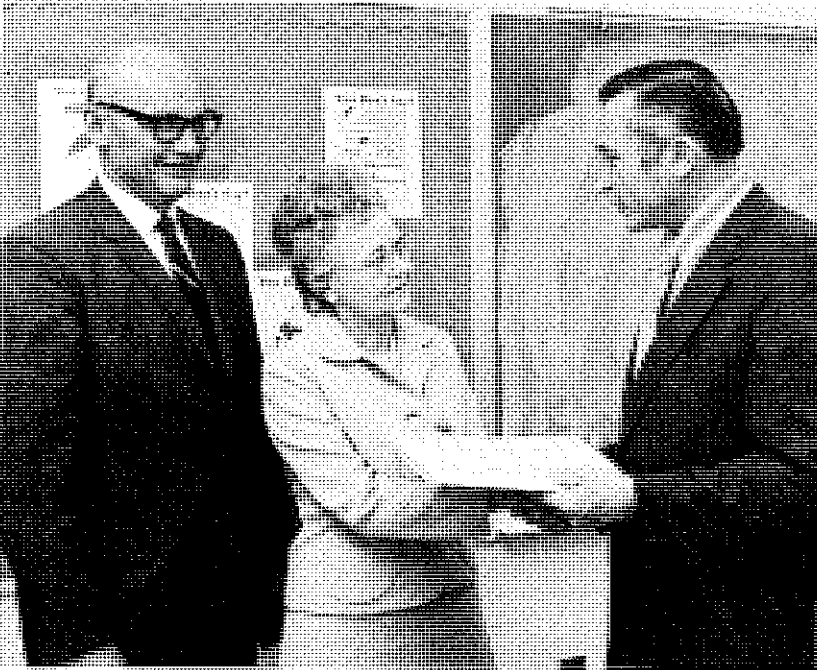
This genuine warmth that I first recognized in Mrs. Ennis is also felt by her students. One girl who transferred from a predominantly Negro school paid the highest tribute to her new teacher. "I was lucky . . . because she helped me get adjusted . . . I felt a member of her class from the beginning. She has no prejudice in her at all."

Another student is impressed with her appearance. "She always practices all points of good grooming to the highest degree."

She is called "a devoted teacher and a fine Christian woman." Another confessed, "I have actually learned more from her than I have in my first six years of English!"

But students learn more than grammar and creative writing in Mrs. Ennis' five classes a day. "Mrs. Ennis really made me find out who I am, what I want out of life, and how my talents can help me," one girl wrote.

Another less enthusiastic student said, "To break the monotony we did things that none of us ever heard of, such as going outside to observe and express the beauties of



THE 1971 METRO TEACHER OF THE YEAR, Mrs. Mary Lou Ennis, is congratulated by Elbert D. Brooks, right, Director of Metro Schools, and Lucien Battle, Principal at Ewing Park Junior High School where Mrs. Ennis teaches.

nature. We had films, field trips, plays and skits, and many more activities."

But Mrs. Ennis is also active in professional organizations and community affairs, and, most importantly, church activities. A retired principal and deacon in her church, Mr. John Oliver, says, "It has been my privilege to be associated with Mrs. Ennis as a fellow teacher and friend of the family for more than twenty-five years. I know her to be a person of exemplary character, professional competence and personal charm."

"Do point out her charm," said the Reverend Charles A. Thigpen, interim pastor of East Nashville Church. "I wish I could tell you how charming, intelligent, and pleasant Mrs. Ennis is. She's a joy to be around. And a very witty person, too." He went on to describe her as a "very effective teacher with children, who has made a magnificent contribution to the teaching staff of our church."

*"My faith in my ability
to be a teacher and educator
comes from the Creator."*

"The Christian life is not a dichotomy," Mrs. Ennis reminded me. Because every part of her life is Christ's, she puts her best efforts into teaching in public schools as well as Sunday school. And she is interested in aiding education at Free Will Baptist Bible College, too. Few people know that Mr. and Mrs. Ennis established the Gower-Ennis Visual Aid Fund at the college. They still contribute heavily to the fund which commemorates their parents and enables the school to purchase needed projectors and maintain a closed circuit television system.

One inseparable influence in the life of this genteel lady is her husband of twenty-eight years, L. G. Ennis. Her face glows when his name is mentioned. How did he react to the coveted award? "He said I was always a winner!"

More seriously she admitted, "L. G. has always encouraged me so much. He even used to make materials for my classroom." Then, mischievously, she added, "But he's never graded papers for me!"

Together the couple has labored faithfully in their church. Both sing in the choir. Mr. Ennis is a deacon and outstanding soloist, too.

"Oh, they're so faithful," Mr. Thigpen said. "They are there Sunday after Sunday, year after year."

Are there no flaws in this teacher's character? "Oh, I do get frustrated! Every teacher does, but being a Christian gives me patience and helps me love each individual."

And a former student tattled, "And yes, she got peeved sometimes, everyone does; but when a skit or dramatic reading was given perfectly, her face would glow with delight."

Retirement plans? "Don't even mention that!" she quickly replies.

About the author:

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*May the joys of the
Holiday Season
Sound anew this year
For You and Yours*

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Mrs. Ennis herself summarized her philosophy of teaching in the resume she submitted to the candidate committee. It explains why she has been an effective lay witness in the classroom for thirty-six years. "My faith in my ability to be a teacher and educator comes from the Creator. This faith causes me to have a deep sense of commitment to serve others. I have sought to pattern my life after the Master Teacher." ▲

Mr. Merchant: Clean Up Your Magazine Rack!

by Vickie Straughan

In the city of Moore, Oklahoma, with a student population of almost 10,000, the P-TA Council waged a campaign against the sale of pornography on the grocery store and drug store magazine racks. The campaign has been judged successful because, as of this date, every merchant in Moore, with the exception of one, has removed from their racks the magazines that the committee of mothers felt were the most objectionable.

The campaign was started when the husband of one of the P-TA members brought to the attention of his wife the kind of literature that was being sold on the magazine racks. We found that even if a child or a teenager didn't buy a magazine, they were being

permitted to stand and look through them to their heart's content. We mothers really received a jolt when we discovered the kind of material at which they were looking. None of us had ever taken time to stop and examine what was being sold. It would

“We found a comic book that absolutely shocked us.”

be well for every concerned person to take time to closely examine the typical newsrack. Some things that appear perfectly harmless from the cover are filled with immoral things not normally even considered in thought, much less deed, by the average Christian. We found a comic book that absolutely shocked us.

The first thing that we did in getting these objectionable materials removed was to find volunteers who were willing to involve themselves in a project of this nature. We knew that we were going to encounter opposition but we did not know in what manner the opposition would manifest itself. Therefore, we needed willing volunteers who could take the opposing efforts in stride.

When volunteers were sought, it was the Christian mothers who were willing to become involved in this campaign.

Next, we went to the merchants and simply told them that we were very concerned about what was being displayed and sold on their magazine racks. We also told them that many young people were looking through the materials and buying them. From the beginning most of the merchants were agreeable, especially when we showed them the books. To our surprise, many of the merchants apparently were not aware of what materials were on their racks. There is one company that supplies the magazines for all of the stores. They come in and stock the store with whatever is selling, or whatever they think will sell. The merchant does not know what is placed on the rack unless he makes a special point to know. In some cases, the checkout



A fight against pornography gains the title of the "Carry Nation of Moore" for P-TA Council President.

girl will be given the authority to watch the racks or in some rare cases, to do the stocking themselves.

Many of the merchants are men who live in Moore and have children in the local schools. These, of course, were the most cooperative because they have to live in the community. We were making quite an issue of the fact that dirty books were being sold to youngsters and that pronouncement was not setting too well with most of the people in this community of approximately 20,000. To protect our children, we were willing to be a little loud and to express our displeasure about this particular matter. We also had to make people take notice, as so many of them were not aware of the problem.

The only merchants who gave us any real problems were the chain stores. These stores were the worst offenders. I personally talked to the owner of one of the chain stores who does not even live in Moore. I previously had talked to a district manager for the firm and he had told me that as long as there was a demand for a particular magazine, it would be on the rack. So when I talked to the owner, I asked him if it were true that as long as a magazine was making him a dollar, it didn't matter who the magazine was hurting? That question did bring out a spark of decency in this particular man, because he immediately said, "Lady, I'm not that hungry yet." This man allowed us to go into his store, over the objections of his district manager, and remove every magazine we considered objectionable. Now, you can't ask for better cooperation than that, can you?

Now the other big chain store in Moore felt just the opposite. The owner thus far has refused to

About the author: Mrs. Straughan is serving her second year as president of the Moore Council of P-TA's. She is an active member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Norman, Oklahoma. She and her husband Wyman are parents of two elementary-age daughters.



remove any publications, regardless of how bad they are. He told us that we were being unreasonable in asking him to remove the reading material of the adults. He feels that it is the responsibility of parents to keep their children away from the magazine rack. I agree that we as parents have a responsibility to our children, but I have also decided that we have a responsibility to those children whose parents do not care.

One of the follow-up steps which has been taken was to write to our legislators and ask for state laws prohibiting the sale of pornographic materials in grocery stores and drug stores. Because of the current supreme court ruling on obscenity, it is up to individual states to take a stand. It is an uphill struggle because of the greed of men for the dollar that this trash brings them. However, if a sufficient number of mothers and fathers would become concerned enough to involve themselves in a similar project, the distribution of much of this pornography could be prevented.

By the way, I have been referred to as the Carry Nation of Moore in one newspaper and have had one phone call objecting to our actions. But since all the efforts have paid off, I am not sorry. ▲

"DEAR ABBY" PRAYER

ASKS GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

CHICAGO (EP) — Newspaper columnist Abigail Van Buren has composed a "Parent's Prayer" in which she stresses the practical side of raising children. Says "Dear Abby":

"Oh, heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power.

"Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal. And guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

"Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me, Oh Lord, to hold my tongue.

"May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgment of adults.

"Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and to make decisions.

"Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests, and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm.

"Make me fair and just and kind. And fit me, Oh Lord, to be loved and respected and imitated by my children. Amen." — ▲

MINI MESSAGE

GRACE

Abounds For Sanctification

(Romans 5:20)

The Third of a Four-Part Series

by I. J. Blackwelder

In two previous articles we discussed "Grace Abounding for Sin," and "Grace Abounding for Salvation." This article continues our discussion with the important fact that "Grace Abounds for Sanctification." This topic is presented as follows: The Meaning of Sanctification, The Means of Sanctification and The Measure of Sanctification.

For a basic text we shall note a portion of Paul's message to Titus, which says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ," (Titus 2:11-13).

From the negative point of view, sanctification is not sinless perfection. This is supported by many passages of Scripture throughout the entire Bible, only a few of which we shall now note. "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not," (Eccl. 7:20). "The thought of foolishness is sin," (Prov. 24:9a). "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8). The greatest objection we find against so-called sinless perfection is the fact that those who claim it have failed to produce an example of perfection. It is somewhat like Darwinian evolution which claims that man has evolved from an animal, perhaps as ape or a monkey. But so far they have failed to produce the missing link.

Neither is sanctification a post-conversion experience that rids a man of his Adamic or carnal nature, and

therefore frees him from his natural inclination to sin. On the other hand, God's people should live as nearly free from the defilement of sin as possible, but if and when they sin, "... we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous," (1 John 2:1b). Living for the Lord was a continuous struggle for Paul. So much so that he describes his conflict, saying, "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway," (1 Cor. 9:26, 27).

It seems very evident that most, if not all, of those who claim to have been saved some time in the past, but were not consecrated or sanctified until later in their Christian life, are simply mistaken about their conversion. There is no reason for claiming a post-conversion experience of consecration or sanctification. Both from experience and from the teaching of the Word, it seems clear and plain that at the time of conversion the convert yields himself to the will of the Lord, and is therefore a sanctified vessel for the service of the Lord. And this fact is definitely confirmed by Paul when he says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," (2 Cor. 5:17). One great weakness of many of our ministers today is their willingness and readiness to accept flimsy, superficial, and uncertain decisions for the experience of being born into the Kingdom of God. If we should demand genuine evidence of conversion, only a few would fall by the wayside. This would reverse the present-day trend. Instead of an 85% fall out, there would be an 85% hold out.

The means of sanctification depends upon the individual as well as upon the work of the Holy Spirit. Just before the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai to speak so that the people could hear His voice, He commanded Moses, saying, "... Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, . . . And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes," (Ex. 19:10, 14). This kind of sanctification is physical and, as we have said already, it depends, primarily, on the desire and will of the individual.

But there is a work of sanctification that only the Holy Spirit can perform. In the Lord's prayer for His apostles in John Chapter 17, He prayed for their

sanctification, saying, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth," (John 17:16, 17). Also, Paul speaks on this fact, saying, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," (1 Th. 5:23). This sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit begins with conversion as Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 12:13: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into the Spirit." And from this beginning, sanctification is a progressive work of grace that Peter recommends to every child of God: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," (2 Peter 3:18).

The measure of sanctification that the individual Christian may be able to attain depends upon his faith in God's Word, his desire to be sanctified, and his ability to fully commit himself "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." No doubt, many of us realize that this is not an easy task; yet, by the abounding grace of God it is possible. "My grace is sufficient for thee" are the Lord's sanctifying words to Paul when the apostle prayed for deliverance from the affliction that he felt would hinder his ministry. And again Paul spoke of the abounding grace of God, saying, "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and by his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me," (1 Cor. 15:10).

The writer of Hebrews tells us that "without faith it is impossible to please him." The Lord Jesus also spoke of the importance of faith, saying, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth," (Mk. 9:23). Therefore, without faith we cannot accomplish His will in any area.

Though we may believe, there must be a sincere desire, regardless of what we may seek to do, to accomplish, or to receive. It was because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the great Healer and their sincere desire to be healed, that He restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and health to those who were sick. And so it is with those who would be prepared for victorious living and effective service for Him. Moreover, it is only in proportion to one's faith in the promise of sanctification in God's Word, and to his sincere desire for it, that he will be able to avail himself for this great and glorious experience. ▲



by Robert Picirilli

gems

from the
Greek New Testament

Sometimes the very simplest sort of sentence in the New Testament yields rich gems when we sift carefully in our search for understanding of God's Word.

Take Romans 1:1, for example. This is a typical letter opening, repeated many times in the New Testament. We are so used to it that we almost pass it by. But this time we pause to examine the words more closely: "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle."

You see Paul has identified himself with two key words. The first is *doulos*, translated "servant." This word is from the Greek verb *deo*, which means to *bind*. Thus the *doulos* was the "bond-slave," one who was owned by

his master and at the complete disposition of that master. He was certainly not a hired "servant" in our modern sense.

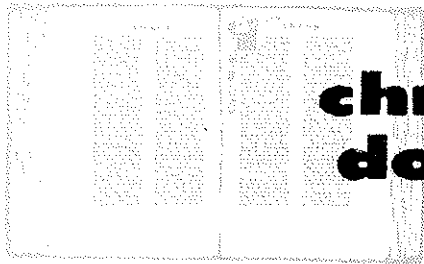
The second word Paul applies to himself is *apostolos*, translated "apostle." This word is a compound, formed from *apo* (off, away) and *stello* (send). An "apostle," therefore, is *one sent off*. The word was used by the Greeks to refer to one sent off as an official representative, an emissary, one with a particular mission to fulfill — a *missionary* if you please.

Now it is important to note that the phrase "of Jesus Christ" (genitive case in Greek) serves the important purpose of identifying the specific *Master* who owns and controls this bond-slave, Paul, and the specific *Commissioner* by whom this missionary Paul is sent and whom he represents. Paul would not be so glad to call himself a *bond-slave* were it not this particular Master Who owns him. Nor would he be so quick to claim himself an official *emissary* were it not that he had been commissioned by the Lord Jesus Himself!

There is one more word here we must not overlook. Paul is not just an apostle, he is "called to be an apostle." The King James version has supplied the words "to be" in italics. The Greek literally says "a called apostle." The word for "called" is *kletos*, which means *chosen* or *selected*. In other words, Paul understands himself to have been chosen by Jesus Christ as an official representative.

Obviously this sense of Divine calling accounts for the oneness of purpose that characterizes the life and ministry of Paul. God had put him in his work; only God would take him out. All people are happier when they have such a sense of being Divinely chosen for their life-work.

The words are few, and plain. But they speak volumes to us about the man who so identified himself: "Paul, a bond-slave of Jesus Christ, a chosen apostle." We may not be able to use the latter word of ourselves in the same official sense Paul used it; but in a very real way we can — and ought to be able to — say all these words of ourselves. ▲



christian doctrine

BY LEROY FORLINES
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According to Peter, knowledge is important to Christian living. He says that "through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus, our Lord" grace and peace may be multiplied to us (II Peter 1:2). He further adds that "through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" God's "divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness," (verse 3).

It is important for us to recognize two things: (1) the type of knowledge referred to, and (2) the blessings received from this knowledge. The type of knowledge referred to is doctrinal knowledge — knowledge about "God, and of Jesus, our Lord." The blessings are grace and peace, and all things that pertain unto life and godliness. Grace and peace are involved in the very fact of becoming a Christian and become the foundation and source of all other blessings. Life and godliness deal with the practical issues of daily life.

The mere presentation of doctrinal knowledge does not accomplish all that

Peter credits to knowledge. Knowledge must be addressed to the total person. Man is a thinking, feeling, acting creature. We think with our mind, feel with our heart (not our physical heart, but the seat of our emotions), and act with our will. We have needs of the mind, needs of the heart, and needs of the will. Preaching and teaching must address each of these.

The first point of contact that knowledge has is with the mind. It is with the mind that we comprehend ideas. Contrary to the thinking of many people, all people enjoy learning. Notice the satisfaction that the young child expresses when he says, "See the dog." It is an expression of joy for having achieved his knowledge. Think about your own experience when you gain new insights or understand something for the first time.

Not liking to learn is not what bothers people. It is the dislike of study effort failing to produce a learning experience. In every area of life we grow

weary when effort is not rewarded with results. We lose interest when we fail to understand things. We have about the same feeling when we seldom hear anything new.

If church and Sunday school are going to meet the needs of people's minds, people must learn. They must be constantly expanding their knowledge with new ideas. There is the need of constant repetition of important truths, but there is also the need of declaring the whole counsel of God. When this happens, it will not be so hard to get people to study their Bibles. Once the Bible begins to unfold with meaning, people will want to study it. The feeling of ought in Bible study must be accompanied by the feeling of reward before people will enjoy it.

It is a thrill when a particular doctrine begins to take shape in one's mind. There is a deep satisfaction when various doctrines begin to fit together to form a system. Along with this satisfaction, a person begins to develop an intelligent faith. Remember God made us rational creatures so we could think. What better thing can we think about than God and His relationship to us and our relationship to Him?

People have a deep curiosity about the past and the future. People like to know God's plan of the ages. They like

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religious newscope

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.

WILKERSON WARNS OF PHONIES IN JESUS MOVEMENT

MONROE, La. (EP) — The devil saw he could not lick the Jesus Movement so he decided to move into it.

So said Evangelist David Wilkerson, head of Teen Challenge, during meetings

here in the Louisiana Civic Center Theater.

All 2,200 seats were filled with 300 more teenagers sitting cross-legged on the stage as Wilkerson warned, "Don't run after every kid carrying a Bible."

He gave two tests for a genuine Jesus person. First, "he will not be on a trip or sanction drugs. You cannot have sex, drugs, pot and Jesus too. Second, he will not be ditching — running away from school, and parents. You cannot be down on the government, church and parents and be a true Jesus person."

Wilkerson said, however, that he believed the Jesus movement is of God and the work of the Holy Spirit.

"We need to be very, very careful now about judging and criticizing our children," he said. "A minister can preach whatever he wants about fashions as long as he preaches it from a broken heart. I believe kids will listen to anything you tell them that is honest if you preach in love because you are interested in their souls and not just want to slap them down because you are mad about the way they dress or talk."

BOB JONES UNIVERSITY SHIFTS POLICY ON BLACK STUDENTS

GREENVILLE, S.C. (EP) — Bob Jones University has agreed to admit black students on a "trial basis" and if the students are married.

One black student who works at the college took a course this past fall, a spokesman for the conservative school said. Only married blacks may attend because of the "social aspects" of college life, the spokesman added. "We are opposed to interracial marriage and dating and this provision should avoid those problems." The executive committee of the school's Board of Trustees approved the shift in policy. Bob Jones III, president of the university said, "We feel we can take qualified married Negroes, and train them for the Lord's service, which is the purpose for all our students."

HYLES-ANDERSON COLLEGE PLANNED FOR 20-ACRE HOOZIER SITE

HAMMOND, Ind. (EP) — A new Christian college will be built here by First Baptist Church, according to its pastor, Dr. Jack Hyles.

"Hyles-Anderson Bible College" will be erected on a 20-acre site near Hammond, constructed simultaneously with a Christian education facility that will house also the church's present two-year-old high school.

Ground breaking ceremonies this fall will launch the project in time for its completion by Sept., 1972, says the new president Dr. Robert J. Billings. Dr. Billings also serves presently as principal of the church's 650-student Christian high school and grammar school.

NOISE BLAMED IN FAMILY BREAKUPS

MADISON, Wisc. (EP) — Household noise is a major public health and ecological problem, and plays a direct role in generating tension between husbands and wives, parents and children.

These are the findings of Dr. Jack Westman, professor of psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

The link between noise and family life deterioration is apparent, he told the National Enquirer.

Everyday household noises tend to bring to the surface submerged tensions and can result in emotional outbursts and family friction, Dr. Westman said.

The increasing level of noise in homes, the professor declared, is actually breaking up families.

Mr. Dale Jackson, of Tulsa, a grandson of J. M. Roberts (one of the founders of Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma), has recently deposited some very helpful items with the historical collection. One of these is a 1916 issue of the *Baptist Commoner*, a paper published by the strictly Calvinistic "Landmark Baptist."

That was back when formal debates were frequently held by preachers of differing doctrines. This particular issue of the Landmark paper makes an interesting reference to Free Will Baptists and the debates. One fellow had written in to the editor, complaining that: "The Freewills are crowing and want a debate. Could you meet them in debate?"

The editor, Ben Bogard, answered as follows: "I shall be glad to meet any convention man or Freewill in a debate.

The History Corner

by Mary Wisehart and Robert Picirilli

But you need not be cancelling any other engagements to get ready for a debate with the conventionites. You could not pull an intelligent convention man into a debate with any representative Landmarker. They know better. That is not all. I have my doubts if any Freewill Baptist can be found who will debate. Doctor Yandell of Stratford, Okla., is the best they have and he is not physically able to do any more debating unless he has improved since I last heard from him. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown, and being a physician, he knows what it

means to endure the strain of a debate and he told me that he would not debate any more until he was fully restored and that his debate with me at Non, Okla., would be his last for some years to come. Poor Austin is down and out, even among the Freewills, although he is a jolly good fellow, and his downfall is to be regretted. The Freewills have nobody else. The conventionites have no man who would talk to you ... Say, ask the conventionites to get Autry and I will cancel any engagement I have to get to him. Put it up to him." ▲

GIDEONS PRESENT 100 MILLIONTH SCRIPTURE TO PRESIDENT NIXON

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — President Richard M. Nixon was given the 100 millionth Gideon Bible by the president of Gideons International, Dr. W. R. Davenport.

Dr. Davenport is also president of Campbellsville (Ky.) College.

The Gideon movement was started 72 years ago by three traveling salesmen who were chatting one night in a Janesville, Wisconsin, hotel lobby. Today the Scripture distribution organization involves 33,500 men who make the Bible handy for people away from home.

Distribution of Bibles has tripled in the last decade, membership in the Gideons has doubled, and the budget quadrupled, but even that increase has been unable to match the expanding need both to replace worn or stolen books and to stock the rapidly rising new motel rooms, according to President Davenport.

Besides putting a Bible in every hotel and motel room where allowed, the interdenominational agency also supplies Bibles for airlines, prison cells, physicians offices, hospitals, military compounds, and school facilities. The Gideons are active in 87 foreign countries, as well as in the United States.

KENNETH N. TAYLOR WINS LAYMEN'S AWARD FOR 'LIVING BIBLE' WORK

NEW YORK (EP) — This year's annual award of the Laymen's National Bible Committee was presented to Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor on Nov. 19 here for his efforts in paraphrasing the entire Bible.

"The Living Bible," publishing on Sept. 1 this year, completed 16 years of work by Dr. Taylor on the series. Already in its fourth printing, the paraphrased Bible print order has reached 1,200,000.

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to know how God's plan has developed until the present moment. They particularly like to know what God's plan holds for the future. This curiosity is put there by God. The cult movements have taken advantage of this curiosity and have given people a wrong view. Dare we pass up this opportunity? Let's find out what questions people are asking and answer them with God's answer as given in the Bible.

In the next installment the matter of speaking to man's heart and will shall be discussed.

CHURCHGOERS HAVE A LESS CHANCE OF HEART DISEASE

BALTIMORE, Md. (EP) — Exhaustive tests on 567 men by a physician in Johns Hopkins University have shown that men who attend church regularly stand twice the chance of avoiding fatal heart attacks, cancer, tuberculosis, chronic bronchitis, suicidal tendency and cirrhosis of the liver.

The findings of Dr. George Comstock of the university were published in the National Health Federation Bulletin, which does not involve itself in religion.

But this item in the October 1971 edition describes the finding as "so conclusive that we are reporting it." The editor goes on to say: "Apparently the psychic or emotional response to a religious oriented life in church relieves stresses that otherwise have a deleterious physiological effect on our bodies. The original survey on which the study was based included 91,000 persons." ▲

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COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT

October 1971

RECEIPTS:

State	October 1971	October 1970	Yr. to date	Design.
Alabama	\$ 1,404.06	\$ 1,227.03	\$ 4,958.95	\$. . .
Arizona	. . .	. . .	1,350.63	. . .
Arkansas	569.79	. . .	8,181.22	. . .
California	701.58	198.33	6,738.32	124.78
Colorado	. . .	. . .	102.81	. . .
Florida	833.93	. . .	5,032.37	. . .
Georgia	656.40	487.02	5,314.14	. . .
Idaho	. . .	57.10	496.26	. . .
Illinois	1,135.97	. . .	8,159.48	. . .
Kansas	172.00	286.20	1,570.80	. . .
Kentucky	151.25	. . .	1,707.86	151.25
Michigan	. . .	. . .	1,726.43	. . .
Minnesota	64.79	43.03	489.45	. . .
Mississippi	105.00	. . .	365.38	. . .
Missouri	1,720.60	2,269.84	22,216.98	1,658.60
New Mexico	. . .	. . .	51.70	. . .
North Carolina	89.55	108.96	744.71	. . .
North West Assoc.	30.38	. . .	44.77	. . .
Ohio	1,234.65	271.21	3,525.21	. . .
Oklahoma	2,181.72	1,502.38	21,466.60	76.97
Tennessee	90.50	140.60	1,839.25	. . .
Texas	175.77	151.03	1,281.33	. . .
Virginia	22.17	19.44	329.18	. . .
West Virginia	. . .	. . .	195.00	. . .
Totals	\$11,340.11	\$6,762.17	\$97,888.83	\$2,011.60

DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive	\$ 3,092.46	\$3,681.57	\$33,325.73	\$ 427.12
Foreign	2,625.19	1,069.19	20,684.74	635.04
Bible College	2,244.51	873.20	18,341.52	360.71
Home Missions	1,576.06	627.87	11,959.61	386.01
Church Training Ser.	776.91	260.81	5,962.39	110.57
Retirement & Insurance	588.34	130.40	4,287.62	55.29
Layman's Board	351.57	83.17	2,644.86	18.43
Comm. on Theological Liberalism	85.07	35.96	682.36	18.43
Totals	\$11,340.11	\$6,762.17	\$97,888.83	\$2,011.60

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10-79	60	61-62-63-64	65-66
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1972		JULY					1972	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
							1	
2	3 <small>Last Quarter</small>	4	5	6	7	8		
		Independence Day						
9	10 <small>New Moon</small>	11	12	13	14	15		
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS <small>Fort Worth, Texas - July 10-13</small> <small>W.N.A.C.</small> <small>Youth Conference - July 9-13</small>								
16	17	18 <small>First Quarter</small>	19	20	21	22		
23 <small>30</small>	24 <small>31</small>	25	26 <small>Full Moon</small>	27	28	29		

1972		AUGUST					1972	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		1	2 <small>Last Quarter</small>	3	4	5		
EMPHASES: Youth Camp Emphasis Month WNAC Emphasis Month & Offering for General Fund								
6	7	8	9 <small>New Moon</small>	10	11	12		
13	14	15	16 <small>First Quarter</small>	17	18	19		
20	21	22	23	24 <small>Full Moon</small>	25	26		
27	28	29	30	31 <small>Last Quarter</small>				

1972		SEPTEMBER					1972	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
EMPHASES: Church Training Service Emphasis Month WNAC Student Loan Fund								
3	4	5	6	7 <small>New Moon</small>	8	9		
	Labor Day					10 <small>Jewish New Year</small>		
17	18	19	20	21	22 <small>First Quarter</small>	23		
	Jewish Yom Kippur				24 <small>Full Moon</small>	25		
24	25	26	27	28	29 <small>First Day of Autumn</small>	30		
							31 <small>Last Quarter</small>	

1972		OCTOBER					1972	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <small>New Moon</small>		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
	Columbus Day							
15 <small>First Quarter</small>	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22 <small>Full Moon</small>	23	24	25	26	27	28		29 <small>Last Quarter</small>
	Veteran's Day							
29	30	31 <small>Halloween</small>	EMPHASIS: Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign					

1972		NOVEMBER					1972	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
EMPHASIS National Home Missions Month								
5 <small>New Moon</small>	6	7 <small>Election Day</small>	8	9	10	11		
12	13 <small>First Quarter</small>	14	15	16	17	18		
WNAC PRE-THANKSGIVING SEASON OF PRAYER AND OFFERING FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS November 13-17								
19 <small>National Home Missions Sunday</small>	20 <small>Full Moon</small>	21	22	23	24	25		
				Thanksgiving Day				
26	27 <small>Last Quarter</small>	28	29	30				

1972		DECEMBER					1972	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
EMPHASIS: Thomas H. Willey, Sr. Christmas Missions Offering								
3	4	5 <small>New Moon</small>	6	7	8	9		
10	11	12	13 <small>First Quarter</small>	14	15	16		
17	18	19	20 <small>Full Moon</small>	21	22	23		
				First Day of Winter				
24 <small>31</small>	25	26	27 <small>Last Quarter</small>	28	29	30		
	Christmas Day							

1972 JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL							MAY							JUNE																			
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The denominational calendar is designed to suggest to the churches significant emphases and events which may be observed during the year. It also indicates the time when related materials will appear in the denominational publications. These suggestions are made with the understanding that each church, association, and denominational organization will choose emphases and events in keeping with its own needs.

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Thomas H. Willey was one of our pioneer missionaries. He challenged our people with the missionary burden. He went to Peru and Panama and later to Cuba. He witnessed to the Indian and the descendant of the Spaniard. He was an ambassador who represented his Lord wherever he was. The Christmas offering bears his name, not because it will go into a fund for "his" work, but because it will do what he exemplified in a long life of service to Christ.

This Christmas give of yourself and then of your means to send out the Light to the praise of the Glory of God.