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Christian Schools Are Up And Coming!

Free Will Baptists Are Joining The Number

By Ken Riggs

Within the past few years church related schools have been popping up all across the country. These schools are of different origin and control. Some are independent schools and are controlled by the parents of that school. Others are started and controlled by a group of business men of the community. Still others are started and controlled by a local church. Those operated by the church usually elect a school board to see that the functions of the school are properly carried out.

The Christian school movement is gaining strength in our own Free Will Baptist denomination. It is not the purpose of this article to offer any suggestions as to the growth of any one particular school, nor to give undue criticism as to the reason for their existence. This article will attempt to inform the readers of the various schools that are now in operation in Free Will Baptist churches. It will further seek to give some words of caution as to what such schools are facing.

DESCRIPTION OF WHAT EXISTS

A complete article could be written on the history and ministry of each school now in operation but for our purposes only the information included in the chart on page four is presented. No doubt there are other schools existing of which this writer is not aware, but such schools are not excluded intentionally, but rather due to ignorance on my part.

The pattern of growth has been, with the majority at least, to start with a kindergarten and one or two grades and, thereafter, add a grade each year. There have been those schools which have started out almost in "full bloom," but to many Christian educators this seems to be an unwise beginning.

Several churches are said to be making plans for beginning Christian day schools in the fall of 1972. Two Free Will Baptist churches, whose pastors have announced these plans, are Randall Memorial in Memphis, Tennessee, Dann Patrick, pastor; and First of Beaufort, North Carolina, Dennis Wiggs, pastor. Again, there may be other churches where plans for

the beginning of a Christian school ministry are being formulated, but they are omitted because of a lack of accurate knowledge.

PROBLEMS TO BE FACED

It goes without saying that a Christian school will also have its problems. The Lord's work is not without its enemies. The problems to be mentioned are not listed in any order of significance, neither are they true of all schools, but it has been my experience that most of them do have similar problems.

A common problem of all the schools is that of finances. According to a recent survey that I personally made of eighteen schools in two southern states, no school was receiving federal or state funds. Because of this, many of the schools are lacking in adequate funds. This is not to indicate that this writer favors that such schools receive federal or state monies, but is simply to point out that this is one of the burdens of the schools. There is a lack of finances for buildings, equipment, playgrounds, land for future development, and many other items too numerous to mention.

Related to that of finances is that of tuition. It is necessary that the schools charge a tuition, but the schools are faced with many problems related to this. One of those problems is trying to decide just how much to charge. Should the tuition charged be sufficient to underwrite the salaries of the teachers? Should the tuition be a certain percentage of the salaries and the remainder come from other sources, such as gifts, projects, and individual support? Every principal has these two questions on his mind.

How about the teacher's salaries? What is a fair salary? Can Christian schools keep up with the salary pace of the public schools? Any church or group who is considering starting a school should honestly face these questions.

A burden of many of the school principals is that the very ones who need a Christian education cannot afford the tuition at any cost. I frankly do not know the answer to that dilemma.

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It is my opinion that the finances do not present the greatest problem. An upholding of high Christian standards is a greater problem than that of finances. This is particularly true in this day of unrest in many of the public school systems.

Many parents are delighted to pay the tuition to a Christian school because they are simply fed up with what is going on in the public schools, but have no real concern for Christian standards. Parents have a way of putting pressure on principals and teachers to "lighten up," particularly in the areas of dress codes and modesty. Sad to say, history proves that many schools that started out with a Christian philosophy and Christian standards have fallen by the wayside. While it is true that many of those schools were on the college level, the elementary and high schools of today should not hide their heads in the sand and think it could not happen to them.

This particular problem is especially seen in those schools who started "full bloom." By full bloom, I mean those schools that start out with almost a full program at their conception. The majority of these schools have enrolled students who have been in a secular philosophy for five, six, or even eight years, and it is very difficult to instill a Christian philosophy in the heart and mind of a child who has already been taught a secular philosophy.

This is not to say that all public schools are anti-God, but the point is that today's education is leaning toward a permissiveness that is contrary to the Christian approach of education. When a child is taken out of that environment and placed in a Christian environment, it can, does, and has, caused problems.

My greatest concern for the Christian school movement is that it will continue to be distinct and unique. It is to be more than just another private school. It is to have high standards for both the faculty and students.

Equally as important is the problem of finding qualified

teachers. The movement is growing to such an extent that many schools are faced with having to combine classes or even turn down students because they cannot find teachers. Here again, it is true that there are plenty to simply fill the position, but the Christian school teacher is to be more than just a position filler. Who is going to train the future teachers for these schools? In the meantime, where are the principals going to get their teachers for this upcoming year?

PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

From all indications, the future of the Christian school movement is very bright. Many other churches in our denomination are considering such a ministry. It is hoped that those which are already in existence will seek to strengthen their foundations. There is no doubt in my mind that such a ministry can add to the ministry of a local church. Every school that has been mentioned in this article can verify that.

However, in the minds of many people, there are some uncertain ties that could alter the direction and the growth of the Christian school movement. Such things as certification and accreditation, state standards, etc., could strike a blow to some of our schools. The uncertainty of federal and state regulations could have an impact on the movement. All of that remains to be seen. In spite of the uncertainties, the movement could experience the greatest growth of its history.

In conclusion, I would like to offer two words of caution. First, if your church already has an established school, seek to raise your standards. Don't become pressured by the morals of the world. Expect both your students and personnel in charge to uphold your standards.

Secondly, if your church is considering such a ministry, be very certain that they know all that is involved. Don't start a school just on the emotions of the issues of the day. Know what your purpose is before you start.



Fourth Expansion Year For Christian Schools

WHEATON, ILLINOIS — "American Christians are voting with their feet," said Dr. John Blanchard when asked to comment regarding the fourth consecutive year of 15% enrollment increase in the membership of the National Association of Christian Schools. "Christian parents are withdrawing their children from schools where sex education is devoid of Biblical morality, and where discipline is deteriorating because school authorities have little support in their efforts to maintain control."

Sixty-nine thousand pupils are enrolled in 366 Christian elementary and secondary schools

located in 42 states and 38 countries.

The enrollment increase in the United States was 14%. This is the fourth year of growth at this rate. Growth of enrollment in existing schools is the primary reason for this increase since the number of schools increased by only 5%.

Advanced degrees are appearing with increasing frequency in the professional roster of the Association. A newly launched national Christian Elementary Teacher's Certificate is attracting considerable attention and recent dramatic improvements in the Association's professional magazine, the *Christian Teacher*, make it of

increasing value to the teaching force.

Commenting on these evidences of increasing professional maturity in the National Association of Christian Schools, Dr. Blanchard further observed, "Where schools have lost their sense of academic purpose or have become the pawns of sociological or political influences, Christians are turning with increasing confidence to the private Christian school. Many are learning that only Christian schools teaching a distinctively Christian view of man, truth and society are supporting the Christian faith in our pluralistic society." ▲

Is The Work

If So, Who

Pays The Subsidy?

Today it is not unusual to read articles in magazines and newspapers relating to subsidies and those being subsidized. Generally these articles are related to government spending. One may ask, "What does the subject of subsidies have to do with Free Will Baptists?" This article will attempt to answer that question. It will point out the areas in which Free Will Baptists are receiving indirect subsidies. It will also make some recommendations for eliminating the problems which will be discussed.

Recently this writer heard the general director of one of the national offices offer praise that the Lord had impressed upon a man to leave his employment and come to work in a department of our National Association. He related how the man had come at a salary that was much less than he had been receiving in his former job. The fringe benefits of the prior job were also much better. While understanding (under present conditions) why the man had to take a large reduction in salary, this writer maintains that in effect the man and his family are subsidizing the department with which he works by at least a part of the difference between his former salary and his present salary. If his abilities to perform a similar job outside the denomination could provide a larger salary, he and his family are subsidizing Free Will Baptists when he works at a lesser salary in a national department of the denomination.

In this writer's opinion, but contrary to the belief of many people (probably because of the lack of the facts), the heads of most, if not all, of our various

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FREE WILL BAPTIST SCHOOLS	STATISTICS AND INFORMATION		PRINCIPAL	SPONSORING CHURCH AND PASTOR	YEARS OF OPERATION	GRADES TAUGHT	1971-72 ENROLLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT FOR 1972-73	OPERATES A PRE-SCHOOL DAY CARE CENTER	HOW MANY FAMILIES NOW PART OF CHURCH DUE TO SCHOOL MINISTRY?
	AMERICAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 3241 Argonne Ave. Norfolk, Va. 23509		Mrs. Elyse B. Creech	FAIRMOUNT PARK FWB Dale Burden	6	K-6	139	150	No	-
	BETHEL ACADEMY Rt. 2, Box 385 Kinston, N.C. 28501		Mr. Douglas Henderson	BETHEL FWB David Paramore	2	K-11	530	600	No	12
	BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2430 Azalea Garden Rd. Norfolk, Va. 23513		Mr. Blaine Hughes	BETHANY FWB Winford Floyd	6	K-6	137	175	No	25-30
	COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 307 S.E. 15th Deerfield Beach, Fla.		Mr. Neil Thomsen	FIRST FWB James Puckett	1	K-2	48	125 (K-4)	No	7
	DONELSON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Knobdale Rd. & McGavock Nashville, Tenn. 37214		Mr. Thurman Pate, Jr.	DONELSON FWB George C. Lee	1	5-9	240	260	No	3-5
	FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY P.O. Box 1159 Goldsboro, N.C. 27530		Mr. Lorenzo Stox	FAITH FWB Frank Davenport	5	K-12	330	400	Yes	20
	MT. CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY P.O. Box 157 Hookerton, N.C. 28538		Mr. Willie Justice	MT. CALVARY FWB Willie Justice	3	K-6	85	100	Yes	6
	RANDALL DAY CARE & KINDERGARTEN 1601 Gillespie Ave. Albany, Ga. 31705		Mrs. Edwin Mathis	FIRST FWB Charles Hollingshead	5	K	75	75	Yes	10
	RUTH'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2709 Oaks Rd., P.O. Box 478 New Bern, N.C. 28560			RUTH'S CHAPEL FWB Sigbee Dilda	5	K	17	100 (K-4)	No	3
	WEST DUPLIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Rt. 2, Box 156 Warsaw, N.C. 28398		Mr. John Reed	WEST DUPLIN FWB Eugene Hales	1	K-4	75	150	Yes	5
	WOODBINE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 2204 Foster Ave. Nashville, Tenn. 37211		Mr. Steve Ange	WOODBINE FWB Richard Cordell	1	K-4	52	100 (K-6)	Yes	10

Of Free Will Baptists Being Subsidized?

national departments and their associates are being underpaid. Without knowing the actual salaries, one can by simple arithmetic and through public information determine that the salaries of the administrative people in some departments are inadequate. For example, the *Digest of Reports* received at the last National Association meeting in Nashville shows that in the Executive office approximately \$26,000 was paid in 1970 for salaries, insurance and housing. This includes compensation for the Executive Secretary, the bookkeeper-secretary, the Managing Editor of *Contact*, the Circulation Manager of *Contact*, and possibly others. How can these persons be receiving an adequate salary and benefits within a total of \$26,000?

Another area in which a department and ultimately Free Will Baptists are being subsidized is the Free Will Baptist Bible College. A teacher or staff member who is receiving less pay than he or she would earn at another school is in fact subsidizing the Bible College and ultimately Free Will Baptist churches.

Many pastors, before entering the ministry, left good jobs, spent their savings and all they could borrow to further their education and equip themselves for the ministry, only to receive salaries and benefits that are insufficient or barely adequate for their needs. Could one not rightfully conclude these pastors are actually subsidizing the churches which they serve? If their services are valuable in

the secular world, are they not subsidizing Free Will Baptists by the amount of the difference between what they could earn and what they are being compensated?

If the Sunday School Department or the Church Training Service Department is able to sell literature to our churches at less than comparable literature from other publishers (a comparison of prices will show this to be a fact) partly because of inadequate salaries and benefits for their employees, are not the employees in effect subsidizing the churches which purchase the literature?

This writer believes that one must, in all fairness and honesty, admit that practically without exception those who serve within our denomination from the local church, the state offices, the national departments and on the missions fields are not being compensated adequately for their services. This, of course, raises the question of what the compensation should be in order to be fair and equitable. An attempt will not be made to answer this question for a specific job. However, the following figures obtained from a national survey by the U.S. Department of Labor and dated June, 1970, and the present general schedule for federal employees may be used for comparative purposes. One must keep in mind that private industry salaries have increased in the twenty months since the survey. Also to be considered is the fact that private industry salaries vary according to the location of employment.

The 1971-72 salary ranges for superintendents, associate superintendents, principals, and school teachers in the home state of this writer (a southern state) are as follows:

Superintendents – \$14,820 to \$22,644 depending on pupils in school system and years of experience. And additional \$1,440 is paid for an earned doctorate.

Associate Superintendent – \$14,340 to \$15,600 depending on years of experience. Add \$1,440 for an earned doctorate.

Principal – \$1,013 to \$1,456 per month depending on number of teachers and years of experience. Add \$120 per month for earned doctorate.

Teachers – “A” certificate – \$709 to \$951 per month.

“G” certificate – \$775 to \$1,039 per month. Add \$120 per month for person holding an earned doctorate in the area or subject taught.

It is time for Free Will Baptists to recognize that those dedicated persons who are serving in the various capacities throughout our denomination should be compensated adequately.

If Free Will Baptists can afford to erect new churches, build an expanded college campus, provide satisfactory space for our national headquarters offices and Sunday School department, then we can, by a little more effort, provide for those who serve us. In some cases, however, this will first require some people to repent for their being jealous of the salaries that others may earn.

In conclusion some suggestions that may help in alleviating the problem are as follows:

1. Each local church should seriously consider whether or not the pastor and other church workers are being compensated adequately. At the time the budget is prepared would be a good time to do this. Do not overlook the expense of the automobile when used for visiting and other church benefits. Also do not overlook the additional expenses in the pastor's home



Occupation	Avg. Annual Salary in Private Industry	Entrance Salary for Federal Employees
File Clerk	\$ 4,119	\$ 4,564
General Stenographer	4,717	5,166
Secretary I	6,259	6,544
Senior Stenographer	6,247	6,544
Secretary III	7,506	8,153
Accountant	10,686	11,046
Chief Accountant	13,917	13,309
Social Worker		11,046 to 15,866
Mid-Level Management		11,046 to 15,866
Senior Level Management		18,737 to 25,583

SUBSIDIZED? (Continued)

when the evangelist or the missionary stays in the home. Laymen in the church should take the initiative in this matter.

2. Boards (state and national) could be more open with the salaries and benefits being provided when preparing and presenting their budgets. Many times the budget items are so all inclusive that the people can not possibly tell whether or not the salaries and benefits may be sufficient. The budgets could be more specific by job titles, salaries, and other benefits without having to name each individual.

3. The General Board of the National Association might consider making some suggestions to the various departments that would tend to (if not being done presently) provide for equitable compensation between persons having similar responsibilities in the various departments.

4. The General Board could appoint a commission (preferably made up of at least half the members being laymen) to study the area of salaries and benefits and to make recommendations in this respect.

5. The General Board may wish to secure the cooperation of the various boards in employing a job analyst to review the jobs of the various departments in order that a job of similar difficulty and responsibility may be similarly compensated.

6. Each department should provide salary schedules for each job with automatic and pre-determined pay adjustments at specified intervals for those whose services are satisfactory. Cost of living adjustments could also be included.

7. Incentive awards programs could be established that would reward those whose job performance substantially exceeds that expected.

8. An awards program could provide cash awards to those suggesting improvements that would lead to savings for the department. Appropriate recognition might be given at National Association meetings.

Are we, as Free Will Baptists, going to continue to be subsidized by those who have dedicated themselves to the service of the Lord within our denomination? It is the hope of this writer that we will not. ▲

MICHIGAN CHURCH REACHES HIGH ATTENDANCE OF 2,146

WESTLAND, MICH. — Beginning 14 years ago with seven members, the Community Free Will Baptist Church reached their "big day" Sunday, April 9, when 2,146 people were present for services.

The Reverend Robert Porter, pastor of this soul-winning church, stated that

during the first four months of 1972, there have been 160 decisions for Christ witnessed in services. Last year, 475 people were won to the Lord. The church is currently using nine buses to transport people to the services.

The church now owns one million dollars worth of debt-free property. This includes a recently completed gymnasium and educational building valued at over \$300,000.00. Now on the drawing board are plans for a new sanctuary which will seat over 2,000.

The church, which claims to have the largest Sunday school in Westland, averaged 1,350 in attendance in Sunday school during April. This, also, makes it one of the larger Sunday schools in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

FORMER COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR JOINS COLUMBIA BIBLE COLLEGE FACULTY

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Mr. Jerry Ballard, who served Free Will Baptists as Director of Communications in the Foreign Missions Department for several years, will join the faculty of Columbia Bible College beginning with the 1972 fall semester.

For the past two years, Mr. Ballard has been affiliated with World Vision International in Monrovia, California, and he will continue to do special assignments for the organization. He will maintain a California office.

In joining the faculty of Columbia Bible College, Mr. Ballard, who is a graduate of that institution, will be developing a communication sequence at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. At the same time, he also will continue his doctoral program at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He resumed his doctoral studies there May 31.

OKLAHOMA CHURCH BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF 500 SEAT SANCTUARY

NORMAN, OKLA. — Construction on a new auditorium designed to seat approximately 500 people has been begun by the First Free Will Baptist Church of this university town. The expansion program, which is designated to cost \$115,000.00, also includes new office space which will join the present church plant to the new sanctuary. The new sanctuary will feature laminated arches.

According to an announcement by the pastor, the Reverend O. T. Dixon, the congregation hopes to be worshipping in the new auditorium by the first week of August.

The church is enjoying a fruitful ministry among Oklahoma University students. Several students from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, located in nearby Moore, are aiding the church in this ministry. The membership of the church now numbers around 350 with an annual budget of \$40,000.00.



MISSOURI'S NEWEST HOME MISSIONARY BEGINS LABORS

AURORA, MO. — Robert Sharry, who began his home missionary work under the direction of the National Board in the early 1960's, has assumed the responsibility of beginning a new Free Will Baptist church in Aurora. The Aurora project is under the direction of the Missouri State Mission Board. The first services were scheduled to be held in early April.

The Reverend Sharry stated that Free Will Baptists already own a building in Aurora.

Mr. Sharry has been in home mission work since 1961 when he went to Ulysses to begin that church in southwestern Kansas. In 1962, he and his family moved to Topeka where they began a work with six people. Today, as an evidence of Brother Sharry's labors in Topeka, he leaves a faithful congregation who worship in a nice brick building constructed in 1968.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sharry are natives of Oklahoma and were members of the Capitol Hill Church in Oklahoma City prior to his acceptance of a pastorate. Mr. Sharry attended Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1959-60 and also went to Oklahoma Bible College (now Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College) for one semester. The Sharrys have three children: James, 16; Teressa Ann, 14; and Kimberly Sue, 5.

'72 FWBBC GRADUATE CRITICALLY INJURED IN BUS-TRUCK ACCIDENT

KNOXVILLE, TENN. — Miss Lorna Merrill, 22, a 1972 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, was critically injured in the pre-dawn Greyhound bus-truck crash at Bean Station, Tennessee, May 13. She remains hospitalized in St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville. At presstime, she was reported to be showing slight improvement.

Miss Merrill was enroute to Jenkins, Kentucky, to hold weekend services to help raise her support as a summer missionary. She had been appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to serve in Brazil this summer. Her home is in Whitfield, New Hampshire.

The extent of Miss Merrill's injuries is not known at this time. Her injuries reportedly included two broken legs, a cracked pelvic, numerous facial cuts and bruises, and internal injuries of an undetermined nature.

Fourteen people died in the crash, including the drivers of the bus and truck, as a result of this collision which the Tennessee Highway Patrol office said was the worst highway traffic accident in Tennessee history. The bus reportedly swerved about six inches to the wrong side of the road and was struck by the truck.



ELEVEN GRADUATING SENIORS of Free Will Baptist Bible College, including Miss Lorna Merrill, front center, who was injured in an accident two days after her graduation, are missionary candidates. Senior class president Jerry Gibbs, left, is among that number. These eleven were among the fifty students who completed programs of study and received their awards during the school's 30th graduation exercises May 11. They heard the Reverend Luther Sanders, Free Will Baptist pastor in Waipahu, Hawaii, deliver the Baccalaureate sermon and the Reverend Julian Gamble, president of Southern Methodist College in Orangeburg, S.C., give the Commencement challenge.



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NORTH CAROLINA PASTOR ASSUMES POSITION AT FWBBC

DURHAM, N.C. — Dr. Joe Ange, a Free Will Baptist minister for over twenty years, has resigned his successful pastorate at Liberty Church in Durham to join the staff of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Ange comes to FWBBC to serve as Director of Religious Activities and Director of Extension and Ministerial Development. In this dual role, he will be responsible for all Sunday evening services and function as a pastor to the students. The implementation of the Christian Service Department will fall under his jurisdiction and he will work in further developing an internship program for ministerial students. The latter program will not only encompass the nine month college year, but, hopefully, the summer months as well.

Another area of college life in which Dr. Ange expects to be active is the Ministerial Fellowship. It is through this

organization that he hopes to share many practical aspects of the ministry which he has learned during his pastorates. He has been used extensively in the denomination as a speaker for Sunday school institutes and evangelism conferences because of his wide and successful experiences.



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His resignation is effective July 23 and he will assume his new duties on August 14.

An evidence of Dr. Ange's success as a pastor may be seen in the progress of the Liberty Church during his last pastorate there of almost six years. He earlier pastored the church, thus he has served with the people of Liberty for a total of eleven years.

The average Sunday school attendance at Liberty thus far in 1972 is 800. When Mr. Ange came in 1966, the average attendance was 308. The financial giving of the church has grown from \$800 a week to slightly over \$3,000 weekly in 1971. Giving to the cause of missions exceeded \$11,000 in 1971 against the giving to missions in 1966 of approximately \$2,500.

Membership in this soul-winning church now stands near 1,000. The church property, including a new auditorium, is valued at one-half million dollars. Approximately \$300,000 of this valuation has been added since Mr. Ange has been serving with the people of Liberty.

Mr. Ange studied at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Detroit Bible College, and Duke University. He was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Bob Jones University in June, 1971.

The Anges have five children, three of whom are in college. Steve is doing graduate work at Middle Tennessee State University, Ruth is a senior at Duke University, and Phil is attending FWBBC.



Left to Right:
Wallace Hayes, pastor
Homer Willis, speaker
for dedication

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OFFICIALLY ORGANIZES

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Twenty-seven people publicly expressed their desire to become charter members of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church during the organizational service Sunday afternoon, May 7, 1972.

Feeling that there was a need for a Free Will Baptist church in the southeast section of Nashville, the group began holding services in early March in the Operations Building of the Sunday School Department which is located in that area. They are currently searching for property on which to locate a church building.

Delivering the dedication message was the Reverend Homer Willis, Director of the National Home Missions Department. During his message, Mr. Willis stressed how good it was to take part in the organization of a church which was born out of concern to reach people in a specific area and not as a result of a split in another church.

The Reverend Wallace Hayes was called by the group to be their pastor.

Participants in this special service included other pastors from the Cumberland Association. The Reverends Bill Van Winkle, Murfreesboro, and W. B. Hughes, Columbia, presented the Bible and Treatise respectively. The Reverend Eugene Waddell, Nashville, presided over the organizational proceedings with the Reverend J. L. Welch leading in the prayer of dedication.

MINISTER'S WILL BENEFITS CHILDREN'S HOME, FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT AND VIRGINIA CHURCH LIBRARY

BRISTOL, VA. — The will of the late Reverend and Mrs. E. A. Wagner benefitted Tennessee's Free Will Baptist Children's Home and the National Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions each in the amount of \$500.00. In addition to these designations, the will also established an E. A. Wagner Memorial Library at the Temple Free Will Baptist Church, Bristol, Virginia.

These gifts were presented on a

recent Sunday morning at the Temple Church by the Reverend O. P. Stokes, pastor. The Reverend Stokes is serving as administrator of the estate. The church voted for the \$500.00 bequest to the Children's Home at Greeneville to be given toward construction of a new superintendent's home on the grounds of the Home. It was the first donation to this fund, Superintendent Ray Turnage stated.

The late Reverend Wagner was at one time associated with evangelist Billy Sunday and pastored Free Will Baptist churches in numerous places, according to Turnage, who also said, "This bequest and others the Home has received over the past years show the interest and concern of the deomination and of the community."

COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT SHOWS INCREASE IN 1972

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey reports a continued increase of giving through the Cooperative Plan of support for the first five months of 1972.

Receipts through May reflect an increase of 15 per cent over the average monthly receipts for 1971.

The Cooperative Plan is a means of giving systematically to the total ministries of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. When a church sends ten per cent or more of her income each month to the National Association, she can be assured that money will benefit all of the national offices except the Sunday School Department which is self-supporting. Gifts received each month are divided on a percentage basis according to each department's budget. Not only does this plan eliminate so many separate appeals but it enables each supporting church to know she is sharing in the total denominational outreach.



ACCEPTING A \$500 CHECK for the Children's Home at Greeneville, Tenn. is Supt. Ray Turnage. The Rev. O. P. Stokes is making the presentation.

LAYMAN COMPLETES TEN YEARS OF SERVICE AS C.T.S. DIRECTOR



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NASHVILLE, TENN. — Samuel Johnson, who for the past ten years has served as Director of the Church Training Service Department, resigned his post at the spring meeting of the C.T.S. Board May 22. The resignation is effective September 1, 1972.

The Reverend Malcolm Fry, long active in the work of Free Will Baptists, was selected by the Board to succeed Mr. Johnson as General Director. Mr. Fry left a successful pastorate in Tuscon, Arizona, to become Director of Curriculum and Research for the C.T.S.

Department in August of 1971. A replacement for that position will not immediately be named.

Mr. Johnson will be working in the field of Christian camping. He plans to continue the development of Hillmont as a camp, conference and retreat center. He will also be available as a camp consultant for denominational camp boards.

Mr. Johnson is the only layman who currently heads one of our national departments.

CONTACT MAGAZINE WINS A FIRST IN EPA AWARDS

KANSAS CITY, MO. — CONTACT Magazine of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was named the first place winner in the Best One Color Cover category of the Higher Goals contest sponsored by the Evangelical Press Association. There were 17 divisions in the Higher Goals contest.

The Free Methodist monthly periodical for young people *Youth In Action* took top honors as the "Periodical of the Year" in the annual awards contests.

The awards were announced at the closing banquet of EPA's 24th annual convention in the Plaza Inn here where 163 registered for the May 1-3 meeting.

The winning cover was used on the August, 1971, issue of CONTACT. It was a wrap around/fold out cover featuring a group shot of those in attendance at one of the evening sessions of the 1971 National Association of Free Will Baptists as they convened in Nashville, Tennessee. The cover was designed by Milton Crowson who was serving as Editorial Assistant of the monthly denominational publication at that time.

HILLSDALE'S EXPANSION DUE AUGUST COMPLETION

MOORE, OKLA. — The completion of the new Activities Building on the campus of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College has been set for August 1, according to an announcement from Promotional Director Jerry Rhoades.

With this deadline in sight, construction activity has been accelerated. At the same time, a stepped-up financial program to raise \$60,000.00 in cash by August 1 has been implemented. This sum is to be applied to the total cost of this \$250,000.00 building.

The Reverend O. T. Dixon, a Free Will Baptist pastor from Norman, Oklahoma, was elected chairman of the College's Board of Trustees at their May meeting. The chairman of the Board will continue to work closely with the president of the school in the current expansion program.

VIRGINIA CHURCH BOASTS ENROLLMENT OF 175 IN TEEN DEPARTMENT

COLLINSWOOD, VA. — Of the 175 teenagers enrolled in the Youth Department of Collinswood Free Will Baptist Church, 25 have committed their lives to full-time Christian service. In the fall of 1972, approximately 15 of these dedicated young people will be enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville in preparation for various Christian ministries.

Keith Kenemer, Minister of Education and Youth, stated that the success of Collinswood's program for teens rests with the three laymen who develop and carry out the entire youth program for their departments. The Youth Department includes Teen I (ages 12 & 13); Teen II (ages 14 & 15); and Teen III (ages 16-18). Each of the three laymen serve as superintendents in their respective divisions of the Teen Department. They are responsible for the Sunday school, C.T.S. and any other



COLLINSWOOD'S TEENS serve as a background for the four men who are actively engaged in steering the church's youth program. These four are, left to right, Keith Kenemer, Minister of Education and Youth; N.A. Wall, Jr., Teen II Supt.; Reggie Wall, Teen III Supt.; and Edgar Dunlap, Teen I Supt.

activities such as recreation and visitation. Each superintendent has at least five classes in his department and is assisted by the five teachers of those classes in carrying the load of that department.

OHIO CHURCH HONORS 94 YEAR OLD DEACON

SCIOTOVILLE, OHIO — For 46 of his 94 years, Mr. John Henning has faithfully served the Porter Free Will Baptist Church in various capacities. Because of his service to his Saviour, to the Porter Church, and to the community, the members of the Porter Church chose to honor this man, who has reportedly been an inspiration to the many people who have come into contact with him over the years, in a special service Sunday, April 16, 1972, two days prior to his 94th birthday.

"Uncle John," as he is affectionately known, was converted on April 6, 1926, and united with the Porter Church later that month. He was ordained as a deacon in 1927, has taught many Sunday school classes, was instrumental in winning many souls to the Lord through his leadership in cottage prayer

meetings, gave generously of his time and money when the present church structure was begun back in 1937, and at different times since then has served the church as trustee and janitor. His face was for many years a familiar one at quarterly conferences, as well as state and national associations.

Mr. Henning's wife, Lovina, who went to be with the Lord in 1957, was a sister to Miss Bessie Yeley who served Free Will Baptists as a missionary to Cuba and later worked in the Cuban refugee ministry in Miami.

HELPING THEIR FATHER CELEBRATE his latest milestone are Mr. Henning's daughters, Mrs. Clara Etterling, left, and Mrs. Dorothy Etterling.



NEW PASTOR LEADS SOUTH CAROLINA CHURCH IN SPIRITUAL UPSURGE

JOHNSONVILLE, S.C. — The Reverend Tommy Godley, who assumed pastorship of the Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church on March 1, 1972, reports that the 17 decisions witnessed in their recent revival has resulted in a spiritual upsurge for this rural church.

Brother Godley conducted the revival for the church. There were seven saved, ten rededications, and one who surrendered to fulltime Christian service.

Continuing in the pastorate has been a personal victory for Brother Godley who spent many months recovering from a heart ailment prior to pastoring the Little Bethel Church.

Free Will Baptists

To Converge "Where The West Begins"

By Eugene Workman

Over three thousand Free Will Baptists are expected to converge "Where The West Begins" July 10-13 when the Texas State Association hosts the National Association for its 1972 convention in the Tarrant County Convention Center at Fort Worth.

"Where The West Begins" was the designation for Fort Worth when founded as a military outpost in 1849. Today with a population of 760,000 in its two-county metropolitan area, Fort Worth has maintained the relaxed pace of easy Western living and hospitality according to some Free Will Baptists who enjoy living there.

Not since 1939, when the four year old National Association of Free Will Baptists convened in Bryan, has the Texas State Association had the privilege of entertaining the national body. To show their appreciation for this opportunity to be "invaded" by fellow believers, Texas Free Will Baptists are within \$200 of raising the hosting state's share of the financial expenses of this upcoming 36th annual session, according to a report from State Promotional Secretary Bobby Ferguson. This is commendable since Texas only has 61 Free Will Baptist churches with a membership of 4,157 according to the 1971 statistics.

Mr. Ferguson has served his state as co-ordinator of this convention's steering committee. Serving as chairmen for the various committees are these Texas ministers: J. M. Kennedy, prayer; H. Z. Cox, registration; Eugene Richards, auditorium; Allen Moore, ushering; and Raymond Getz, information and publicity.

BUSINESS AGENDA

An item of prime interest on this year's business agenda will be the report of the committee which was designated at the '71 convention to make recommendations concerning our future relationship with the National Association of Evangelicals.

In his 1971 report to the national body, Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey noted "Because of changing conditions in the religious world today, and because of divided opinions concerning any ties with another religious organization that would speak for us, and because of an embarrassing failure to pay the required financial support, (which is a denominational contribution of not less than 5c per member, or a denominational gift and a recommended amount of 1/2 of one per cent from each local church budget), it is recommended that a committee be appointed to restudy our relationship with N.A.E. in the light of the services offered, the benefits derived, and our failure to support this organization financially other than by token gift."

In accepting this recommendation, the body approved an amendment to the amendment which named the first seven members of this committee with the remaining six members to be appointed.

In a motion approved last year and effective for the first time this year, anyone desiring to bring a resolution before the official body via the resolutions committee must present that resolution to the committee by early Wednesday so that all resolutions may be prepared and printed for distribution no later than Wednesday evening.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Three Free Will Baptist pastors and one Free Will Baptist missionary will be keynote speakers for this 36th annual convention.

Tom Malone, who is enjoying a fruitful ministry as pastor of the First Church in Florence, Alabama, will deliver the first message of the convention Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. The Illinois native and his wife Verna are parents of five daughters. Mr. Malone served with the Department of Development of Free Will Baptist Bible College prior to his acceptance of his present pastorate. He is a 1963 graduate of that institution.

The life of Lonnie Graves reads like a page from a fiction book. Before becoming a Christian, the speaker for the Tuesday evening service was a gypsy who slept on the ground most of his early life. Thus, he has become known as the "gypsy preacher." Despite his background, and the fact that he had only three days of formal education, Mr. Graves has been used of the Lord to build the largest church in the Free Will Baptist denomination. Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina, has grown from a Sunday school attendance of 8 in 1955, to a current enrollment of over 1,200. During 1971, there were 465 people saved through the church's outreach with 334 baptisms. Mr. Graves and his wife, Goldie, are parents of two married daughters.

Crossing the borders of Uruguay into South Brazil soon became commonplace to Walter and Marcia Ellison after they settled in this area as missionary representatives of Free Will Baptists in

CONVENTION PREVIEW



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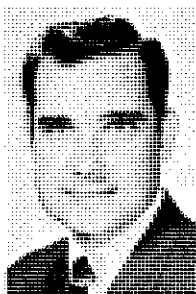
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1964. The Tennessee native, who is better known as "Dub," will be the missionary speaker for the Wednesday evening service. The 1963 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College currently oversees the ministry of six native congregations. The Ellisons have three sons and a daughter.

As a member of the National Sunday School Board and the former Executive Secretary for the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists, Homer Young is no stranger to denominational workers and laymen. Now serving as pastor of the Capitol Hill Church in Oklahoma City, Mr. Young will bring the concluding message of the convention on Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m. Two of his four daughters and his only son-in-law are students at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College at Moore, Oklahoma. Mr. Young also attended Hillsdale (then Oklahoma Bible College) and holds a B.S. degree from Tulsa University.

LAYMEN AND PASTORS

On Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m., a panel, chaired by Dr. Joe Ange who is a North Carolina pastor, will explore the subject "Building a Super-Aggressive Bible Church." Other Free Will Baptist pastors serving on the panel include David Paramore and Frank Davenport, North Carolina; Jerry Dudley and Homer Young, Oklahoma; Dale Burden and Gene Parish, Virginia; and Claudie Hames, California.

In keeping with the convention theme of "Soulwinning: The Church In Action," Leonard Ravenhill, a noted evangelist who is rated by many ministers as an expert on revival, will be the featured speaker for the Pastor's Dinner on Tuesday evening at 5:00 p.m.

The well-known author, who has penned such works as "Why Revival Tarries," "Tried and Transfigured," "Meat For Men," and "Revival Praying,"

was born in Great Britain and sat under the ministry of the saintly Samuel Chadwick. Mr. Ravenhill's articles have appeared in many American periodicals, including *Moody Monthly*, *Herald of His Coming*, *Alliance Witness* and *Christian Life*.

Russell Anderson, a soul-winning layman and head of four corporations in Ypsilanti, Michigan, will be the speaker for the Master's Men Breakfast on Wednesday morning, July 12, at 7:00 a.m.

In spite of the fact that Mr. Anderson had only a high school education, this coal miner from Kentucky earned a million dollars before he was 38 years old. He tells a wonderful story about how God gave him \$33,500.00 in twenty minutes in December, 1970.

But far more important than his business involvements are his soul-winning activities. Every week he is out from house to house seeking to win souls. Besides running four businesses grossing approximately four million dollars annually, Mr. Anderson spends two nights a week knocking on doors and speaking in churches. For the past twelve months, he has seen 477 people bow their heads and ask Christ to save them. Of this number 255 were won to the Lord through personal work.

W.N.A.C. SPEAKERS

For almost twenty-five years, Trula Cronk has been teaching the people of India about Jesus Christ. Some personal insights of this missionary ministry, particularly the recent war between India and East Pakistan, will undoubtedly be reflected in her address at the Fellowship Dinner of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention Monday, July 10, at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Cronk is making a return visit to this highlight event having spoken at the Fellowship Dinner in 1966 at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Don Robirds, a former missionary to Brazil and now Director of Communications of the Foreign Missions Department, will be the speaker for the W.N.A.C. keynote service at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday. The California native is a strong Bible expositor and has been received well in a variety of services among Free Will Baptists.

YOUTH SPEAKERS

Milton Worthington, a familiar face to many youths since he has served on previous Youth Convention programs, will be the keynote speaker for the opening service of this year's Youth Convention Sunday night, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. He is currently serving as vice-chairman of the Church Training Board. For the past seven years, Mr. Worthington has been enjoying an evangelistic outreach as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tupelo, Mississippi.

Conducting a workshop on story telling Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. will be L. Ted Johnson, co-author of the book "Blue Print For Quality." He has had wide experience in working with youth and children and is knowledgeable in the field of Christian camping.

Bill Glass, formerly an outstanding football player in the National Football League and now an evangelist devoting his life to Christ, will be the speaker for the Youth Rally set for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. The name of Bill Glass became well known in sports circles during his days at Baylor University where he was an All-American college football player and during the 12 years he spent in professional football. He retired in 1969 to assume his present ministry. Throughout his adult life, he has maintained an active fruitful evangelism for Christ. He currently reaches hundreds for Christ each year during his many crusades and personal appearances. ▲

PROGRAM

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

36th Annual Convention / July 10-13, 1972

Tarrant County Convention Center / Fort Worth, Texas

THEME: "Soul Winning: The Church In Action"

CONVENTION HYMN: "Set My Soul Afire"
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Blaine Hughes
ORGANIST: Debbie Dudley
PIANIST: Maude Coffey
NURSERY: Convention Center
CONVENTION OFFICE: Convention Center

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
SUNDAY EVENING/JULY 9		
7:30	NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE Keynote Service Speaker: Milton Worthington	Sheraton Hotel: Grand Ballroom Sections 1 & 2
9:30	Youth Social Activities (See National Youth Program)	

MONDAY MORNING/JULY 10

7:00	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Sheraton Hotel: Executive Room
8:00	General Board Meeting	Sheraton Hotel: Junior Ballroom
9:30	Youth Activities (See National Youth Program)	
12:00	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Sheraton Hotel: Director's Rm.

MONDAY AFTERNOON/JULY 10

1:00	Registration: Delegates, Ministers, WNAC, and Youth	Conv. Center
1:00	WNAC State Presidents, Field Workers, and Executive Committee	Sheraton Hotel: Shorthorn Rm.
1:30	Youth Competition and other activities (See National Youth Program)	
5:00	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Speaker: Trula Cronk	Conv. Center: Dining Area

MONDAY EVENING/JULY 10

7:30	CONVENTION ASSEMBLY Presiding: Bob Shockey Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 5:14, 15 Prayer Convention Theme Song	Conv. Center
7:40	Special Music: Gleaners Trio, Free Will Baptist Bible College	
7:45	Association called into official session and Introduction of Moderator: Waldo Young, Clerk	
7:50	Report of Committee on Committees: Moderator Dr. J. D. O'Donnell Appointment of WNAC Committees: Mrs. Clara Picirilli, President	
8:00	Welcome to Texas: Allen Moore State Moderator	
8:10	Get Acquainted Time	
8:20	Convention Offering Special Music: Oklahoma Ministers' Quartet	
8:30	Message: "Motivation for Soul Winning" Messenger: Tom Malone	
9:10	Session Recessed (Exhibit Area Open)	
9:30	Youth Social Activities (See National Youth Program)	

TUESDAY MORNING/JULY 11

7:30	Youth Prayer Meeting	Sheraton Hotel: Section 1 & 2 Grand Ballroom
8:30	Competitive Activities for Heralds, Crusaders, and Adventurers (See National Youth Program)	
8:30	Registration Continues	Conv. Center

9:00 Pastors' and Laymen's Special Session
Panel: "Building a Super-
Aggressive Bible Church"
Presiding: Joe Ange
Sheraton Hotel:
Crystal Ballroom

9:00 WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY
CONVENTION
Presiding: Clara Picirilli, President
Conv. Center

11:00 WNAC Missionary Service
Speaker: Don Robirds
Conv. Center

12:00 Recess

12:30 State Promotional Men's Luncheon
Sheraton Hotel

9:15 Report of Credentials Committee
Seating of Delegates
Partial Report of Nominating
Committee

9:30 Progress Reports Of National Departments
(Board Members elected at the conclusion
of each report)

Church Training Service: Samuel Johnson
Home Missions and Church Extension:
Homer E. Willis
Free Will Baptist Bible College:
Dr. L. C. Johnson
Foreign Missions: Reford Wilson
Executive Office: Rufus Coffey

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/JULY 11

1:30 Competitive Finals (All Youth)
Children's Activities
(See National Youth Program)

2:00 Annual Meeting Investment Retirement
Plan, Inc.:
Herman Hersey, Manager
Sheraton Hotel

5:00 Pastors' Dinner
Speaker: Leonard Ravenhill
Conv. Center:
Dining Area

5:00 Heralds' Western Banquet
Adventurers' Ranch Style Dinner
(See National Youth Program)

12:00 Recess

12:30 Alumni Luncheon To Be Announced

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/JULY 12

1:30 Children's Activities
(See National Youth Program)

1:45 CONVENTION ASSEMBLY
Worship through Song
Scripture Reading and Prayer:
Carl Young
Conv. Center

1:50 PROGRESS REPORTS CONTINUED
Executive Church Bonds: Francis Boyle
Retirement and Insurance:
Herman Hersey
Layman's Board: Kenneth Lane
Sunday School Board: Roger Reeds

2:00 Youth Rally
(See National Youth Program)

3:15 General Board Report

3:20 Business

4:15 Partial Report of Nominating Committee
Election of General Board Members

4:30 Session Recessed

5:00 CONTACT Editorial Advisory Committee
Dinner
Sheraton Hotel

TUESDAY EVENING/JULY 11

7:30 CONVENTION ASSEMBLY
Presiding: Ben Scott
Scripture Reading: Psalm 126:5, 6
Prayer
Special Music: Choir — Southern Oaks
FWB Church, Oklahoma City;
Ted Wilbanks, Director
Conv. Center

7:50 Presentation of Awards: National Youth
Contest Winners — Sam Johnson

8:05 Congregational Singing

8:10 Convention Offering
Special Music: Blaine Hughes

8:20 Message: "You Can Be a Soul Winner"
Messenger: Lonnie Graves

9:00 Session Recessed (Exhibit Area Open)

9:30 Youth Social Activities
(See National Youth Program)

WEDNESDAY EVENING/JULY 12

7:30 CONVENTION ASSEMBLY
Presiding: Winford Floyd
Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:36-38
Prayer
Congregational Singing
Conv. Center

7:40 Convention Offering

7:50 Introduction of Missionaries:
Don Robirds / Ed Ledlow

8:00 Congregational Singing

8:05 Special Music: Joe Creech

8:10 Message: "Reaching the Multitude"
Messenger: Walter Ellison

8:50 Missionary Offering

WEDNESDAY MORNING/JULY 12

7:00 Laymen's Breakfast
Speaker: Russell Anderson
Sheraton Hotel

8:30 Convention Prayer Service
Conducted: By Wade Jernigan
Conv. Center

9:00 Youth Activities
(See National Youth Program)

9:00 CONVENTION ASSEMBLY
Worship through song
Prayer
Moderator's Message
Conv. Center



NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CONFERENCE Fort Worth, Texas

Wednesday Evening / July 12 (cont.)

- 9:00 Session Recessed (Exhibit Area Open)
- 9:30 Youth Activities
(See National Youth Program)
- 10:00 Crusaders' Banquet (semi-formal)
(See National Youth Program)

THURSDAY MORNING/JULY 13

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| 9:00 | CONVENTION ASSEMBLY
Worship through Song
Scripture reading and Prayer:
Clarence Newman | Conv. Center |
| 9:15 | Woman's National Auxiliary
Convention Report | |
| 9:20 | Historical Commission Report | |
| 9:30 | National Youth Conference Report | |
| 9:40 | Budget Committee Report | |
| 9:45 | Miscellaneous Business
Report of Committees | |
| 10:30 | Intermission | |
| 10:40 | CONVENTION ASSEMBLY
Presiding: Andy Lay
Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 9:19, 22
Prayer
Congregational Singing | Conv. Center |
| 10:50 | Convention Offering
Special Music: Bill Gardner | |
| 11:00 | Message: "By All Means Save Some"
Messenger: Homer Young | |
| 11:40 | Concluding Session
Selection of 1975 Convention Site
Nominating Committee Report and
Election of General Officers | |
| 12:00 | ADJOURNMENT | |

**1973 CONVENTION: MACON, GEORGIA
JULY 9 - 12**

TIME EVENT PLACE

SUNDAY NIGHT/JULY 9, 1972

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| 7:30 | Keynote Service
Musical Program — Engineers
Message — Milton Worthington | Sections 1&2
Grand Ballroom
Sheraton Hotel |
| 9:30 | Junior Adventures in
Pioneer Room | Section 3
Grand Ballroom |
| 9:30 | Teen Social Activities in the
Ranch House | Sections 4&5
Grand Ballroom |

MONDAY MORNING/JULY 10, 1972

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| 9:30 | Christian Youth Film | Sections 1&2
Grand Ballroom |
| 11:00 | Teenspiration Service
Speaker: L. Ted Johnson | Sections 1&2
Grand Ballroom |
| 11:00-
12:00 | Junior Adventurer Activities | Section 3
Grand Ballroom |
| 11:00-
12:00 | Children's Activities | Longhorn Room
Sheraton Hotel |

MONDAY AFTERNOON/JULY 10, 1972

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| 1:30 | Music & Arts Talent Festival
for Teens | Sections 1&2
Grand Ballroom |
| 1:30-
5:30 | Special Programming
Junior Adventurers | Section 3
Grand Ballroom |
| 1:30 | Bible Tic Tac Toe
Heralds for Christ | Room No. 277
Conv. Center |
| 1:30 | Bible Bowl
Crusaders for Christ | Room No. 262
Conv. Center |
| 1:30-
5:30 | Teen Fellowship in the
Ranch House | Sections 4&5
Grand Ballroom |

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES In The IMMEDIATE FORT WORTH—DALLAS AREA

Church	Pastor		
Concord 829 West Daineldale Rd. Dallas, Texas	Rev. Fred King Ben Wheeler, Texas 75754	Grace 7800 Corina Ft. Worth, Texas 76108	Rev. Troy Harp 504 Souder Hurst, Texas 76053
First 1711 Reynoldston Dallas, Texas	Rev. H. Z. Cox 918 Highfall Dallas, Texas 75232	Mesquite Mission 1330 Rutherford Dr. Mesquite, Texas 75149	Rev. Clyde Gillentine 1330 Rutherford Dr. Mesquite, Texas 75149
Garland 2317 West Kingsley Rd. Garland, Texas 75040	Rev. Bob Thornburgh 1426 Homestead Pl. Garland, Texas 75040	Reyenell 608 Reyennell Dallas, Texas 75217	Rev. Bob Morrison 2542 Moss Glen Dallas, Texas 75227

1:30- Children's Activities Longhorn Room
 5:30
 2:00 Workshop for Camp Leaders Shorthorn Room
 Sheraton Hotel

5:00 Adventurer Ranch-Style Dinner Section 3
 Pioneer Room Grand Ballroom
 5:00 Heralds Western Banquet Sections 4 & 5
 Grand Ballroom

MONDAY NIGHT/JULY 10, 1972

7:30 National Association Service Theatre
 Speaker: Tom Malone Conv. Center
 9:30- Junior Adventurers in Section 3
 10:30 Pioneer Room Grand Ballroom
 9:30- Teen Fellowship in the Sections 4&5
 11:00 Ranch House Grand Ballroom

TUESDAY NIGHT/JULY 11, 1972

7:30 National Association Service Theatre
 Speaker: Lonnie Graves Conv. Center
 Presentation of Awards for National Competitive Winners
 9:30- Junior Adventurers in Section 3
 10:30 Pioneer Room Grand Ballroom
 9:30- Teen Fellowship in the Sections 4 & 5
 11:00 Ranch House Grand Ballroom

TUESDAY MORNING/JULY 11, 1972

7:30 Youth Prayer Meeting Sections 1&2
 Grand Ballroom
 8:30 Adventurer Declamations Shorthorn Room
 8:30 Adventurer Sword Drill Sections 1&2
 Grand Ballroom
 8:30 Herald Declamations Sections A&B
 Junior Ballroom
 8:30 Crusader Declamations Sections C & D
 Junior Ballroom
 8:30 Bible Tic Tac Toe Room No. 277
 Conv. Center
 8:30 Bible Bowl Room No. 262
 Conv. Center
 10:00 Workshop: Story-telling Longhorn Room
 Leader: L. Ted Johnson Sheraton Hotel

WEDNESDAY MORNING/JULY 12, 1972

9:00- Children's Activities Longhorn Room
 12:00
 9:00- Junior Adventurers in Section 3
 12:00 Pioneer Room Grand Ballroom
 10:00 Teen Assembly Sections 1 & 2
 Grand Ballroom

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/JULY 12, 1972

1:30- Children's Activities Longhorn Room
 5:30
 2:00 Youth Rally Service Sections 1 & 2
 Speaker: Bill Glass Grand Ballroom
 3:30 Workshop for CTS Leaders Shorthorn Room
 3:30 Log Cabin Excursion Ft. Worth
 for Adventurers

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/JULY 11, 1972

1:30 Competitive Finals Sections 1 & 2
 Grand Ballroom
 1:30- Children's Activities Longhorn Room
 5:30
 3:30 Workshop for CTS Leaders Shorthorn Room

WEDNESDAY NIGHT/JULY 12, 1972

7:30 National Association Service Theatre
 Speaker: Walter Ellison Conv. Center
 9:30- Junior Adventurers in Section 3
 10:00 Pioneer Room Grand Ballroom
 9:30- Teen Fellowship in the Sections 4 & 5
 11:00 Ranch House Grand Ballroom
 10:00- Crusaders Banquet Crystal Ballroom
 12:00 Semi-formal 14th floor of
 "Land of Enchantment" Sheraton

THURSDAY MORNING/JULY 13, 1972

9:30- Children's Activities Longhorn Room
 12:00
 9:30- Junior Adventurers in Section 3
 10:30 Pioneer Room Grand Ballroom
 9:30- Teen Assembly in the Sections 4 & 5
 10:30 Ranch House Grand Ballroom
 10:40 National Association Service Theatre
 Speaker: Homer Young Conv. Center
 12:00 ADJOURNMENT

Rock of Ages Rev. Raymond Getz
 7413 Calmont Avenue 7420 Ashville
 Ft. Worth, Texas 76116 Ft. Worth, Texas 76116

Trinity Rev. Bob DuVall
 3715 Flory St. 6816 Hardisty
 Ft. Worth, Texas 76118 Ft. Worth, Texas 76700

OTHER NEARBY CHURCHES

There are Free Will Baptist churches in the following cities located a distance of approximately a one to one and one-half hour drive from the Fort Worth-Dallas area: Commanche (3), Wichita Falls (2), Bowie (1), Denison (1), Waco (1), Weatherford (2), Gainesville (1), Decatur (1), and Buffalo Springs (1).

"Cheap-Easy Believism" Not Scriptural

BY LEROY FORLINES
Professor and Dean of Men,
Free Will Baptist Bible College

"Cheap-easy believism" offers the forgiveness of sins by faith in Christ, but offers no guarantee of a change of life. It creates the possibility of a person being saved and at the same time having light views of sin and holiness, dabbling in sin, being indifferent to spiritual matters, and showing no real concern for the work of the church. *Such a position has no support in Scripture.*

A few things need to be clarified at this point. I am not saying that Christians achieve sinless perfection. I am saying, however, that *all* Christians have a basic desire in their heart to do right and be right with God. They may disobey at times, but they are chastized by God for their disobedience. They are like a victorious soldier in war. He may not win every battle, but he keeps his declaration of war. He gets up from defeat and moves on toward victory.

Christians are in a declared state of war on sin. They may not win every battle, but they keep their declaration of war and move on toward victory. To fail to recognize this is to misunderstand the basic nature of salvation, and to fail to understand the clear teaching of Scripture.

Let me also add that I am not saying that all Christians agree on the details on what is sin and what is not. *They do agree on the fact that sin is serious.* You see, the conviction that leads to repentance faith involves a realization that sin places one under the condemnation of eternal death. Sin causes people to go to hell. Sin is what made us need salvation. The death of Jesus Christ cannot be explained apart from sin. He died to pay the penalty for our sins so we would not have to spend eternity in hell. Can a person with this knowledge of sin take it lightly?

It is absurd to think about salvation delivering us from hell without doing something about sin in our lives. Paul makes it emphatically clear that, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (11 Corinthians 5:17). If salvation is designed to do something about sin and to make us new creatures, it is inconceivable that a person could be saved and not have his experience with sin changed.

John says, "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins . . ." (1 John 3:5). He further states, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). It is clear from the context that he means that the Son of God was manifested to do something about sinning in our lives.

Some people think it does violence to the fact that salvation is free, thus a gift, when we insist that saved people are all changed people. Our answer is that we are not talking about what salvation *costs* when we insist that all saved people are changed people. We are talking about what salvation *does*. We do not pay for our salvation. Jesus paid for it in full. To us it is free. But this free salvation is effective in changing lives. The fact that it is free does not mean that it is not effective, does it?

A thing can be free and not be effective. Or, it can be free and be effective. Being free simply says it did not cost the recipient anything. We say that salvation is both *free* and *effective*. If it is not salvation both from the *penalty* of sin and the *experience* of sin, it is not salvation.

In salvation, we receive the Holy Spirit. Paul tells us, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would" (Galatians 5:17). He says that the conflict that the

Each season of the year seems to bring its own special sins. Summer is no exception. Crimes of violence are up while church attendance is down during the summer months. Many ministers have warned Christians for years about certain sins of summer. But now a new word of caution must be added to the list — a warning about what the devil is doing through the increasing craze that is sweeping our country — camping.

No, I am not condemning camping as such. On the contrary, I would encourage people to occasionally get away from the big, bustling cities and out closer to nature. The Bible condones such healthy mental and physical recreation. Every Christian can give thanks to God for providing the places and the prosperity to make such recreation possible.

But any of God's gifts can be abused. It is this abuse of camping that I feel constrained to speak against. There are some definite caution areas connected with camping that the careful Christian will want to watch.

First, the Christian camper must be careful not to abuse the Lord's Day.

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Holy Spirit wages against the flesh makes it impossible for a person to be like he would if the Holy Spirit was not in him.

Paul says that we can tell who a person belongs to by the one he obeys. He says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Romans 6:16). If one is in the habit of obeying sin, sin is his master. He will die. This death is eternal death.

In our next installment, we will give further Biblical evidence that salvation changes our experience with sin. Those who have made a profession of faith that did not change their experience with sin need to be saved.

Many of those who are thought of as "indifferent Christians" are not Christians at all. They are the products of cheap-easy believism. They are a mission field. They need to be saved.



A New Sin Of Summer

By Dale Burden

This is listed first because it is the most common transgression among Christian campers. When a camper stays in the woods through Sunday, leaves his place of service in his church vacant, and generally gives the impression before the crowds of unconverted campers that the Christian can live as he pleases, the image of what a genuine Christian should be is greatly marred.

Godly pastors across the land have been keenly aware of the resulting damage. A few have warned about this abuse. Others silently grieve over their members who put personal pleasure ahead of service to God. Any soul-winning pastor will tell you this is so. He also will tell you that a little "shade-tree" service with your own family or maybe a couple of other families or even a trip to the nearest village church (which is seldom a soul-winning church) where you can "worship" without serving, does not atone for the sin of spending Sundays in the woods instead of in a Bible-preaching church.

I am aware of the difficulty of going camping on Friday afternoon and being

back in your place at church on Sunday morning. I am even more keenly aware of trying to carry on a soul-winning service with a good portion of the staff of Christians in the woods! Most people get two or three weeks annual vacation plus several other holidays. I believe the right use of these holidays will afford all the time needed for camping without abusing the Lord's Day. I believe in this age of indulgence that the Christian camper needs to be careful of the sin of self-indulgence while camping.

Secondly, the concerned Christian camper will be careful not to rob God in order to pay for such luxuries. A person can spend a lot of money for camping supplies, far more than he planned to, if he is not careful. There is a carefree frame of mind associated with camping that gives one a tendency to spend money more freely than under normal circumstances. It is a common experience to come home from camping broke, carrying a stack of receipts from charge cards. Many rob God in order to pay these bills. The camper who does this needs to beware of the sin of covetousness. The tithe at least belongs

to God (even while you are away). If you rob God to pay the cost of camping, you will enjoy your trip less and surely the end result will be far more damaging to you as a Christian.

Thirdly, the careful Christian camper will be mindful of the matter of modesty. The very atmosphere of camping lends itself to a relaxed attitude that can easily lapse into sub-Christian standards of dress. If you follow the crowds to the parks and the pools, to the sand and the surf, be careful that you do not dress (or more accurately, undress) as they do or take part in mixed swimming. Beware of the predominate pastime of "girl watching" (or "boy watching"). There is a danger of becoming a part of this sinful and lustful generation that has "eyes full of adultery." The Christian is never off duty in the matter of modesty, not even when camping.

Summer is the time to be out with people. It ought to be the best time to win the lost to Christ. But alas! So many fall prey to the special sins of summer that the cause of Christ usually loses ground during this season. May it not be so this summer. If you have failed God in summers past, resolve that from now on your life will count for Him — fall and winter, spring and, yes, summer, too! ▲



WORDS FOR WOMEN

"The Woman Who Lived In A Shoe..."

By Mae Sheehan

I am like the woman who lived in a shoe and had so many children she didn't know what to do. I am unlike her, in one sense, for I do know what to do.

I have over a hundred children. Some are away from me now, but I still have thirty-seven here in the Free Will Baptist Children's Home near Tuberville, South Carolina. I know what to do with them, because I daily depend upon Christ to lead me and to give me wisdom, patience and love for my large family.

To work with orphans and underprivileged children is a reward in itself. To see children who have never heard a prayer or have never heard the

Bible read until they arrived at the Home give their hearts to the Lord is joy unspeakable.

Most of our children come from broken homes where they have never known real love. They accept our love and learn that Christ loves them more than we could ever love them.

Not only do children want love, but the people that live around you are desiring your love. The world is starving, not from lack of food, but from lack of love and compassion. To serve Christ, we must serve our fellowman.

I received a letter from one of our girls who no longer lives here at the Home. To read her letter made me see

anew how important it is to train children in the love and admonition of the Lord. May I quote from that letter. "Whenever I make good in school, I look back in the past because without you, I'd never have realized that if I just tried I could make it. Until I was in the home, I never passed a subject. I guess it's because I learned to pray. I'm not smart, but with God sitting beside me on test days, I have a 50-50 chance. I don't see how you take care of the home; anyway, all I want to do is be more like you."

There is a great reward in building young lives for God. God can give no richer reward than the privilege of loving, of giving and of being a blessing. Why do we try to fool ourselves? We don't fool God. Love is real and when we sincerely love others, they will know. We can't pretend, especially with children.

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THE SIN OF HOMOSEXUALITY

By Dr. Robert Picirilli

One gathers that more is said today about homosexuality than ever before — probably because this wicked practice is growing both in extent and in being publicly accepted. The Bible is very clear in its condemnation of this sin.

I Corinthians 6:9 is one such passage. It also contains expressions that are sometimes misunderstood and which can be helpfully clarified by study of the Greek words involved. The English version has "effeminate" and "abusers of themselves with mankind" — both of which relate to homosexuality.

"Effeminate," in particular, is often given an interpretation that misses the mark. Many people think the word has a mild meaning, much like "feminine," and that it refers to boys or men with girlish traits. This is not the case. No doubt some men act far too feminine, but there is nothing immoral, by itself, in such a personality.

The Greek word translated "effeminate" is *malakos*. This is the only time the word is used in the New Testament with this meaning. Originally, the word meant "soft" or "delicate" — the kind of feminine characteristic often associated with homosexuality among men. A few interpreters think the word actually means "soft" in this verse, and that it means exactly what we mean when we call a person *soft*. In other words, it would mean moral weakness in general, and not homosexual perversion in particular. But the association of *malakos* with the next phrase is so close that there is much the stronger reason for understanding it to refer to the effeminacy of perversion.

One might wonder, if this is true, why *two* expressions are used for this sin in I Corinthians 6:9. The next phrase, "abusers, of themselves with mankind", in Greek, literally says "one who lies with a male." This second phrase, therefore, looks at the sin from a different point of view. The first word sees the sin as a man playing the part of a woman: the second sees it as a man using another man instead of a woman.

In other words, the word "effeminate" may refer to the *passive* homosexuals, and the phrase "abusers of themselves with mankind" to the

agressive ones. And both are condemned by the passage as being forms of sexual perversion "against nature" (compare Romans 1:26, 27) and against God's commandments.

On the one hand, then, we need not make good men with mild feminine traits of personality feel guilty. On the other hand, we need to redouble our efforts to avoid all tendencies toward the actual development of any forms of homosexuality. ▲

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Florida	899.15	147.41	2,832.56	. . .
Georgia	723.43	459.20	2,288.44	. . .
Idaho	29.06	126.28	145.35	. . .
Illinois	189.33	1,062.96	3,583.72	. . .
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Kansas	123.00	. . .	666.00	. . .
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Maryland	90.00	. . .
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Minnesota	50.07	50.83	210.93	. . .
Mississippi	38.04	. . .	267.88	. . .
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Texas	64.69	141.29	434.88	. . .
Virginia	. . .	36.98	235.63	. . .
West Virginia	. . .	25.00	50.00	. . .
Wyoming	8.75	. . .	20.75	. . .
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Retirement & Ins.	589.51	463.35	2,166.55	94.90
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WHY ATTEND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION?

By Dr. J. D. O'Donnell
*Moderator of the National
Association*

The National Association of Free Will Baptists was organized because our forefathers recognized "the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us" who believe in the doctrines and practices which are peculiar to Free Will Baptists. The National Association is the body which preserves and maintains correspondence and coordination among our churches and people. The National Association is not a higher body which dictates to the churches within its framework, but is just what its name implies. It is an "association" or cooperative effort of united churches seeking to achieve common goals in the work of the Lord.

The annual meeting is chiefly for two reasons: (1) "To unify the work of the various bodies composing the National Association." The National Association is composed of state associations, district associations, and local churches. These find strength through the unity of the national body. Projects which could not be undertaken by local churches or even state associations can be achieved by the unified body. By unifying the effort of the various bodies composing it, the National enables much more work to be done. (2) "To devise and execute measures for the Kingdom of God in cooperation with the various bodies of the Association." Through its various boards, commissions, and committees, plans are made for efforts in missions, education, church extension, and other endeavors in the Kingdom of God.

A friend of mine once said, "Why should I attend the National Association? I'm not on any board or commission." He was overlooking the many benefits which an individual derives from attending the meeting. Some of these benefits are:

1. *Christian Fellowship* — What a joy to meet Christians serving around the world and to develop a warm friendship with them. Each year one attends this circle of friendship grows and becomes dearer. Enrichment comes to every believer through association with other Christians.

2. *Worship* — The climax of the National Association comes in its worship services. Messages and testimonies from God's servants always serve to lift us into a deeper feeling of the presence of God among those who attend. What a blessing to unite with three to five thousand other believers in worship of God!

3. *Spiritual Enrichment* — The combination of all the benefits cannot but result in the spiritual enrichment of the participant. Ministers are enriched through the preaching so that they can go home and enrich their people. Each attendee at the National Association is so enriched and challenged that he can return home and be a blessing to others who could not attend.

4. *Participation in Business* — Delegates to the National Association are the ones who have the ultimate vote on the plans of the boards and committees. Decisions are made on how to extend the Kingdom of God. The planning of the boards is presented to

the body for revision and approval. So the delegate has a voice in what the united body projects as future plans.

Representation is basically by state associations. However, provision has been made for local church participation. Every church can have two official representatives or delegates. Your pastor as an ordained minister has a standing vote. Your local church can elect one lay delegate also to represent it.

Why go to the National? Basically, because of the benefits you can't afford not to go. The union with others of like faith in God's work and the enrichment that comes to all participants increase the desire of those who attend to return each year. Even those who are not delegates reap rich blessings.

Plan to send your pastor. The church can pay his expenses, and these will seem small compared to the blessings which result. Do the same for a lay delegate. Since you're paying the expense for a car to go, fill the car and bring a car load from your church to share in the blessings at Fort Worth. We might apply God's promise here in regard to tithing and say, "Prove me now herewith — if I will not open you the doors of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive" (Malachi 3:10). ▲



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TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO

By Deborah L. Coke

What would I have done –
two thousand years ago?

Would I have mocked and laughed –
two thousand years ago?

Would I have picked up stones to throw –
two thousand years ago?

Would I have cried, "He saved others,
let Him save Himself" –
two thousand years ago?

Would I have believed in Jesus –
two thousand years ago?

Or . . .
Would I be in hell –
two thousand years today . . .

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