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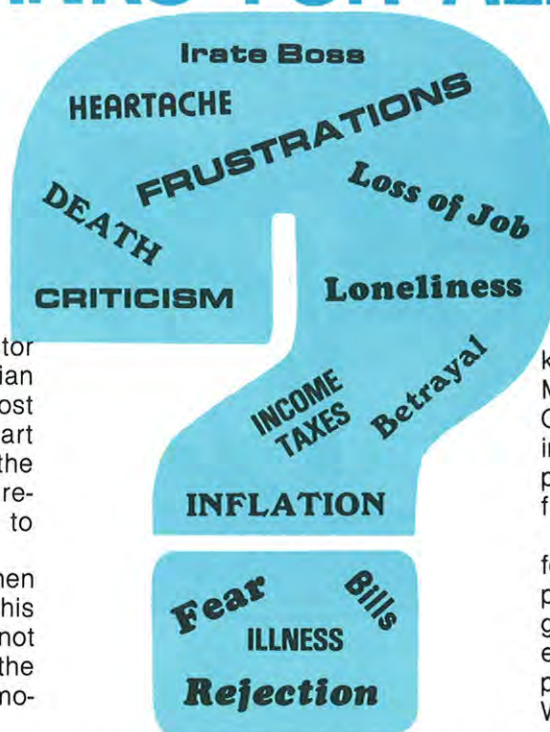
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"Every day will I bless thee;  
and I will praise thy name  
for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised...."  
(Psalm 145:2,3a)



# GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THINGS



**N**ot long ago a wise pastor spoke with a Christian gentleman who had just lost his wife to an untimely heart disease. The pastor noted that the man was struggling with deep resentment and depression due to loneliness resulting from his loss.

The minister explained, "When you can honestly thank God for this tragedy, even though you may not fully understand, you will open the door to finding relief from your emotional agony."

Although the ability to finally surrender to God's wisdom and sovereign control in such matters is not easy, this man finally yielded to God with a genuine "thank you," even though he still did not fully understand. By this action he both proved and verbalized his complete trust in God's word and sovereign wisdom. It was at this point and not until this point that he experienced emotional relief; thereafter he discovered greater ability to cope with the loss.

Praise is a Christian imperative and not a prerogative. The Bible teaches us, "Rejoice evermore" (1 Thessalonians 5:16). We are commanded to give thanks in all things. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Our commission is to rejoice always and "... again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). Ephesians 5:20 states that the very will of God is to give thanks. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

These Scriptures are not mere suggestions. God is making it plain that we are to offer to him the

"sacrifice of praise... continually." God is not jesting. Regular, routine rejoicing is expected! This is not an optional matter. God's word is not a cafeteria where Christians may choose the things they like and leave the things they dislike. God says, "Rejoice," and God expects without reservation that we rejoice.

One pastor said many years ago, "If a bay mule kicks you right in the nose, rejoice evermore." On blue Mondays and black Fridays we are to give thanks. When God says give thanks for all things, then we must give thanks for everything which we encounter. When we do, we will unlock the door to sound mental health, happier homes and spirit-filled worship.

A key Bible verse to help us give thanks in all things is Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." This passage appears to be one of the most definitive in assuring God's child that God is working every circumstance, event and opportunity toward the betterment of the believer.

Notice the verse states that "we know." This is a grave problem. Many believers do not "know" that God is working in a genuine fashion in their life experiences to accomplish their character betterment and fruitful progress.

Next, God is working "all things" for our "good," not our comfort, pleasure or ease. The Lord intends good for us and has assured that every event is working to accomplish that divine end in our lives. When we honestly believe this truth, when there is no question in our hearts about this fact, when we are willing to submit a complete faith in the veritable Word of God, then and only then can we truly give thanks in all things.

## PUBLIC PRACTICE

God's book is a book of joy, a book of praise, a book of thanksgiving, a book of exuberance, and a book vibrant with activity.

*"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name"* (Psalm 100:4).

*"And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing"* (Psalm 107:22).

*"O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph"* (Psalm 47:1).

*"Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"* (Acts 2:47).

In keeping with the spirit of the Bible, public worship among many Free Will Baptists could stand a bit more zest. In our move to a more cultural approach to worship, we might be wise to not allow the

pendulum to swing too far into formalism. Let's preserve the vibrancy that magnetizes hungry hearts with the power of God. Let's come to worship God and not just watch another show.

Irregularities in human behavior should never cease to amaze us. We get so excited about such petty matters while remaining stone faced about the most exciting things. Some young collegian kicks a pig-skin through 2 upright poles, and 80,000 people jump to their feet and scream. A muscular young man hits a piece of cowhide 450 feet over a wall, and 50,000 fans go fanatic.

At sports events we yell like Comanche Indians and come to church to sit like wooden ones. God gave his Son to provide salvation for a drifting and pagan society, and we sit like stumps in a swamp during our worship time. We cry over soap operas or some sad story and go untouched by the heartbroken sermon of the pastor.

We must become more involved in our worship. We must worship God in spirit and in truth. It is time to lift our hearts and praise the Lord. We must give careful and complete attention to the Holy Spirit's voice. There must be more praise, more thanksgiving, more rejoicing, more heartfelt expression of our faith in God.

### POWERFUL PERSONALITIES

Philippians 4:6-7 says: "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

The formula stated here is that we should pray with thanksgiving. The result promised is peace which will secure our hearts and especially our minds. Rejoicing produces good mental health.

Our ability to accept ourselves is closely associated with gratitude. Every believer needs to understand that God made him exactly to divine specification. Each person is a special specimen, a divine design.

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## GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THINGS (Cont. from page 3)

Yet Satan hides this fact from us, and we criticize God for the way we are made. Psalm 139:14 says that we are wonderfully made. Yet we complain that we are too short, too fat, too tall or our noses are too long. Our self-rejection is a constant indictment of God's wisdom in making us the way we are. Isaiah 45:9 warns, "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!"

The ingratitude of the Romans was rebuked by Paul in Romans 9:20,21. "... O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay. . . ." Our lack of self-esteem is due largely to an ungrateful attitude.

Why not make a list of your personal, unchangeable physical defects. Then get on your knees and thank God for every one of them.

perspective. God sees problems as the Christian's friend. He uses them to blast us from our routines, to break up the status quo, and to splinter the humdrum patterns of our lives.

When we have problems, we pray. One lady was very sick, and the doctor after exhausting every medical remedy solemnly stated the

souls. We find holy answers to human woes and discover the true power of God to control matters on planet earth.

We never learn the great lessons of life without problems as the catalyst to drive us to God. Privation produces praise; trouble engenders thanks; rejection becomes rejoicing; and aggravation creates appreciation.

Matthew Henry seemed to understand the deeper lessons to be learned from even the most threatening situations. When once he was accosted by thieves and robbed of his pocketbook, he wrote in his diary: "Let me first be thankful because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because although they took my all, it was not much; fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."

Thus, sickness, health, life, death, success, misfortune—all things call for thanksgiving because they work together for good to God's child. Remember every problem has a solution and is an opportunity to learn. The best remedy is a grateful heart. Whether a circumstance is delightful or depressing, terrific or tragic, dramatic or dreadful, it is praiseworthy, for it fits God's perfect purpose for our life.

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Believe that He will use them in your ultimate spiritual development.

### PRAISEWORTHY PROBLEMS

Many precious Christians today seem to have a horror of trouble. Problems which are inconsequential are feared so badly that many are possessed with extreme cases of worry, anxiety or depression. Deliverance for troubled hearts lies in learning to view life from God's

dilemma, "All that is left for you to do is pray." She responded in shock, "Doctor, has it really come to that?" Possibly it would be wise for us to learn to pray as a first resort, rather than as a last resort.

Problems force us to trust God because often there is no other option. These difficult encounters teach us that God still has divine energy at our disposal. In the valley we learn how God will restore our



# ENTERTAINMENT

# EVANGELISM

The Bob and Madalyn Show



A new fashion in evangelism has surfaced. This amusing but questionable style might be termed Entertainment Evangelism. Before this fashion becomes a fad, it would be wise to examine some flaws in the frock.

The Chaplain of Bourbon Street has been touring the Bible Belt with Madalyn Murray O'Hair, acclaimed high priestess of American atheism. In what the New Orleans based evangelist described as "a fight to the finish," Bob Harrington and tough-talking O'Hair clashed July 5, 6, 7 in Chattanooga, Huntsville and Nashville in the first of 50 scheduled appearances nationwide.

Newspaper and television accounts of the public debates seem to take neither Rev. Harrington nor Dr. O'Hair seriously. Both participants have been thoroughly misunderstood and misrepresented by the other's followers. Media coverage caricatured Harrington as a grandstanding county fair barker playing to the gallery. O'Hair emerged as an angry woman who deliberately irritated and insulted the audience while walking on the open face of blasphemy. One would hope that both images are erroneous.

## FLEECING THE GULLIBLE

Perhaps the cruelest blow is not Harrington mirrored as a snake

By Jack L. Williams  
Editor

handler with a red tie or O'Hair painted to resemble the witch of Endor; no, perhaps the saddest, unkindest blow of all is the audience's gullibility. According to published reports, the insult-filled exchanges between Bob and Madalyn seemed to bring out the worst in everybody. Rather than a calm respectful gathering listening to the speakers, grown men and women, supporting the rallies, hooted and jeered like fans at a prizefight. Surely those debates were not staged to goad people into taking leave of common courtesy and manners.

Both Bob Harrington and Madalyn Murray O'Hair are masters of crowd psychology. They are pros in the people business. Each knows how far to push a captive, emotion-charged audience before mob reaction sets in. There is no room in this deadly serious confrontation between truth and error for Marjoe type displays. Something is dreadfully awry when take-charge Christians either a) exploit or b) are exploited by volatile situations like the galloping atheism issue.

What is being accomplished by the Harrington-O'Hair debates? Did

the evangelist think he would sway Mrs. O'Hair? Did she toy with the notion of influencing that bold preacher? Probably not in either case. It's more of a collision between the irresistible force and the immovable object. Maybe Mrs. O'Hair wanted to hold Christianity up to ridicule. Maybe Mr. Harrington wanted the uninitiated to hear with their own ears the calloused threats of atheism. If so, then both succeeded.

But by no stretch of the imagination could these debates be labeled "a fight to the finish" of anything. Nothing was finished. The joke is on us. Somewhere between the rehearsed taunts and quips, Christian integrity and human dignity slipped out a side door.

## RIDING THE TIGER

The Harrington-O'Hair debates have not been easy on anyone. Other than an armload of newspaper clippings from the publicity blitz, all Bob Harrington can show for his efforts is a hearing and loud vocal support. That's about the extent of the matter. Dr. O'Hair's cause got a platform that she could not have bought at any price. Atheism bent the public's ear and scalded those who hold to biblical infallibility. Local pastors re-





# LAYMEN, ARISE!!!

By Don Elkins

**A**sk a man if he is in full-time service for the Lord, and no doubt he will think of the person God has called to be a pastor or missionary. But laymen must never have the idea that we are second-class citizens in the kingdom of God just because our prime time is spent

at the old daily grind.

If you are in God's will, whatever your secular job is that is, that is a mission field. My mission field is North Pulaski High School in Jacksonville, Arkansas, where I am principal. I know this is the place God has planted me and expects me to bloom. Several months ago I greatly desired to work in a Christian school. But through unusual circumstances, much prayer, and the loving, guiding hand of God, I came to realize that the Lord wanted me to continue in the public school system.

## OFF THE SIDELINES

Too long laymen have sat on the sidelines watching the pastor wear himself out doing jobs that they could do for him. Heart thrilling experiences can come from visiting the sick, calling on delinquent members or just greeting visitors in services. Sharing these responsibilities will give the pastor more time to be alone with the Lord.

While the pastor is involved in district, state and national work, we sometimes feel left out. Many laymen are unaware of the interworkings of our denomination. They exhibit a lack of concern toward

denominational meetings. It's usually just too hot at the old campground to attend the state meeting, and the National Association is too far away. Or so we tell ourselves. But we usually do the things and go the places that we really want!

It's such a joy to be involved in the Lord's work. But how can laymen be more involved? That great organization called Master's Men is the answer. Every layman can be a member of Master's Men and have a deeper spiritual life. Master's Men unites men in Christian fellowship, promotes stewardship and gives opportunities to be a part of what's going on in the denomination.

No longer do laymen have to hang their heads in shame because they are sitting on the sidelines. Now the Master's Men chapters are gearing for action. We have 2 national projects that beckon every man.

1. *The Book Shelf Project*: Missionaries are sent a list of books of Free Will Baptist authors, and they may choose the ones they want—compliments of the Master's Men!



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ceived black eyes for refusing to support the debates.

At the same time hundreds where the debates were conducted simply could not resist choosing up sides in a once-for-all religious slugfest. They hoped these debates could silence those who took prayer out of schools and now wanted to remove "In God We Trust" from United States currency.

Harrington had suggested that the debates would prompt the greatest spiritual revival in the 200-year

history of this nation. O'Hair said that Harrington was dangerous and must be stopped. Since the debates Harrington remains unmuzzled, and Dr. O'Hair is not surprised about that. National revival still eludes the country, and thinking men are not surprised about that either.

The fact remains that the Bible-believing world needed to see for themselves that Madalyn Murray O'Hair is not a harmless little gray-haired grandmother. But is it sour grapes to question if Entertainment Evangelism is the way to expose Mrs. O'Hair's hatred for Christianity? Sensationalism stalks this age. An arena full of Christians ganging

up on one old lion will not reverse history.

One is left with the uneasy impression that during the Harrington-O'Hair debates everyone—the participants and audience—hid behind grotesque masks. Wouldn't it be terrible if when we all unmasked later, we had become what our masks were?

Perhaps evangelists, pastors, laypersons—all of us who have attempted to throw a saddle over this ricocheting Entertainment Evangelism motif—could profit from a saying which originated in Bengali: "He who rides a tiger cannot dismount." ▲





2. *The Tool Shed Project:* Missionaries have the privilege of buying needed tools to be used in their work at the expense of the Master's Men.

The Arkansas State Master's Men has pledged \$2,500 for the coming year: \$1,000 to the Book Shelf Project, \$1,000 to the Tool Shed Project and \$500 to the General Fund. Praise God for men who have a vision! If everyone could but read the letters of thanks from missionaries who have benefited from these projects, it would encourage them to work harder to see that more money comes in so that *more* may be helped. Being able to meet these missionaries and hear them tell how the Master's Men has been a blessing to them thrills my soul.

### INTO THE STRUGGLE

Laymen, it's time to arise and be about the Master's work. We who live in America are so blessed that we can use our secular workday to be in full-time service for the Lord. Consider your place of employment as a place where you can share your faith in Christ.

In this world we are branded, so to speak, by some part of our character. What could be a greater joy than to know that people have branded us as Christians? That's the highest compliment a person can receive in this life. If you have truly been with Jesus, you cannot keep it to yourself.

God is as big in your life as you allow Him to be. Let His light shine through you, and let God bless others through your life by being set apart from the world. Mature Christians are needed on the jobs each day who will turn their positions into places of service to God. Those who conform to the ideals of the world just to be accepted by coworkers are a liability to the cause of Christ. Romans 12:21 tells us to not be overcome by evil but overcome evil by good.

Labor for the Lord as never before. The trumpet may sound at any time. I Corinthians 15:58 says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

## 34 Years A Sunday School Pupil



PAUL

by Damon C. Dodd

**S**idney Paul has been in Sunday School in New Light Free Will Baptist Church every Sunday since the first Sunday in May, 1943, without a single absence. This means that he has been there for the past 1,789 Sundays in succession as of Sunday, September 25, 1977.

The 70-year-old native of Calhoun County, Georgia, began attending New Light Church near Morgan, Georgia, when he was a small boy. Services were held only one Sunday a month at that time, and the old church building was pretty well run-down and open to the elements. Sunday school was conducted only during the summer months and was discontinued when colder weather came.

In 1943 a new building was erected, and the Sunday school program was stepped up to a year-round activity. In May of that year Mr. Paul was present and sat in the newly organized adult Bible class, taught by Mr. William Clower. About a year later Sidney was elected teacher of the Junior class, a position which he kept for 3 years, after which he kept for 3 years, after which he returned to the Bible class as a student.

There was a question about one of those 1,789 Sundays when I talked with Sidney about his Sunday school days. On that particular Sunday there was a funeral at the church, and Sunday school was

called off. However, following the funeral service, several members of the Sunday school remained at the church and decided to go ahead with the classes for those who were present. So they had Sunday school at a later hour than usual, and Sidney was present in his class.

In 1946 he was awarded a 3-year perfect attendance pin. "That was one of the proudest moments of my life," Sidney said in recalling the incident.

"Old Brother W. T. Wiley was our pastor, and he called me up to the front before everybody. Before giving me the pin he made a little speech in which he called me his 'son' in the Lord. I'll never forget that day as long as I live." Sidney was visibly moved by this recollection, and he had to blink hard to keep back the tears.

Mr. Clower has been the teacher of the adult Bible class all these years, and he was present during the interview with Sidney. In his estimation Sidney "is one of the most humble, sincere Christians I have ever known. His consistency and dependability have meant so much to me over these many years. Four things have characterized his life since I have known him: devotion, dedication, desire and dependability."

Not only has Mr. Paul been an avid church attender, he has also worked hard at getting others in church. He told the story of how he persuaded an old neighbor of his to go to church with him.

"Old Silas Moody, who everybody called Si, used to come to church every preaching day and sit outside under a huge live oak tree. He always wore brogan shoes and

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# 34 YEARS A SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPIL

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overalls. (In fact he was buried in overalls.) One day I said to him, 'Si, let's go in the church and hear what the preacher has to say today.' Old Si looked at me and said, 'Me go in there wearin' overalls?' I said, 'Sure, it'll be all right.'

"Si sat there for a moment, and finally he said, 'Can I sit with you?' I said, 'Yes sir, right on the same bench where I sit.'

"Another moment of silence lapsed and then, 'But I ain't got no money to give to that preacher.' And I gold him, 'That's all right, too. I'll give you some to put in the plate.'"

Sidney concluded the story by telling how they went in together and sat through the service that morning. "And you know, Si never missed another preaching Sunday as long as he lived. Me and him always sat together."

Sidney was married to one of the local girls in 1932. Iris, his wife, is as faithful to the church as is Sidney. They have one daughter Mrs. Joy Shealey who lives in the community and is an active member of New Light Church. She has 3 children, and they, too, are loyal, active members of the church.

It would seem that New Light Free Will Baptist Church is a place where records are set. During the past 80 years, she has had only 3 pastors. The Reverend W. T. Wiley served the church for 52 years. Following his long tenure, the Reverend Daniel Pelt was pastor for 16 years. The present pastor Dr. Ralph Lightsey is in his thirteenth year of service.

There are at least 3 others in the church whose Sunday school attendance records span more than a quarter of a century without any absences. Will they break Sidney Paul's record?

**ABOUT THE WRITER:** Mr. Dodd is the author of the newly released book, "Marching Through Georgia," an historical account of the Free Will Baptists in that state. He is the pastor of New Home #1 Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia. ▲



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**newsfront**

## REVEREND L. R. ENNIS, DENOMINATIONAL PIONEER, LEAVES LEGACY AT AGE 81

GOLDSBORO, N.C.—The Rev. Lonnie R. Ennis—denominational leader, pastor, educator, and conference speaker—died of a stroke Wednesday, August 17, 1977, in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Brother Ennis was born October 19, 1895. He is survived by his wife Annie; 3 sons, Irving Ennis of Raleigh, Myron Ennis of Goldsboro, Charles Ennis of Martinez, Georgia; and one daughter, Mrs. Grace Allen of Wilmington.

Funeral services were conducted in Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro. Interment was at Willow Dale Cemetery.

Herman Hersey, director Board of Retirement and Insurance, preached a gospel message as requested by Brother Ennis. Free Will Baptist Bible College President Dr. L. C. Johnson eulogized Rev. Ennis' contribution to the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination:

"The Free Will Baptist denomination has lost a great leader. Brother L. R. Ennis pioneered in an educational movement which was greatly needed in our denomination. The Lord equipped him with a keen mind, and through education he acquired abilities that few men among us possessed. At a time when we needed educational vision and someone who could implement that vision, Brother Ennis conducted portable Bible institutes across our denomination. He built an interest in education which finally resulted in Free Will Baptist Bible

College's being established in Nashville, Tennessee.

"His organizational skills provided the foundation for our present day National Associational program. His vision in those days exceeded that of most of his brethren. Many times he was misunderstood, but he persevered until those of us who are living today are benefiting from his visions and from the organization which he developed. Surely the Lord knew we needed a man like L. R. Ennis in those formative years, and the Lord had him ready at such an hour."

L. R. Ennis stepped into a role of national prominence among Free Will Baptists in 1940. He preached the opening sermon at the 4th annual session of the National Association which met in Paintsville, Kentucky, that year. His message titled "Rivers of Living Waters" and taken from John 7:37-39 was considered a masterpiece.

Ennis was elected as the first executive secretary of the restless, newly organized denomination in 1940. He served in that standard-bearer position until 1943. With his office in Goldsboro, Rev. Ennis traveled many thousands of miles to promote denominational outreach. During part of that time he pastored 3 churches at once in addition to his extensive travels.

Brother Ennis championed education for ministers and laypersons alike. He conducted numerous Christian Workers Institutes in 1942-1944. His 1942 report to the national convention as





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executive secretary is noted for one terse summation of the work: "Doctrinally we are sound; financially we are poor; and educationally we are ignorant."

The denomination summoned L. R. Ennis to Nashville, Tennessee, in 1944. It was at this time that all his training secured at Moody Bible Institute and his diplomatic skills acquired as executive secretary were to be soundly tested, for he was appointed president of Free Will Baptist Bible College from 1944-1947. He led the institution in purchasing the Sword Building in 1945, the same year the college yearbook, *The Lumen*, was dedicated to him. He taught a variety of courses while at the college including English, Sunday School and Church Administration, Bible and others. Under his leadership FWBBC was incorporated in 1945.

Ennis remained a guiding voice in his native North Carolina because of his great spiritual strength and wisdom. He was pastoring 2 churches at his death.

Rev. George C. Lee, pastor Victory Free Will Baptist Church, caught something of the Ennis spirit when he wrote, "Reverend Ennis was a 20th century pioneer in the denomination he loved. He was a man of vision and resolute determination. He had a dream and worked unceasingly to make it come true."

Rev. E. E. Morris, pastor Chickasha Church, Chickasha,

Oklahoma, in a statement concerning L. R. Ennis called him "our beloved friend and coworker in the denominational enterprises of the National Association." He added:

"Brother Ennis was a man who cared. He cared about progress of the denomination and has shown it in his endeavors to promote this work.

"In our last conversation he asked, 'What do you think about the future of our denomination and the preachers that are coming on?' His concern was that our preachers should preach Free Will Baptist doctrines and that they would promote the cause which he had lived for and which had become a big part of his life.

"I personally will miss him in conference work, but he left here for a better home and a better country. As far as I am concerned, he ran the race with patience and won the crown of life. And that is the goal everyone should have. My statement is he cared."

## CHURCHES MERGE IN MICHIGAN

ADRIAN, MI—As a result of a May 22 consolidation, the congregations of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church and the Adrian Free Will Baptist Church now worship together as one body. Prior to the May merger Adrian, Michigan, had 2 small, struggling Free Will Baptist congregations.

Rev. Allen Presley is the full-time pastor of this self-supporting church. The group averages 85 in Sunday school now with a high of 140 for the preaching service. According to Pastor Presley, "We have a nice building with 10 acres. The first Sunday we had 4 saved, and since then more have been saved and have joined the church."

The name of the new church in this Michigan city is First Free Will Baptist Church of Adrian.

## TENNESSEE PASTOR CELEBRATES 25 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

NASHVILLE, TN—He didn't become suspicious until his daughters sang one of his favorite songs, declared Rev. Eugene Waddell. But even then the people of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, surprised their pastor on August 28 with a "This Is Your Ministry" tribute in honor of his 25 years in the ministry.

It was August 30, 1952, when Robert Eugene Waddell was ordained as a minister in Hollis Plains Church near Kenly, North Carolina. He had been converted at 17 under the preaching of evangelist Oliver Greene. During a prayer service while he was attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, he answered the call to preach.

After his graduation in May, 1954, he pastored in South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. For almost 13 years Waddell has ministered to Coferites. Because of this faithful service, they plotted to catch their pastor off guard and help him celebrate his anniversary.

Perhaps the most successful surprise that Sunday night was the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Waddell, Eugene's parents. Joining his family in the celebration were other friends from his youth and college days. Herman Hersey, who organized the Garner, North Carolina, church where Waddell pastored, was on hand to relate incidents from that early pastorate.

Cofer's Chapel deacons Jack Nicholson and Wayne Spruill presented a memory book of letters written by friends and church members who wanted to say, "Thanks." Dan Cronk, member of the Foreign Missions Board, expressed the appreciation of the board and missionaries for Waddell's 18 years of service as a fellow member. Waddell's interest in missions dates to his early Christian experience and was intensified when he earned a master's degree with a major in missions from Columbia Bible College.



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As an example of many who have been converted during Rev. Waddell's ministry, Bert Tippet, director of publications at FWBBC, related his testimony of salvation and service to God. The prayer of dedication by Dr. Robert Picirilli climaxed the spiritual service.

Winding up the whole celebration in a generous spirit, deacon Jack Trotter on behalf of the congregation presented Pastor Waddell with a check for over \$900. The check and reception following the service were just tokens of their gratitude for their pastor's love, compassion and concern for his people.

**Avoid that  
Last-Minute  
Christmas Rush!**  
**SHOP EARLY!**  
See pages 16 & 17.

## **\$500,000 BUDGET VOTED IN ARKANSAS MEETING**

CONWAY, AR—Delegates to the 80th session of Arkansas State Association endorsed an operating budget exceeding one-half million dollars for the fiscal year 1977-78. Meeting August 16-18 at Camp Beaverfork near Conway, 489 registered for the 3-day gathering. Promotional Secretary David Joslin projected a \$1 million budget within 3 years for state and national expenditures.

Strong preaching dominated this year's agenda. Four speakers expounded the association theme, "I Will Build My Church." Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, former national moderator, delivered an introductory sermon, "The Marks of the Church." Pastor Bob Shepherd, Victory Church, Springdale, declared "The Message of the Church." Keynote speaker Ben Scott, First Church, North Little Rock, highlighted the Wednesday night service with "The Ministry of the Church." The concluding messenger was Phil Ange, First Church, Newport. He presented "The Mission of the Church."

During business sessions delegates approved a \$125,000 proposal by the state CTS Board to

consolidate 2 camp facilities' loans totaling \$77,000, borrow enough money to build a house on the property, and hire a full-time camp director/caretaker. Jim Purcell of Muldrow, Oklahoma, was selected for the new position. In other action a move to institute a "general board" concept into the Arkansas government met with overwhelming defeat. The voting body validated a constitutional change that calls for the annual state meeting to convene on Tuesday following the second Sunday in August.

Elected to 5-year board terms were Roy L. Thompson (Missions), Bob Shepherd (Executive), Tommy Joe Henderson (Sunday School), Bob Followwill (CTS) and Steve Trail (Christian Education). Rupert Pixley is to complete an unexpired 4-year term on the Executive Board.

The Wednesday evening crowd gave a \$1,085 missionary offering. Pastor Ronnie Blanks, Arkadelphia, was cited for outstanding work by the Missions Board and awarded a plaque. The entire state meeting stood to salute Rupert Pixley's 23-years service with the CTS Board. Resolutions commending Anita Bryant, informing delegates about



## **MISSOURI CHURCH ORGANIZED**

DEXTER, MO — Thirty-two charter members organized the Free Will Baptist church in Dexter in July, 1977. The organizational move came barely 2 months after founder Rev. Robert Carter rented an old store building in Dexter and began pounding the streets looking for converts.

The first Sunday Brother Carter was in Dexter, 16 people gathered for services. Since then the group has averaged 25 every Sunday service. Worshipers are no longer able to fit comfortably into the rented store building. Larger facilities are a must.

The infant church is already participating in the denomination's Co-operative Plan. Pastor Carter, formerly of Oklahoma and Arkansas, has invested 20 years in the ministry.





local option referendums on liquor traffic, and denouncing the charismatic movement swept through on the final day.

State officers for 1977-78 are Moderator Carl Cheshier (Fort Smith), Assistant Moderator George Ritter (Pocahontas), Clerk Wendell Leckbee (North Little Rock), Assistant Clerk Gero Harvey (Warren).

The 23rd session of Arkansas Woman's Auxiliary met in conjunction with the state association. Officials reported 911 members in 49 auxiliaries. State Master's Men heard Keith Kenemer address 95 at a Wednesday afternoon banquet. This group is pursuing a \$5,000 project in 1978. Funds will go to Project Tool Shed, Project Book Shelf, National Laymen outreach, and Arkansas missions.

### CHURCH ENVELOPE SERVICE AVAILABLE

CHESTER, WV—Pastors across the denomination recently received a mailing from the Sunday School Department which promoted the Free Will Baptist Envelope Service in Chester, West Virginia. Mailings from the West Virginia based organization will be made throughout the denomination with the sanction and approval of the Sunday School Department.

The Free Will Baptist Envelope Service offers a variety of assistance to local churches. Printing needs ranging from pledge cards to special offering envelopes to pew envelopes are all available at great savings. The envelope service does imprinting, provides forms for church contributions, stocks binders for double forms, has metal file cabinets available, and specializes in bulk printed envelopes.

Free Will Baptist Envelope Service may be contacted at Box 269, Chester, West Virginia 26034. The telephone number is 304/387-2630.

### LARRY HAMPTON NAMED CTS EDITOR



NASHVILLE, TN—Rev. Larry D. Hampton has been employed by the Board of Church Training Service as editor of all publications. Hampton, a 1969 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, holds a master of religious education degree from Covenant Theological Seminary (1972) and a master's degree in Christian Ministries from Wheaton College (1977).

Mr. Hampton was an instructor at California Christian College from 1972-1975. During that time he also served for 2 years as minister of education at Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Fresno. Hampton has pastored briefly in Texas.

Rev. Hampton is married to the former Kay McCain of Ashland, Kentucky. The couple have 2 children, Mark (6) and Allysa (6 months). The Hamptons moved to Nashville, August 1.

### FIRST CHURCH IN STATE OF DELAWARE CONDUCTS DEDICATION SERVICE

NEW CASTLE, DE—More than 100 Free Will Baptists from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia drove into New Castle, Delaware, Sunday, August 28, for a 2-hour dedication service at First Free Will Baptist Church. Two years ago in August, 1975, Pastor Vergel Maness moved into the New Castle area to begin a Free Will Baptist church.

The 40 member congregation has now built an 80' x 36' sanctuary with a full basement. The basement contains 4 classrooms, rest room facilities and a large fellowship hall. Adjacent to the church is a 10-room parsonage which was purchased for \$24,000. Both buildings are located at 407 Moore's Lane in New Castle.

The dedication weekend was begun by a Saturday night Free Will Baptist singing at the church. Rev. Dewey Lockee, pastor of Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Willow Grove, New Jersey, initiated formal dedication procedures with Scripture reading and prayer. Missionary pastor Maness then presented the keys to the building to Mr. Amos Pratt, member of the New Castle

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### PASTOR PROMOTED

POCAHONTAS, AR—Dr. Ernest M. Kennedy, age 72, of Pocahontas, Arkansas, passed away June 24, 1977, in the Randolph County Hospital. He was born January 11, 1905, in Hackleburg, Alabama. He married Orela Scott of Hackleburg, and to this union one son was born who died at the age of 13 months.

Brother Kennedy was pastor of O'Kean Free Will Baptist Church, O'Kean, Arkansas, at the time of his death. Brother Ernest Kennedy was called to preach early in life and began immediately conducting revivals in schoolhouses and brush arbors. He was not only a preacher but also a teacher, musician and administrator. He traveled extensively, more than 1/4 million miles, in preaching the good news of Jesus Christ.

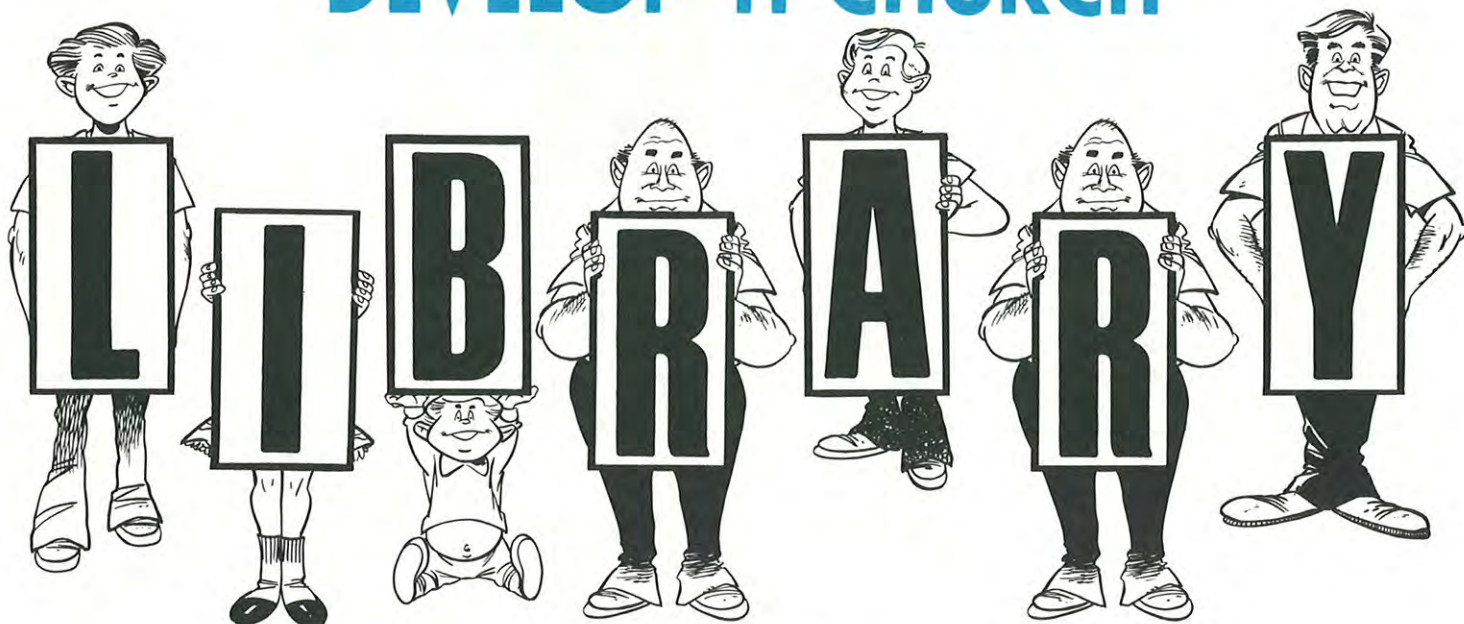
Ernest Kennedy started 22 churches. He served as the first full-time promotional secretary for the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Brother Kennedy's ministry was brought to a joyous conclusion while serving the O'Kean Church during the last 3 years of his life. The church experienced great revival that was far reaching in the surrounding countryside. More than 87 decisions were made during this time of revival. His well-rounded ministry found success among the young, the middle aged and the old.

After preaching his last sermon from Isaiah 35:8-10 entitled "The Road to the City," he closed the services by praising God and stating, "It won't be very long until I will soon be there."



# HOW TO BEGIN AND DEVELOP A CHURCH



By Dan Farmer

**W**hy have a church library? Why go to the trouble and expense of setting up a library properly even if a church decides to start one?

Many churches have libraries of sorts, but it is evident they were not properly planned and organized. The usual result is that somewhere in the church is a shelf with a few books, many of which were donated (or discarded) by people of the church.

Every church needs a library to provide the tools and resources for an adequate program within the church and to provide helps for Christian living and witnessing for individual members. The library should provide (1) tools for training workers; (2) resources for teaching and learning, including materials such as books, pamphlets and articles; and (3) audiovisuals, including filmstrips, slides, maps, recordings and the equipment to use the audiovisuals.

The church has a responsibility to help the teacher learn to do his job effectively and to help individual members with aids, such as books designed to help Christians grow in grace. Also, the church has a responsibility to minister to families.

This is a vital ministry because TV is negatively influencing moral standards and because many are drifting away from biblical views on marriage, sex and family relationships.

Sunday school teachers, Church Training Service leaders, and any Christian can profit by using a good church library. A church that fails to provide instructional materials through a library is making a mistake.

## Developing Goals

Materials are available on how to begin a library. *Successful Church Libraries* by Elmer L. Towns and Cyril J. Barber contains a wealth of information ranging from selecting a librarian to suggesting basic books. This book lists 100 paperbacks for the new church library.

A step-by-step program is given in *The Church Library Development Plan, Stages 1 and 2* (for the small library) and *Stage 3*. The series is published by Broadman Press, Nashville. *Stages 1 and 2* sell for \$2.95, and *Stage 3* is \$4.50. They can be ordered through a Free Will Baptist bookstore.

*Stages 1 and 2* covers topics such as how to start a church

library; how to prepare books, vertical file material, audiovisuals, records and cassette tapes; how to repair books; and how to promote the use of library materials.

*Successful Church Libraries* and *Stages 1 and 2*, and *Stage 3* all have suggested books already classified, but the first book has an excellent subject guide to aid understanding of the Dewey Decimal Classification System. Or the 200 section of the system can be purchased from Broadman for \$2.95.

It takes time and is difficult to properly classify books, but if a church plans to have a library of any size, someone will need to do this. These source books are very helpful in the classification of books. If the church does not plan a large library, a classification system can be devised for general subjects, such as biography, fiction (divided according to reader age), and religion. Religion can be subdivided as follows: general works (Bible survey, concordances, dictionaries, etc.), helps (commentaries), devotional, doctrinal, cults, evangelism, Sunday school, and others.

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# SIN CHALLENGES THE CHURCH

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**Part 1 of a series probing the organization that teaches  
holy living but is contaminated by unholy practices**

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By Leroy Forlines

**T**he church is in the ministry of redemption. Redemption begins with a need and moves toward a goal. The need prompting redemption is sin. Sin involves guilt and condemnation. A holy God must judge sin. Sin also involves depravity. Depravity is that power at work in people which leads them into the pathway of sin and ruin.

The aim of redemption is forgiveness of sins and transformation of lives into Christ's likeness. The likeness of Christ involves living by Christian values.

Conversion makes a marked change in people's lives, but it does not usher the person into a state of sinlessness. This means that while the church stands for righteousness, it is not free from sin. Another factor opening the way for sin to enter the church is that not all people who make professions of faith and join the church have been saved. This means that sin finds its way into the church.

Such has always been true. The early church had its problems with sin as is well evidenced by the church at Corinth (I Corinthians 5:1-13). Our day seems to be facing us with an increased sin problem in the church. This article begins a series dealing with sin in the church.

The attitudes and actions Christians take in life must be patterned after God. In God's relationship to sin and the sinner, 2 distinct attitudes and paths of action emerge. These are judgment and redemp-

tion. Judgment issues from God's holiness. Redemption issues from God's love.

On the surface some have thought that judgment and redemption are contradictory. They feel that if God judges, He cannot redeem. If He redeems, it appears that He cannot judge. To these it seems that holiness and love cannot be preserved each in its full integrity. Based on this type of thinking, liberalism has a view of love that so weakens the holiness of God that it has no serious view of judgment. Liberalism denies the doctrine of an eternal hell and ends up with Universalism, which offers eternal life to everybody.

Such a view must be rejected. We must take seriously what God says about redemption (John 3:16,18,36; Romans 5:7,8; 8:1; and many others). At the same time we must take seriously what God says about judgment (Genesis 2:17; Romans 1:18; 3:19,20; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:8; and many others).

There is no contradiction between judgment and redemption. However, we must go beyond surface thinking to avoid such a conclusion. God's holiness demanded that sin be punished. God's love desired to save man.

The harmony of holiness and love that protects the full integrity of both holiness and love is seen in the Christian doctrine of atonement. The wisdom of God worked out a plan in which both holiness and love are satisfied. The love of God provided atonement through Jesus

Christ. Jesus Christ fully satisfied the holiness of God. Sin was fully judged at the cross. Jesus Christ suffered the full wrath of God for our sin (Isaiah 53:6; I Peter 2:24; Galatians 3:13; Romans 8:3).

Jesus Christ also lived a completely righteous life and satisfied the law's demand for righteousness (II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:21,22; Philippians 3:9). The redemption offer of God rests solidly on a full satisfaction of the holiness of God. Thus we see that there is no contradiction between judgment and redemption.

In dealing with sin in the church, we must take an uncompromising attitude *for* righteousness and *against* sin. At the same time we must be concerned that the ministry of redemption be fulfilled in the one who has sinned. It is not always easy to minister both the message of law and judgment and the message of redemption to the same person, but we must spare no reasonable effort to bring both messages to bear on those in the church who have sinned.

This may not appear to be too difficult until we think about some specific situations that may arise. For instance, how would we apply both the message of judgment and redemption to one who has mishandled money in the church? What about immorality? What about divorce or divorce and remarriage? These and other issues will be brought under the scrutiny of judgment and redemption in forthcoming installments. ▲



## THEOLOGICAL TRENDS AND ISSUES

Monday afternoon at the national convention 65 people spent an hour with Ralph Hampton, professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, and heard the educator cite the emergence of evangelicals as a major factor in American life and politics. Hampton pointed out that evangelicals, whose ranks are torn with division, have missed out on an opportunity to exert a profound influence on the American public and private morality.

According to Hampton, the most crucial issue of the day is the battle for the Bible. Many evangelicals are opting for a Bible that is only trustworthy when it speaks about salvation matters. The issue has split denominations and will divide other groups in the days ahead. A significant development in recent years has been the appearance of the evangelical left. Though not a formal movement as such, this group eagerly seeks approval academically from liberals, freely embraces the theories of science and biblical criticism, emphasizes the social aspects of the Gospel, and decries what they call fundamentalist, legalistic taboos.

## PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY CAN BE EXCITING

Pastor Randy Cox, First Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, discovered a very responsive audience in his seminar as he prodded listeners to walk through their Bibles.

Cox said, "We must know what God says before we can be what He designs and do what He desires. Only a faithful walk through God's 66-room mansion, the Bible, can supply this." He cited the believer's need for an appetite for the Word and declared the Bible was the believer's spiritual food, his faith builder, his source of joy and fervency.

The North Carolina pastor urged novice Bible readers to begin in the Gospel of John. Listeners were urged to continue reading with Philippians, I John, I Corinthians, the Synoptic Gospels, Acts, Romans and the Epistles. Intermittent Old



Testament reading was encouraged. He counseled Christians to begin their study time with prayer, to study daily, to study with a will to change as God taught them, to write down what they learned each day, and to tell someone else what they had discovered.

## THE DYNAMICS OF A GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL

More than 275 conventioners poured into Cobo Hall's Ballroom B on Tuesday morning of the national convention to hear a 5-man symposium discuss the Sunday school. Dr. Joe Ange of Free Will Baptist Bible College moderated the 2-1/2 hour session.

Ange concluded that since 4 out of 5 Sunday schools in America are not growing, it is necessary that pastors and Sunday school leaders learn how to make the Sunday school a powerful influence in winning souls and building great churches. Pastor James McAllister, Farmington, Missouri, discussed proper organization if the Sunday school is to grow. He scored the pastor as leader and primarily responsible but soon zeroed in on required restructuring of classes and departments to keep pace with growth.

Teacher training, enlistment and the role of a properly organized Bible institute were discussed by Dr. Roger C. Reeds, director of the Sunday School Department. Pastor Gene Parisher emphasized visitation and soul winning as keys

to local church success. Maintaining accurate records of contacts bolsters this program. The successful bus ministry of Claude Hames, Bakersfield, California, was introduced as a driving force to promote and sustain church growth. Children's church worker Ed Greene, First Free Will Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia, demonstrated how to do it in the children's church ministry.

## HOW TO GET YOUR CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Bert Tippet, director of publications at Free Will Baptist Bible College, led 25 conventioners in discovering the potential of newspaper coverage for local church events. Much of the hour was spent discussing the preparation of news articles for local papers.

The seminar began with suggestions for laying a proper groundwork, such as getting to know the editor and schedule of the local paper. From there the discussion moved to various areas of potential news in the church including straight news coverage of pastoral changes, revivals and other events as well as human interest stories. The seminar included suggestions for improving church bulletins and newsletters, and recommendations for the effective use of photography in a church communication program.

## CONTEMPORARY CULTS

Two college presidents, Dr. Wade Jernigan, California Christian College, and Bill Jones, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, formed a teaching team on Tuesday morning of the convention to expose the errors of Mormonism and Spiritism. Some 80 listeners heard Jones and Jernigan trace the twisting patterns of these cults in recent years. Several stayed to ask questions after the seminar was concluded.

Jones observed that the occult has mushroomed in popularity over the past 2 decades. Books and magazine articles seem to mirror the fact that nearly every newspaper in the country carries a column on astrology. Movies and TV programs are exploiting public interest by featuring ghosts, goblins and magic. He



cited that Spiritism invites the gullible to participate in a seance or "harmless fun game like Tarot cards or table tapping." But after the hook is swallowed, what appeared to be a childish game actually becomes a frightening religion.

Jernigan warned that Mormon membership has increased from 1.6 million in 1960 to more than 3 million in 1977. This is a direct result of the missionary stress. Young Mormons are asked to embark on a 2-year program of door knocking and proselyting. He said, "The blight of this notorious rampage leaves the doctrine's victimized believers and curious students of the LDS in a maze of tangled origins, beliefs and history." LDS in this case stands for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints or the Mormons. The Salt Lake City based movement springs from 2 men, Jospeh Smith Jr. and Brigham Young. Mormon doctrines are extracted not only from the Bible but also from the *Book of Mormon* and 2 of Smith's writings, *The Pearl of Great Price* and *Doctrine and Covenants*.

### THE PASTOR'S PREACHING PROGRAM

Georgia pastor Dr. Melvin Worthington shared his personal preaching philosophy with 125 convention guests. Worthington insisted that any successful philosophy must deal specifically with the pastor, the pastor's preaching and the program of the church. He called for variety and insisted, "We have 3 services. Plan what you will do in each service. All should not be the same. People need to know what we are doing and where we are going."

The pastor must be a man whose personal credentials can be validated by I Timothy 3:1-6. He must have a sense of being both shepherd and bishop to his flock. Worthington noted very little difference in preaching and teaching so far as content and material were concerned. He declared that both preaching and teaching should deal with intellect; that is facts, emotions, feeling, and volition or will. Lack of planning, prayer and perception in the sermons that are delivered are real danger signs.

The pastor must have deeply en-

trenched study procedure habits. He must approach the Scriptures honestly with a hungry attitude. Worthington called for a balanced reading program, not only in the Scriptures themselves but also in theology, commentaries, devotional reading. He called for strict discipline of the preacher in order to present attractive, powerful messages regularly.

### EFFECTIVE LESSON PREPARATION

"There is a crying need among our people for trained teachers to provide the know-how for week by week lesson preparation. A perpetual training program in training curricula is vital to the local church to satisfy this need," challenged Leroy Scudder, regional manager and Christian education consultant for Scripture Press Publishers.

Scudder, a member of Randall Memorial Church, Memphis, Tennessee, suggested that the teacher preview his lesson for Sunday early in the week and make notes from the week's experiences. He suggested that no later than Wednesday should be a deadline for beginning actual study and research of materials for Sunday's lesson. The teacher should attempt to use a variety of methods in presentation not just a straight lecture method.

If a story is to be told, the teacher familiarizes himself with the story until he can actually tell it rather than read it. A teaching responsibility is not one to be taken lightly.

### DAY SCHOOL MOVEMENT

"Why Christian Day Schools?" This is the question Ralph Rice, principal of the Accelerated Christian Education Lab School in Lewisville, Texas, answered in his second seminar offered during the national convention.

Rice listed 2 reasons for Christian Day Schools. First, government education is wrong. Not only are the curriculum and philosophy wrong but also the leadership. Second, the Bible requires righteous teachers to train children in principles of righteousness.

### REACHING YOUTH SEMINAR

"Reaching Youth at Various Age Levels" was one of the seminars conducted by Ralph Rice of Accelerated Christian Education. Rice, a Free Will Baptist, has served churches in Michigan, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Rice emphasized a positive attitude in working with youth. "Success comes in cans not can'ts." He also stressed that *pupils* are to be taught not lesson material. "A teacher's major responsibility is to transmit the Word of God so that the pupil is transformed."

### BUILDING A CHOIR

Chuck Ohman led an educational seminar entitled "Developing a Church Choir." His 21 years of experience as a minister of music in the same church lent credence to his presentation.

Ohman listed 5 ingredients in a successful choir: a competent director, skillful accompanists, a broad repertoire, dedicated people of average talent, and the blessing of God. ("Faithfulness outweighs talent.") He also shared the "Ten Commandments for Choir Members."

The handful at the seminar heard several practical suggestions. Because many who were interested in this subject were involved as judges in the Music and Arts Festival, attendance was low.

Ohman urged choir directors to expose choir members to fine musicians. He also stated that directors should encourage choir members to study voice.

### FAMILY CONFLICTS

Biblical, practical, workable—these are a few of the terms which might be used to describe the seminar, "Resolving Conflicts in the Home." Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Winkle drew on scriptural teaching and personal experience to share with the concerned Christians in attendance.

A few comments from Dr. Winkle demonstrate the seminar's value. "Conflicts arise because of variations of anger. One must learn to ask, 'Why am I angry?' When disciplining your child, tell him, 'God holds me responsible for you.'



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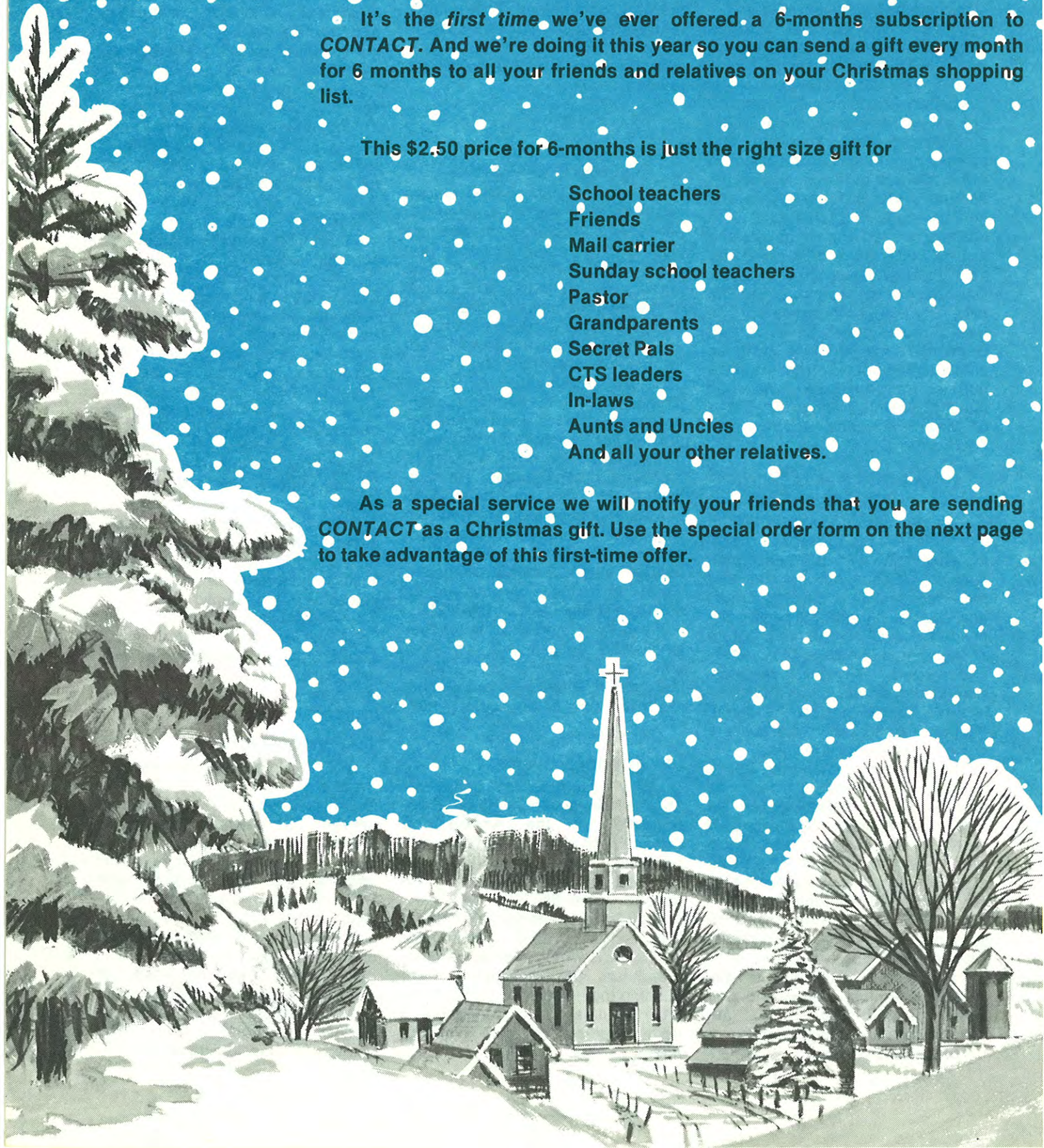
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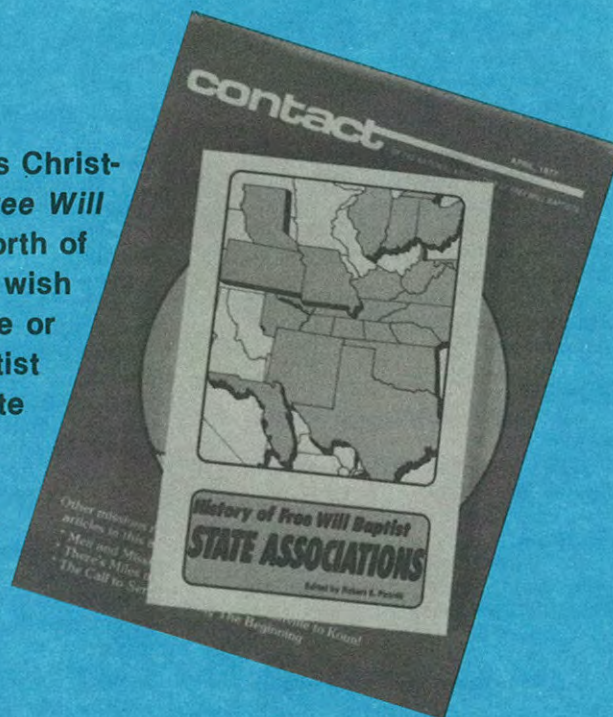


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## PASTORAL CHANGES

### ARIZONA

Benny Burrow to Northside Church, Phoenix, from First Church, Globe

### ARKANSAS

Johnnie Hale to Elnora Church, Walnut Ridge

Mack Williams to Fairview Church, Warren

### CALIFORNIA

Vernon E. Gunnels Jr. to Pleasant Hill Church, Pleasant Hill, from American Church, Selma

Robert Riddle to Baldwin Park Church, Baldwin Park, from First Church, Salinas

Wilburn Clark to Princeton Church, Ontario, from Baldwin Park Church, Baldwin Park

### FLORIDA

Tim Young to First Church, Panama City

Odus Whitehead to Damascus Church, Marianna

### GEORGIA

Jim Ward to Glenville Church, Glenville, from Rock Springs Church, Charlotte, Tennessee.

### ILLINOIS

Guy Terry to Webb's Prairie Church, Ewing

Leo Potete to People's Church, Justice

### MISSISSIPPI

Floyd Barber to Little Brown Church, New Site, from First Church, Owensboro, Kentucky

### MISSOURI

Johnnie James to Gray Summit Mission, Gray Summit

### NORTH CAROLINA

Ted Reynolds to Parker's Chapel Church, Greenville, from Harriett Memorial Church, Caroleen

Tom Rolen to Stacy Church, Stacy, from Living Waters Church, Bethel

Albert J. Bell to First Church, Shelby, from Faith Church, Greensboro

Sherman Branch to Living Hope Church, Gastonia

D. Terry Hardison to West Craven Church, New Bern

### OKLAHOMA

J. R. Proctor to North McAlester Church, McAlester

Everett Keiffer to Blue Bell Church, Sapulpa

Meryl Erickson to First Church, Sulphur, from Concord Church, Concord, California

Herbert Wilkerson to Straight Street Church, Norman

Harvey Acquire to Mineral Springs Church, Muldrow, from Midway Church, Healdton

### OTHER PERSONNEL

#### FLORIDA

J. R. Overman to Salem Bible College, Salem

Bill Johnson to Salem Bible College Salem from First Church, Clovis, California

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Larry Monday to College Lakes Church, Fayetteville, as assistant pastor

#### TENNESSEE

Larry Hampton to Church Training Service Department, Nashville, Tennessee, as curriculum editor

#### VIRGINIA

Lonnie Skiles to Gateway Bible College, Norfolk, from Blue Point Church, Cisne, Illinois

materials (J), youth (Y), fiction (F), biographies (B), as well as reference materials, such as Bible dictionary (Davis or Zondervan suggested), concordances (Strong's or Young's), one-volume and multi-volume commentaries (*The New Bible Commentary* and *Barnes Notes*).

We have all the books published by Randall House and the Commission on Theological Liberalism and other Free Will Baptist writers. We have most of the ETTA course books, many of which have been taught here. Additional copies are in the library. We have over 40 books on Sunday school which range from administration to teaching methods for each age group.

Our library contains many recent books on the home, marriage and the family, along with missionary biographies and stories. It includes classics as well, such as books by Andrew Murray, F. B. Meyer and others. We have young people's books including the Paul White *Jungle Doctor* series and the *Danny Orlis* series by Bernard Palmer. A book by Paul White is classified J, and the first 2 letters *Wh* for the author's last name are placed underneath. The book is then put on the shelf in alphabetical order of titles.

Many good books on evangelism are also available today. A careful selection of the latest books will help members stay interested in reading, and they will learn they can read a book without having to buy it.

Having so many children's books in our library may be why children use our church library most. They are followed secondly by women who read devotional and inspirational books. Several Sunday school teachers use the library regularly for additional resources and teaching aids.

As audiovisuals, cassettes and records are added, the library will be able to minister to even more people. We are presently cataloging filmstrips and cassettes into our library. The filmstrips are used in the children's and junior churches but could be used anytime by teachers. Our library has filmstrips by Moody and Scripture Press dealing with Bible lands and cities and

## CHURCH LIBRARY

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should be a definite plan with established goals as to size and service. After an initial purchase of supplies and a few books, we at First Free Will Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, have in 5 years built a library of nearly 600 volumes with a budget of \$10 per month.

Free Will Baptist area bookstores which supply Sunday school materials should be able to give information about *A Kit of Church Library Supplies*, which includes many of the things needed to start a library and sells for \$23.95. The smaller library would not need several

items, and it might be better to order these separately. The following items are essential: an accession book and sheets for it, book cards, pockets, date-due slips, electric pencil, transfer paper and a rubber stamp bearing the name of the church library. *Successful Church Libraries* lists major book publishers and library supply and equipment companies where these supplies can be purchased.

## Selecting Resources

A church library should contain whatever can best minister to the local church people's needs. The library in First Church, Moore contains books for children (classified simply C), junior age books and



# Saved and Single in Seventy-Seven

By Connie Bomar

Judging from the surface of Christian pools of thought, it would appear that everyone is deeply concerned about my needs; i.e., the needs which stem from being a single young person. Major works have discussed my classification and studied the habits, thought patterns and goals of today's single. Endless data has fallen into the hands of distraught pastors, Sunday school teachers and parents. All of it claims a systemized, surefire way to understand what it is that makes us tick.

Remembering my Christian education classes at California Christian College, I seem to recall some oversimplified definitions which allegedly characterize the preschooler. There are the "terrible twos" and the "trusting threes," followed by those "frustrating fours." According to a few scattered pieces of evidence, those frustrating 4-year-olds become frustrated singles! These cute definitions may be applicable to preschoolers, but pushing the single young woman—or any adult for that matter—into a stratified class is useless. To say that we are "all alike" is true in one area only: our need for Christ.

"Fellow" single girls, you need

not look far to find a space in the local church. We have the ideal opportunity. Being able to focus our efforts in one area allows us freedom from the burden and responsibility of divided interests. This is why Paul the Apostle advised the singles to remain as they were.

However, a predictable crisis faces the youth who chooses the single life. Gail Sheehy's book, *Passages*, examines the 20's, and describes them as a time which confronts the individual with the question of how to take hold of the adult world. Shaping dreams and preparing for a lifework also present themselves as objective goals.

Choosing to keep the options open by remaining single is becoming widely accepted by most of today's society. However, refusing to trade self-determination for marriage or simply waiting for God's own good time has been and still is viewed as a secondary life-style in the eyes of many Christians. The unfortunate consequences reveal themselves in the total church program. "What do we do with them?" church leaders ponder. "Why have they never married?"

I'm single and saved in '77. A quick overview of the youth popu-

lace of Free Will Baptists would no doubt reveal that there are many of us. Each must determine within herself to live abundantly because Jesus has made that provision of abundant life for us as well. Our marital status should not be viewed as an unfortunate predicament. What I am is a result of factors both within my grasp and beyond my reach. God has presented me not with a predicament, but with a potential paradise known as a lifetime.

We have the room we need to expand ourselves and meet our potential. We have a denomination and a faith which is striving to meet the task at hand. What we as single adults have to offer is essential to this cause. Many of us have careers or college to back our efforts. Let's use our talents.

We are women. Some have been blessed with families; others, with other options. There is really no division between us, for that potential paradise awaits us all!

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missionary stories.

The filmstrip projector (as well as all equipment) should be kept in the library and checked out for use. In large churches with frequent use of equipment, a calendar listing when equipment is to be used and by whom would be helpful. Various companies have sets of posters to inform and publicize library resources. This is an excellent manner in which to build your number of library users. By determining the users and readers or borrowers, the church can soon know what type of books and other

resources to buy.

## Putting It All Together

A church library, regardless of size, must be properly organized. A church should vote in conference to set up a library, therefore, causing the members to feel responsible for it and its expense. A librarian should be appointed or elected. Someone who has had some experience would be valuable.

After the church has allocated \$100 or more to launch the church library, a designated amount should be budgeted monthly, even if books

are not bought every month. Individuals should be encouraged to buy books as memorial gifts on birthdays. Arrangements can be made with a Christian bookstore to bring a display to the church. Then members will buy books they would like to read as a donation to the library. A book "shower" could provide several books, too.

A donated book must be properly identified by placing the donor's name on a bookplate in the book.

Basically, the steps necessary to

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# PROMISES, PROMISES:

## Discount Music and Hard Work



**Q.** Dr. Hampton, what is the purpose of the Free Will Baptist Music Ministries?

**A.** I would say the purpose is 2 fold. One purpose is to furnish a vehicle for communication and fellowship among those who are interested in promoting and directing church music on the local level. The other purpose is as a service organization for directors of music to give them an opportunity to buy music at a 20

percent discount.

**Q.** Who can be a member of Music Ministries?

**A.** Anyone can be a member for \$5 per year. We have a target population of directors or ministers of music for personal membership, but we exclude no one. So we ask pastors, lay persons, missionaries, and other interested parties to join. The membership rate for entire choirs is \$25. A few choirs have joined, but generally our memberships are individuals.

**Q.** What would be the benefit of an entire choir belonging?

**A.** The idea is to give choir members an opportunity to get mailings sent out by music ministries. We try to maintain 2 publications. One entitled "Cora'tone" is for all members of Music Ministries. "Cora'tone" goes out on a bi-monthly schedule—when it is on schedule.

We try to cover interesting aspects of music. For the last several months I have written the column, "From the Hymnal." This was previously written by Abe

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*Dr. Charles Hampton, president,  
outlines projected goals  
for Free Will Baptist  
Music Ministries. . . .*

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Baerg. We go through the *Free Will Baptist Hymnal* and give a brief background on a certain hymn, such as how it came to be written and something about the author. Many other features are special interest articles by guest writers. There generally will be one editorial.

Another publication, "Reasons to Sing," is done by Blaine Hughes and is primarily for choir directors. This sheet helps the director know what might be done in the way of special music and how to arrange his own special music. Advice from a Free Will Baptist to Free Will Baptists is very helpful.

**Q.** *Is there a charge for any of the publications, or are they sent free to anyone who wants them?*

**A.** As you know, mailing is expensive. Even on a small scale it runs into money. Therefore, the answer is no; we do not send out free literature. We are glad to respond to inquiries. We send out and share by any means we can public relations information. But the regular publications are directed to our members. Of course, the price is included in the membership fee.

**Q.** *You mentioned earlier that members could receive music at a discount. Is this limited to members only, and then where do they order the music?*

**A.** All of our music is ordered through the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department. They are the purchasing agent and handle the paperwork. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. Members may phone in orders or send in order blanks that we have prepared. The Sunday School Department needs 2 to 3 weeks to process music orders.

Of course, we can't give this discount to just anybody who wants to order music, but only to members. It generally works in the following fashion. The local choir director or minister of music either belongs individually or with his choir. In either case he has paid the subscription rate, which gives him the privilege of ordering music at a discount. After he places his order, the Sunday School Department forwards the order to the right




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publisher or publishers. When the order is received back at the Sunday School Department, it is sent to the name listed with the order.

**Q.** *Does the 20 percent discount apply to publications from every music publisher or specific ones?*

**A.** I don't know of a publisher that does not give us a discount. But members who place orders ought to understand that if a publisher does not give us a discount, then in turn we cannot give one.

**Q.** *How many members does the Free Will Baptist Music Ministries organization have?*

**A.** Presently, my records show 11 group (church or choir) memberships and 59 individual memberships. Without knowing how many members are in each choir, any exact numbering is impossible. Perhaps 200-250 people are associated with the work.

**Q.** *Dr. Hampton, you are the newly elected president of this organization. What do you see as your primary responsibilities other than presiding at the fellowship's meetings at the National Association?*

**A.** I think one of my primary responsibilities is a public relations obligation. I will be trying to acquaint folk with the organization and sharing with ministers of music and pastors what the organization might be able to do for the local church.

**Q.** *Who are the other officers of the organization?*

**A.** G. W. Harris, minister of music and youth at First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi, is our vice-president. Mary Neal, song director at the First Bible Free Will Baptist Church, Newcastle, Indiana, is secretary-treasurer. We also have committees for planning the national program and other special assignments.

**Q.** *To what extent does the organization seek to promote some kind of fellowship at the national level?*

**A.** We have several opportunities to get together. Our primary means is a breakfast held during the national convention in July. We have taken our hint from others who have made very good use of such meal gatherings. We have tried to plan a meal when it did not conflict with too many other programs. The last several years we have scheduled a breakfast at which we conduct business and enjoy fellowship and a program.

In addition to this we offer input in the programs of the national convention by furnishing judges for the National Youth Conference competition and by having some of our members direct music in the convention itself as well as in the NYC, WNAC, etc. We try to share our talents.

I believe that most of the participants in music at the national convention have come from Music Ministries, but not officially. These folk have been worked into the program on a personal basis because of their known abilities in given areas. We would like to think that as an organization we might logically have an input into the national convention in the future. We don't want to control the music or anything else. We want to be helpful in setting





## DISCOUNT MUSIC AND HARD WORK (Cont. from page 21)

up and organizing the music in a way we haven't done before.

**Q.** Does your organization intend to furnish a directory or reservoir whereby pastors needing music personnel could contact individuals?

**A.** Present plans have not called for us to do it, but I think it is a good idea. The idea was given a shot in the arm at the National Association this year. I do not know who was responsible, but I noticed a posted list giving vacancies and persons available for pastorates. I see no reason why we can't include a listing for other ministers of the church.

We feel we can help the local church. Just as we don't want to control music at the National Association, we don't want to take the idea that we are the "saviors" of the church music program. But on the other hand, I would be unfaithful to my position if I didn't admit that I believe we can help.

**Q.** Is the organization a college dominated group?

**A.** I don't think it is dominated by college people. Now to be sure, most of our membership probably are Free Will Baptist trained. Most of these were trained at Free Will Baptist Bible College. However, we have members who have never gone to FWBBC or any other college. We do not intend that this be a college-oriented organization.

But we do hope that most of our young people who feel a call in the direction of a ministry in music will get some preparation. Logically we would want them to get that preparation at a Free Will Baptist school.

We want to assist the director who may be a professional who has been trained to do his job and who has gone through a good college program; but on the other hand, we want to help the individual who has been pressed into service because nobody else will do it. We have many, many folk who feel somewhat inadequate for the job. But they love the Lord; they love the church; and

they are trying to do the job. So we want to give them all the encouragement we can. We haven't done all that we know how to do yet. We are still a small organization.

**Q.** Other than the advantages of discounts in purchasing music, what specific advantages does the individual have in becoming a member of this fellowship?

**A.** That is somewhat like asking what are the favorable attributes of a new baby.

You listed one of the most important: fellowship. I believe if the pastors' conferences had nothing else to offer than just the fellowship that exists between the brethren when they get together, that would make it worthwhile. It ought to be true for ministers of music, too.

Let me just throw out something while we are meddling. I think it ought to be true of teachers. Some of our college faculty from various schools across the denomination could, I think, have a very fruitful time in fellowship.

Discounts and fellowship are certainly not all there ever will be to Music Ministries. Being small, being young, being a growing organization, we don't offer a great number of things. We do offer a lot of good hard work to those who want to join us. They can help us to become what we ought to be.

**Q.** Dr. Hampton, how old is the Music Ministries organization?

**A.** The Music Ministries organization technically started in 1966, but the aspect of fellowship was born in the hearts of some of our people before that. They were getting together in smaller group levels. At first the organization was called Free Will Baptist Music Fellowship.

**Q.** When was the name changed to Free Will Baptist Music Ministries and why?

**A.** Brother Vernon Whaley, past president, sent out a mailing prior to the 1974 meeting of the National Association. This involved several plans for the future. One of the articles to be considered was whether we ought to change the constitution and the name to reflect more of what we hoped to do. At the national meeting in 1974 the name

was officially changed and the new constitution adopted.

I believe the name change is important from this standpoint. We called ourselves Free Will Baptist Music Fellowship, and that was primarily what we tried to be, a fellowship. That was very worthwhile. We've had excellent leadership but not a huge membership at any time. But for those who have participated, it has been rewarding. The change of name to Free Will Baptist Music Ministries reflected our growing philosophy that we ought to be a service organization, not just fellowship among ourselves but do something for the Free Will Baptist people. So Music Ministries conveys the idea that we are serving our people as well as enjoying fellowship with one another.

**Q.** You spoke of music directors as ministers of music. In your opinion, does the music director need to be ordained?

**A.** My answer is an unqualified no. I am an ordained minister, but I function as a layman in my church. I recognize the pastor as my spiritual leader. I look to him for advice in the music program. I do not try to assume any of his responsibility.

As a matter of fact, I would hope that most of our music ministers are not preachers. This gives a greater opportunity for service by more people. If a person is willing to be a servant of the Lord and says yes to God in sort of an open check situation, the Lord may give him an opportunity to preach. He may cause his ministry to take a variety of channels. He may teach; he may be a minister of music.

If the minister of music has been ordained, that could have advantages. He may be able to help the pastor in some respects that the unordained minister of music may not.

**Q.** All of your seminars have been conducted on a national level. Has there been any thought given to members of the Music Ministries providing workshops or seminars on a regional, state or local level?

**A.** Yes, we have considered it. As a matter of fact, several of us are



willing to be used in this respect. There are problems. The first is dissemination of information, letting people know that we are available. Perhaps we have failed there. It is possible to bring 2 or 3 individuals to a church or group of churches and take Friday night, Saturday and maybe part of Sunday for a real time of fellowship and instruction. I see no reason why we couldn't actually do a better job there than at the national convention.

Our philosophy is to serve those who are working at the grass-roots level. Many folk at the grass-roots level won't make it to the convention. If they do, they may be so tied up with other meetings they are not able to get to ours. The fact that our seminars, workshops and reading sessions have been on the national level is good because people from all over the United States and several foreign countries attend. But it is bad too because many of the local leaders who really need the help aren't there.

At the national level or at the local level, I think one of the things we would like to do is to be able to strengthen that person who didn't have much formal training; yet he loves the Lord and is trying to do a good job in his local church. We would like to expose him to some new music so he would know how to better choose from what is available. We are not trying to sell any one particular publisher or any 5 or 20 titles, but we would like to expose folk to a goodly number of new titles. Then we can guide them in selecting some of their music for the coming year.

**Q.** *What is the reading session you mentioned?*

**A.** "Reading Session" is the term musicians use to represent a get-together of a lot of folk singing a lot of music. For this year's meeting at the convention, we ordered numerous titles, more than we could use as a matter of fact. We had plenty of fresh ideas and a good amount of music to try. With Blaine Hughes directing and Doug Little accompanying us on a variety of numbers, we could determine the music we liked and wanted for our own churches. This is a very helpful

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concept for the director.

**Q.** *Do you plan seminars each year for the national convention, and if so, what is to be the general content of the seminars?*

**A.** We don't have a single approach. We are willing to be used. Some of our men, for example, function as ministers of music and education or ministers of music and youth. They can give a 2-pronged approach to a seminar, or maybe they can emphasize the education rather than music. We are willing to be used as we are called upon. Many of the seminars for which our people have been responsible resulted from the planning group for the convention calling upon us to do a particular seminar. In addition to that, Music Ministries tries to have a seminar or 2 where we present some important aspect of the music ministry to our people. In the past our breakfasts have included presentations on the ministries of the soloist and of the second man.

**Q.** *What are the goals for your organization?*

**A.** We have a committee that is now talking about that very thing. Most of us have some ideas of what we ought to do and what we are actually doing right now. But we need to get a clear perspective, not just for today but for the long haul. We want to pursue something worthwhile for the Free Will Baptist denomination. To a person we love our denomination. We are not trying to work outside it or circumvent any normal channels. We are trying to be a part of the total ministry.

One of the first things, I believe, our organization is for is the

development of local talent and leadership. We view this as a part of the total church program. I have heard music mentioned as a preliminary to the worship service. That disturbs me. Music is a *part of the worship* service, and philosophically my hackles raise when people refer to my ministry as a preliminary to the pastor's. We are partners in this, the pastor and I. We of Music Ministries are sharing in winning souls for Jesus and "growing" them to mature Christians so they in turn can win others.

We see our ministry as walking with our people from where they are to where they want to be. Some people want help, and we want to try to give it to them. If in so doing we change (not necessarily improve or upgrade) the music of your local church or of mine, then I trust it will be for the good of that local congregation.

The work of our long-range study committee may bring a little more understanding to all of us as individual members of Free Will Baptist Music Ministries. Some of our members feel that fellowship is the prime function of the organization and that we ought to concentrate on that and not worry about anything beyond. On the other hand, some feel we ought to aspire to a status much like that of the CTS Department or the Master's Men. We are not settled on what we ought to do officially.

There have been many blessings to our work, but I would like to mention 3 particularly. The CTS Department has given us opportunity to serve. The Sunday School Department has helped us with our subscription service, publications, and advisory problems. So we appreciate both of these departments. Rev. Rufus Coffey has also been gracious in sharing his time and support. We are indebted to him and plan to continue asking his counsel.

If we have any major hindrance at this point, it is lack of funds because we have no real means of raising revenue outside of membership. We are working on this, and I trust in finding solutions we will also be of greater service to our denomination.





## Currently ...

By  
**JACK WILLIAMS**  
Editor

The **First FWB Church, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas**, recently completed and dedicated a new sanctuary. Approximately 250 people gathered to hear former Pastor Keith Johnson deliver the dedication message. Glen Campbell, organizer of the church, spoke briefly; and David Joslin, Arkansas' promotional director, delivered the charge. **Terry Forrest** pastors.

And speaking of new churches, **Pastor Jackie Edwards** and the **Bible Way FWB Church, Panama, Oklahoma**, are now worshipping in their brand new building.

Eleven converts in one Sunday school class are always big news. When all 11 converts follow the Lord in baptism, any pastor will be pleased. **Pastor Wendell Trussell, Loyal Chapel FWB Church, Columbia, Tennessee**, must be all smiles. This unusual Sunday school class is composed of special children from the home for the handicapped. Mrs. Irene Matlock teaches.

Someone else may want to try this idea from California. **Dr. Dan Parker**, pastor of **Harmony FWB Church, Fresno**, recently published a 6-month update sheet. The publication capsuled in a sentence or so the happenings of each month as well as gave a list of members. That's a snappy way of keeping tabs on oneself.

He that asketh still receiveth. Members of **First FWB Church, Stanley, North Carolina**, intend to keep **Pastor Billy Buchanan** happy. The church office now has a new desk and chair. Someone added some floor mats, and one generous soul even provided \$360 toward purchasing a van for the church.

**Pastor Grant Saverance, Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River, Missouri**, is barely over 5 feet tall, but he has a vision high as a church steeple. His "Remodel the Sanctuary" project has been completed. The result is padded pews in deep burnt orange and new pulpit furniture.

This may not be **Pastor Winston Sweeney's** idea, but it is a good one anyhow. His weekly church publication carried this question, "IS THERE SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO START A CLASS FROM SCRATCH? By this we mean go out and find them and bring them in. We have the space." You folks at the **Fellowship FWB Church, Kingsport, Tennessee**, keep an eye on this strategy, and keep the "Currently" readers informed of its progress.

Here's something for the history buff. Middle Tennessee sports one of the oldest Free Will Baptist churches in the country. **Heads FWB Church, Cedar Hill** carries the fact that they were established in 1840 in every issue of its weekly publication. **Ron Parker** pastors. It is a delight to see churches older than charter members.

There aren't enough missionaries to go around for every church to pull this maneuver in vacation Bible school, but it worked at **First FWB Church, Berkeley, Missouri**. Panama missionary **Bill Fulcher** was a regular on the VBS teaching team during August. He taught the students missions from firsthand experience.

The **Peoples FWB Church, Justice, Illinois**, have recently cleared all indebtedness on the church plant. **Leo Potete** pastors. What's next for this band of Illinois believers? What else—they plan to build a new church.

There is a great deal of activity around Lake Hamilton, Florida. **Danny Williamson** of Bartow is heading up a move to build a youth camp. Land has been purchased for the construction of the facilities.

**Homer Young** is winning friends and influencing people again. Pastor Young and the **Capitol Hill FWB Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**, have applied the missionary principle of giving to their bus ministry. They are giving a bus to **Pastor Johnny Groat, Liberty FWB Church, Oklahoma City**.

The **Faith FWB Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas**, is less than 2 years old. Even though the church was just organized in February of this year and the members are currently building a new facility, the members have still had enough vision to pledge \$1,356 in faith promises during a June missionary conference with Patrick Dickens.

Congratulations to **Bobby Glenn Smith**, pastor **College Lakes FWB Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina**. Bobby has been selected to appear in the ninth edition of *Notable Americans of 1976-77*. The young pastor also appears in *Personalities of the South* and *Who's Who in Religion*.

How can a 5-day vacation Bible school which averages 87 in attendance send an offering to missions that exceeds \$300? It happened at the **Canton FWB Church, Canton, North Carolina**. **Pastor Larry Hughes** allowed as how he would tell any pastor who wondered about the secret of his success.

Members of **First FWB Church, Henderson, Texas**, are making a run on cassette recorders. The church plans to tape services and share the tapes with shut-ins throughout the community. **Pastor Harold Teague** alerted "Currently" that the church is also launching a radio spot outreach to encourage listeners in this Texas town to contact their local Free Will Baptist church for spiritual assistance.

Finding an evangelist for a fall revival should be no problem for **Marvin Chapel FWB Church, Marianna, Florida**. During the hot summer months **Pastor Buford Pierce** led the congregation in installing central air conditioning, new carpet, another bath, large guest room, carport, and storage room in the parsonage.

As if he didn't already have enough clout in

the Tulsa, Oklahoma, area, **Pastor Connie Cariker** is now importing assistance from the Dallas Cowboys. Randy Hughes, defensive back for the pro football team, called a few signals for the **West Tulsa FWB Church** youth department during a chicken dinner extravaganza.

Mrs. **Jeanette Marcom**, CTS director at **Tippett's Chapel FWB Church, Clayton, North Carolina**, was presented a beautiful framed certificate by **Pastor Nathan Eason**. The plaque was awarded in recognition of the Church Training Service averaging 100 persons or more every Wednesday evening for a period of 3 months.

A church in Nashville broke a year's record in 6 months. Members of **Sylvan Park FWB Church** gave nearly \$4,500 to missions by June, 1977. This exceeded the entire 12-months mission offerings for the preceding year. Nearly one dollar in every 7 of the Sylvan Park budget goes to missions. **Bob Jones** pastors.

Mrs. **Cleo Pursell**, executive secretary of WNAC, led the women of **First FWB Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee**, in a Friday night spiritual retreat recently. Thirteen women participated in the gathering at the parsonage. **Dr. J. D. O'Donnell** pastors.

Did you ever hear of the Haas Luggage Fund? You probably haven't. This is a project of the **Northwest FWB Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**. **Pastor James Murray** wanted to keep Joe Haas on the road; so his church sponsored the luggage purchasing spree.

**Pastor James O'Dell, Bear Point FWB Church, Sesser, Illinois**, is taking a long look at charts comparing 1977 to 1976 in his church. Latest statistics reveal Sunday school with a 2 percent increase, morning worship up 14 percent, evening worship up 37 percent, visitation with a 13 percent increase, and offerings up 24 percent.

Is this a record among Free Will Baptist churches? **Fairmount Park FWB Church, Norfolk, Virginia**, averaged 700 during its summer vacation Bible school with a high day of 722. **Dale Burden** pastors this hardworking group of believers.

**First FWB Church, Dayton, Ohio**, recorded a 402 average in vacation Bible school this summer. **Hobart Ashby** pastors.

This is the way God intended attitudes to be between people and pastor. A lady recently wrote, "I have the best people in my church. They love and care about each other and constantly pray for lost souls. I have the most wonderful pastor. He is kind, considerate, understanding and lives what he preaches. When I leave my church on Sunday morning, I know I have truly been in God's house and heard God's Word preached." Does that sound like anybody you know? That statement belongs to **Irene Young**. She was talking about the **College Lakes FWB Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina**. **Bobby Smith** pastors.

They have warm, winning ways at **Dickson, Tennessee, First FWB Church**. **Pastor David Hicks** and his associate **Roger Luther** have seen over 100 conversions in the past 20 months. The pastor attributes the success to the faithfulness of the members in the church.



## CHURCH LIBRARY

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begin a church library are simple. First, ask the church to vote to start a church library. Then select a librarian; choose a well-lighted room; get equipment of a bookshelf and desk built or donated; and order supplies. If the church is small and every room is used, a bookshelf, a table and a chair in a large room would help get the library started until a permanent room is secured.

Classifying books will occupy much time to start, but do not become discouraged. As the workers become more familiar with the process, it can be done much faster.

Please keep in mind that the ideas suggested in this article and the material mentioned may reflect an ideal situation. They would need to be adapted to each local church. What has worked in our church might not work elsewhere. But you won't know until you try, will you?

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Arkansas	4,342.29	. . .	2,265.31	16,624.36
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Florida	16.66	. . .	944.03	133.28
Georgia	155.00	. . .	. . .	1,234.70
Idaho	. . .	. . .	78.19	196.59
Illinois	1,375.06	. . .	1,341.58	9,614.89
Indiana	50.00	. . .	50.00	150.00
Iowa	213.33	. . .	248.26	2,083.44
Kansas	93.68	. . .	105.31	667.76
Maryland	70.00	. . .	30.00	605.64
Michigan	358.40	. . .	. . .	1,393.60
Mississippi	97.00	. . .	22.68	862.70
Missouri	5,360.94	(5,230.69)	3,678.89	33,588.56
New Mexico	. . .	. . .	. . .	312.94
North Carolina	226.04	(50.00)	175.00	1,224.01
Northwest Assoc.	93.42	. . .	. . .	575.89
Ohio	. . .	. . .	10.00	6,103.92
Oklahoma	10,589.08	(10,123.47)	5,470.95	38,038.22
Tennessee	966.23	(32.97)	984.83	7,839.84
Texas	50.00	. . .	25.00	1,505.01
Virginia	35.30	. . .	. . .	235.31
Virgin Islands	86.00	. . .	64.00	691.00
West Virginia	27.01	(27.01)	. . .	239.48
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 24,978.02</b>		<b>\$ 16,321.26</b>	<b>\$ 132,110.21</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Office	\$ 7,573.53	\$(1,915.40)	\$ 6,397.82	\$ 55,539.18
Foreign Missions	6,032.13	(5,027.22)	3,443.19	26,899.41
Bible College	3,644.78	(2,671.73)	2,149.32	16,642.82
Home Missions	3,332.10	(2,651.49)	1,924.00	14,570.27
Church Training Serv.	1,924.17	(1,345.79)	1,052.19	7,972.75
Retirement & Ins.	1,603.39	(1,138.81)	900.39	6,747.09
Layman's Board	687.53	(552.57)	360.39	2,656.45
Commission on Theo- logical Liberalism	166.88	(147.62)	93.96	762.52
Other Ministries	13.51	(13.51)	. . .	319.72
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## 1977 WNAC REVIEW

**D**elegates, visitors and missionaries representing 28 states and five foreign countries registered for the 42nd annual session of the Woman's National

Auxiliary Convention July 19, 1977, in Cobo Hall, Detroit, Michigan.

Missionary speakers Glenda Fulcher, Panama, and Larry Powell, McAllen, Texas, emphasized the convention theme "Such as I Have, Give I Thee. . ." (Acts 3:6). They stated that Christian women today have much to offer, if they first give themselves to Christ. Elizabeth MacDonald captivated the audience as she spoke at the afternoon seminar on the subject "Displaying His Banner."

Thirteen women were honored for their winning entries in the WNAC

creative writing contest. Interest continues to grow each year and poetry was added as a new category for the 1977-78 contest.

A memorial service was conducted for Gladys Sloan, WNAC pioneer, who had served as both president and executive secretary.

Cleo Pursell, executive secretary, was honored by members of the WNAC executive committee with a dozen red roses and a tribute by Clara Picirilli for her years of service.

WNAC showed an increase in

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## HOW TO WRITE A MISSIONARY LETTER

Pastor J. C. Morgan, Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, prepared an editorial during the summer for the members of his church in order to help them over what he termed, "Your missionary letter writing procrastination." Quoting Proverbs 25:25, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country," the Oklahoma pastor offered 6 suggestions for corresponding with missionaries.

1. The letters should be an encouragement to those who receive them. Tell the missionaries what God is doing in your life, recent answers to prayer, what the Lord is doing in your church. Assure the missionary how much you appreciate the work he is doing. Tell him of the good news back home. Share the blessings concerning his friends and relatives.

2. If you do not know a missionary personally, write a get-acquainted letter. There are plenty of mission directories in most church libraries. Check with the missions board in your local church, or check with the pastor.

3. Write that letter in longhand. A typed letter may be easier to read, but it is just not the same as your own handwriting. There is a warm and caring feeling conveyed by a handwritten letter.

4. Know something about the country where your missionary serves. Spend some time reading about the climate, the people, the economics, the politics.

5. Find out about the missionary's birthday. Send a special letter or card, and do that ahead of time. Remember them on holidays.

6. Ask the right questions. Are there any books you want to read that I could send? May I send a subscription to your favorite magazine? Do you need pencils or other supplies? Too many questions may be burdensome, but some are very welcome.

How shall the unreached hear without the missionary? How shall the missionaries endure unless we hold them up in prayer and morale? Write that letter today.

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## WNAC REVIEW

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total income, including gifts to missions and student loan fund, of an all-time high of \$172,686.

Delegates voted to send a message of commendation to Anita Bryant Green for her position regarding the homosexual issue and to encourage the women of their churches to send letters of support.

Clara Picirilli, Nashville, Tennessee, was reelected as president of WNAC for her fourth 2-year term.

Other officers elected were Genelle Scott, Little Rock, Arkansas, vice president; Anne Worthington, Albany, Georgia, recording secretary; members at large: Brenda Evans, Kansas City, Missouri, Nancy Trimble, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and June Rolen, Fresno California. Other staff members are Cleo Pursell, executive secretary, and Mary Ruth Wisehart, part-time field worker.

## CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

### PROGRAMS

1. Norma June Teague  
Henderson, Texas
2. Phyllis Bass  
Jacksonville, Florida
3. Martha Berry  
Crossett, Arkansas

Honorable Mention:  
Elizabeth Cameron  
Mohawk, Tennessee

Velda Tucker  
Batesville, Arkansas

### ARTICLES

1. Betty Reeves  
Farmington, Missouri
2. Paula McClure  
Goodlettsville, Tennessee
3. Mary Ann Owens  
St. Clair, Missouri

Honorable Mention:  
Shelia Wilson  
Bristol, Virginia

### PLAYS/SKITS

1. Gayle Hughes  
Spartanburg, S.C.
2. Donna M. Little  
West Jefferson, Ohio
3. Sandra Casey  
Ozark, Alabama

Honorable Mention:  
Nancy L. Meade  
Manassas Park, Virginia

# 1977 WINNERS NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

## COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

(Winners are listed by name, church, city, and state where applicable.)

### BIBLE MEMORIZATION — Grade 1

1. Jennifer Rushing  
Vernon Association/AL
2. Angela Burdette  
Kilsyth/Kilsyth, WV
3. Sheri Lynn Reece  
Little Doe/Hampton, TN

### BIBLE MEMORIZATION — Grade 2

1. Jeffrey Lynn Norris  
Little Doe/Hampton, TN
2. Chris Hamm  
Victory/Columbus, MS
3. Deron Peak  
First/Dayton, OH

### BIBLE MEMORIZATION—Grade 3

1. Tracy Harting  
White Plains/Blakely, GA
2. (TIE) Jennifer Hamlet  
Kirby/Taylor, MI
2. (TIE) Missy Gentry  
First/Dayton, OH
3. Theresa Covey  
First/Joplin, MO

### BIBLE SWORD DRILL

1. Pam Butler  
Cavanaugh/Fort Smith, AR
2. (TIE) Becky McAllister  
Cowarts Creek/Ashford, AL
2. (TIE) Gaye Atwood  
First/Beaufort, NC

### BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

1. ALABAMA/First, Russellville  
Brent Nix, Donna Borden,  
Waylon Thompson, Tina Randolph
2. VIRGINIA/Esserville  
Cathy Proffitt, Keith Sturgill,  
Randy Sturgill
3. OHIO/First, Dayton  
Joe Anderson, Barb Lester,  
James Leonard, Troy Sizemore

### BIBLE BOWL

1. ALABAMA/Forestdale, Birmingham  
Neil Hollis, Paula Pennington,  
Sandra Hawkins
2. FLORIDA/First, Miami  
Lisa Helton, Rhonda Simpson

3. NORTH CAROLINA/Pleasant Acres,  
New Bern  
Vivian Waller, Judie Bremer,  
Sandy Laughinghouse, Lisa Bowie

## MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

### CATEGORY I — VOCAL SOLO

#### LEARNER:

1. Stephanie Stringer  
Capitol Hill/Oklahoma City, OK
2. Kim Gleaves  
Donelson/Nashville, TN
3. Kyler Welch  
Central/Royal Oak, MI

#### ADVENTURER:

1. Donna Smith  
Fellowship/Antioch, TN
2. Bruce Kimbrell  
Bellview/Colquitt, GA
3. Angie Bevis  
Jasper/Jasper, AL

#### HERALD:

1. Paul David Reynolds  
First/Joplin, MO
2. (TIE) Kenda Defer  
First/Denison, TX
2. (TIE) Pricilla Hardison  
First/Florence, AL
3. Dawn Hannan  
First/Melbourne, FL

#### CRUSADER:

1. Angela Harlamert  
Grant Avenue/Springfield, MO
2. Ruth Worthington  
Central/Royal Oak, MI
3. David Gilmon  
Christian Home/Bartow, FL

#### AMBASSADOR:

1. Howard Gwartney  
Capitol Hill/Oklahoma City, OK
2. Roxie Pitts  
Mt. Pleasant/Brilliant, AL
3. Ruie Whitecotton  
First/Johnston City, IL





## More Winners

### CATEGORY II — VOCAL ENSEMBLE

1. Krisan Hall and Dick Martin  
Central/Royal Oak, MI
2. Eastside Duet  
Eastside/Houston, TX
3. Woodbine Ensemble  
Woodbine/Nashville, TN

### CATEGORY III — CHOIR AND CHORALE

#### CHORALE:

1. Cofer's Chapel  
Cofer's Chapel/Nashville, TN
2. Southern Oaks  
Southern Oaks/Moore, OK
3. Winfield Chorale  
Winfield/Winfield, AL

#### CHOIR:

1. West Tulsa  
West Tulsa/Tulsa, OK
2. Maranatha Singers  
Central/Royal Oak, MI
3. Woodbine Youth Choir  
Woodbine/Nashville, TN

### CATEGORY IV — INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

**LEARNER:** No Entries

#### ADVENTURER:

1. Lance Rogers  
West Tulsa/Tulsa, OK

#### HERALD:

1. Paul David Reynolds  
First/Joplin, MO
2. Jeffrey Wilson  
Central/Royal Oak, MI
3. Marie Selander  
Horse Branch/Turbeville, SC

#### CRUSADER:

1. Cristie Ice  
New Life/Licking, MO
2. Mark Jones  
First/Tulsa, OK
3. Melissa Long  
New Hope/Midland City, AL

#### AMBASSADOR:

1. Bryan Edwards  
First/Beaufort, NC
2. Keith A. Lawrence  
Central/Royal Oak, MI

### CATEGORY V — INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

1. Harmony Ensemble  
Harmony/Leighton, AL
2. Janice Dorris and Keith Fletcher  
First/Johnston City, IL
3. Donelson Ensemble  
Donelson/Nashville, TN

### CATEGORY VI — KEYBOARD

#### LEARNER:

1. Fifi Kingsmill  
Donelson/Nashville, TN

#### ADVENTURER:

1. Alycia Bell  
Union Hill/Slocumb, AL
2. Kelley Joslin  
First/Conway, AR
3. (TIE) Billy Reagan  
First/Morehead, NC
3. (TIE) Kim Reed  
Lebanon/Effingham, SC
3. (TIE) Kim Lillard  
First/Newport, TN

#### HERALD:

1. Gayla Niccum  
Yorktown/Star City, AR
2. Jonathan Snow  
First/Decatur, GA
3. Susan Bumpus  
West Wayne/Wayne, MI

#### CRUSADER:

1. Keith Fletcher  
First/Johnston City, IL
2. Karen Howell  
Sherwood Forest/New Bern, NC
3. Bill Price, Jr.  
Bethany/Norfolk, VA

#### AMBASSADOR:

- No Winner
2. Ken Scribner  
West Tulsa/Tulsa, OK

### CATEGORY VII — ORAL COMMUNICATION

**LEARNER:** No Entries

#### ADVENTURER:

1. Susan Keese  
First/Wewoka, OK
2. Dee Bailey  
Bellview/Colquitt, GA
3. (TIE) Gaye Atwood  
First/Beaufort, NC
3. (TIE) Matthew Fry  
Woodbine/Nashville, TN

#### HERALD:

1. Carol Daw  
Ruth's Chapel/New Bern, NC
2. Linda Luke  
First/Checotah, OK
3. Keli Harvey  
Beulah/Pensacola, FL

#### CRUSADER:

1. Norma Kennon  
Central/Royal Oak, MI
2. Barbara Fillingame  
First/Beaufort, NC
3. Steve Bass  
First/Tampa, FL

#### AMBASSADOR:

1. Debra Moore  
Olivet/Guthrie, KY (Tennessee Entry)
2. Fay Morgan  
Shiloh/Atmore, AL (Florida Entry)

### CATEGORY VIII — CREATIVE ARTS

#### LEARNER:

- No Winner
2. Jeff Plunkett  
Capitol Hill/Oklahoma City, OK

#### ADVENTURER:

1. Jeff Berry  
Randall Memorial/Memphis, TN
2. Warren White  
White Plains/Blakely, GA

#### HERALD:

1. David Malone  
Bethel/South Roxana, IL
2. Stephen Welch  
Horse Branch/Turbeville, SC
3. Jim Clenney  
Bellview/Colquitt, GA

#### CRUSADER:

1. Kim Watkins  
Randall Memorial/Memphis, TN
2. George Perkins  
Christian Home/Tampa, FL
3. Mike Flynn  
Northwest/Oklahoma City, OK

#### AMBASSADOR:

1. Micah Jones  
Sylvan Park/Nashville, TN
2. Gary Cantrell  
First/Dayton, OH
3. Cathy D. Herron  
White Oaks/Macon, GA

### CATEGORY IX — CREATIVE WRITING

#### LEARNER:

- No Winner
2. Kim Gleaves  
Donelson/Nashville, TN

#### ADVENTURER:

- No Winner
2. Stephanie Cook  
Donelson/Nashville, TN

#### HERALD:

- No Winner
2. Billy Nichols, Jr.  
First/Conway, AR

#### CRUSADER:

1. Sarah Blades  
First/Johnston City, IL
2. Doris Reeves  
Kirby/Taylor, MI
3. Rebecca Creech  
Liberty/Durham, NC



Church. Speaking in behalf of the Maryland State Home Mission Board, Chairman Lester Horton, pastor of Fairwood Church, Fairfax, Virginia, related the first few struggling steps of the New Castle work. With pointed reference to its difficult beginnings, Horton gazed at the dedication congregation and said, "Look around you. This is a miracle."

Rev. Thessely Campbell, pastor Southern Free Will Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, brought warm greetings in behalf of the New Jersey-Maryland Conference. Jack Williams, representing the National Executive Office, delivered a brief address.

The New Castle project is sponsored under the auspices of the National Home Missions and Church Extension Department. Rev. Maness, his wife Alyne, their 2 sons and daughter conducted their first services in the living room of the parsonage. The group then moved services to Castle Hill Elementary School. Since the new building was begun in early March, they have been worshipping with the congregation around various construction projects.

## 900 ATTEND CRUSADE

FORT SMITH, AR—The Unity and Zion Hope Associations in western Arkansas united with 3 Oklahoma associations May 12-14 to conduct an area-wide crusade. More than 900 people nightly came to hear Rev. Bob Shockey, director of National Home Missions and Church Extension Department, as he preached in the Municipal Auditorium in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Pastor George Lynn of Vista Hills Free Will Baptist Church, stated, "We feel that the crusade was a total success for Christ with 15 to 20 persons coming for salvation. On the final night approximately 250 persons came forward to make commitments for the Lord. The services served to unite the many

## SOUTH CAROLINA PASTOR NOW STATE HOME MISSIONARY

LANCASTER, SC—Rev. Ansel Smith, pastor of South Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Lancaster for 11 years, has resigned to enter full-time home missionary service in South Carolina. He assumed his new duties August 1.

Ansel Smith has been active in South Carolina home mission work for 15 years. As director of the Beaver Creek Home Mission Board, he has led in organizing 9 churches. Now he is launching as full-time director and church planter for the Beaver Creek Association.

According to Mr. Smith 23 of South Carolina's 46 counties do not have Free Will Baptist churches. "It is a burden of my heart to see churches all over South Carolina," says Rev. Smith. He indicates that he has known for 9 years that one day he would go out as a missionary and church planter to establish churches in those counties where there are no Free Will Baptist works.

Brother Smith is a faith missionary. However, the Beaver Creek Association Home Mission Board is receiving funds for his account. Those wishing to share in the Smith faith ministry outreach should direct funds to the Beaver Creek Association Home Mission Board, c/o Rev. Bobby Bowers, Treasurer, 241 Old Grove Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29605.

During Smith's 11 year tenure with the South Avenue Church, the congregation enjoyed remarkable growth. He led them in purchasing 3 acres of choice property and in developing 3 major building programs. Church membership increased significantly. During a recent Sunday school campaign a record attendance of 526 was set.

Brother Smith is a member of the Educational Study Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Free Will Baptists of the area under a common purpose."

Primary responsibility for planning the meeting was under the direction of area ministers. They selected the theme, "That They Might Have Life." A crusade budget of \$3,100 was raised to underwrite expenses. James Purcell, Muldrow, Oklahoma, directed a choir composed of area church talent. A \$1,000 gift to national home missions highlighted the 3-day meeting.

In addition to preaching nightly, Rev. Shockey gave his testimony on television talk shows and on radio. Van Buren, Arkansas, pastor Willard Day concluded that the crusade was "the most blessed event that I have ever witnessed as a Free Will Baptist."

## PASTOR LEADS CHURCH IN PAY-AS-YOU-GO PROJECT

WILLOW GROVE, NJ—Members of Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Willow Grove, New Jersey, are anxious to complete new church facilities which they began constructing over 2 years ago. Now that

they have obtained a \$10,000 loan, plans are being made to move into the building by November.

Since 1962 the congregation of the Hope Church has been worshipping in a 150-year-old building. But 2 years ago Pastor Dewey Lockee, founder and organizer of the church, urged members to relocate and construct modern facilities on Silver Lake Road in Upper Deerfield.

The 70 member church then purchased 3 acres 13 miles from the old church. They have invested \$30,000 and many hours of volunteer labor in the 40' x 60' cinder block building. The new structure includes a full basement and 6 classrooms. Carpeting, pews and pulpit furniture have been ordered. Current plans call for the cinder blocks to have a brick veneer in the future.

Although he is 75 years old, Pastor Lockee's strength is unabated, and he is obviously the leader in this New Jersey congregation. Pastor Lockee in giving his life philosophy said, "I live like James said; that is, to keep yourself unspotted from the world." The tall Cherokee pastor is a native of Lumberton, North Carolina.



**FWB NEWSFRONT**  
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**NEW RELEASES BY  
RANDALL HOUSE SURVEY BIBLE,  
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NASHVILLE, TN—Four recent works released by Randall House Publications are especially designed to aid spiritual growth and increase Bible knowledge.

*Biblical Graphics* by Dr. Roger C. Reeds, director of the National Sunday School Department, uncovers the process by which the Holy Scriptures were written and explains how and why they were translated into English. This reference book briefly treats each human author and his biblical writings as well as the apocryphal literature from the intertestamental period.

Concerning *Biblical Graphics*, Rev. Leroy Forlines, professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, says, "Those who are interested in how language developed and who enjoy reading about different languages will find the first chapters readable and profitable. . . . It will serve as a reference book . . . when a particular need arises in Bible study."

Released at the 1977 national convention in July, *A Survey of the Entire Bible* presents further help to Bible students. The 714-page hard-bound volume was compiled and edited by H. D. Harrison of the Sunday School Department. Seven Christian educators, including 5 Bible college professors, have contributed to this collective tome. These writings of Dr. Stanley Outlaw, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Rev. Ralph C. Hampton Jr., Dr. Robert Picirilli, Rev. Leroy Forlines, Dr. Charles A. Thigpen and Rev. Milton Worthington will indeed be valuable for pastors, teachers and laypersons.

Because the growing numbers of new converts at Temple Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, needed special instruction in the Christian life, Pastor Richard Kennedy was forced to develop and teach a course especially designed to help them grow in grace and knowledge. Thus *Now That You're*

*Saved* evolved. The challenging workbook format of this booklet puts the convert directly into the Scriptures where he finds answers to immediate problems.

Also written to foster spiritual development, *The Maturing Christian* by Dr. Douglas J. Simpson offers a cure for underdeveloped believers. Dr. Simpson previously authored *The Apocalypse* and *The Book of Daniel*, which are published by Randall House, and has served as a writer, editor, local church worker and university professor in the United States and Canada. In *The Maturing Christian* he diagnoses the reasons for superficial spiritual growth and prescribes the appropriate scriptural remedy.

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**FATHER'S DAY BLURBS  
MAKE HEADLINES**

BRIDGETON, MO—The Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, Missouri, observed Father's Day like most other Free Will Baptist churches. However, Pastor Russell Spurgeon and his innovative staff seem to have gotten more mileage out of the annual occasion than most congregations.

During Sunday school on Father's Day, students from 3 years of age through the adult department were asked to share something special about their fathers. Some very revealing, some very warm, some very humorous statements were made concerning fathers.

"My dad is the greatest because he smiles."

"My father is the greatest because he loves me when I am bad."

"My daddy is the greatest because we go to the store sometimes and because he gets me doughnuts and pop-tarts, and I don't know why else."

"My father is the greatest because he puts up with me."

"My daddy is the greatest because he is bigger than me."

"My dad is the greatest because he takes me to Burger King."

"I love my dad because he goes to McDonalds."

"My daddy is the greatest because he is always right. He always helps me with things. He loves me, and he loves the Lord. And he's great to have around."

"I love daddy. I don't know why."

"My father is the greatest because he is my father and great friend."

"I like my dad because he gives me some of his potato chips and soda."

"My dad was the greatest because he was a son of God and lived it."

"My father was a great dad because he taught me the ways of Jesus and lived a life before me to show me the way to eternal salvation."



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1. That God would give our Home Missionaries the wisdom and grace to build some great Bible believing, Bible teaching, Bible practicing churches in order to reach this North American continent with the Gospel.
2. That the Lord of the harvest would convict and bless our churches with revival fires, and then thrust out laborers into His harvest.
3. That Christians would feel and sense the divine leadership of the Holy Spirit to give sacrificially to this great cause of National Home Missions as we build the kind of spiritual base for sending the Gospel into the uttermost part of the earth.



We challenge your church to give the whole offering on National Home Missions Sunday, and challenge you as individuals to give a whole week's pay! These offerings will help build Free Will Baptist churches across America.

## November 20: National Home Missions Sunday



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