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How to Emphasize



in Our Churches

By Ben Scott

Before this Christmas season has come and gone, many preachers will hit the subject of Christmas in the church with their heaviest punches. But they will hit it most likely from the other side. They will probably bang out a list of things churches should not do to observe Christmas.

Preachers will emphasize the theme, "Don't commercialize Christmas." But then most will go right on commercializin' like they're accustomed to doing. They'll hit on the theme of overspending and warn people against buying expensive and extravagant gifts for children who won't appreciate them and for adults who don't need them.

They will sound a note of warning about getting so involved in socials, parties and other activities because they fear people will be tired and ill-tempered and miss the joys of Christmas entirely. Oh, gospel

trumpets will sound out warnings. For, after all, isn't it ridiculous that Christmas is commercialized too much? And don't some people overspend? And do not many sincere Christians get so involved in Christmas-related activities that it's hard to hold their attention for a 30-minute Sunday morning sermon about Christ's birth?

There is something different about Christmas. With all the abuse, the misuse, the hustle and the bustle, there's still something sacred and holy about Christmas.

Actually, it has never been established that Jesus Christ was born on December 25. Historians have not been able to prove the authenticity of this date.

But Jesus Christ was born! It is the fact of His birth and not the date that Christians should commemorate. There is nothing wrong in giving special emphasis at Christmas time to the fact of Christ's birth, the effect of His life and the efficacy of His atoning death. Despite the abuse and the misuse by the business and social world regarding this holy event, the church should continue to emphasize the blessedness of Christ's first coming.

How can the church give proper attention to the Christmas season? The truth is the Bible does not tell us how to go about giving proper observance to the date, or even if we should make an attempt to do so. It was probably 300 years after His ascension before the practice of celebrating His birth began.

What is right? Or what is not right for the church to do in regard to Christmas activities?

The easiest place to start is with some don'ts. Don't have a Santa Claus in church! (It's surprising how many churches do.) Sooner or later children will learn the truth about Santa Claus. Since the church is to deal with facts, it is poor practice to stoop to bringing a fantasy into the house of God. The church is custodian of that which is sacred. Do not allow custom or tradition to take the place of spiritual truth. Do not allow worldly practices and policies to dictate the program of the church.

Beginning in the pulpit and with the preacher, the deep and true meaning of Christ's birth should be properly emphasized. From a theological point of view, not one subject in all the Bible is deeper or richer. "The word was made flesh. . . ." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, . . ." "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

The pulpit should lead the way in preparing hearts for proper observance of the Christmas season. The preacher's best Christmas sermon should be preached early in the season. That makes more sense than waiting until Christmas Sunday when most people are exhausted, physically as well as financially.

The music department can be a source of help in the Christmas observance. Good inspiring, scripturally sound music is readily available. If the church choir is capable of doing so, a well-arranged cantata of Christmas music can be presented. But the church need not have a cantata or even an organized choir to receive the spiritual benefit of Christmas music. Many of the old, standby Christmas carols take on a radiant newness as they are sung by the congregation year after year.

The Sunday school should not get too involved in trying to produce an elaborate drama. The old, time-tested manger scene is still as impressive as ever. Children and young people can be used in a variety of ways in the production of the Christmas story. The cast is really the only thing that changes year after year.

What about the family at Christmas time? In my opinion, there is nothing wrong in giving gifts to those who make up the family circle. It can be a time for cementing family ties and relationships. For multitudes, the tenderest memories involving the family circle are centered around Christmas. Most people are sentimentalists at heart. Even in the family circle, it is refreshing to be assured of love and



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KIDNAPPED!!

Kidnapped! Yes, I saw it with my own eyes. A 6-year-old boy was kidnapped right out of our church. It was a terrible thing, but I was helpless as I sat on the platform. The choir was coming in, and there was general unrest for a moment. Then it happened.

A lady who was supposed to have a good reputation in our community, who was a member of our church, secured the cooperation of some other people nearby. She grabbed this little lad by the arm and started out the door. He was weeping because he did not want to leave God's house.

At first, I had the impulse to jump off the platform and race back to stop this child-stealing.

Then I thought the ushers would do it; so I sat still. But the ushers were busy, and somehow the 3 adults just surrounded this little fellow. He looked back pleadingly as if his heart would break while they marched him out past everybody.

My heart sank as they tossed him in the car and roared away. It was one of the worst things that I have seen since I have been preaching. And it happened right under my nose . . . right in the beginning of our worship service.

I wanted to call the police, but I didn't. I wanted to dismiss the service and get out a posse, but I didn't. I wanted to notify the FBI, but I didn't. In fact, the congregation was

waiting before me. So I sadly proceeded with the service.

I carried on as usual because the child was kidnapped away from God's worship by his mother and her neighbors who did not stay for church. They had a pleasure trip planned. The boy's father and 2 other men were drinking and trying to fish on the riverbank.

God does make parents responsible for their children. You, fathers, will answer to God for the sins of your children and even grandchildren. (Read I Samuel 2:12-33 and 3:12-14.)

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HOW TO EMPHASIZE CHRISTMAS... (from p. 3)

appreciation. A simple, inexpensive gift can convey that message.

What about the church family? When given proper emphasis, the fact of Christ's condescension can help to melt hardened hearts. Relationships in the church can be mended and strengthened as Christians are reminded of the birth and life of Him Who laid aside His royal splendor and took upon Him the form of a servant.

It's mighty hard to hate someone in the church or to harbor a grudge or to justify hurt feelings while the children sing:

"Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head."

The spirit of giving should be strongly emphasized in our churches, especially during the Christmas season. Giving is what it's all about. God loved; He gave. Our vision of a world lost and in need of

a Savior should be enlarged. Our commitment to the cause of missions at home and abroad should be deepened.

Christmas this year comes on Sunday. Will that pose a problem for your church? It shouldn't! If December 25 is associated with the fact of Christ's birth, then Sunday, the Christian Sabbath on the first day of the week, is associated with His resurrection. So this year it will be like having Christmas and Easter on the same day.

Church leaders should exercise caution in canceling or even rearranging the schedule of services. Christ never cancelled the cradle or the cross, and His second coming is still on the agenda!

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A prominent North Carolina church has withdrawn from the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The pastor says the problem is that he considers a certain Free Will Baptist doctrine "to be a cult" and "very close to the Armstrong position." The offending Free Will Baptist doctrine? The possibility of apostasy.

This does not mark the first time Calvinism and Arminianism have drawn swords within the denomination. Between 1750-1761 eternal securitists, spearheaded by the eloquent John Gano, were commissioned to correct the Arminian-held views of the North Carolina Free Will Baptists. These well-trained men thoroughly intimidated a small number of preachers in the Paul Palmer Movement who were inept in defending our doctrinal position. But the scrappy young denomination regrouped to gain far more ground than they lost. Every Free Will Baptist historian knows well the disaster that befell the Benjamin Randall Movement by merging with Calvinists in 1911.

HOLD THE DOOR

No, this latest defection to Calvinism is not new, nor should it be viewed with alarm. Free Will Baptists allow for a great divergence of opinion in their ranks. Yet there never has been room for Calvinism in Free Will Baptist churches. The denomination sports a garden variety of exchatological preferences and suffers no apparent aftereffects. But Calvinism has never found a comfortable roost. This system of interpretation cuts across the theological grain and disrupts.

Be glad the pastor is gone if he really believes Free Will Baptist teaching is an error. Be appreciative of the fact that he and his church were honest enough to admit their departure from historical Free

BRIEFCASE

WILL YOU ALSO GO AWAY?

By Jack L. Williams,
Editor

Will Baptist teachings. Be saddened that a man could preach many years in a Free Will Baptist church without clearly understanding either what the denomination taught or what he himself believed.

Any others who hold to Calvinism are invited to follow this pastor's example and exit also. They will be happier. The denomination will be content. This may well be the time to hold the door open. The Free Will Baptist denomination is a fellowship of believers who have voluntarily bound themselves together by mutual consent and a common doctrine. It is difficult enough to work together when all believe the same thing. There is no need in muddying the water with alien doctrine.

Calvinism is simply a doctrinal quirk which won't wash in Free Will Baptist churches. It substitutes a

heavy 440-year-old theological system for freedom of the will. Calvinism writes off the conditional nature of salvation and the possibility of apostasy. It offers meager and strained interpretation for the great warning passages of Scripture (Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-29; II Peter 2:20-22). Calvinism glosses over the perseverance issue with "He was never saved," or "He'll lose his reward."

HOIST THE COLORS

This is no time for a witch-hunt, but for close inventory and reflection. It is not time to run scared and lower the denominational colors. And it's sure not time to tamper with the colors. Free Will Baptist doctrine and distinctives have weathered the test of time. The teachings were forged amid the fires of adversity. They have outlived the 1750 Particular Baptist onslaught. They have risen above the 1839 Campbellite ruse. They have survived the 1911 Northern Baptist merger.

We cannot wring our hands and lament defectors. There is no need to bewail losing those who may never have really been of us. Loose them and let them go. Free Will Baptist doctrine lines up with the Bible. Those forefathers who concisely framed the Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith were not so much interested in how *near* the truth they could come; they wanted to precisely state *the* truth as they understood it.

The word "denomination" denotes what one believes. It speaks of distinctives which justify existence as a group. The Free Will Baptist people are the "different" Baptists. We have a distinct history. We believe a distinct doctrine. These we cannot yield in order to accommodate an erring brother.

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Loneliness is more prevalent during the Christmas season than at any other time. Many people get lost among all the holiday frivolity.

THE PRISON OF LONELINESS

By Trula Cronk

Loneliness is a universal human experience. Though I speak as one who has known the loneliness of physical separation from my own country, family and culture for many years, I meet many people in their own countries and among their own people and mores who are suffering from an emotional isolation. This type of isolation produces a loneliness just as deadening as that which I experienced in a foreign country. Loneliness is a normal part of living, but being too lonely or too much alone is not normal.

The mystery of life and vastness of the physical universe produce an emotional climate of existential loneliness. Our very senses are tensed by a feeling of apartness. For instance, in an intimate moment of sharing, I bite into a chocolate selected from an assortment and am so delightfully surprised by its taste that I offer the other half to my husband. He eats it and expresses pleasure, but I can never know for sure how it tastes to him. We share the chocolate, but each one tastes by himself.

In all experience we come from time to time upon this kind of loneliness. The changing seasons, the boundless reaches of the sky, the endless ocean, even the never-ending stream of cars going by on a busy expressway can evoke in us a feeling of apartness. Although almost of insignificance and



difficult to put into words, it is a common experience which we recognize as loneliness. I have pressed my face to the window of an airplane flying high above a sea of clouds and looked into the lonely space which seems to go on and on and on until I actually felt sick. I have felt the same reaction when looking out over a sea of strange faces.



ne of the disturbing aspects of this kind of loneliness is the suddenness by which the feeling overtakes us. Everything can be so right: the sky never bluer, the grass never greener, our families never more loving, or the wind so fresh. Then a mere blink of the eyes and the whole world changes color. Gray winds blow off a gray sea of loneliness. Things we anticipated with delight no longer interest us. Plans and ambitions that seemed of such ultimate concern a moment ago now seem like just so much busywork. Our reason for being seems vaguely understood, if at all.

The time comes now and again in everyone's life when things begin to taste alike; the fashions of the day are hopelessly ugly; the news tends to produce a feeling of utter desperation; your companion's best joke is about as amusing as a monsoon day. The routine of adult activity appears no more fruitful than childhood attempts to create a snake by soaking horsehairs in the pond. Even love for humanity is revealed as illusion because not one in all that mass seems able to assuage the awful feeling of being alone in the world where no one understands. Life becomes one long yawn, or a smoking candle. A look into the future reveals only a pale old woman or a crotchety old man growing a little more melancholy every day. When this happens, an exercise of the will is required. One must take himself by the scruff of the neck, as it were, and shake himself back to equilibrium by forcing himself into human interaction until the loneliness is dispelled.

I remember the awful loneliness I felt when I first went to India

where all my friends were strangers with odd customs and ridiculous values. The cues that had always kept dialogue tuned to the script of culture were now missing. When I looked into the mirror of culture, instead of the familiar approving nod, the reflection that came back to me was the censorious frown of "stranger, foreigner, freak."

In village India I had to face life as an oddity—tall where every other woman was short, fair with blond hair while everyone else was

"The Bible speaks much of the opposite of loneliness—fellowship."

swarthy with black hair. My eyes were gray where all other eyes were brown. Both children and adults often stroked my skin to see if it felt the same as their skin. My blond hair, mistaken for gray, caused me to be called an old woman at 23. I found my self-image crumbling before my eyes. Suddenly, I knew with certainty that my differentness would prevent the kind of identification with Indian people which I had hoped to achieve, and I experienced a loneliness which I had not known before.

Though I had survived the traumatic loneliness brought about by the death of my mother when I was 3 and had learned to cope with the loneliness of childhood and teenage years,

this was different. I felt empty and inadequate. I developed a strong desire to withdraw to the security of my own house where staring eyes could not penetrate. The thought occurred to me that I could demand that my husband take me back home because I would never be able to bridge the gap of my differentness and find friendship with these strange people. I realized that he was not so different and would be more able to identify. But instead of that being a comfort, a fear began to grow that even he might begin to see me through eyes grown accustomed to what was beautiful in that culture. My desolation was close to total. I had a desperate desire to run away.

I was a Christian who had gone to India in confidence, taking the Lord's promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." When I started to withdraw in despair, He did not let me down. But He met me in my human loneliness with such love and so real a sense of communion that I was able to say, "Lord, I will not let them make me withdraw into utter aloneness. I will go with you out among the stares, the bemused comments, the curious questions. Among these little, short, dark people, you and I will go together. And if I'm lonely, I'll be lonely with you."

I rose from my knees with the resolution that I would confront life head-on. The mind, after all, makes its own heaven or hell.

I became involved in the life of the people of that town: civic activities, community festivals and family celebrations. I went out whether I felt like going or not. I hesitated from time to time because of the fear of being hurt, but I pushed on.

An exciting thing happened. I began to forget myself and my differentness and began to see the loneliness of the people around me. Even though they were in their own culture, many were very lonely. I began to understand the hunger of minds who had never had a chance to grow to their full



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capacity for lack of educational opportunities. My heart went out to women caught in loveless marriages, to women worn out by coping with a poverty so stark it frightened me.

I found that my western education, my cosmopolitan experience, my very differentness was in demand. I was gradually accepted and often loved. The time came when I was invited to everything. At public meetings I was seated with the VIPs. I was asked to judge contests, to give away awards, to garland visiting dignitaries.

I became a member of the school board which was trying to initiate secondary education for girls. Few upper or middle-class women at that time had the courage to break the town's prejudice against women's appearing in public. The male principal of the girls' high school asked me to teach in the hope that my example would encourage other women with education to volunteer. I wanted to refuse because the young can be very cruel to someone who is different, but I forced myself to accept his offer. The experience not only enriched my life, but it helped other women risk public censor and venture out of their homes to accept their public responsibilities.

At a going away party when my husband and I were leaving for further language study, the students and teachers had an artist make an ornate scroll to present to me with these words, which I shall always treasure: "You came among us," (then followed those 2 things which had almost driven me back to my own country) "tall, fair and beautiful, you touched our desert and left it blooming." My own culture had never called me beautiful! It was a gracious gesture. It was oriental, but it was balm to my heart.

Loneliness, in spite of its pain, can be used to develop deeper perception, more awareness, finer sensitivity,

and greater understanding not only of one's self but of other people as well. One who has known the heartache of loneliness can never fail to be touched by the loneliness of others. In loneliness we can find answers to living and values to live by because finding one's place in the universe is essentially a solitary exploration.

The experience of loneliness is not unhealthy any more than any normal condition of human existence is unhealthy. Even being often alone does not have to produce a pathological loneliness.

Loving someone is a lonely experience because every love is eventually broken by separation, illness, death or other circumstance. There's the loneliness of the widow or widower who has walked so closely with a companion and now must walk alone. The loneliness of one who has been the special object of love and devotion but whose place is now taken by another is crushing. Sad, too, is the loneliness of the man who continues to grow in maturity, experience, and range of interests, but whose wife does not grow

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Properly used loneliness is a force of integration rather than one of alienation. Many creative people have testified that it is in loneliness that their creativity is sparked.

Many situations produce loneliness, and we can know painful loneliness even when bodies are jostled together. A person experiences loneliness when his wisdom, understanding or perception is greater than that of his comrades. The man who first sees clearly the importance of some issue may pay the human price of having to live alone in the strange isolation that such perception brings. The man who has an idea which others cannot understand or will not tolerate or can but accept the idea halfheartedly is often lonely, and few seem to understand why.

The person who is misunderstood is lonely because he cannot communicate his feelings to others. Sometimes a facade of self-sufficiency camouflages an excruciating shyness, and being misunderstood confines one to a solitariness with soul-withering loneliness.

along with him, or vice versa. A mother who has devoted herself to her children until they have become independent walks through empty rooms and remembers when they were full of laughter. She weeps out of loneliness.

Some circumstances, some professions are more lonely than others, but loneliness need not be for our hurt. The Bible does not say much about loneliness, but it does speak of apartness—apartness with purpose. Remember the Lord's invitation to his disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile." Then recall His example: "When he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone."

The climax of our Lord's life was that moment of utter separation when He had left His friends and His mother desolate and had allowed Himself to be separated from the Father. The most pathetic words in any language must be,

***“One must take himself
by the scruff of the neck . . . and
shake himself . . .
into human interaction
until the loneliness is dispelled.”***

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” Out of that experience came the fulfillment of His purpose for partaking of our humanity—our redemption.

We need to be alone sometimes. Though there is a difference in being alone and being lonely, we need to accept loneliness, to let it be, to use it. The Bible speaks much of the opposite of loneliness, fellowship. If loneliness did not exist, fellowship would be unnecessary. Loneliness is to fellowship what shadow is to art. Fellowship, essential as it is, doesn't just happen. It must be cultivated. Loneliness can cause us to push ourselves out of apathy into active pursuit of congenial friends and fellowship, or it can cause us to withdraw.

Loneliness is pathological only when it is misused, when it causes one to withdraw more and more from the fellowship of others. If this happens, or if depression which does not lift accompanies it, a person should seek help quickly. If it causes a chronic failure in self-confidence or an inability to do one's work, then that lonely one is in danger of becoming a permanent exile in loneliness.

Our Lord knew the human condition as no other person, and He made provision for loneliness and for its relief. First, and most important, is the promise of His own presence. Anyone who has the fellowship of Jesus should be able to cope with human loneliness. But He also understood our need for human companionship and made provision for that in His gift of the

church. He gave the church because His followers need it.

If you are suffering from loneliness, take the initiative, reach out to another and let him shoulder the burden for you. The Apostle Paul said that we are members one of another and are to bear one another's burdens. If you are in a church and still lonely, yoke up with another lonely one and involve yourselves in bearing one another's burden. If you do not belong to a church, seek one out and get involved in its life. It is foolish to try to bear loneliness alone. The church also should be sensitive to lonely people and reach out to them to draw them into its warm circle.

The Lord Jesus is just waiting to be your freely chosen confidant. He will not force Himself upon you. But if you come to Him you will find a companion, a burden bearer, a comforter and a lifelong friend. You'll need never be alone again.

Listen to our Lord's words: “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and *will sup with him*, and he *with me*”; “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and *make our abode with him*.”

We have not been left orphans because Jesus has given us a Father. He has given us a family, the church, where we can share ourselves and take from others the fellowship that we need. In nomadic America, where the sense of community, the security of the extended family, has been lost in

the bustle of progress, we have in the church family the opportunity of being not just one another's keeper but of being one another's brother. Who can stay lonely in that ultimate sense with a brother standing by?

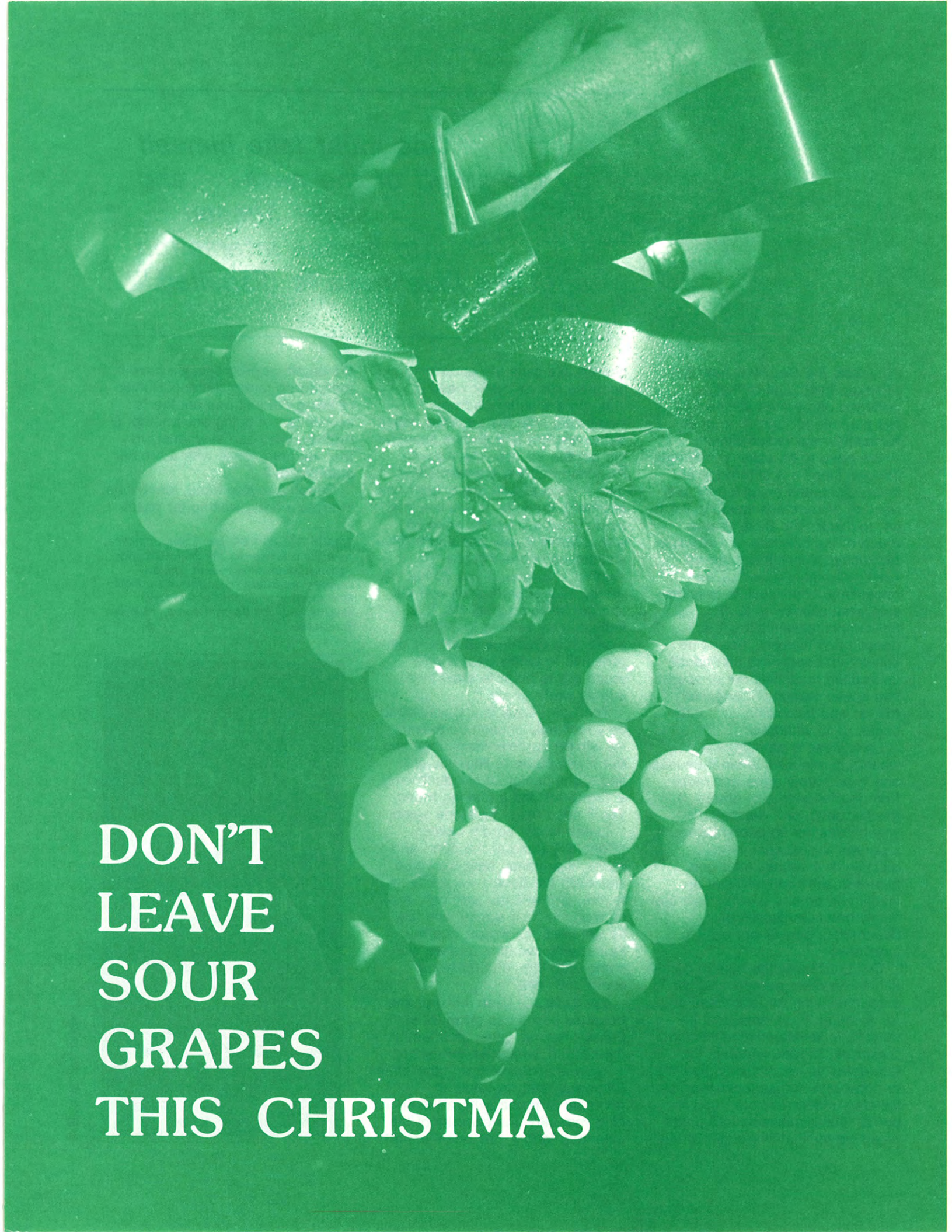
Reach out your hand, lonely one. There's a hand waiting for yours.

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DON'T
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GRAPES
THIS CHRISTMAS

By Ruth Sellers

Well, it's almost Christmas time again. Concerned people are wondering what they can do for patients at nursing homes. These are really good thoughts, but please remember this: If you are planning to bring any type of food, including fruit, to patients, you must first get permission from the food service director or director of nursing.

"I thought anyone could have fruit," some may reply. What they don't understand is that there are several different diets in a nursing home. One special diet is for diabetics. They are limited to certain amounts of calories and types of food. For instance, they can have 1 small apple, 1 small orange, ½ banana, 12 grapes, or 2 medium plums, etc. They can have nothing which is not listed on their diet cards.

As food service director of a nursing home in Alabama, I know firsthand of the problems which occur when a patient receives a fruit bowl from friends or relatives. Perhaps a certain patient is on a soft diet and cannot eat anything in a fruit bowl except the ripe banana. Naturally, the patient will eat any or all of the fruit in the bowl if it is left by his bedside. Then he may become very ill.

If I see his gift of fruit before he eats it, I can prepare some of the fruit so he can eat it. For example, a patient on a soft diet can have the apple when it is baked without the skin.

Last Christmas I spent hours picking up fruit and other foods and bringing them back to the kitchen to redistribute the food to patients who were allowed to have it. Sometimes I can make fruit salad so many of the patients can enjoy the gifts.

This Christmas instead of fruit, cookies and candy, perhaps church groups or individuals could make footlets or handkerchieves or buy potted flowers for the patients. This

way patients can benefit even if they are on special diets.

But why wait until Christmas to think about those in nursing homes? Most everyone has a garden, and late summer and early fall are great times to bring fresh vegetables to the nursing home kitchen. Such produce donations are tax deductible as well. It really tickles patients when I can point out food on their trays which came from someone's garden. I praise the Lord that person brought it to us to cook for the patients.

All nursing home patients are so appreciative of personal attention. They are hungry for love and fellowship. It is very sad to know that some have been placed in these institutions and forgotten.

When church groups come to sing, pray and talk, the patients cry for joy. Day after day this happy feeling stays with them. Sometimes they try to sing one of the songs the groups sang because it stayed in their minds.

I love them all so much. I want them to know that God loves them also. They are so hungry for love.

***"But why wait until
Christmas to think
about those in nursing
homes? (Year-round)
produce donations are
tax deductible. . . ."***

ABOUT THE WRITER: Mrs. Sellers is food service director for Dothan Nursing Home, Dothan, Alabama. She is a member of Howard Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Cottonwood. ▲

Evangelist Behind the Gavel

Bobby Jackson, Greenville, North Carolina, parleys with *CONTACT* Magazine concerning his new responsibilities as moderator of the 225,000 member National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Q. *What are the duties of the national moderator?*

A. According to our *Treatise*, "The duties of the moderator shall include presiding at the meetings of the National Association, the General Board, and the Executive Committee; to call special meetings of the General Board or Executive Committee when the conditions of Article VI, Section 4, of the Constitution are fulfilled; to appoint such committees as are created without provision for their selection; to announce the time and place for the meetings of the General Board and Executive Committee; and in general, to fulfill whatever responsibilities may be commensurate with his office or delegated to him by the body."

(*A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists*; By-laws, Section 5, page 75.)

Q. *How much influence can the moderator exert over the delegates in a National Association business session?*

A. Presiding at the meeting of the National Association is evidently the primary duty of a moderator. This certainly carries no authority to shape denominational policy by parliamentary maneuvering.

A presiding officer is responsible to guide an orderly, open debate of issues so as to insure a full and clear understanding, in order that by democratic process the will of the majority comes to pass. But the rights of the minority must be preserved, also.

Q. *What are your personal feelings about presiding over convention sessions?*

A. I'm reminded of a referee. The problem is that nobody loves the referee. Participants may respect but dislike him. All the fans hate him.

During a revival in Ohio, a little girl sang loudly and clearly from the front pew, "When we all get to heaven, we'll sing and shoot the referee," instead of "shout the victory." Everybody, at one time or another, wants to shoot the referee. Yet, all know he is necessary.



The moderator is to honestly try to be fair, allowing sufficient and equal time for discussion of all sides of every question.

This does not mean that a moderator's influence will not be present in denominational meetings.

Q. *What other duties does the moderator fulfill?*

A. He also presides at the Executive Committee meetings. This committee plans the program for the annual association. Theme, speakers, special emphases, these are determined by the committee in

its December meeting. The moderator has a part in this, along with the 8 other members of the committee.

Q. *Isn't it true that the moderator's influence can reach into other areas besides just the power of the gavel?*

A. Yes, another area of influence to be noted is in the appointment of committees. Surely, this should be done fairly. But it would be dishonest to deny that these committees have influence in a denominational convention.

Finally, that broad, indefinable area of "whatever responsibilities may be commensurate with his office" leaves open opportunities of influence and leadership within the Association. The moderator's message, devotional thoughts at board or committee meetings, along with other opportunities to place emphasis in certain areas, add some outreach to a moderator's influence.

Q. *Does this widespread influence come under the control of any checks and balances?*

A. In the Free Will Baptist denomination and National Association, as in any Baptistic, democratic, religious body, there is no place for denominational bosses or hierarchy. At the very grass roots, where the people live, work, worship, give and meet all the financial obligations, local churches are the authority.

Q. *How do you view your own term as moderator?*

A. It is interesting to note that for the first time the National Association of Free Will Baptists elected a full-time evangelist to be moderator. Not many other national religious bodies have done so. Maybe this speaks to a continued interest and emphasis in an evangelistic, gospel-preaching ministry. ▲

SIN CHALLENGES THE CHURCH

PART III

By Leroy Forlines

The previous article discussed how both holiness and love are to be involved in the most severe cases of church discipline. The most severe form of church discipline involved excommunication. A study of the New Testament seems to indicate that excommunication was recommended only in cases where there were reasons to doubt that the persons involved were saved.

In Matthew 18:15-19 it was not the original offense that led to excommunication. Rather it was the refusal to be reconciled to a brother in spite of all attempts to bring about reconciliation. It would appear from I John 2:9-11 that a person who refused reconciliation under such circumstances would not be a Christian.

A study of I Corinthians makes it clear that Paul did not look at the person in I Corinthians 5, who was guilty of incest with his step-mother, as being saved. Some have made a point out of the fact that in the light of I Corinthians 5:11 the person involved seems to be considered a brother. I think it is important to observe that Paul says, "... if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator ..." It is not necessary to believe that a person who is "called" a brother is

necessarily a saved person.

The church is a brotherhood. A member of the brotherhood would be referred to as a brother simply on the basis of membership in the brotherhood. It appears that by saying "called a brother" that Paul is carefully avoiding saying that such a person was a brother in the real sense of being a member of God's family.

In I Corinthians 5:11 Paul says, "... if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner ..." and then gives advice concerning them. That he did not mean to imply that such people are saved is clear from I Corinthians 6:9,10. In these verses Paul repeated every sin named in 5:11. The word that is translated "railer" in 5:11 is translated "revilers" in 6:10. Having repeated the same list of sins in 6:9,10 that occurred in 5:11, Paul said that such people would not inherit the kingdom of God. This would have certainly included the man guilty of incest.

The sin of incest made it clear that the man was not saved even though he was a member of the church. Whenever a person by his conduct makes it appear that he is not a Christian, he should be

removed from the church roll if repentance is not forthcoming.

While excommunication is the action to be taken in extreme cases, lesser forms of discipline are to be taken in cases that are not as serious. Paul deals with such a problem in II Thessalonians 3:6-15. The discipline spoken of in this passage does not appear to be taken as an official act of the church. However, it is the attitude that the church is to take in such cases.

Paul told the church at Thessalonica to "... withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly ..." (verses 6). Paul in verse 11 describes those who are "... working not at all, but are busybodies" as walking disorderly. Verse 14 is probably an explanation of what was meant by withdrawing from such people when he said "have no company with him." This would mean that they were not to enter into any approving type of fellowship with such a person.

Holiness is seen in that the church was to refuse full fellowship to those who walked disorderly. Love is seen in the purpose of this refusal to have approving fellowship with such a person. It was "... that he may be ashamed" (verse 14). Love is further seen in verse 15, "Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." There is no excommunication in such a case, but action is taken that hopefully will result in repentance. There is no total rejection. There is an attempt to restore.

Both holiness and love would join their concerns in admonishing the person. Admonishing represents holiness in that it reminds the person of his fault. Admonishing represents love in that it directs a concern to the moral and spiritual welfare of the brother.

The administration of discipline either in its mild or more severe forms calls for maturing in our experiences with holiness, love and wisdom. May God give us that maturity that will enable us to effectively bring holiness and love to bear on the sin problems of the church in today's world. ▲

DIRECTORY UPDATE

PASTORAL CHANGES

ALABAMA

R. P. Ritch to Mount Olive Church, Leeds

J. M. Dutton to First Church, Fultondale from Pleasant Valley Church, Chelsea

ARKANSAS

Danny Phillips to Calvary Church, Springdale

Jack Morris to Farmer Church, Hindsville

Loy Counts to Phillips Chapel Church, Springdale

Hosea Harrelson to Hickory Flatt Church, Springdale

Bernard Roberts to O'Kean Church, O'Kean from Omak Church, Omak, Washington

Denver Robinson to Smith Springs Church, Morrilton

Randall Williams to First Church, Plainview from Moreland Church, Moreland

Floyd Moore to Keener Church, Waldron from Plainview Church, Plainview

Bob Chronister to Center Valley Church, Dover from Benton Church, Benton

Jim Baker to Greenbrier Church, Greenbrier from Oak Grove Church, Wilmar

Robert Dale Jordan to Christian Home Church, Hindsville

Glen Murray to First Church, Batesville

Lonnie Palmer to Eastside Church, Batesville

Jerry Taylor to Weaver's Chapel Church, Batesville

John England to First Church, Mt. Home

James Gosha to Little Brown Church, Walnut Ridge

Melvin Shelton to Northside Church, Pocahontas

Charles Nichols to Rickey Chapel Church, O'Kean

CALIFORNIA

Bob L. Thomas to Concord Church, Concord

FLORIDA

Steve Sanders to Liberty Church, Vernon

Walter Baxley to Malone Church, Malone

GEORGIA

E. V. Skipper to Spring Hill Church, Mauk

Bobby Whittaker to Mt. Olive Church, Reynolds from Thompson Church, Colquitt

KENTUCKY

Larry Frazier to Mavity Church, Ashland

MICHIGAN

James Stewart to Trinity Church, Ypsilanti from First Church, Fayette, Alabama

NORTH CAROLINA

Luther Sanders to Garner Church, Garner from Waipahu Church, Waipahu, Hawaii

Joseph R. Wallis to Faith Church, Cary from Westside Church, Johnsonville, South Carolina

OHIO

Paul Oppy to Fredrick Church, Wheelersburg

Danny Widdig to Dogwood Ridge Church, Wheelersburg

OKLAHOMA

Jerry Pilgrim to First Church, Holdenville

SOUTH CAROLINA

Edward Green to Westside Church, Johnsonville from assistant pastor First Church, Newport News, Virginia

TENNESSEE

Roger Luther to LaVergne Church, LaVergne from associate pastor First Church, Dickson

Don Matthews to Faith Church, Manchester from First Church, Peoria, Illinois

COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT

October, 1977

RECEIPTS:

State	October '77		October '76	Yr. to Date
	Co-op	Design.		
Alabama	\$ 458.16	\$	\$ 482.45	\$ 1,977.09
Arizona	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	1,305.97
Arkansas	1,595.68	. . . .	1,486.53	20,632.58
California	763.91	. . . .	855.14	8,106.75
Florida	16.66	. . . .	16.66	166.68
Georgia	257.87	. . . .	309.10	1,645.91
Idaho	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	196.59
Illinois	1,229.11	. . . .	1,360.86	12,109.44
Indiana	50.00	. . . .	. . . .	200.00
Iowa	187.74	. . . .	. . . .	2,459.59
Kansas	274.36	. . . .	82.80	1,126.18
Maryland	171.38	. . . .	184.12	827.02
Michigan	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	1,453.76
Mississippi	70.63	. . . .	65.70	995.68
Missouri	4,290.39	(4,290.39)	4,470.03	42,396.24
New Mexico	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	312.94
North Carolina	160.52	(54.00)	75.00	1,613.41
Northwest Assoc.	162.23	. . . .	80.27	738.12
Ohio	544.59	. . . .	10.00	7,488.51
Oklahoma	4,735.47	(4,469.40)	46.65	47,723.87
Tennessee	1,831.50	(680.00)	1,204.00	10,559.56
Texas	253.10	. . . .	25.00	1,882.20
Virgin Islands	. . . .	. . . .	67.00	790.00
Virginia	22.00	. . . .	113.43	275.11
West Virginia	10.83	. . . .	31.67	273.87
Totals	\$ 17,086.13		\$ 10,966.41	\$ 167,257.07

DISBURSEMENTS:


Executive Office	\$ 6,524.64	\$(1,190.25)	\$ 6,118.09	\$ 64,809.33
Foreign Missions	3,724.34	(3,135.28)	1,701.43	35,602.19
Bible College	2,282.58	(1,712.20)	1,263.03	22,452.29
Home Missions	2,063.59	(1,664.68)	908.53	19,574.33
Church Training Serv.	1,057.95	(719.34)	444.30	10,855.95
Retirement & Ins.	950.83	(679.95)	405.73	9,106.62
Layman's Board	339.35	(260.43)	71.38	3,497.46
Commission on Theological Liberalism	92.85	(81.66)	38.08	977.41
Other Ministries	50.00	(50.00)	15.84	381.49
Totals	\$ 17,086.13		\$ 10,966.41	\$ 167,257.07




1978

DENOMINATIONAL

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

 January 1978 <i>"O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day" (Ps. 119:97).</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASES: January Bible Study WNAC Enlistment Month						
1 Layman's Day of Prayer January 1 New Year's Day	2	3 Spring Semester Begins FWBBC - Jan. 3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK — "Disciplined Disciples" January 30 - February 5						

Adult and Teen
Sunday school lessons
for the Winter Quarter
(December, January,
February)
are based on the books
of Joshua, Judges
and Ruth.

 February 1978 <i>"Teach me good judgment and knowledge..." (Ps. 119:66).</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASIS: National Teacher Training Month						
			1	2	3	4
			NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK — "Disciplined Disciples" January 30 - February 5			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Ash Wednesday			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Lincoln's Birthday		Valentine's Day				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Presidents' Day					
26	27	28				



March 1978

"We took sweet counsel together, and walked into the house of God in company" (Ps. 55:14).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASIS: Spring Sunday School Enlargement Campaign						
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BIBLE CONFERENCE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE March 12-16				Spring Vacation for FWBBC March 16-21		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	WNAC PRE-EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER AND OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS March 20-24					
Palm Sunday					St. Patrick's Day	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Easter Sunday					Good Friday	



April 1978

"Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people" (Ps. 96:3).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 FOREIGN MISSIONS CALL-A-THON April 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						Passover Begins
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM Farmington, MO — April 24-26					
30						

**Adult and Teen
Sunday school lessons
for the Spring Quarter
(March, April, May)
are based on
the book of Luke.**



May 1978

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps. 90:12).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 FWBBC Baccalaureate 8:00 p.m. - May 7	8	9	10	11 FWBBC Commencement 10 a.m. - May 11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 FWBBC Summer School May 16-June 16	17	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Servicemen's Sunday May 28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



June
1978

"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age..." (Ps. 92:14a).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 FWBBC Summer School Ends - June 16	17
18 Honoring Our Founding Father's Offering June 18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



July
1978

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	1 Saturday
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9 NYC '78 Day of Prayer July 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS NYC: Conquest and Crown July 16-20	17 WNAC July 17-18	18	19 Kansas City, MO — July 16-20	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Adult and Teen
Sunday school lessons
for the Summer Quarter
(June, July, August)
are based on
the books of First and
Second Samuel.



August
1978

"...that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Ps. 144:12b).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASIS: WNAC Emphasis Month and Offering						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 FWBBC Fall Semester Begins August 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



September
1978

"For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth" (Ps. 71:5).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASES: WNAC Student Loan Month CTS Promotional Campaign— "Developing Disciples"						
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Labor Day					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Adult and Teen
Sunday school lessons
for the Fall Quarter
(September, October,
November)
are based on the book of
First Corinthians.
Studies during
December, 1978,
will be in Psalms.



October
1978

"What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose" (Ps. 25:12).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASIS: Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Layman's Day October 8	Columbus Day					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Veterans Day					
29	30	31	MISSIONARY CONFERENCE — FWBBC Campus October 30-November 1 Halloween			



November
1978

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Ps. 33:12).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EMPHASIS: National Home Missions Month						
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		General Election Day				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WNAC PRE-THANKSGIVING WEEK OF PRAYER AND OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS November 13-17						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Home Missions Sunday November 19				Thanksgiving		
26	27	28	29	30		

The denominational calendar is designed to suggest to the churches significant emphases and events which may be observed during the year. The monthly verse for meditation from the Psalms was chosen to illustrate an emphasis for that month.

For handy reference, remove the calendar from the magazine by prying up the center staples and slipping out the calendar. Then push the staples back into place.

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December
1978

"Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (Ps. 85:10).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday	2 Saturday
EMPHASES: Willey Memorial Christmas Gift to Foreign Missions WNAC Season of Prayer and Offering for State Missions						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE for State Leaders December 6-8			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					FWBBC Fall Semester Ends—Dec. 15	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Christmas Day					
31						



FREE WILL BAPTIST

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HOME MISSIONS VETERAN HOLDS FIRST SERVICES IN FLAGSTAFF

FLAGSTAFF, AZ—Sunset Free Will Baptist Church, Flagstaff, conducted its first services October 2, according to founder Mark Vandivort. Thirty Flagstaff residents attended Sunday services. Fifteen visitors came from Phoenix and Prescott, Arizona, and Columbia, Missouri, to encourage the new church.

Prayer meeting attendance that week was 16.

The mission church is cosponsored by the National Home Missions Board and the Arizona Missions Board. Sunset Church is the eighth Free Will Baptist church in Arizona. Mr. Vandivort was field secretary for the National Home Missions Department from 1963-1968. The Vandivorts have served in mission work in New Hampshire and Missouri previously.

The Vandivort family stated, "We wish to thank each of you who have prayed and given to help make this beginning possible." They request prayer for follow-up, home Bible studies, and Child Evangelism and Teen Bible Clubs. Please send the name and address of any relative or acquaintance in Flagstaff to J. Mark Vandivort, 3365 N. Loma Vista, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

ARKANSAS CHURCH BAPTIZES 75

VAN BUREN, AR—Claiming the title of the fastest growing church in Arkansas, the Vista Hills Free Will Baptist Church, Van Buren, has witnessed 160 conversions, 75 baptisms and 79 new members uniting with the church in the past 27 months.

Pastor George Lynn says that Sunday school attendance averaged 44 in spring, 1975 and has mushroomed to a 205 average in October, 1977. Lynn relates that the church is excited about soul winning. Members average bringing 71 children to the church on 2 buses operated by Vista Hills. An active children's church program undergirds the evangelism emphasis.

The pastor recently stated, "We trusted God to supply a need of \$4,000 to pay off a pressing debt. On August 28 our special offering totaled \$4,000.02." Vista Hills Church is committed to outside giving. The Arkansas congregation averages \$300 per month in support of missionaries and other outside causes.

"We aren't bragging on ourselves because we realize that it is God working through us. We just think He has done so much for us we want to share with others so they too will want to claim God's promises."

BIBLE INSTITUTE OPENS IN MISSISSIPPI

AMORY, MS—First semester classes for the Northeast Mississippi Bible Institute began September 20 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Amory. Fall semester classes will conclude December 13. Institute classes are conducted on Tuesday evenings.

Courses are designed to be very practical in nature and are set up on the layman's level. Instructors for the fall semester are Larry Gunnoe, Mike Jones, Billy Bevan and Danny Dwyer. Curriculum includes music fundamentals, introduction to Christian education, evangelism and Bible.

Costs for course work were held to a minimum during this semester. Each student is charged a \$5 registration fee and a \$3 per course tuition fee. Classes are structured so individuals can take 2 courses during the semester.

STROKE CUTS DOWN PASTOR OF 20 YEARS

FARMVILLE, NC—Rev. Tommy Godley, long-time Free Will Baptist church organizer and pastor, was hospitalized July 28 through September 18 after suffering a stroke. He preached in revival services just prior to hospitalization at Pitts Memorial Hospital, Greenville, North Carolina.

Godley was pastor of Beacon Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville at the time of his hospitalization. He indicates that although he will be unable to resume pastoral duties fully, he plans to stay in the Farmville area for a year or more while receiving treatment.

Brother Godley has organized 5 Free Will Baptist churches and has pastored in South Carolina, Alabama and North Carolina. He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College. He has served in various capacities in district associations as executive board member, ordination council member, examining board member, moderator and clerk.



OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION ENDORSES RECORD \$1.3 MILLION BUDGET

ARDMORE, OK—Moderator James Murray gaveled his way through the 69th annual convention of the Oklahoma State Association, October 17-20 as delegates voted \$1,377,000 for an around-the-world outreach. The lion's share of the huge budget, more than \$661,000, was allocated to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Day sessions of the state meeting convened at First Church, Ardmore while night sessions were conducted in the Civic Auditorium.

This year's theme was "Christ Is Lord of All." Speakers for the session were Richard Gallant, "Christ Is Lord in Justification"; Glenn Lewis, "Christ Is Lord in Sanctification"; Raymond Riggs, "Christ Is Lord in Proclamation"; Berton Perry, "Christ Is Lord in Glorification." Approximately 400 attended the mid-October gathering.

Hillsdale College President Bill Jones reported that the institution is undergoing self-study for regional accreditation. Plaques were awarded to the 3 Oklahoma churches contributing the most to the college during 1976-77. Westside Church, Tulsa was tops in giving, having poured more than \$14,000 into the state association owned and operated school. Southern Oaks Church, Oklahoma City was second highest, and First Church, Ada was third.

President Jones and Hillsdale board members fielded questions concerning an \$80,000 overrun in construction cost. Stringent precautions were recommended for any future building. Baily Thompson, Richard Gallant and Bob Sharp were placed on Hillsdale's Board of Trustees for 3-year terms.

New members elected to state boards are as follows: Doyle Cox, CTS; Joe Grizzle and J. B. Chism, Home Missions; Frank Willey and Tom Ballard, Sunday School; David McDougal, State Executive Board. Jack Richey was recommended to



Fourteen Free Will Baptist state and national representatives shared reports with delegates at the Oklahoma State Association.

the National Association as General Board member.

Oklahoma churches gained 2,198 members last year. State membership now stands at 23,165. Total giving in all the churches is at \$3.7 million with \$555,000 going to various outside causes. For the first time in the state's history, giving to Foreign Missions exceeded \$100,000.

The State Ministers Conference and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention met concurrently on October 18. Cleo Pursell, WNAC executive secretary, addressed the women's caucus. The 1,116 member strong Oklahoma woman's auxiliary gave more than \$20,000 to worldwide outreach in this past year.

During the Ministers Conference 100 preachers heard Dr. Malcolm Fry, CTS director, develop 2 seminars on the pathology of leadership. The conference message was delivered by Herman Hersey, director of Retirement and Insurance.

State officers were retained for the 1977-78 fiscal year: Moderator James Murray, Assistant Moderator Jerry Pilgrim, Clerk Waldo Young, Assistant Clerk Jim Haas. Delegates endorsed Ron Smith, Locust Grove, as the Master's Men senator from Oklahoma.

GUY OWENS ASSUMES PROMOTIONAL POST



RALEIGH, NC—The Rev. Guy F. Owens has been named promotional director for the state of North Carolina. Mr. Owens took office November 1 and moved from Durham to the Raleigh-Knightdale area. Owens, well-known Free Will Baptist pastor/evangelist, will edit the state paper, *The Witness*, and travel extensively in public relations and general promotional outreach.

Owens, who is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, has served on the national Foreign Missions Board. His pastorates since entering the ministry in 1954 have been in Tennessee, Michigan, South Carolina and North Carolina. Owens is an established Bible and missionary conference speaker. He has shown adeptness in coordinating radio programs and revival efforts.

The 41-year-old North Carolinian terminated pastoral duties with Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Durham on October 30.

HILLSDALE RENAMES BUILDINGS TO HONOR PIONEERS

MOORE, OK—Seven buildings on the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College campus were renamed in a special ceremony on the Moore campus in October.

Names for the buildings were selected by the Hillsdale Board of Trustees at their May meeting.

"We've had some difficulty in identifying buildings on campus," President Bill M. Jones explained. "And we also wanted to honor some of the pioneers of our institution and denomination."

The Administration Building was named the John H. West Building, honoring the College's first president and a pioneer in Oklahoma Free Will Baptist work.

The Randolph Oller Annex was the name given the Administration Annex in honor of the first clerk of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists.

The three-storied girls' dormitory has been named Yandell Hall, honoring the first moderator of the Oklahoma Association.

New name for the north one-story boys' dormitory is Willey Hall, named in honor of T. H. "Pop" Willey, former Free Will Baptist Foreign Missionary to Cuba.

Barnard Hall was selected for the south one-story dormitory. It is named for Laura Belle Barnard, retired foreign missionary to India and former Free Will Baptist Bible College teacher.

The four-plex dormitory was already designated as Friends Hall, honoring the many "friends" of the school who contributed to the building. It will continue with that name.

The north dormitory under construction will be Randall Hall, and the south dormitory complex will be Palmer Hall. They are named for Benjamin Randall and Paul Palmer, founders of Free Will Baptists in New England and North Carolina, respectively.



MOORE, OK—Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, thanks Hillsdale and the Hillsdale Board of Trustees for naming the Administration Building on the Moore campus in his honor.

BIBLE COLLEGE ADDS NEW WEST END PROPERTY

NASHVILLE, TN.—Free Will Baptist Bible College recently purchased its fourth piece of property in the 3600-block of West End Avenue (U.S. 70S), Nashville's main thoroughfare, according to President L. C. Johnson.

The 80' x 200' lot and 10-room building were bought on October 10 for \$80,000. The property adjoins the college's present Patton Property on the west. No plans for its use have been announced.

Dr. Johnson expressed pleasure at the addition and commented that it fits well into the college's overall development plan.

ROCK-A-THON NETS \$300

NASHVILLE, TN.—Some 27 youths ranging in age from 2-24 participated in an October 28-29 Rock-A-Thon at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville. The action began Friday night at 7:00 and continued unbroken until 10:00 a.m. Saturday. Eleven of the 27 starters rocked the full 15 hours.

The rocker marathon, sponsored by the local Woman's Auxiliary, was geared to raise finances for the loan fund for the Don Sexton family in France. Pastor Herman Pannell Jr. indicated over \$300 was secured.

FIRE DESTROYS TENNESSEE CHURCH

COLUMBIA, TN.—An arson-set blaze roared through the New Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, August 6. The *Daily Herald*, Columbia, Tennessee, gave front-page coverage to the early morning blaze.

According to church officials everything was lost in the fire, including a new piano. Only the block walls remained after the 3:00 a.m. blaze was discovered. The Columbia Fire Department answered the call, but the church roof had already collapsed.

Pastor V. J. Crumley has led the congregation into worship services at a store building ½ mile from the former church location. Attendance has swelled until the group cannot fit into the building. Immediate plans call for rebuilding a place of worship. The church insurance coverage was but a fraction of the amount needed to rebuild.

Further complicating the church's dilemma is the fact that their pastor's wife has been seriously ill and required hospitalization. Attendance has stabilized between 100-150 since the arson incident.



REV. HAROLD PITTS, CHURCH FOUNDER, HONORED

WINFIELD, AL—"This has been the greatest day of my life," reacted Harold Pitts. On September 4 Pastor A. J. Looper, members of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church and friends surprised Brother Pitts in a special service honoring him. The Winfield Church made arrangements for Brother Pitts' entire family to be present in the services. A biography of his life was read, and the church presented Brother Pitts with a \$1,534 love offering.

Pitts' association with the Winfield Church dates back to 1948. While he was pastoring in Brilliant, Alabama, he felt a burden to begin a work in Winfield and did so in 1948. He moved to that city in August, 1950.

In addition to the many fine lay workers that the Winfield Church has produced through the years, a number of ministers have been called to preach while attending the church. Wilburn Beasley, a charter member and deacon, now pastors the Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Turbeville, South Carolina. W. B. Hughes, who was the song director for Brother Pitts many years ago, is now pastoring Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church.

James Walden served as a deacon and now pastors Jasper Free Will Baptist Church. Billy Smith, a deacon who served under Brother Pitts, later surrendered to the ministry and now pastors Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Mississippi.

Harold Pitts is known throughout the Free Will Baptist denomination. He has pastored in Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee. His first full-time pastorate was with the Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church in 1942. He is now celebrating his 40th year in the ministry.

Brother Pitts was born in Itawamba County, Mississippi, to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pitts. He was converted at age 18.



Shown with Mr. Pitts are his wife, 5 children and 5 grandchildren.

PASTOR LAUNCHES TAPE MINISTRY

VAN BUREN, AR—Rev. Willard C. Day, pastor of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Van Buren, has begun a cassette tape outreach geared for the layperson and minister who have not had formal Bible college training. Persons who complete the 12 one-hour lessons on Bible doctrine can receive a certificate after passing an examination.

According to Dr. Day, this teaching ministry grew from lessons taught at a youth camp in Oklahoma in 1950. The lessons were expanded at the request of several ministers to a 52-week course, a lesson each week. During the past 27 years Brother Day has used this material in churches and radio and television outreaches throughout the United States. The material has been broadcasted over 100 radio stations.

Mr. Day is well-known on the national level among Free Will Baptists. He served for 12 years on the Home Missions Board and for 8 years on the Executive Committee of the General Board. He has lectured throughout the United States in Bible conferences and seminars. Brother Day says, "My life has been spent in helping those who could not go to Bible college or other schools."

LOCAL CHURCH BEGINS FIRST FWB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FARMINGTON, MO—The first Christian day school operated by a Free Will Baptist church in Missouri opened August 26, 1977. Farmington Christian Academy is a ministry of First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington. Pastor James McAllister reports that 69 students were present on day one.

The concept of First Church's sponsoring a Christian day school originated with members Archie and Darlene Parrish, who are public school teachers. When their daughter Angel was born, they dreamed of her being able to go to a Christian school from kindergarten through college.

After they approached their pastor with the idea, Rev. McAllister prayed and then sought information about the Accelerated Christian Education program. A Christian Education Council was appointed, and the congregation voted unanimously to revamp the first floor of the church's educational building to house grades Kindergarten through 9.

Rev. Gene Wilfong, previously on the staff of Gateway Christian School, Norfolk, Virginia, was hired to head the program. He will become principal in 1978.

REV. SELDON BULLARD PROMOTED TO GLORY

MYRTLE BEACH, SC—Reverend Seldon D. Bullard, 64, of 6511 Somerset Drive, Myrtle Beach, died Monday, September 26, at Ocean View Memorial Hospital after battling lung cancer for approximately 10 months. He is survived by his wife Willa White Bullard and a daughter Mrs. Carolyn Pirtle of Owasso, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were conducted September 28 in the chapel of Bullard Funeral Home, Myrtle Beach. Burial was in Guilford Memorial Cemetery, Greensboro, North Carolina. Dr. W. Irvin Hyman, Rev. Julius Vause, Rev. Robert Edwards and Rev. Woodrow Shelly conducted the services.

Brother Bullard was a native of

Carthage, North Carolina. He was the son of the late W. A. and Rettie Bullard. He moved to Myrtle Beach in 1970 and organized the First Free Will Baptist Church. He also served pastorates in Darlington, South Carolina; Louisa, Kentucky; Bristol, Tennessee; Glenville, Georgia; Leadington, Missouri; and Morehead City, North Carolina. He received his theological training at Columbia Bible College.

In his remarks characterizing Brother Bullard's life, Irvin Hyman said: "Seldon Bullard was courageous as a soldier, submissive as a servant, separated as a Christian, determined as a leader, sound as a preacher, ambitious as a worker, compassionate as a soul winner, and assured as a believer."

15 SENIORS RECEIVE 'WHO'S WHO' HONOR

NASHVILLE, TN—Fifteen seniors at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville will be included in the 1978 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

They are as follows:

Brian Atwood, Abardeen, MD
Terry Bailey, Chuckey, TN
Leonard Ball, Black Mountain, NC
Frank Breedon, Nashville, TN
Diana Brown, Erwin, TN
Teata Burden, Norfolk, VA
Freda Crittenden, Owasso, OK
Tom Diamond, Huntington, WV
Robert Edmonson, Sunbury, PA
Ricky Hodges, Swainsboro, GA
Tim Jones, Tulsa, OK
LaDohnna Lewis, Muscle Shoals, AL

Don McDonald, Nashville, TN
Sam Postlewaite, Little Rock, AR
Dale Welsh, Aberdeen, MD

The students were selected by

faculty vote, based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potential for the future. They join an elite group from more than 1,000 colleges and universities in all 50 states and several foreign countries.

Each "Who's Who" senior, in addition to being listed in the volume, will receive a certificate during graduation week in May recognizing this honor.

Past FWBCC students who received this award include Reverend Lonnie Skiles, (1969), missionaries Lynn Miley (1970) and Steve Lytle (1972), and pastors, such as Reverend Al Hamm (1971) and Jonathan Thigpen (1973).

The school's administration commends this years "Who's Who" seniors and anticipates for them many years of useful Christian service.

BALLARD TO SUCCEED GRAFFAM AS WRC HEAD

WHEATON, IL—Jerry P. Ballard will succeed Dr. Everett Graffam as executive vice-president of World Relief Commission (WRC), effective July 1, 1978. The announcement came at the semiannual meeting of the NAE Board of Administration, October 4, 5.

Ballard, who is currently president of the management consulting firm of Ballard & Puckett, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, will officially join WRC on January 1 as executive vice-president-designate.

Ballard's total involvement in international missions encompasses 17 years. He was director of communications and editor of *Heartbeat* for the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department, Nashville, Tennessee, from 1961-1970. Ballard served on the WRC executive committee from 1968-1970 and as director of World Vision International from 1970-1972.

A professor of communications at the Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions, Columbia, South Carolina, from 1972-1975, Ballard has since devoted his full attentions to Ballard & Puckett, Inc., serving clientele consisting predominantly of international Christian organizations.

"I'm excited over this new challenge," Ballard said, "and the opportunity of meeting human needs both physically and spiritually."

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By
JACK WILLIAMS
Editor

The "fifth quarter" is added to football games by **Carl and Roxie Lewis, East Wenatchee, Washington**. After home games this couple invites the teenagers to a gathering of refreshments and entertainment at someone's home. This is an effort to provide supervised alternatives for postgame enthusiasm. The Lewises are members of **Victory FWB Church, Lewis Perry** pastors.

Did you ever take communion out of real olivewood communion cups from Palestine? Pastor **Rupert Pixley, First FWB Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas**, served communion in olivewood cups on October 9. Each person who participated got to keep the communion cup as a souvenir.

Phillips Chapel FWB Church, West Dante, Virginia, celebrated its 25th anniversary by building a new sanctuary valued at \$60,000. Pastors are **Joe Johnson** and **Howard Reynolds**.

Here's another big vacation Bible school tally. **First FWB Church, Dayton, Ohio**, averaged 419 students per night during their VBS. **Hobart Ashby** pastors.

October 2 was Adoption Day at **Fellowship FWB Church, Nashville, Tennessee**. About 30 students from **Free Will Baptist Bible College** were adopted by church families to provide the students a home-away-from-home atmosphere during this academic year. Students at all Free Will Baptist colleges could use this kind of tender loving care. **Joe Grimmer** pastors.

Members will not soon forget the business meeting conducted September 7 at **Marvin Chapel FWB Church, Marianna, Florida**. During that meeting the church voted to buy 1 1/3 acres of land, build a new parsonage and sell the old one. Pastor **Buford Pierce** led in the expansion move.

Speaking of building and moving, the **West Dayton FWB Church, Dayton, Ohio**, recently purchased a building along with 7 1/2 acres of land. The new acquisition includes the auditorium, 10 classrooms and 4-bedroom parsonage with basement. The church anticipates changing its name to **Greenview FWB Church, Norman Livingstone** pastors.

Pastor **Wayne Phillips** has a sharp eye for business also. **First FWB Mission, Enterprise, Alabama**, recently sold property they were purchasing on a bypass. The congregation cleared \$50,000 above what they owed on the old property and promptly invested it in new property consisting of 9 acres, a large building and \$65,000 indebtedness. The church paid \$55,000 down.

One sure method of measuring church growth is by how many full-time workers a particular church puts into the Lord's work. In **Stratford FWB Church, Stratford, Oklahoma**, 4 young men recently committed their lives to Christ as preachers. They are **Donald Bagby, Keith Ballard, Mike Hart** and **Bobby Williams**. It's no wonder Pastor **Jerry Dudley** is all smiles.

First Bible FWB Church, New Castle, Indiana, has gotten into the extension business. Pastor Dan O'Donnell reports the church has begun a Sunday school class in the New Castle Community Care Center. In an effort to reach people who don't normally hear the church's message, Mr. **Dale Schmidt** conducts this innovative class.

Never again will the **Good Springs FWB Church** be known as the church without a steeple. The **Pleasant View, Tennessee**, congregation recently installed a church steeple thanks to the generous contributions of the Woman's Auxiliary. Pastor **Earl Langley** reports that the local auxiliary contributed some \$700 to complete the project.

The Cajun country around **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**, will soon be sporting a 40' x 70' auditorium with a big Free Will Baptist sign out front. Missionary **Larry Russell** reports the church is purchasing a frame structure for worship. The building has pulpit furniture, baptismal, air conditioners and 2 Sunday school rooms.

First FWB Church, Russellville, Arkansas, called August 21 Miracle Sunday and then tried to have one. Records showed 419 were in Sunday school; 481 were in morning worship service; and 170 rode the church buses. More than \$2,000 was received in tithes and offerings. Pastor **Fred Warner** baptized 6 people that day.

Members of **Buckeye FWB Church, Jackson, Ohio**, are putting the church on the map. Pastor **Earl Buckley** reports a lighted sign is going up outside the church and air conditioning is going into the church.

For anyone who may be wondering, revivals can still last 2 weeks and more. That's the word from Pastor **Robert Adkins, Wakefield FWB Church, Wakefield, Ohio**. The church recently baptized 26 as a result of the 2 1/2 weeks revival conducted by **Clovis Vanover**. Pastor Adkins reports his congregation has purchased property and will begin building a new church in the near future. They have been conducting Bible studies in different homes during the summer months.

Pastor **Wesley Hamilton** and the **Stobtown FWB Church, Ardmore, Oklahoma**, are joining in the revival spirit. The congregation recently added 42 new members and baptized 24.

Coast to coast Sunday school competition spotlighted the contest between **Temple FWB Church, Greenville, North Carolina**, and **Sherwood Forest FWB Church, El Sorbrante, California**. **Richard Kennedy**, pastor of the North Carolina church, was in revival services with Pastor **Milburn Wilson** of the California congregation. That week the California congregation had 320 in Sunday school while their North Carolina counterpart had 280. Congratulations to both pastors. In this contest everybody won.

Pastor **J. D. Norris Jr., Lake Jackson FWB Church, Tallahassee, Florida**, asked God for 50 people at the first services in this city. Of the 56 people who were present on that occasion, 19 came forward for church membership.

The **Eastside FWB Mission, Batesville, Arkansas**, met for its first service on September 11. Twenty-nine persons attended Sunday morning services, and 34 attended evening services. **Lonnie Palmer** pastors.

When **Steve Sawrie** recently answered the call to preach, members of **Center Point FWB Church, Vilonia, Arkansas**, wanted to encourage him. So they surprised Steve with a book shower. This is a fertile idea that other churches should try in behalf of students enrolling at Free Will Baptist colleges. **Sidney Sawrie** pastors.

Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River, Missouri, is learning to depend upon teen power. During the summer teenagers cleaned church buses and helped in Bible school with the teaching, handicrafts and serving refreshments. Pastor **Grant Saverance** reports that the latest project tackled by the teen corps is a teenage center across the street from the church's educational building.

It seems **Bethel FWB Church, South Roxana, Illinois**, has been rereading Matthew 28:18,19. They had an October 9 dedication to top all dedications. Pastor **Jim Walker** reports their new building was dedicated to education, missions and evangelism. The congregation had plenty of help in the services. **Dr. Robert Picirilli** of **Free Will Baptist Bible College, Rolla Smith** of the **Foreign Missions Department**, and **Wallace Malone**, church founder, were present for the occasion.

It may not be unusual for a church to have a membership of 163; but when 100 of them are adults, that is news. After receiving 14 new members on August 7, Pastor **Robert Durham** reported the century figure in the adult department for **Grace FWB Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina**.

Cofer's Chapel FWB Church, Nashville, Tennessee, is doing something positive to clean up television programming. A large portion of a recent Sunday morning bulletin was given over to an expose of the TV program "Soap." Members were encouraged to start praying and acting to force the program off the air. Addresses of the program's sponsors were listed in the bulletin so members could write protest letters. **Eugene Waddell** pastors.

Somebody should help Pastor **Darrel Pickle, White Oak FWB Church, Route 2, Bailey, North Carolina**. He has recently begun a monthly newsletter and is anxious to find a name for it.

Most congregations wishing to go into the church bus business must purchase their own vehicles, but not **First FWB Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas**. In a dandy turn of events, Pastor **Ernest Johnson** bought a bus for the church program. A pastor with that kind of initiative may get a chance to do it again.

Central FWB Church, Huntington, West Virginia, was started in February, 1976. Thirty-seven persons attended that first service. The group averaged \$750 in offerings through July, 1977, exclusive of special offerings, donations and designated gifts. More than \$68,000 was received during the past year. Pastor **Carl Vallance** reports the church has adopted a \$40,000 budget for 1977-78.

The **Twin Oaks FWB Church, Fredricktown, Missouri**, has undergone an expansion. The church now has 8 new classrooms and an auditorium to seat approximately 250. Pastor **Truman Huffman** reports that 22 persons have been baptized.

Zane Kirkland is well on his way to becoming a happy preacher in **Conway, Arkansas**. The **First FWB Church** recently purchased a 3-bedroom brick parsonage.

There is a new mission in **Fairgrove, Missouri**. The congregation conducted its first services under the direction of **James Crawford** on July 3 with 30 present. The next Sunday 44 were present.

It was rock-around-the-clock September 30

and October 1 in **Reyno, Arkansas**. The youth of **Old Reyno FWB Church** sponsored a rock-a-thon for missions and local causes. Some 22 teens rocked for 24 hours and raised a total of \$1,031. **Jimmy Bundy** pastors.

A big crusade for Christ was sponsored by Free Will Baptist churches in the **Marianna, Florida, area**. **Tennessee pastor Richard Adams** preached nightly October 23-28 at the National Guard Armory. **Vernon Whaley** of **Georgia** directed the music, and **Blaine Hughes** of **Virginia** was pianist.

August 14 marked the date for groundbreaking ceremonies for a new educational building in **Raleigh, North Carolina**. Pastor **Randy Cox** reports that members of **First FWB Church, Raleigh** sold a \$245,000 bond program in 5 days to underwrite the new building.

Capitol Hill FWB Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, observed a big homecoming celebration recently. Pastor **Homer Young** reports that approximately 750 persons attended the festivities. Seven were saved; 6 were baptized; and 4 united with the church. The big celebration was given a boost when 40 students from **Hillsdale FWB College** joined local members going door to door to invite area folks to services.

They started a chain gang in **Monett, Missouri**. **Dr. James Davis**, pastor of **First FWB Church**, took his cue from Paul's being a prisoner of Jesus Christ. He is encouraging members to pull together a special growth and outreach emphasis.

To anyone who may question if visitation really does pay off, this excerpt from **Woodbine FWB Church, Nashville, Tennessee**, can serve as a good example. On a recent Sunday 6 married couples attended the church for the first time. Fifteen new bus riders were on one bus. They all indicated they would not have been in services if they had not been visited. **Elro Driggers** pastors.

Broken records are scattered all over at **First FWB Church, Joplin, Missouri**. Pastor **N. R. Smith** reports that the congregation broke 3 records on October 2. The church exceeded its goal of 161 in Sunday school by 41 and had a total of 202. A record 235 were

in the morning worship service. Just over \$1,700 was received in a record offering.

A dozen senior adults enjoyed the first JOY Fellowship at **First FWB Church, Stanley, North Carolina**, in August. The JOY Fellowship is for members who have reached their 60th birthdays. This group meets the fourth Tuesday in the month at 10:45 a.m. for a worship service and a fellowship meal. **Billy Buchanan** is their pastor.

Congratulations to **First FWB Church, Searcy, Arkansas**. Pastor **Howard Hensley** led the congregation in dedication of new church facilities on August 21. Laminated arches and wood decking constitute a cathedral type building for beauty and acoustics. It is equipped with direct lighting and stained glass windows.

The **Wolf Creek FWB Church, Mansfield, Missouri**, dedicated its sanctuary in 1952. Exactly 25 years later in 1977, Pastor **R. E. Hensley** and the congregation called Rev. **Glenn Murray** to deliver the message of dedication of a new educational wing. Hensley has pastored the Wolf Creek Church since 1968.

Offerings at **Sylvan Park FWB Church, Nashville, Tennessee**, are up 100 percent over the past 7 years. Total giving in 1970 was just over \$22,000. In 1977 total giving has soared beyond the \$45,000 mark. **Bob Jones** pastors.

Carl Dunn of **Chillicothe FWB Church, Chillicothe, Ohio**, has been appointed state CTS director for Ohio. Dunn is a mathematics teacher and assistant principal at Zane Trace High School.

Editor **Bobby Shepherd** of **Old Mount Zion Association** in **Arkansas** has been saying some very nice things about **CONTACT** Magazine in the **Old Mount Zion Newsletter**. The **CONTACT** staff says thank you.

Members of the **State Line Association, Alabama**, passed out more than 35,000 tracts at the 38th annual Peanut Festival in **Dothan** October 17-22. More than 65,000 people came by the booth area where the Free Will Baptist workers were located. Thirty-two people made professions of faith during the week. ▲

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to our Contact Subscribers

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MIRROR, MIRROR

By Pam Kennedy

As women, we look into our mirrors at least once, perhaps many times, a day. That's only natural for us because we try to look our best. But a mirror can only reflect the physical image.

If all of us had spiritual mirrors, how often would we look into them? Spiritual mirrors would reflect all our thoughts and true feelings. Like the physical mirrors they could only reflect what was put in front of them. Would that reflection be something to be proud of? Do we spend as much time preparing our inner images as we do our outer?

In preparing our outer images, we may use curlers, makeup, brushes, etc. But what can we do to prepare our spiritual images? We do have a person to pattern after. Hollywood does not control that spiritual image. It comes straight from heaven to us. Jesus Christ is our example, and we strive to be exactly like Him.

It is difficult today to always think as Jesus would because sin is publicized everywhere. However, we can control how much sin we allow to be pro-



grammed through our minds.

For instance, we should not let Satan blind us with the famous afternoon TV soap operas. He's working on weakening our hate for sin. He does this by letting our favorite TV personalities commit the sins; thus, we become sympathetic toward them and the sins they are committing. We "allow" them to commit adultery, use filthy language and drink liquor continuously right in our living rooms. We would literally throw anyone out who came into our homes carrying on in such a satanic way! How can we think and

behave like Jesus while watching and hearing these things?

We wonder why our children disrespect us, think guns are for killing people, hate police authorities, dress half naked and want to have sex appeal at the age of 10! It's because they can see all this in living color every day at the mere click of a switch. We are foolish to think seeing and hearing garbage regularly will not pollute young minds.

Even women's magazines which were once wholesome are now filled with nudity and women's lib articles.

These things are preying on Christian women and making the image of Christ very faded and hard to recognize. We must be alert to what Satan is working toward and be determined not to let him sneak in and destroy our Christlikeness.

Jesus Christ is portrayed beautifully in the Bible—but is He portrayed equally beautifully in us? What does your mirror say?

ABOUT THE WRITER: Pam Kennedy, 26, is the mother of Amy, 1, and April, 4. She is the wife of Richard Kennedy, pastor of Temple Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina.

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Missionary Luther Sanders has come home to stay after nearly 2 decades. Luther and Helen Sanders have been surrogate mother and father to hundreds of United States service personnel stationed in Hawaii. Their ministry literally circles the globe to touch spiritual sons and daughters at armed forces bases from equator to pole.

CONTACT Magazine salutes these missionary statesmen as Luther and Helen now enter yet another dimension of service for the Lord in a stateside pastorate.

Director Robert Shockey, National Home Mission Department, hails the Sanders family on the completion of their assignment. Shockey relates, "The Luther Sanders family left the mainland of the United States in August, 1959 to build a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching and Bible-preaching church in the Hawaiian Islands. Brother Sanders reports that approximately 6,000 people were reached during their 18-year term.

"As general director of the National Home Mission Board, I want to express my deepest appreciation for a job well done for our Lord and Free Will Baptists.

"Brother Sanders has recently assumed the pastorate of the Garner Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina. His present address is P.O. Box 326, Garner, North Carolina 25729."

The last newsletter from the Sanders family is published for our readers' benefit.





October, 1977

Dear Friends,

The Apostle Peter declared on the day of Pentecost, "This is that . . ." (Acts 2:16). In this declaration the Apostle brought into focus the prophecies of the past which made it possible for future victories to be a present reality. This is in a small way the thought that we would like to convey in this our last newsletter after 18 years.

Helen and I have appreciated the opportunity that we have had to reorient ourselves with the needs and potentials in our denomination as we have observed in visiting a sampling of our churches (26 churches in 10 states) during the past 5 months. Now as we stand at the door of a new opportunity and are able to draw upon the past with all its fulfilled promises, blessings, difficulties and disappointments, and spiritual maturity, I believe we can say with assurance, "This is that opportunity for service that we have been waiting for during the past few months."

After much prayer and waiting upon the Lord for His direction, I have accepted the invitation from the Garner Free Will Baptist Church in Garner, North Carolina, to become their pastor. There is great potential at this church, and the people seem very eager to work together in accomplishing God's purpose in the local church.

Please pray for us that we will be sensitive to the needs of the people as well as God's leadership in our own lives as we go to a new state, meet new people, and begin a new pastorate.

Both Helen and I wish to express our sincere and affectionate appreciation to each of you who have been faithful in supporting us with your prayers and finances through the years. It is because of people like many of you who have prayed and given of yourselves as well as your finances that we have been able to leave an effective work in Hawaii. There were approximately 6,000 people reached during our 18 years in Hawaii. There are (the best that we can remember) about 32 young people and adults who are either in Christian work or are presently in training for Christian work. To God be the glory!

The church in Hawaii is an indigenous work; and while they do not now need your financial support, they will always need your prayer support. During the past 5 months some of you who had been faithful in supporting us financially while we were in Hawaii realized that we did need financial support while we were trying to rest and visit our families. You continued to send to our account through the National Home Mission Board. I am hereby instructing the director of the National Home Mission Board to forward any funds that come in designated for the "Sanders" account after October 31, 1977, to the Williams' account. The Jim Williams family are home missionaries to Old Mexico and are deserving of your support.

Much love,
Luther and Helen Sanders

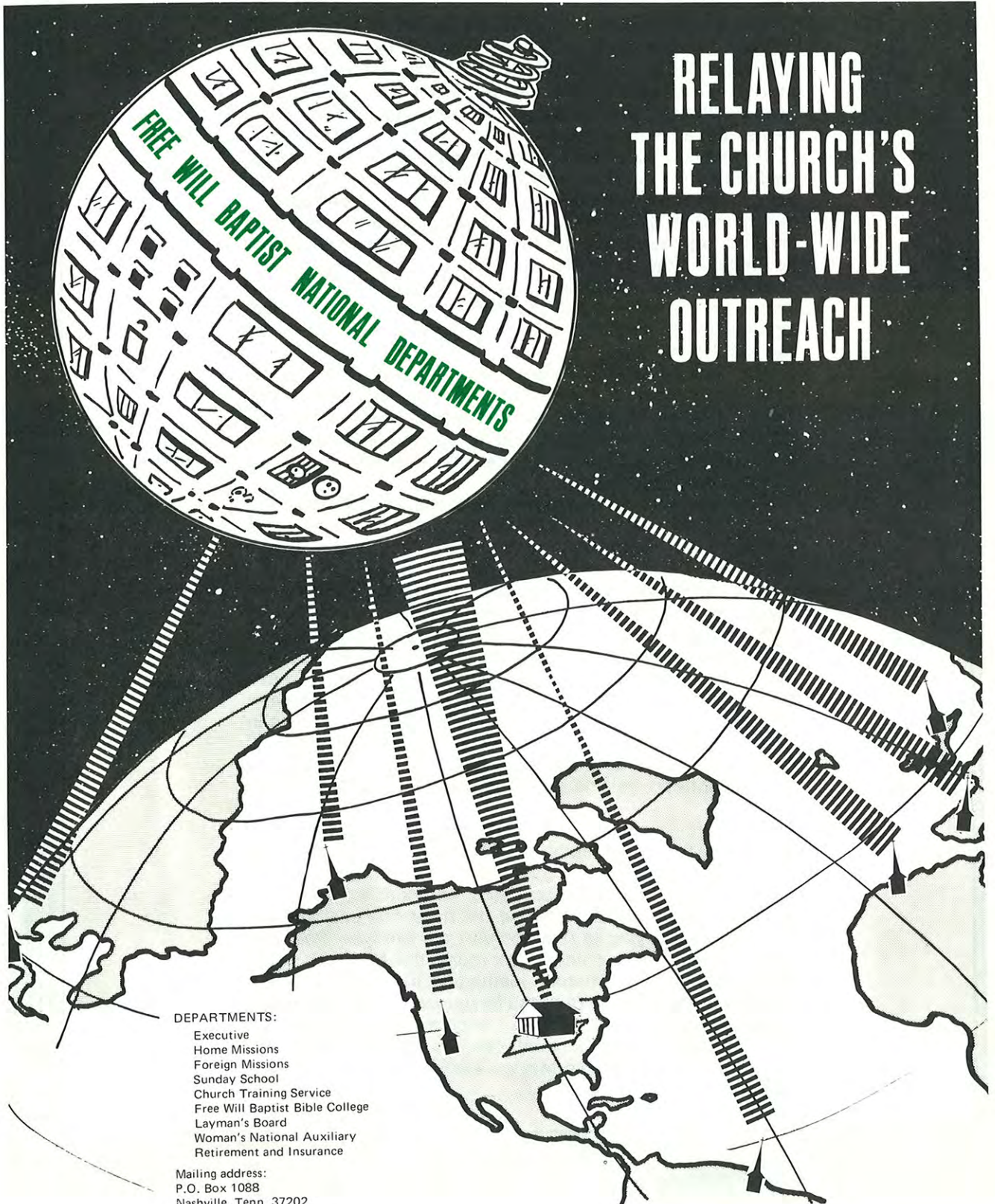
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