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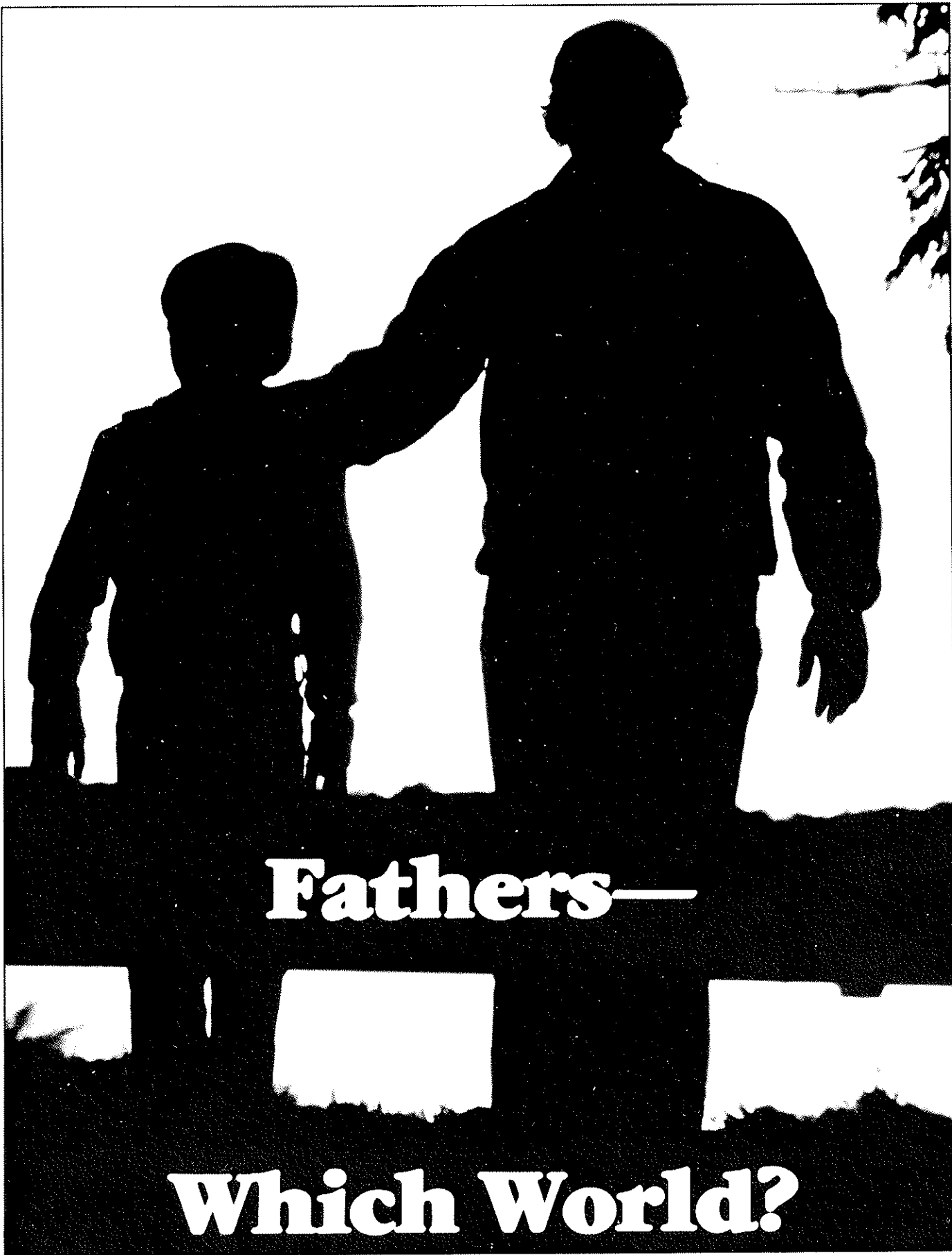
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Fathers—

Which World?

By Morris Chalfant

Why give special prominence to Father's Day? Why not, when from experience and scripture it is clear that family destiny is determined by the Father, the family head?

The Bible has a lot to say about fathers. The scriptures mention fathers much more often than mothers.

In fact, they speak of fathers several times as often as they mention mothers and mothers-in-law combined. Evidently Dads are rather important in God's sight. We owe a great deal to our fathers in the flesh.

Someone has said, "A boy loves his mother, but he follows his father." This, of course, is not true in every case, but it is right in an overwhelming majority of cases.

Father's Day is a voice calling men from the pursuit of values which fluctuate with each passing year to the consideration of the value which is eternal—the welfare of his child.

Being a father is one of life's greatest privileges and most serious responsibilities. It cannot be over-estimated for importance. It is a trust anchored to eternity.

God blessed Abraham and heaped on him the highest honors "because he will command his children and household after him." In the New Testament it is plainly stated "the promise is unto you and to your children."

As Noah was commanded to build "an ark to the saving of his house," so every man is charged with the heavy responsibility of bringing his house into the ark provided in Christ.

Dr. Tell Forrest, psychiatrist for the William Alanson Foundation, said, "When fathers do not take leadership roles, boys so often are overcome with femininity and take on an exaggerated masculine behavior to conceal it."

The worst result when Dad doesn't assume responsibility and leadership, when he fails to be the zenith in masculinity, he creates the modern Mom who is obliged to, or

else desires to take over completely in her son's and daughter's life.

This reversing of sex roles in the home is creating much of our psychological and sociological problems. One person observed, "Even though he may be a senator, governor, college president, or industrialist, a man may make his most significant contribution to his country by the far-reaching, yet unsung, kind of job he does as a father."

Edgar A. Guest gave us some beautiful thoughts on what he considers his real job as a father: "If I don't help my boy, Bud, to grow up right, I'll call myself a failure, no matter how much money I make, or how big a reputation I get.

"I have a number of tasks to do, all of which I should like to do well. To be a failure in any one of them would be disappointing; yet I could bear that without whimpering if I were sure I had not failed the boy.

"Not so much of me in the bank, and more of me and of my best in the lad, is what I should like to have to show at the end of my career. For me to succeed as a father, he must succeed.

"Unless my boy comes to manhood fit for the respect of his fellow men, I shall have been a failure. The glory of our handwork lies not in ourselves but in our children."

Prominent minister and writer R. A. Torrey received a letter one day asking him to call on the woman principal of a school. He went to see her. During the conversation she said, "I don't believe anything. I don't even read the Bible because it seems wrong for me to read it and disbelieve everything in it as I do."

After she talked for some time about her disbelief, tears came to her eyes. Dr. Torrey asked her why she was weeping. She replied, "Oh, there is one thing I can't get over, and that is my father's life. He was a minister of the gospel, and whenever I think of the holy life he lived, I feel there must be something in Christianity. I can't get over his life." Dr. Torrey later led her to Christ.



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FATHERS (From Page 3)

Fathers, your children will be influenced all during life by their memories of you. What kind of memories are you giving them?

Strange thing about Father's Day each June. It often ends up as Inventory Day for many dads. The sincere father asks himself, "How am I doing as an example?"

Today's world has no room for phony fathers. The real kind is needed. As the apostle Paul wrote to young Timothy, "... be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12).

No more heartening words can come the way of any father than, "I wanna be like my dad."

Spiritually speaking, too.

A certain Christian upon being asked, "How is your son John?" answered proudly, "Oh, John is making a name for himself in the world." His friend boldly asked, "Which world?"

Are you bringing up your children in the "fear and admonition of the Lord"? Are they ready for the next world? ▲

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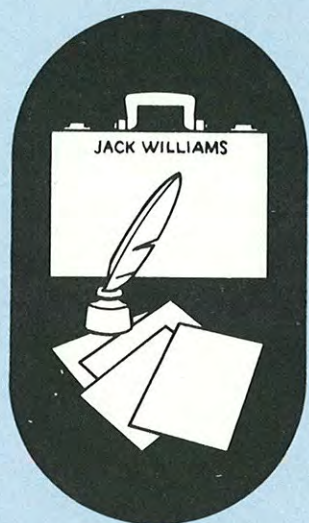
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Florida	.00	1,057.03	1,057.03	.00	6,153.65
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Executive	\$ 1,290.47	\$10,600.92	\$11,891.39	\$10,640.21	\$ 34,756.61
Foreign Missions	36,299.89	3,969.87	40,269.76	22,419.49	99,238.78
Bible College	4,518.08	3,969.87	8,487.95	5,203.81	21,283.32
Home Missions	10,662.39	3,106.83	13,769.22	6,659.13	31,599.56
Retirement & Insurance	416.18	2,589.07	3,005.25	2,390.26	7,017.34
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Briefcase



Take Me For Granted

We were midstream in a Nashville writers conference when Moody Press Director Jerry Jenkins pulled his Saturday afternoon lecture across the top of a big rock. Said he wanted his children to take his presence in the home for granted.

Said he didn't think children ought to consider it an event for Dad to be home evenings. Said he committed himself to *just be there every night*. Said children had a right to expect Dad to be there to smile when it was good and to help cry when it hurt.

I suspect that Jerry is right. It's a high compliment when another person takes for granted that you will be there—in the family, on the job, in the Lord's service.

But you have to earn the right to be taken for granted. It isn't something that comes easily.

One of the things wrong with the world is that you can't take many people for granted anymore.

What does it mean to be taken for granted?

It means you can be counted on. That you are dependable. That you are trustworthy. That you won't go to Florida during Vacation Bible School. That if you call in sick you are.

It means you don't have to be pumped up. Some people go flat and sulk around the neighborhood until someone comes along to inflate

them again. They lose their zest for the job. Enthusiasm takes a nose dive and they flounder like beached whales.

The guy who can be taken for granted doesn't hitch his star to the elevator of daily emotions. When depression trips him, he gets up, dusts off his common sense, and refuses to wallow in self-pity.

It doesn't mean that you don't appreciate appreciation, but it does mean that you can be trusted to get on with life without supervision.

It means you won't fold when trouble comes. This is the litmus test whether in Christian service or on the job. It may not be posted on the company bulletin board, but you can check it out in any organization, everybody knows who is hanging on for the loaves and fishes and who will stick when the nitty gets gritty.

Most people cut and run when life's bullies appear. The fellow who can be taken for granted doesn't look for trouble, but he is prepared to face it when it comes. He is orthodox enough to call in the cavalry if he can't handle it alone, but creative enough to grab the jawbone on an ass and beat some respect out of the local Philistines.

It means you have settled some issues and are now working out the details. What a frustrating experience to work with those who talk of counting the cost but somehow never get around to doing it. At some point in a man's life, he must once and for all count the cost, put it behind him, and start working with the issues at hand.

There is a time when issues need to be discussed, a time when costs need to be counted. But he who drives through life under a caution flag, who won't go all out but also won't get off the track, keeps himself and his peers in needless jeopardy.

It means you can live with labels and meet the standards that identify you with a cause or issue. That you have aligned yourself publicly. That you accept the risk. That you run up the colors and embrace the consequences of your decision.

Is it really all that unusual that someone wants to be taken for granted? After all, God encourages this take-me-for-granted concept.

When we "cast our cares upon Him," we expect Him to be there to care, don't we? We take for granted that we will find rest when we respond to "come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden."

God said it: "I am the Lord, I change not"—that means you can take certain things for granted about God. They are forever settled and those are the hinges upon which creation swings.

It is written in the book of Hebrews: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever"—the ultimate in being taken for granted. He promises to never change.

The next time you feel taken for granted, rejoice because someone has that much confidence in you.

Who is it that can be taken for granted in my home, on my job, at my church? I hope it's me! ▲



Last year I served as the evangelist for Pine Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Clintwood, Virginia, the Church where I began my ministry 43 years ago.

When I united with this Church, meetings were held in the schoolhouse, and now they have a beautiful, modern church building. This is a picture of what has happened in our denomination since I began preaching.

My ministry has been in three main categories—pastoral, denominational executive, and evangelistic. For 30 years, I traveled extensively and probably visited as many Free Will Baptist churches and stayed in as many homes as any preacher among us. In these years, most of my experiences have been pleasant and rewarding.

I have learned more from experience than from books, so I'll share some thoughts about preparing for revival.

Getting Ready

It is best not to go to a church for special meetings without the pastor agreeing that you should come. Because he will do most of the preparing, he should have much to do with the

selection of the evangelist. Many churches leave this to the pastor and/or the deacon board.

The Right Time

If I were a pastor preparing for revival, I would seek the Lord's leadership for an evangelist and then call the man and give him some choice of dates. Most full time evangelists are booked well in advance.

If the man invited accepted the invitation, I would send him the following information: The time of the first service and directions to the church. I would advise him of all services, anticipated day meetings, prayer meetings, and other special meetings he will be expected to attend.

The evangelist should have the pastor's phone number and mailing ad-

dress. This is most important so he may leave it with his family.

He should be informed where he will be staying. Some men who live out of a suitcase prefer to stay in a motel, if it is a good one, and have most of their meals there. However, those who know the evangelist well may want to keep him in their home, if they have the extra room and other facilities for keeping a guest this length of time.

Evangelists will expect to stay in homes only when both husband and wife are there. Meals in other homes are not advised as a rule.

The Right Advertising

Advertising pays! Most of it is free to churches. However, many times even nearby pastors do not know that a revival is going on in their community.

Every area newspaper should have the announcement, every radio and television station should be asked to make the announcement, and letters and other printed matter should go out from the church. In fact, pastors of area churches should be consulted before the dates are set, to try and avoid other meetings being held at the same time. This is not always possible, but efforts should be made in that direction.

The Right Finances

Expenses should be considered early in planning for a meeting. Travel expenses should always be provided, regardless whether the evangelist travels by air or in his automobile. Food and lodging is provided, and love offerings should be given, *over and above* what the church gives from the treasury or what has been placed in the budget.

Keep in mind that the evangelist has no other source of income, that he furnishes his own house, utilities, and insurance, and has no other income when he is not engaged in a revival meeting.

I would not want a man to preach for me if he was only preaching for the money. But then neither would I want to invite a man without doing my best to meet his needs, and a little more when possible.

The Right Ethics

The speaker does not need to be introduced in every service, the first service should be sufficient. (Those present know who they have come to hear.) All announcements and preliminaries should be kept to a minimum. Thirty minutes after the service begins, the preacher should be in the pulpit, when possible. Singing is great, but too much in one service is harmful.

Provisions should be made for dealing with those who come forward at the invitation (altar call). New converts need to be instructed about baptism and church membership.

Many services are hindered because they are too long—sometimes this is difficult to control. Revivals are not the time to display all talents within the church, but all local talent should be used. This will add to the spiritual good of the service.

Lengthy preaching, prayers, or testimonies are not necessary to winning souls, and often hinder revival.

Free Will Baptists have thousands of ordained ministers, hundreds of missionaries, but less than a dozen full time evangelists. If I were now a pastor, I would urge young men called to preach, to seek the will of God about full time evangelism.

Pastors should consider using full time evangelists for their revivals. This would encourage more men to enter this ministry.

10 Tips for the Pastor

If I were a pastor, I would do what many are already doing:

1. Plan revivals well in advance.
2. Select the evangelist through much prayer, and use full time evangelists often.
3. Advertise the meetings by all means possible. Invite nearby churches to attend in groups.
4. Make arrangements for the financial needs of the preacher before the meeting begins.
5. Select a good song leader, and keep the opening part of the service to about 30 minutes.
6. Use as much local talent as possible throughout the revival, and invite only born again soul winners as special singers.
7. Use wisdom in scheduling the evangelist's time; do not expect him to visit homes after the service, or to linger at the church extra hours after services.
8. Use whatever means of transportation the church has (cars, buses, vans) every night to bring folks to the services.
9. Let the entire week be used as revival time! All other activities at night should be united with the revival effort.
10. If the visiting preacher is present on Sunday, have the Children's Church remain in the regular worship service.

Seven Suggestions for the Church

There are some things that make a week's stay at a church more pleasant:

1. Be on time to meet the evangelist if he comes by plane.
2. Have all meals planned at least three hours before church time.
3. Have reading materials available, especially a daily newspaper.
4. If a fellowship is planned at the church, don't wait until the closing night to have it.
5. Give time in one service for the evangelist to give a brief report of his ministry, if he cares to do so.
6. The church may wish to give some personal gift to the evangelist and/or his wife. (Old fashioned "poundings" are still in order, too!)
7. Plan time for plenty of rest, study, and prayer for the pastor and the evangelist.

Practical Helps

It is not necessary to use such titles as *Doctor* in advertising an evangelist. Men of God often prefer to be called *Evangelist*, or just *Brother*.

Make no comments on the size of the crowd. Whether it is large or small, our object is to worship Jesus Christ. Many services are hindered by too much talk about those who are present, and/or those who are not present. After the service begins, we must work with what we have!

A clock should never be displayed for the public to check how long the evangelist has been preaching. Try to avoid displaying items of distraction in the sanctuary.

It is not good to have the evangelist go to the door after each service. Sometimes he needs to be elsewhere speaking to those seeking spiritual help.

At times, pastors and song leaders feel they need to straighten out the congregation—maybe for being late, or failing to sing loud enough, etc. I have never seen this help a revival. A later time for these instructions is much better.

Don't judge the results of the meeting until several weeks after its close. There are times of ingathering, and there are times to build up the saints.

Regular attendance is one of the best ways to have revival. It is almost impossible to have revival when the congregation changes at each service.

May all of us experience real revival in our hearts and in our churches in 1983. ▲



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THEME: "Considering The Covenant"
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HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Hyatt Regency Columbus
CONVENTION OFFICE: Hyatt Regency Columbus
Board Rooms II and III

SUNDAY MORNING/July 17

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Hyatt Regency Columbus
	Presiding: Millard Sasser Duet: Chuck and Violet Cox	
	Primaries: Myrtle Reeds	Marion Room
	Juniors: Kay Hampton	Madison Room
	Teens: Jonathan Thigpen	Delaware Room
	Adults: Stanley Outlaw	Regency Ballroom

10:45	Intermission	
11:00	MORNING WORSHIP	Hyatt Regency Columbus Regency Ballroom
	Presiding: Millard Sasser Song Service: Jon Forlines Solo: John Blakely Offertory: Susan Forlines	
	MESSAGE: Elro Driggers	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON/July 17

3:00	REGISTRATION for National Convention, National Youth Conference, and Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	Ohio Center Main Foyer
4:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Ohio Center Battelle Hall

5:00 Usher Orientation
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Board Rooms II and III

SUNDAY EVENING/July 17

7:00 NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE
Keynote Service
Speaker: David Boggs
Ohio Center
Battelle Hall

8:30 Worship Service Concludes

8:30 Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal
Ohio Center
Battelle Hall

8:30 Youth after-service activities
(See National Youth Program)
Sheraton Columbus
Plaza

8:30-10:00 Registration Continues
Ohio Center
Main Foyer

MONDAY MORNING/July 18

7:00 NYC Breakfast (staff, judges and officials)
Sheraton Columbus
Plaza
Garfield-Hayes Room

8:00-8:45 WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Pickaway Room

8:30 Registration Continues
Ohio Center
Main Foyer

8:30 Youth Competition and Music/Arts Assembly
(See National Youth Program)
Sheraton Columbus
Plaza

9:00 GENERAL BOARD Convenes
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Regency South

9:00-10:30 WNAC Nominating Committee
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Clark Room

9:00-11:45 WNAC Executive Committee
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Board Room I

MONDAY AFTERNOON/July 18

12:00-12:45 WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Pickaway Room

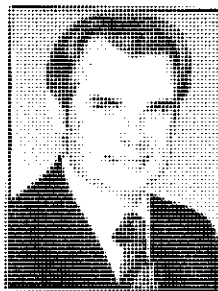
12:00-1:15 General Board Luncheon
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Fayette Room

1:00 Youth Competition and Music/Arts
(See National Youth Program)
Sheraton Columbus
Plaza

1:30-2:30 WNAC Seminar
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Regency North

1:30 GENERAL BOARD Reconvenes
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Regency South

2:45-3:45 Presidents and Field Workers
Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Marion Room



Melvin Worthington
Exec. Secretary
Nat'l. Assoc.



Alton Loveless
Prom. Secretary
Ohio State Assoc.



Bobby Jackson
Moderator
Nat'l. Assoc.

4:00 Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal
Ohio Center
Battelle Hall

5:00 EXHIBIT AREA OPEN
Ohio Center
Battelle Hall

5:00 Learner/Adventurer Banquet
Sheraton Columbus
Plaza

MONDAY EVENING/July 18

7:00 WORSHIP SERVICE
Ohio Center
Battelle Hall

Presiding: Roger Childers
Song Service: Danny Thomas
Music: Mass Adult Choir
FWBBC

Session Called to Order and
Moderator Introduced: Waldo Young, Clerk

Report of Committee on Committees:
Bobby Jackson, Moderator

Welcome to Columbus
Alton Loveless
Ohio Promotional Secretary

Roll Call of States: Roger Childers

Offertory: FWBBC

Solo: Rollie Nagle

MESSAGE: "Our Sacred Promise to God Personally"
David Sutton

8:30 Session Recessed
(Exhibit Area Open)

8:30 Men's Chorale Rehearsal
Ohio Center
Battelle Hall

8:30-10:00 Registration Continues
Ohio Center
Battelle Hall

9:00 Youth after-service activities
(See National Youth Program)
Sheraton Columbus
Plaza

9:00 Youth Banquet
Sheraton Columbus
Plaza

10:30 Exhibit Area Closed



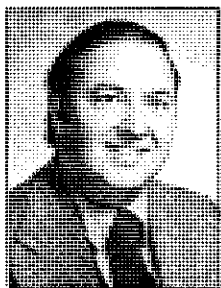
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TUESDAY MORNING/July 19

7:00	Music Ministries Fellowship Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Columbus Madison Room
7:00	Home Missions Board Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Columbus Board Room I
8:30	Registration Continues	Ohio Center Main Foyer
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Ohio Center Battelle Hall
8:30	Youth Competition and Music/Arts (See National Youth Program)	Sheraton Columbus Plaza

12:15-1:15	State Leaders Luncheon	Hyatt Regency Columbus Fayette Room
1:00	Youth Competition and Music/Arts (See National Youth Program)	Sheraton Columbus Plaza
1:30	WNAC Reconvenes	Hyatt Regency Columbus Union Room
1:30-3:30	BIBLE CONFERENCE Reconvenes	Ohio Center Battelle Hall
	Presiding: Herbert Waid	
	1:30 Song Service: Duane Hughes Solo: John Blakely Speaker: Loyd Locklear	
	2:30 Music: Hillsdale FWB College Speaker: Fred Hanson	

Convention Bible Conference Speakers



Hanson



Locklear



Sexton



Wood

9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION Presiding: Genelle Scott, President	Hyatt Regency Columbus Union Room
9:00-11:00	BIBLE CONFERENCE Presiding: Bob Shockey 9:00 Song Service: Chuck Cox Solo: Steve Ashby Speaker: Lynn Wood 10:00 Music: FWBBC Speaker: Don Sexton	Ohio Center Battelle Hall
11:00	Board of Retirement	Hyatt Regency Columbus Board Room I
11:10	WNAC Missionary Service Message: Mike Cousineau	Ohio Center Battelle Hall

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/July 19

12:00-1:15	Board of Retirement Luncheon	Hyatt Regency Columbus Pickaway Room
12:00-1:15	Friends of Hillsdale College Alumni Luncheon Speaker: Douglas J. Simpson	Hyatt Regency Columbus Fairfield Room

4:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Ohio Center Battelle Hall
5:00-6:45	WNAC FELLOWSHIP DINNER Speaker: Dorothy Sample	Hyatt Regency Columbus Regency Ballroom

TUESDAY EVENING/July 19

7:00	WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: J. M. Creech Song Service: Jerry Pilgrim Music: Mass Adult Choir Hillsdale FWB College Offertory: Martha Ramey Solo: Ann Maines MESSAGE: "Our Sincere Pledge to God's People" Harold Pitts	Ohio Center Battelle Hall
8:30	Session Recessed (Exhibit Area Open)	
8:30	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Ohio Center Battelle Hall
8:30	Historical Commission	Hyatt Regency Columbus Board Room III
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Ohio Center Main Foyer

9:00 Youth after-service activities (All ages) Centrum 180 South High Street
 10:30 Exhibit Area Closed

WEDNESDAY MORNING/July 20

7:00 Master's Men Breakfast Speaker: Ben Scott Hyatt Regency Columbus Delaware Room
 8:00 Youth Competitive Finals and Recognition Assembly Hyatt Regency Columbus Regency Ballroom
 8:30 Exhibit Area Open Ohio Center Battelle Hall
 8:30 Registration Continues Ohio Center Main Foyer
 9:00-11:45 CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION Ohio Center Battelle Hall
 Moderator's Message: Bobby Jackson
 Report of Credentials Committee and Seating of Delegates
 Partial Report of General Board
 Partial Report of Nominating Committee
 REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (Board members are elected at conclusion of each report.)
 Executive Office: Melvin Worthington
 Sunday School and Church Training: Roger Reeds
 Foreign Missions: Rolla Smith
 Free Will Baptist Bible College: Charles Thigpen
 Commission on Theological Liberalism: Leroy Forlines

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/July 20

12:00 REGISTRATION CLOSURES
 12:00 FWBBC Alumni Luncheon Speaker: Charles Thigpen Hyatt Regency Columbus Delaware Room
 1:30 CONVENTION BUSINESS REASSEMBLES Ohio Center Battelle Hall
 Scripture Reading and Prayer
 Assistant Moderator: Ralph Hampton
 1:35 REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued)
 Home Missions: Roy Thomas
 Retirement: Herman Hersey
 FWB Foundation: Herman Hersey
 Master's Men: Loyd Oisan

2:15 General Board Final Report
 Partial Report of Nominating Committee
 Election of General Board Members
 4:00 Business Session Recessed
 4:00 Men's Chorale Rehearsal (or immediately following business session) Ohio Center Battelle Hall

WEDNESDAY EVENING/July 20

7:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Ohio Center Battelle Hall
 Presiding: David Joslin
 Song Service: David Chamberlin
 Music: Men's Chorale
 Introduction of Missionaries
 Offertory: Men's Chorale
 Solo: Carl Sullivan
 MESSAGE: "Our Sacrificial Promotion of God's Program" Lester Horton
 Missions Offering: David Joslin
 Music: Hillsdale FWB College
 8:30 Session Recessed (Exhibit Area Open)
 10:30 Exhibit Area Closed

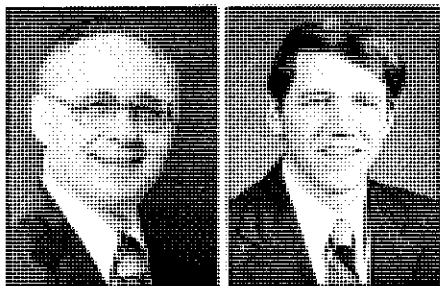
THURSDAY MORNING/July 21

7:00 Sunday School Board Breakfast Hyatt Regency Columbus Board Room I
 8:30 Exhibit Area Open Ohio Center Battelle Hall
 9:00 CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION Ohio Center Battelle Hall
 WNAC Report: Cleo Pursell
 Historical Commission Report: Alton Loveless
 Report of Committees:
 —Registration
 —Budget
 —Resolutions
 Nominating Committee's Final Report
 Election of General Officers
 11:45 Adjournment
 12:15 Exhibits Closed (or 30 minutes after convention adjournment) ▲

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

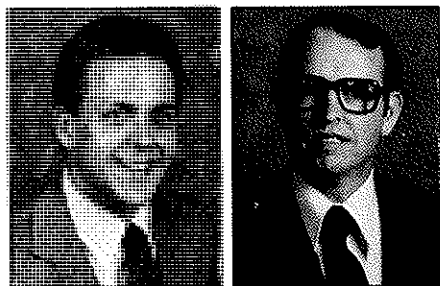
16th Annual Conference/July 17-21, 1983

Sheraton Columbus Plaza/Columbus, Ohio



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THEME: "By Our Love"—I Thessalonians 3:12
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NYC COORDINATOR: Clarence Lewis
REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Janita Warren
NYC OFFICE COORDINATOR: Jean Lewis
MUSIC COORDINATOR: Charles Hampton

SUNDAY AFTERNOON/July 17

3:00	NYC Registration	Ohio Center Main Foyer
4:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Ohio Center Battelle Hall

SUNDAY EVENING/July 17

7:00-8:30	NYC KEYNOTE SERVICE Song Service: Dick Martin Speaker: David Boggs	Ohio Center Battelle Hall
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8:30	Learner/Adventurer after-service activities	Sheraton Columbus Plaza Lakes Rooms
	Youth after-service activities	Sheraton Columbus Plaza Emerald/Diamond Rooms

MONDAY MORNING/July 18

7:00	NYC Breakfast (staff, judges and officials)	Garfield-Hayes Room
8:30	Bible Tic Tac Toe Assembly ALL teams and coaches	Ruby Room
	Bible Bowl Assembly ALL teams and coaches	Pearl Room
	Music & Arts Assembly ALL contestants and coaches	Emerald/Diamond Rooms
9:00	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Ruby Room
	Bible Bowl	Pearl Room
	Music & Arts Section 1	Emerald/Diamond Rooms
	Music & Arts Section 2	Lakes Rooms
	Music & Arts Section 3 (Oral Communication)	Auditorium

MONDAY AFTERNOON/July 18

1:00	Bible Sword Drill Grade 4	Auditorium
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Ruby Room
	Bible Bowl	Pearl Room
	Music & Arts Section 4	Emerald/Diamond Rooms
	Music & Arts Section 5	Lakes Rooms
1:30	Bible Memorization Grade 1	Auditorium
5:00	Learner/Adventurer Banquet	The Pavilion Room 4th Floor

MONDAY EVENING/July 18

7:00	MAIN CONVENTION SERVICE	Ohio Center Battelle Hall
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Lakes Rooms
	Youth Banquet	Emerald/Diamond Rooms

TUESDAY MORNING/July 19

8:30	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Ruby Room
	Bible Bowl	Pearl Room
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 5	Auditorium
	Music & Arts Section 6	Emerald/Diamond Rooms
	Music & Arts Section 7	Lakes Rooms
9:00	Bible Memorization Grade 2	Auditorium

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/July 19

1:00	Bible Sword Drill Grade 6	Auditorium
	Music & Arts Section 8	Emerald/Diamond Rooms

1:30 Bible Memorization Grade 3 Auditorium

TUESDAY EVENING/July 19

7:00	MAIN CONVENTION SERVICE	Ohio Center Battelle Hall
9:00	Youth after-service activities	Centrum 180 South High Street

WEDNESDAY MORNING/July 20

8:00	Competitive Finals: Bible Sword Drill, Bible Tic Tac Toe, and Bible Bowl	Hyatt Regency Columbus Regency Ballroom
9:30	NYC Recognition Assembly	Hyatt Regency Columbus Regency Ballroom ▲

**WOMAN'S NATIONAL
AUXILIARY CONVENTION
48th Annual Session/July 18-19, 1983
Ohio Center/Hyatt Regency Columbus
Columbus, Ohio**



Pursell



G. Scott



D. Scott



Miley

THEME: "Enriched By Knowledge"

SCRIPTURE: "... in everything ye are enriched by him, in all . . . knowledge" (I Corinthians 1:5).

SONG: "We Love the Bible" (Tune: "The Church's One Foundation")

PRESIDENT: Genelle Scott

SONG DIRECTOR: Carolyn Riddick

ORGANIST: Ann Howard

PIANIST: Barbara Chaffin

REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN: Geraldine Beal

WNAC HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Hyatt Regency Columbus

SUNDAY AFTERNOON/July 17

12:00-6:00	Information Tables and Ticket Sales	Ohio Center Main Foyer Hyatt Regency Columbus
1:30	Registration Committee Orientation	Ohio Center Main Foyer
3:00	Registration	Ohio Center Main Foyer

MONDAY MORNING/July 18

8:00-8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Columbus Pickaway Room
9:00-10:30	WNAC Nominating Committee	Hyatt Regency Columbus Clark Room



PROGRAM (From Page 13)

9:00-11:45 WNAC Executive Committee Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Board Room I

MONDAY AFTERNOON/July 18

12:00-12:45 WNAC Executive Committee Hyatt Regency
Luncheon Columbus
Pickaway Room

1:30-2:30 WNAC Seminar Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Regency North

2:45-3:45 Presidents and Field Workers Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Marion Room

TUESDAY MORNING/July 19

9:00 WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION Hyatt Regency
Columbus
Union Room

Presiding: Genelle Scott
Song Service: Carolyn Riddick

9:15 Devotion: Delilah Scott
Solo: Dawn Sweeney

9:30 Welcome: Joann Sizemore
Creative Arts Contest Awards: Lorene Miley
Credentials Committee Report/Seating of Delegates
Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report
Resolutions Committee Report
Appreciation Committee Report
Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers

11:00 Recess

11:10 WNAC MISSIONARY SERVICE Ohio Center
Battelle Hall

Song Service: Carolyn Riddick
Offertory
Duet: Ralph and Delores Hester

MESSAGE: Mike Cousineau, Ivory Coast

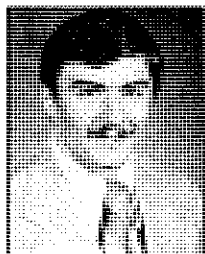
12:00 Recess for lunch

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/July 19

1:30 Song Service: Carolyn Riddick Hyatt Regency
Offertory Columbus
Duet: Carolyn Riddick Union Room
Susan Moser
Missionary Panel: June Rolan
Registration Committee Report

3:00 Adjournment

5:00 WNAC FELLOWSHIP DINNER Hyatt Regency
Speaker: Dorothy Sample Columbus
Regency Ballroom ▲



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Sample



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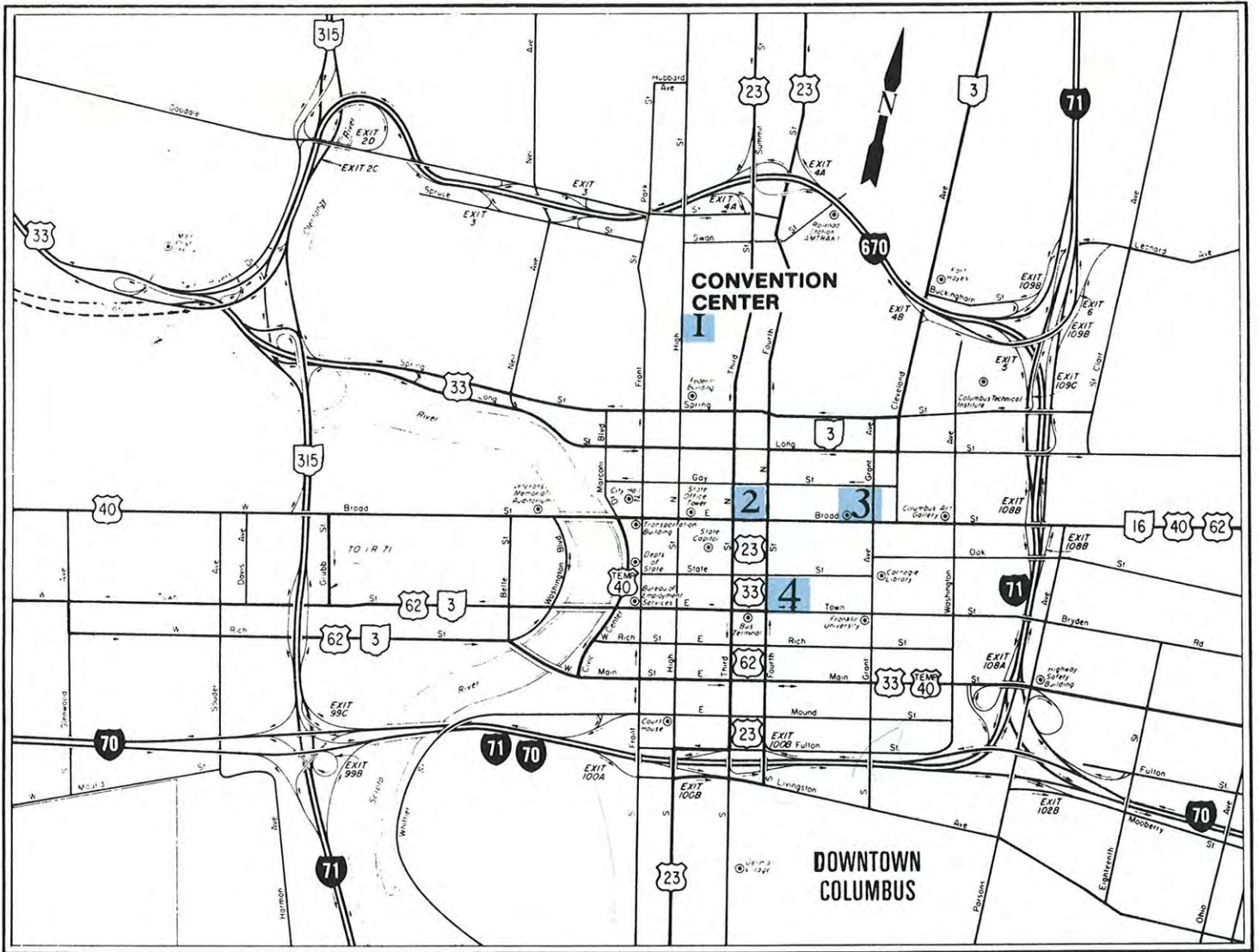
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Number	MEAL	Total
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_____	Friends of Hillsdale College Alumni Luncheon \$8.50 Tuesday, July 19/12:00 Noon Hyatt Regency Columbus/Fairfield Room Speaker: Douglas J. Simpson	\$ _____
_____	WNAC Fellowship Dinner \$9.00 Tuesday, July 19/5:00 p.m. Hyatt Regency Columbus/Regency Ballroom Speaker: Dorothy Sample	\$ _____
_____	Master's Men Breakfast \$5.00 Wednesday, July 20/7:00 a.m. Hyatt Regency Columbus/Delaware Room Speaker: Ben Scott	\$ _____
_____	FWBBC Alumni Luncheon \$8.00 Wednesday, July 20/12:00 Noon Hyatt Regency Columbus/Delaware Room Speaker: Charles Thigpen	\$ _____
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DIRECTORY UPDATE

ILLINOIS

Steve Eubanks to First Church, Ni-
antic
Delbert Hughey to Friendship
Church, Mt. Vernon
David Potete to Immanuel Church,
Joliet

OHIO

Alex Sekulich to Liberty Church,
Norton from Manchester Church, Man-
chester, TN

OKLAHOMA

Steve Shaw to Northeast Church,
Shawnee

SOUTH CAROLINA

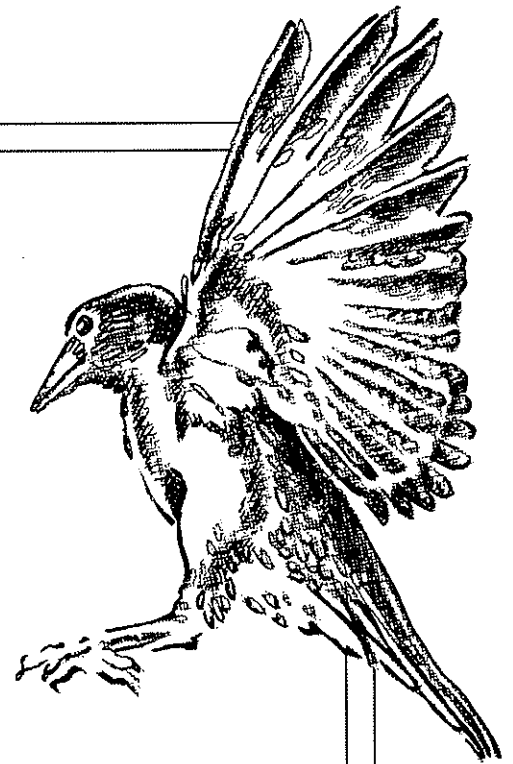
Gene Adams to Community Chapel
Church, Florence
Tommy Bryson to Mill Branch
Church, Johnsonville from New Life
Church, Lancaster as assistant pastor
Leroy Grant to New Hope Church,
Charleston
Jerry LaPere to West Columbia
Church, West Columbia
Norman T. Moore to Pee Dee Church,
Conway
Mickey Smith to Pine Grove Church,
Jefferson from Community Church, Wal-
lace, NC

OTHER PERSONNEL

Morris Proctor to Donelson Church,
Nashville, TN as minister of church
growth
Dale McCoy to Fairview Church,
Spartanburg, SC as youth director

**Last call to make your
National Convention hotel reservations!**

When The Nest Is Empty



By Joyce Watson

As I sat in the examining room, my mind wandered back over the past five years. Those first years of marriage had been a time of adjustment for me.

Being the youngest of six children, I found few quiet times at our house. My dad was a farmer so there was always work to be done. My growing up years were busy, noisy, and anything but serene.

At age 19 I married and decided to be "just a housewife" for a while. I enjoyed doing all those things that homemakers do. I kept a neat house,

sewed my own clothes, and prepared meals for my husband.

Then, after the second year, I began to feel that I needed more. I had always wanted children and we both thought it was time to start our family. However, since things don't always work out the way you want them to, when that fifth year rolled around without the patter of little feet in the house, I decreed, "Okay, I give up. I'm not going to be a mother."

At any rate, there I sat in the tiny room with a big air conditioner, shivering and waiting for my doctor to come in and announce "False alarm." I was still praying when the doctor walked in and grinned, "You're finally getting that baby."

Seven months later I lay in the delivery room looking down beside me

at the prettiest baby girl I'd ever seen. She came equipped with a head full of dark hair and the strongest lungs. I'd never heard a baby cry so loud.

Bless her heart, she cried all the time except when we held her. Since I was alone with her each day, I was the one doing most of the holding. I think I actually watched her eyelashes grow!

When Michelle was eight months old, I got this strange (or not so strange) feeling. I thought to myself, "Surely not again—not this soon." I guess I thought it would take another five years.

But alas, when she was 17 months old, Jeremy arrived. From then on it was just like the old times on the farm. My life was more hectic than ever and I found myself longing for a time of peace and quiet.

Somehow I made it through those first years, although I'll admit that this, too, required some adjusting on my part. My house was no longer immaculate, it was "lived in." (I've since decided that "lived in" is nicer than "immaculate.")

I enjoyed the toddler years. Michelle was ready for first grade and Jeremy for kindergarten when I found myself almost dreading to be alone again. I kept telling my husband Ray, "Now I can do some things that I want to do."

But I wondered how it would be without a baby at home. I didn't get the chance to find out, because a few weeks later I learned that we were going to receive another blessing. We named this one Joel. Because he came along later, the other two helped entertain him and as a result, we've all enjoyed and spoiled him.

Finally, they were all three in school and we decided there would be no more surprises. Now there seemed to be a void in my life. When Joel got old enough to go places with his dad and be away from me, I looked for something to fill the void. There was plenty to do at home, but I needed more than that. I needed something for me.

I started working part time at a church, and by doing this I still got home before the kids were out of school. This time my husband had to do the adjusting. I'd always been home to prepare his lunch. Suddenly, he had to face a sandwich alone.

Why, there are times I'm not even there to lay out his clothes (he works night shift). But you know, he's learning to feed and dress himself, and is making the adjustment.

So now the kids are well on their way to becoming adults. I've watched them grow from totally dependent babies to almost self-sufficient individuals.

When I look at them, I say to myself, "Joyce, you haven't done half bad so far." Not only have they grown physically and mentally, but also spiritually. They all have a deep love for the Lord, and for this I am most thankful.

Before too long they all three will be out on their own. I don't worry how they will adjust to this new life of theirs, because we've done our best to prepare them.

What they make of their lives depends on them. I have confidence in their ability to function as adults. I'll be

there to encourage them when they need it.

Life is filled with periods of adjustment. Newlyweds must adjust to life with each other. No matter how long the dating period lasts, after you're married, there is that time of getting to know each other.

When the children are born you have to adjust to the responsibility of this new life that God gave you.

Then comes the adjustment when the children move from dependency upon you to self-sufficiency. Parents miss that dependency.

But without a doubt the most difficult adjustment is coming to grips with life after your nest is empty and the kids leave home to make their own nests. You realize that you're back where you started (except there are lots of beautiful memories in between).

You sit down at the once-crowded and cluttered breakfast table. There's no one rushing off anywhere. There are only two places set and two people gazing across the table at each other. You find yourself wondering, "Who is this person that I'm sharing breakfast with?"

While you were home with the kids, he was out trying to make a living. But the fact remains that "he was out." Then when he was in, you found work and you were out. So it seems that you were together very little.

He always enjoyed bowling and would take the kids and go. But you never liked bowling. Then again, he never liked flea markets and junk shopping, so when you went you just didn't bother to invite him along. In fact, the only time you went anywhere together was to church.

That's about all you have in common. Of course, there were holidays. But those were centered mostly around the kids. What happens when you find yourself living alone with this person that it seems you hardly know?

In order to make this final and most important adjustment, you'll have to go back to the beginning. You have to get to know each other all over again. You have a lot more to build on now because you shared in raising the children and you made so many memories together. Children create a bond that wasn't there when you first married.

The strength and patience necessary to successfully make this adjust-

ment must come from the Lord. If you've made Him the center of your life, then He's been with you during those other adjustments (how else do you think you made them), and He'll bring you through this final one.

This "rediscovering" each other won't be easy. But then nothing worthwhile is. You may have to learn to love each other all over again.

And when you've made this final adjustment, you'll discover that the nest wasn't empty after all! ▲

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ILLINOIS MEETING ATTRACTS 210

EWING, IL—The 21st annual session of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists registered 34 ministers, 40 church delegates and 60 visitors with over 200 attending the meeting, according to Clerk Byford Campbell. The March 25-26, 1983 session met at Camp Hope, Ewing.

All speakers were men who had pioneered churches. The text of Isaiah 54:2 was given to each preacher. The Friday morning service featured Jerry Presley, pastor of Hazel Dell Church in Sesser. Pastor John Hollis of Cross Roads Church in Effingham spoke at 1:00 p.m.

The 7:30 Friday evening service consisted of a message on Psalm 1 by Home Missions Director of Evangelism

and Church Growth Connie Cariker. Eugene Waddell, associate director of Foreign Missions presented a slide program spotlighting Dennis and Trena Owen and their work in Spain.

Saturday services included Gene Norris of First Church, Benton, and Rev. Billy J. Maynard.

A constitutional change resulted in the appointment of the assistant clerk to the Executive Board.

The 74 delegates endorsed a Temperance Committee resolution citing temperance as a fruit of the Spirit and encouraging world-wide total abstinence.

The 1984 session will be held March 23-24 at Camp Hope in Ewing.

CALIFORNIAN EARNS FIRST GRADUATE DEGREE AT FWBBC

NASHVILLE, TN—Reverend Jerry Crews, 23-year-old ministerial student from Richmond, California, was awarded the first master's degree from the Graduate School of Free Will Baptist Bible College on May 12. Mr. Crews accepted the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) degree during gradua-

tion exercises in the college's Activities Building.

Crews described the graduate program as "the highlight of all my studies. It tied together all of the loose ends of my education." After highly recommending the Graduate School, he added, "I almost wish it was required of every ministerial student."

Jerry Crews was saved at the age of six, when he was led to the Lord by his pastor, Rev. Dean Moore. He remembers that visits to his church by missionaries LaVerne Miley and Don Robirds were instrumental in leading him to the Lord. After he completed the seventh grade, he felt that God was dealing with him about preaching.

In 1978, after he graduated from Harry Ells High School in Richmond, Jerry was encouraged by his pastor to enroll at FWBBC. Two years later he returned to California to be married. He and his bride, Debbie, moved to Nashville so that Jerry could finish his training at FWBBC.

Jerry received his B.A. degree with a major in Bible and a minor in Chris-

tian education in May 1982. The next fall he enrolled in the Graduate School. He feels that his extra year of study did two things for him. First, he says that it greatly increased his knowledge of scripture. Second, his graduate studies gave purpose to many of his undergraduate courses.

Jerry plans to return to California where he will work with Rev. Moore, who is involved in the training of several ministerial students at the Richmond Free Will Baptist Church. Eventually, Jerry plans to pastor.

As the first year of the Graduate School neared completion, Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean, said:

We are encouraged about this first year's experience with the new Graduate School. We started with nine and still have seven committed students. We knew this kind of program would start small and grow slowly, but we are more than ever convinced that it is well received and will make an important contribution to a man's pastoral ministry.

We are glad Jerry has been able to do the entire program this year, and we expect several others to graduate next year.



'POP' WILLEY PORTRAIT PRESENTED TO FWBC

NASHVILLE, TN—Mrs. Mabel "Mom" Willey presented an oil painting of her husband, the late Reverend Thomas Willey, Sr., to Free Will Baptist Bible College on March 8, during the college's annual Bible Conference.

The painting, the work of a Cuban Christian, was given to Mrs. Willey during the 40th anniversary of the Cuban work which Pop founded.

Foreign Missions General Director Rolla Smith gave a brief resume' of Reverend Willey's life and ministry.

The portrait was placed in the College's Welch Library and will eventually become part of the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection.



Charles Thigpen (L), Mrs. Willey, and Rolla Smith

FORTY-SIX EARN ETTA CERTIFICATES

URBANA, OH—The newest branch of the Ohio Bible Institute, which meets at the Urbana Free Will Baptist Church, awarded 46 ETTA Preliminary Teaching Certificates in March, according to Pastor and Director Roger Childers.

Forty-two of the 46 recipients were members of the Urbana congregation. Pastor Childers said he had expected 30 students to enroll in February, but was pleased that 46 completed the six-week program.

The ETTA program was designed for 12 one-hour sessions. Childers and the other instructors, Pastor Donald Hix (Woodstock FWB Church) and Childers' Associate Pastor Bobby Wiatt, opted to teach two-hour sessions for six weeks for the convenience of the students.

The weekly sessions met on suc-

cessive Monday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m., beginning February 14. Childers taught "New Testament Survey"; Hix taught "Teaching Techniques"; Wiatt taught "Understanding People."

Pastor Childers said his goal was to get an ETTA Preliminary Teaching Certificate to every Sunday School teacher in the church and area, and to anyone else who wanted to study. He estimates that any student who pursues the prescribed program can earn the teaching certificate in less than three years.

Some 36 have registered for the fall session which begins September 14. The same \$7 fee per course will be charged and the same three courses taught. The Urbana Church provides refreshments and nursery services for the students.

SOUTHEASTERN COMPLETES FIRST BIBLE CONFERENCE

CRAMERTON, NC—More than 400 people from nine states attended opening services at Southeastern Free Will Baptist College's first annual Bible Conference which met in Cramerton FWB Church, February 20-22.

President Randy Cox said, "The word that best describes our Bible Conference is great." He praised the work of host Pastor Bob King, citing the six large billboards erected in the area to advertise the meeting.

Three ministers preached during the conference—North Carolina Pastor Dann Patrick, Virginia Pastor Lester Horton, and Home Missions Director Roy Thomas.

Southeastern College's Cooperating Board met on Tuesday of the conference with 150 in attendance. Two new members were elected to the college's Board of Directors: Pastor Guy Owens (Tennessee) and Pastor James Walden (Alabama).

Even though attendance slipped to 350 on the second night of the conference due to a rain storm, President Cox assessed, "We are encouraged by this response, since there were no students or their parents attending this session."

The 1984 Bible Conference is set for April 1-4 in Virginia Beach, Virginia at Gateway FWB Church.



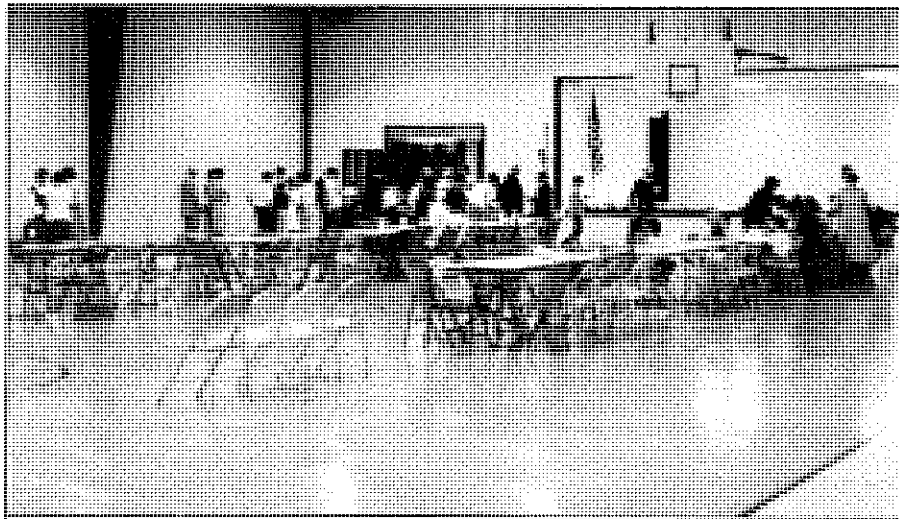
Students in the ETTA Study Program.



Don Hix leads "Teaching Techniques" class.

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Major luncheon served during dedication activities.

PINE BLUFF CHURCH COMPLETES \$210,000 BUILDING

PINE BLUFF, AR—Dedication services were conducted March 20 for a 20,800-square foot activities building at Oak Park Free Will Baptist Church in Pine Bluff.

The \$210,000 structure, which houses a full-size gymnasium, stage, kitchen, fellowship hall, and 13 classrooms, was erected at a cost of \$10 per square foot.

Pastor John Gilliland estimates the present value of the activities building at a half-million dollars, and praised members who worked to hold down construction costs.

The Sunday afternoon dedication

service followed dinner-on-the-grounds for the entire church family. Members ate lunch, cleared the tables, and gathered on the basketball court for dedication ceremonies.

Pastor Gilliland recognized members of the Board of Trustees who guided the two-year project and commended the people for their sacrificial giving which made the building possible.

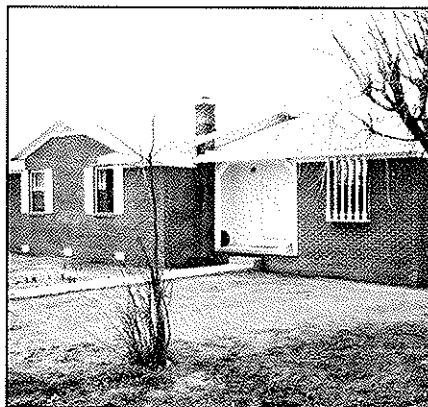
Rev. Lonnie Palmer, pastor of Pine Hill FWB Church, Star City, prayed the prayer of dedication. CONTACT Editor Jack Williams preached the afternoon message.

OLD REYNO CHURCH BUILDS PARSONAGE

REYNO, AR—Members of Old Reyno Free Will Baptist Church, Reyno, dedicated their new parsonage on March 13, according to Pastor Vernon Gunnels.

Following Sunday morning worship services, the congregation formed a circle around the parsonage and were led in a prayer of dedication by the trustees and deacons.

The brick structure contains three bedrooms and is equipped with forced air and heating.



NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AT CCC

FRESNO, CA—Full tuition scholarships in music and full tuition scholarships for unmarried children of Free Will Baptist ministers and missionaries were authorized by the California Christian College Board of Trustees, according to President John Smith.

The scholarships, available for the first time during the 1983 fall semester, are renewable annually with the maintenance of satisfactory grades.

Along with the general scholarship category available to any FWB minister's or missionary's unmarried children, the Board of Trustees also approved 10 music scholarships. The music scholarships are intended for recent high school graduates who have talent and interest in the area of music. These students must meet all the normal entrance requirements of California Christian College and be willing to participate in the public relations groups at CCC.

Interested individuals may write or call the college and request an application and scholarship information.

California Christian College
4881 E. University Ave.
Fresno, CA 93703
Phone (209) 251-4215

FWB BOOK DEALERS MEET IN NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Book Dealers from six states met at Randall House Publications in Nashville March 9-11 for their annual conclave.

Representatives from four book sellers joined the group, including Broadman Press, Tyndale House, Eerdmans Publishing Company, and Omni Sales.

Alton Loveless, manager of Ambassador Bookstore in Columbus, Ohio, presented a workshop on the use of computers in the Christian bookstore.

Randall House Marketing Manager Fred Green was elected president of the FWB Book Dealers Association.

RETIREMENT DEPARTMENT NAMES BUSINESS MANAGER

NASHVILLE, TN—The Reverend Ray Lewis assumed duties with the Department of Retirement in late May as the business manager, according to Department Director Herman Hersey.

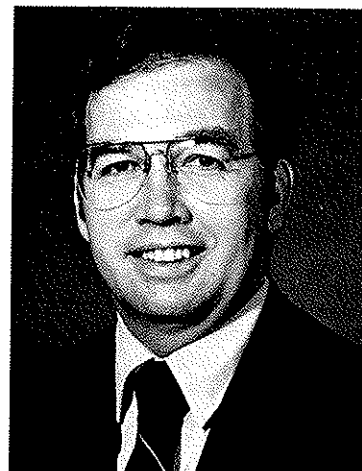
Mr. Lewis's previous experience includes teaching, pastoring, and managerial level responsibility in business.

The 35-year-old North Carolina native graduated from Pembroke State University in 1970 with a business education major. He graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1976. He pastored Free Will Baptist churches

six years in Alabama and North Carolina.

Reverend Lewis served four years as manager of the Dallas Wholesale Company. He has taught at Liberty Christian School (Durham, NC), Tennessee Valley Community College (Decatur, AL), and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

He is married to the former Ida Chason. They have two children, Chris and Kelly. Ida is a secretary at Randall House Publications.



FWBBC PRESIDENT, DEAN CHOSEN BY ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION

NASHVILLE, TN—President Charles A. Thigpen and Dean Robert Picirilli were both tapped for posts in the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABC) at the body's annual meeting in Kansas City, October 28-30. Dr. Thigpen was chosen for a four-year term as association vice president/president elect. Dr. Picirilli will serve on the AABC's Commission on Research.

AABC Executive Director Randall Bell described Dr. Thigpen's service to the association as long and distinguished. Dr. Thigpen was a member-

at-large on the Board of Directors and served as AABC treasurer. He has been both chairman and member of the Accrediting Commission and a member of the AABC Task Force on Long Range Planning. Dr. Thigpen will serve for two years as vice president and another two years as AABC president.

The AABC serves 100 member Bible colleges in the U.S. and Canada. It is recognized as the representative accrediting body for such schools and is a member of the Council on Post-secondary Accreditation (COPA).

RANDALL HOUSE SETS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

NASHVILLE, TN—The third annual Free Will Baptist Invitational Softball Tournament will be hosted by Randall House Publications on August 19-20. According to Clarence Lewis, Tournament Director, the tournament will be held at the Cedar Hill softball complex.

The 1983 tournament will be limited to 32 teams. Entrees will be accepted on a first come basis. The entrance fee for this year's tournament will be \$60.00.

For additional information, write to Clarence Lewis, Randall House Publications, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, Tennessee 37217.

RECORD NUMBER HONOR IDAHO WIDOWS

RUPERT, ID—The Rupert Free Will Baptist Church set a new attendance record in March when 85 persons met for special services to honor widows in the church membership.

Seventy-five-year-old Pastor Rue Thomas was elated that the 85 people braved an all-day snow to participate in worship on Sunday night in this Idaho town with one of the nation's heaviest concentrations of Mormons.

Six widows—Refugio Garcia, Eva Holcomb, Avonell Mayer, Julia Bean, Ethel Brown, and Cecil Day—were present and honored.

They were seated on the stage that featured artwork depicting a rainbow and clouds in the background, a golden picket fence, and two young girls dressed as angels at the gate.

Pastor Thomas preached the evening message. He is the father of Home Missions General Director Roy Thomas.



Seated: Ethel Brown (L.), Avonell Mayer, Eva Holcomb, Cecil Day, Refugio Garcia, Julia Bean. Angels: Debbie Kofoed and Christina Garcia

Attention Parents:

Nursery services

will NOT be

available during

the 1983

Convention.

Pastor **Norman Livingston** reports 50 new members added to **Greenview FWB Church, Dayton, OH** in 1982. Livingston said that most of the converts united with the church.

CONTACT welcomes BREAD FROM OUR OVEN, publication of the Woman's Auxiliary of **Oak Park FWB Church, Pine Bluff, AR**. **John Gilliland** pastors.

During the first two months of 1983, **First FWB Church, Inman, SC**, showed 26 conversions, 22 joining the church, and 18 baptisms. **Earl Hendrix** pastors.

During Homecoming services at **First FWB Church, Bedford, VA**, the congregation raised more than \$4,200 to help pay off the church indebtedness. The church also received seven new members according to Pastor **Bill Steele**.

There is an active Master's Men Chapter at **Chestnut Hill FWB Church, Big Island, VA**. Pastor **Hubert Bennett** says the Master's Men Chapter raised funds to brick the church.

CONTACT welcomes HEARTLINES, publication of **Westgate FWB Church, Shawnee, OK**. Pastor **Delbert Akin** says the church voted to recommend starting a day care center with a capacity to house and care for 45 children.

The largest single one-day offering in the history of **Victory FWB Church, Goldsboro, NC**, occurred in March

when more than \$5,400 was received and placed in a savings account to help purchase a new van and put a new roof on the church. **George Lee** pastors.

First FWB Church, Dayton, OH, broke Sunday School attendance records this year when 575 were present for morning worship services. **Hobart Ashby** pastors.

First FWB Church, Columbus, OH, celebrated its 40th anniversary in February. The church has had seven pastors in the four decades since it was organized. **Edwin Hayes** pastors.

A 10,000 square-foot educational building was completed by **Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River, MO**. The building was designed in order that the upper level can be used for recreation, fellowship dinners and special church presentations. The lower level is for educational purposes and also contains an apartment for church guests. The group also built a split-level four bedroom parsonage. **Wayne Phillips** pastors.

Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville, SC, added 4,400 square-feet to their facilities. The new addition includes a 400-seat capacity auditorium, choir room, and pastor's study. **Talmadge Brown** pastors.

Eight-year-old **Timmy Williamson** raised \$125 for missionary **Carlisle Hanna** and won a trophy from a grateful church, **Mt. Trolley FWB Church, Galivants Ferry, SC**. Pastor **Kenny Baxley** led the Mt. Trolley congregation to a missions total of \$425.

South Carolina Promotional Director **Norwood Gibson** delivered the dedication message in January at **Trinity FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC**, during activities celebrating the erection of a new educational building. **Jimmy Shipman** pastors.

Pastor **Jim Puckett** says the **Southern Oaks FWB Church, Oklahoma City, OK**, is still conducting two worship services on Sunday mornings. The church is delighted with their current problem—they have outgrown their auditorium.

Blanchard FWB Church, Blanchard, OK purchased land in the city and completed a new building containing a full basement. **Dale Vanderburg** pastors.

First FWB Church, Moore, OK, began a \$5,000 remodeling program in March in order to give the church sanctuary a face lift. **Dan Farmer** pastors.

Ground breaking services for a new church building were observed in February at **First FWB Church, Pocahontas, AR**. Pastor **Ron Parker** estimates that construction time will take six months.

Representatives from 25 Nashville churches met in March at **Randall House** for a Vacation Bible School clinic. Attendance at the meeting was 137.

CONTACT welcomes THE FOUNDATION, publication of **Good Springs FWB Church, Pleasant View, TN**. **Randall Riggs** pastors.

When Free Will Baptist Minister **Arnold Woodlief** arrived at the Jackson County Jail in **Marianna, FL** on March 18, he was greeted by an unusual sight. Inmates in cells 5-8 were reading their Bibles and ready for a worship service.

Pastor **Ken Doggett** of **Johnson City FWB Church, Johnson City, IL**, conducts a radio program, "Perhaps Today", Monday through Saturday at 11:45 a.m. on station WHPI.

In case you have ever wondered how long it takes to read the entire Bible nonstop, the answer is 65 hours and 52 minutes. At least that is how much time it took 25 readers from the **Hazel Dell FWB Church, Sesser, IL** to get the job done. **Jerry Presley** pastors this group of Bible readers.

Liberty FWB Church, Lynwood, IL, reports 16 conversions and 14 baptisms during 1982. The church also bought a bus, installed a baptistry, and increased their Friday evening CTS attendance to an average of 60. **Edward Maynard** pastors. ▲

Coming Next Month—

- Who Runs The Church?
- It's Tough To Be Old
- Let's Do It Right—Selecting Board Members
- How To Know You're Saved



Green Tree Bible Study

Robert E. Picirilli

II Peter 1:12-21



God's Word and Our Spiritual Growth

Peter urges us to “grow in grace” (1:5-11). He already assured us that God has provided everything we need for that (1:3, 4).

Then what we need most is God's Word—man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Thus Peter turns, in 1:12-21, to speak of the Word that we have as means for instruction and spiritual development.

Peter speaks of the written instruction he will personally give (vv. 12-18). His ready *intention* is seen in verse 12, and his sense of *urgency* in verses 13-15.

His body is a “tent,” a temporary dwelling he must soon put aside (note the indirect reference to John 21:18, 19). He means for his readers to have something in writing that will continue

to instruct them after he has gone. (The Greek word “decease” is actually *exodus!*)

The *authority* behind Peter's written teaching is the subject of verses 16-18—the authority of an eyewitness. His testimony about Jesus is not according to some artfully contrived myth, but is anchored in firsthand experience.

Peter cites the transfiguration experience (vv. 17, 18) as special confirmation both of Jesus Christ's identity as God's Son and of the glory of Christ is destined to have, over the world, when He returns.

These are at the heart of the “Christian” facts that New Testament revelation adds to the Old. Notice that Peter uses (v. 16) the plural (“we . . . eyewitnesses”): he and other apostles are writing the New Testament record that completes the scripture and even makes the Old “more sure” (v. 19). (II Peter 3:15, 16 shows that Peter was aware of Paul's role in writing the New Testament scriptures, too.)

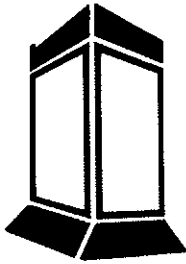
Peter speaks of all the scriptures as the Word of God (vv. 19-21). He

begins with an *exhortation* (v. 19): to give heed to the prophetic Word as the certain Word that gives its light until He who is the Light comes like the dawning of day into the world.

Then he follows with an explanation of the divine origin of scripture. Verses 20, 21a tell how it did *not* come. Verse 20 is generally misunderstood. The “is” means “comes to be”; the “private interpretation” means the human author's personal reading of events. Scripture did not come into existence that way.

Verse 21b tells how scripture *did* come to be. The men did the writing; but they were “moved” (the Greek word, *pheromenoi*, literally means “being born along”) by the Holy Spirit. They were so influenced, so controlled that every word they spoke was exactly what God wanted said. *They* said it all; *He* said it all.

New Testament and Old Testament, then: we have God's inspired, inerrant Word as the means for our growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18). ▲



The Free Will Baptist Pulpit

Dennis Wiggs, Pastor

Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Virginia

The Soul Winner

Proverbs 11:30 " . . . He that winneth souls is wise."

INTRODUCTION:

Soul winning is the outreach of an inward faith. It is sharing or describing your faith with someone who has not yet received Jesus Christ. We tell everything else: a good product, a good meal at a restaurant, our satisfaction with a certain item. "A satisfied customer is our best advertising."

Most products are bought because someone told his friend about his satisfaction with the product. The good news about Jesus Christ must also be told. Newspaper, radio, television advertising will not accomplish what word-of-mouth will produce. The true Christian will tell others about Christ. God calls him "wise."

- I. The Soul Winner is Wise Because of the Results (James 5:20; I Corinthians 6:9-11).
To win a soul to Christ is to:
 - A. Save a soul from hell
 - B. Assist the visible church in growth
 - C. Often cause a family to be happy
 - D. Produce another soul winner
 - E. Most of all, glorify God
- II. The Soul Winner is Wise Because of the Reaping (Psalm 126:5-6).
 - A. Reward for the labor (It's work—Jude 22-23)
 - B. Rejoicing in heaven
 - C. Recognition for the soul winner (I Thessalonians 2:19)
- III. The Soul Winner is Wise Because of the Reward (I Corinthians 15:58; II Corinthians 5:10-11). ▲

Top Shelf



Thomas Marberry



Charles R. Swindoll, *Strengthening Your Grip* (Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1982, 274 pp., hardback, \$9.95).

Charles R. Swindoll, well-known pastor, author, and radio minister, writes books designed to give counsel and courage to Christians who find their Christian faith not growing or developing as it should.

This book seeks to help the Christian strengthen his life and witness in a world which destroys that life and witness. This volume is built upon the belief that Christian faith is the only real source of meaning and purpose in the midst of a shifting and aimless world.

According to the author, if a Christian is to enjoy a rewarding Christian life he cannot drift with the crowd. He must take hold of several important Christian teachings and build his life around them.

In order to do this, the Christian must establish priorities. He must de-

cide that the things of God are important to him and determine to seek them. As he does this, however, he must be authentic, gracious, and relevant.

The Christian needs to strengthen his grip on involvement as he works and serves in the kingdom of God. Isolation is a dangerous enemy to the Christian life. An important part of this involvement is learning to help and encourage others.

The Christian must dedicate himself to purity. He must take control of his body and use it for the glory of God. He must learn to manage his finances. The Bible says a lot about money, and many Christian lives are hindered by a failure to heed the message of scripture on this subject.

Discipleship is priority for the Christian. It is more than a word we speak; it

is a genuine commitment. Attitudes are important to the Christian. Swindoll argues that the most important decisions which Christians must make lie in this area. We cannot always control our circumstances, but we can control our attitudes.

The author devotes considerable attention to missions and evangelism, essential elements in the life of the church.

Swindoll's chapter on prayer is one of the most meaningful. He stresses that effective prayer is not a formal exercise which results from a feeling of guilt, but a free expression which is a natural outgrowth of a living relationship with God.

I recommend this book. This is a volume which pastors might wish to recommend to those with whom they counsel. ▲



ON LITTLE LANES

BY DONNA MAYO

Friendship Seeds

“**C**lass, I want to introduce a new student to you,” announced Mrs. Cole. “This is Elaine Jackson,” she pointed to the new girl on the front row. “Let’s go around the room and introduce ourselves. Marty, we’ll begin with you.”

“Neato!” thought Megan as she spotted Elaine for the first time. “We need another girl around here. I’ll try to be really friendly and make her feel welcome.”

The morning passed, and finally it was lunch time. Megan and her best friend, Katie Hall, were just opening their lunches when they saw Elaine enter the cafeteria. “Hi,” called Megan. “Do you want to sit with us? I’m Megan Lane and this is . . .”

“No, thanks,” replied Elaine, “I’d rather be alone.” With that she turned and walked away.

“Well, how do you like that?” gasped Katie. “You try to be nice and this is what you get.”

“Oh, well,” said Megan, trying not to show that her feelings were hurt, “maybe she’s just shy.”

At recess that afternoon all the girls were playing kickball when Megan saw Elaine sitting on a stump reading a book. “Elaine, do you want to play with us? You can be on my team,” Megan offered.

“I don’t want to play your silly game,” snapped Elaine. “Just leave me alone.”

Megan wasn’t used to being treated so rudely, and she had to fight back the tears.

Megan was still upset on the way home from school. “Marty, tell Mom I’m going over to see Mrs. Douglas. I’ll be home soon.” Mrs. Douglas was a kind, gray-haired lady in her 60’s. All the kids in the neighborhood thought of her as another grandma. In fact, the neighborhood used to be the Douglas farm, but when Mr. Douglas died, his wife was forced to sell most of the land. Mrs. Douglas managed to keep about five acres, however, and she gladly let the neighborhood children play on it. She was working in the garden when Megan spotted her.

“Hello, Mrs. Douglas,” sang Megan. “Whatcha doing?”

“Hi, honey. I’m trying to stay ahead of these weeds. They’re just about to choke out this row of okra.”

“I’ll help,” offered Megan kneeling down. “But which is which? I can’t tell the weeds from the okra.” Mrs. Douglas showed Megan how to identify the young plants, and then took a welcome break. Leaning against her hoe, she noticed that Megan’s usual sparkle was missing.

“You’re very quiet today, Megan. You usually talk a blue streak. Is something bothering you?” asked Mrs. Douglas kindly.

Megan told Mrs. Douglas about the new student, Elaine, and her attempts to make her feel welcome. “I was just trying to be friendly,” said Megan, “but I’m through with Elaine Jackson. She didn’t have to be so mean.”

“She may have seemed mean,” said Mrs. Douglas, “but I bet deep down she really wants to be your friend.”

“Oh no, she doesn’t,” said Megan strongly. “I think she’s trying to be enemies.”

Mrs. Douglas tried to help Megan understand what it would be like to be a new student in a new school. “She is probably very lonely,” said Mrs. Douglas, “but if you keep planting friendship seeds, I bet you two will become good friends.”

“Friendship seeds?” questioned Megan. “What’s that?”

“They’re little acts of kindness. You planted some today when you asked Elaine to join you for lunch and play kickball,” said Mrs. Douglas.

“Yeah, and look where it got me,” said Megan sadly. “No where.”

“You just hang in there,” encouraged Mrs. Douglas. “Look at that row of beans over there. I had to plant them three times before I got any beans. First, the weeds took them. The second time I planted them it rained and washed the seeds away. But I tried once more, and it worked.”



LITTLE LANES (From Page 27)

"I can see that," said Megan. "They are really blooming."

"Megan, do you know what you get when you plant squash seeds?" asked Mrs. Douglas seriously.

"Squash, I guess," answered Megan.

"You sure do," laughed Mrs. Douglas. "And what do you get when you plant watermelon seeds?"

"Watermelons," answered Megan.

"And what do you get if you plant cucumber seeds?" asked Mrs. Douglas.

"Cucumbers," answered Megan. "But I don't see what all this—"

"Just one more, honey. What do you get if you plant friendship seeds?"

Megan smiled and said quietly, "A friend."

Mrs. Douglas put her arm around Megan's shoulder and added, "You plant a few more seeds and I know you Elaine will become friends."

"Mrs. Douglas, you're super. I feel better," said Megan as she gave the plump woman a hug. "I'll let you know how things go."

Megan could hardly wait to get to school the next morning. She was putting her books away when Elaine came through the door. "Hi," said Megan. "Your dress is so pretty. Red is my favorite color."

"Thanks, it's a designer brand," replied Elaine smugly. "I see your mom made your dress."

Megan turned red and counted to ten. Just then the bell rang. "It's a good thing," thought Megan, "no telling what I would have said. I'll try one more time, but if that doesn't work, I've had it."

When it was time for lunch Megan purposely got at the end of the line. When she entered the cafeteria she looked around for Elaine, and sure enough, she was sitting at a table by herself. Megan walked over, and without waiting for an invitation, sat down. "I've got peanut butter," said Megan opening her lunch box. "What do you have?"

Elaine opened her sandwich. "Yuk," she said, "I've got liver loaf, and I hate it."

"Want to trade?" offered Megan. She didn't like liver loaf either, but she

was willing to try anything to become friends with Elaine.

"Sure," said Elaine. "Thanks."

"Friendship seeds, friendship seeds," thought Megan as she choked down the liver loaf. "Look, I've got chocolate chip cookies, and Mom makes the best chocolate chip cookies in the world. Want some?"

"Thanks," said Elaine taking the cookie Megan handed her. "They are good."

The two girls began talking as they nibbled on the cookies. By the time lunch was over they knew just about everything there was to know about each other.

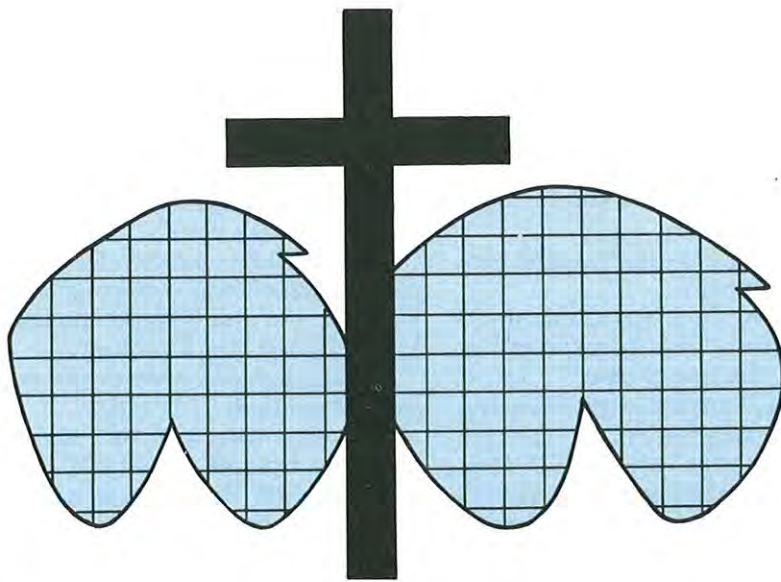
The bell rang, and Megan said, "Let's hurry. I don't want to be late."

"Just a minute," said Elaine. "I want to know why you have been so nice to me, especially after I was so mean."

"Well," said Megan, "I figured it was scary being in a new school. I knew deep down you wanted to be friends."

"Thanks," said Elaine warmly. "I'm really sorry."

"That's OK," said Megan. "Friends understand." Hand in hand, the two walked back to the classroom. ▲



June 11 National Convention Day of Prayer and Fasting



OUR READERS COMMENT

CORRECTION PLEASE!

A correction needs to be made on page 21 of the April 1983 issue of CONTACT.

In the article titled "Spontaneous Prayer Meeting Highlights Pastors and Principals Conference", the article begins with, "The eleventh annual Pastors and Principals Conference sponsored by the Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Christian Day Schools"

This is the first time to my knowledge that this group has sponsored any conference. All 10 previous conferences were held on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College and sponsored by the college. It has always been called a "Principals Conference," or more specifically "Christian Schools' Principals Conference," according to the past several FWBBC catalogs.

Whatever the conference held at the Hyatt Regency Nashville this past January may be titled, it certainly was not the "eleventh annual." Incidentally, the eleventh annual "Christian Schools' Principals Conference" was held February 21-23 on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Rodney D. Whaley
Music Faculty
Free Will Baptist Bible College
Nashville, Tennessee

SUGGESTS EDITOR RESIGN

The author and the editor have done a great injustice and injury to Free Will Baptists as well as to Christianity in the March article, "Latter-Day Jesus."

I am a Free Will Baptist, but first I am a Christian. A true Christian will not twist, turn, pervert, warp or otherwise misuse the Word of God to exalt himself or his group by abasing another.

It seems to me the last two paragraphs of the article place the author and also the editor above Jesus Christ and take away God's prerogative to judge.

I suggest the author and the editor read Matthew 7:1-5, and it just might be a good idea for each to study many other relative parts of the authorized King James Version of the Bible. It is evident both the author and the editor should study or re-study the Word of God. This is not judgmental; it is plain evident fact that any non-moronic, unbiased brain will discern in reading the article.

If Free Will Baptist publications continue publishing articles based on bias, "holier than

thou" attitudes, I will be forced to affiliate with people who operate more in the will of Christ. This kind of tripe may well be the reason we are growing no faster than we are.

It is my belief the editor of CONTACT would probably be of great benefit to the Free Will Baptist movement and add many souls to Christ's body if he would resign and we hired the editor of the Assemblies of God publication or one of his understudies as editor of CONTACT.

I pray the author and editor are each corrigible and not so biased and vain as to be incorrigible.

I could have quoted many passages in the King James Version which would be devastating to the author and editor. However, through my love for you both, I urge that you both ferret out the places where you have erred and give diligent study to them and change that vanity and hate to love for God and mankind.

C. M. Anderson
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

READER SEES CAMEL TRACKS

In recent issues of CONTACT, there has been much said about speaking in tongues and the danger of this creeping into the Free Will Baptist movement. We must take a firm stand against such teachings, but I wonder if we are not as the scribes and pharisees who strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

Let it be known that I denounce the doctrine of speaking in tongues (as is being taught today) as unbiblical, an emotional effect, and certainly not in the spirit of God.

But the camel I see us swallowing is the doctrine of eternal security. I believe there is an abundant supply of security for the believer as long as he believes. But to make such statements as "Once an individual is saved he can't be lost" or "It does not matter what one does after he is saved (except for losing rewards), he is still going to heaven," in my opinion denies the teaching of the Bible and takes away the freedom

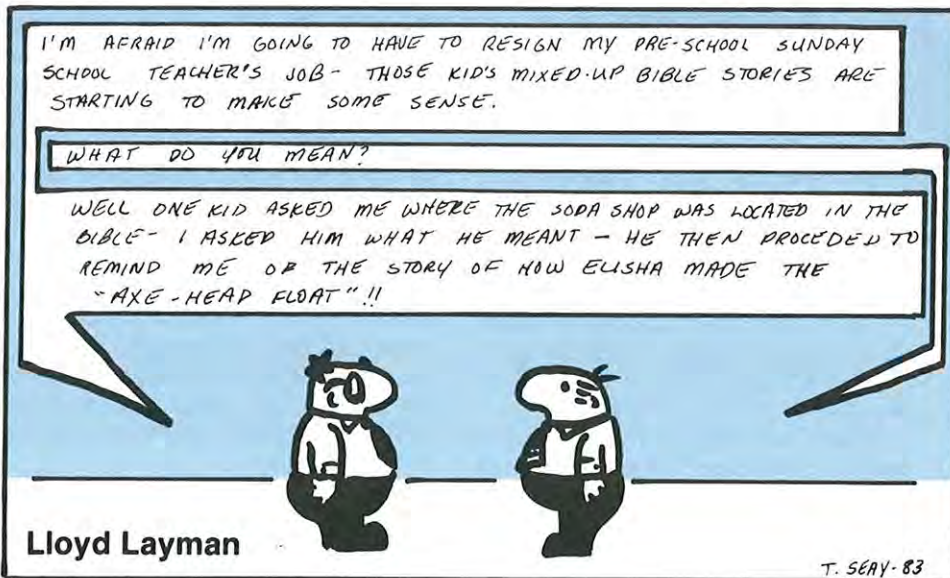
of will in man.

God does not force salvation upon us, neither does He force us to serve Him. This is done through love. To say one could not turn from God would remove this freedom of will and make us a type of robot for God.

When it comes to any doctrine which contradicts what Free Will Baptists teach and believe, we must take a stand against it. This great denomination was not and is not built on compromise, but upon the undefiled, inspired, and infallible Word of God.

I think it is high time that Free Will Baptists let it be known how we stand on the issue of eternal security and not "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel."

Reverend Loy Counts, Pastor
Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Springdale, Arkansas



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NEWS OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

BASKIN-ROBBINS LEARN HOT FUDGE, "HALLELUJAH CHORUS" DON'T MIX

CHICAGO (EP)—Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Stores quickly canceled a commercial for hot fudge following a barrage of calls and letters from outraged people who objected to the commercial's use of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" oratorio. The commercial, a 30-second spot, showed hot fudge pouring in slow motion onto a mount of ice cream with Handel's chorus playing in the background.

Most of the protesters objected to the company's use of a piece of music written to glorify Christ. To use the "Hallelujah Chorus" in a sales effort is, to Christians, "irreverent," one protester said. Another praised Baskin-Robbins, saying that the firm "showed real class in responding so quickly to the feelings of the Christian community. It would be wonderful if all advertisers were as responsive to the sensitivities of believers," he said.

A spokesman for Baskin-Robbins here said that the music for the commercial had been chosen by the company's advertising agency, Ogilvy & Mather Inc., because of its ability to attract attention.

SCHOOL PRAYER ADVOCATES HAVE NEW WEAPON—THE BUS

REIDSVILLE, NC (EP)—Church groups insisting that religion be a part of the public school day have a new weapon—the bus.

Children in Reidsville, N.C., began attending voluntary Bible classes this week in a bus parked across the street from their schools. This is one way of circumventing constitutional restrictions against teaching the Bible in public schools.

In Abingdon, Va., where voluntary Bible classes have been taught for more than 40 years, a city councilman and his wife filed a federal court suit to halt the classes. But in the Reidsville district, each child is allowed one half-hour a week of religious training aboard the bus, which travels to the five elementary schools in the district.

Those whose parents object—usually about five or six in a class of 25—work on homework or other projects. The bus is sponsored by the Reidsville Council of Religious Education, comprising 26 churches.

"It's hard to say anything against it without sounding like an atheist, which I'm not," said Clay Barham, principal of Franklin Street School. "But I really don't think it belongs in the public schools."

The first institution ordained by God was the family. Its well being is essential if the country, community, and church are to be healthy.

According to some sociologists the death of the family is at hand. One evidence that the picture is getting darker not brighter is the *Soaring Divorce* rate.

According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics, one marriage out of six ended in divorce in 1940. In 1960, it was one divorce for every four marriages. By 1972, the figure was one divorce for every three marriages.

Another indication that the family is in trouble is the *Superficial Disposition* regarding marriage. In some parts of our country, the idea prevails that marriage should be for a limited time based on a contractual agreement. When the contract is complete the individuals are free to sign a new contract or go their separate ways.

Divorce and superficiality are not only prevalent among unbelievers but have reached alarming proportions among Christians. Loose attitudes toward marriage have disastrous, deadening, and damaging effects upon the Christian family.

The Bible gives clear instructions regarding the family.

The Providential Establishment

God *prescribed* the family when He perceived Adam's loneliness (Genesis 2:20).

God *planned* the family to meet the social, spiritual, psychological, emotional needs of men, women, and children.

God *provided* the family as a teaching, training, and tending agency. The family is charged with the responsibility of giving *direction*. Children should be started right. Even a tree follows the bent of its early years.

Harry Ironsides warned, "Parents need to remember it is not enough to tell their little ones of Jesus and His rejection, or to warn them of the ways of the world, but they must see to it that in their own lives they exemplify



THE SECRETARY SPEAKS

By Melvin Worthington

their instructions. This will count above all else in the training of the young."

Parents *speak* the truth, *show* the truth and *stand* on the truth.

The family is charged with the responsibility for providing *discipline*. Attitudes toward authority, allegiance, and adherence are learned through the discipline of the home.

The family is charged with the *development* of the members. A holy, cheerful atmosphere in the home coupled with godly admonition will keep households following in the right way. How often it is said of a man who dies owning no property that he left nothing to his family. But every child is an heir.

The man who has no property to divide should not be unhappy. "I give and bequeath to my children a good name, a Christian example, and a faithful training. Is that not a good start for a last will? These are legacies over which no heir's quarrel and that require no probate outside the sanctuary of the heart" (Biblical Illustrator).

God *preserved* the family. The family unit will not disappear, for it is prescribed, provided, planned, and preserved by the Sovereign God. All the needs for human beings are met in the family. The family serves as an illustration of God's relationship to His children as well.

The Practical Essentials

For a family to be what God intend-

Facts For The Family



ed, both husband and wife must be *Christians*. When children come into the home, they need to become Christians or problems will arise. Being Christians does not mean there will be no problems, but gives the proper basis to resolve every potential problem.

Another essential is a *certain place*. There must be a geographical spot which we call home. This gives security, safety, strength, and stability to the family.

There must be a *clear oneness* between husband and wife. This oneness is developed over a process of time. Mates become one in soul, spirit, and outlook. Children must see this oneness evidenced in their parents.

Another essential is the *coming away* from Mother and Dad and a cleaving to each other when a couple marries.

Happy families are able to *communicate* with each other. Husband with wife, parents with children, and children with children.

The final essential is *contentment* in the position within the family structure that God has ordained. The husband is the leader of the family. The wife is submissive to the leadership of the husband. Children are submissive to the leadership of the parents.

Each must be content in his place or there will be household war. When the husband, help and heritage accept their respective roles in the family unit, peace and harmony result.

The Potential Enemies

Immorality prior to marriage brings devastating effects into marriage. A loose and licentious lifestyle before marriage is an enemy in marriage.

Ignorance of the pattern for marriage set forth in the scriptures contributes to many broken and unhappy homes. All may not like the scriptural pattern for the family, but when followed it results in happiness which cannot be explained, and when ignored there is chaos and confusion.

Infidelity by those who are married. Marriage is a solemn, sacred, and special covenant between a man and a woman. To break one's solemn vows is inexcusable and unjustified. Unfaithfulness on the part of married persons to their partners undermines a happy family. It devastates the companion and disillusion the children.

Indulgence in forbidden pleasures is another family enemy. Reading the wrong kinds of books and magazines, watching profane TV programs, plays or movies contribute to destroying the family unit.

Impatience with partner and posterity decimates the home. When there is bickering, belittling, and backbiting there will be unhappiness. Mutual respect and love should be the order for all family members toward each other. Intolerance, inflexibility, intimidation, insensitiveness and inattentiveness shred our families and poison our society.

Inordinate passion is an enemy of the family. Perversion and irregular desire cause frustration, fear, and fights within many family units. Caution must be exercised as we control our passions.

Interference by in-laws almost guarantees an unhappy life. When a young couple marries and establishes their own family unit, Mom and Dad need to respect that new family unit. Many insignificant problems have been blown out of proportion by parental interference. Though there may be exceptions, a good rule to follow is to not interfere or to advise unless asked.

Immaturity on the part of those who get married and have children can have sudden and serious consequences.

The boy who is ready for marriage needs to understand his responsibility to provide for his family. The girl who plans to get married needs to understand her responsibility as a loving and loyal companion.

Both need to realize their responsibilities, roles, and relationships. For instance, children are the responsibility of parents not grandparents!

Marriages are not made *for* or *in* heaven. Marriage is designed to function on this earth. Family life is designed for human beings, not angels.

If we don't make it work here, there won't be a second chance. ▲

The Secretary's Schedule

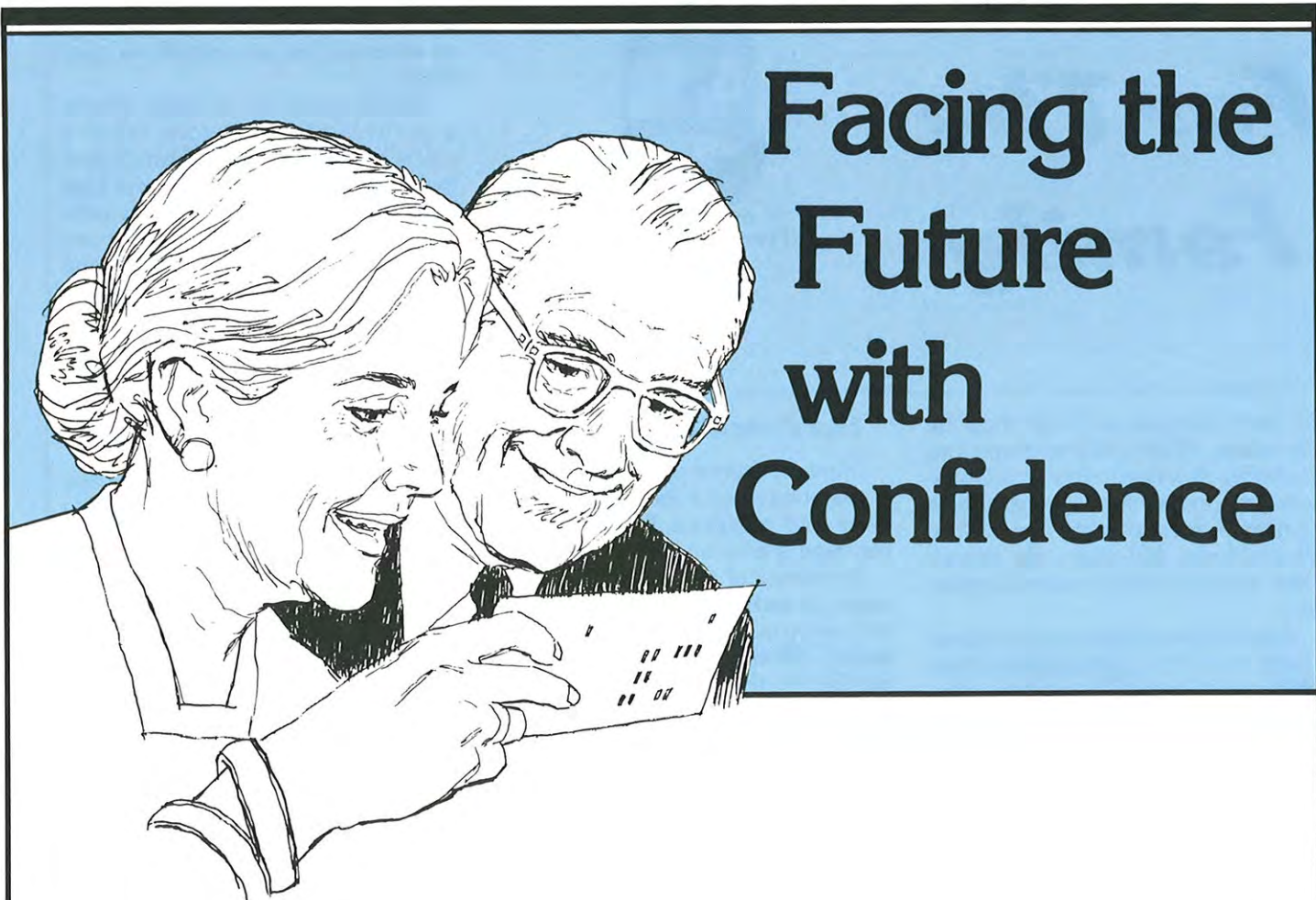
- June 5** Trinity Church
St. Louis, MO
- June 6-9** MO State Association
Nelson Community Center
Lebanon, MO
- June 10-11** WV State Association
Central FWB Church
Huntington, WV
- June 12** Central FWB Church
Huntington, WV
- June 16-18** KS State Association
First FWB Church
Emporia, KS
- June 19** First FWB Church
Wichita, KS
- June 24-25** MD State Association
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