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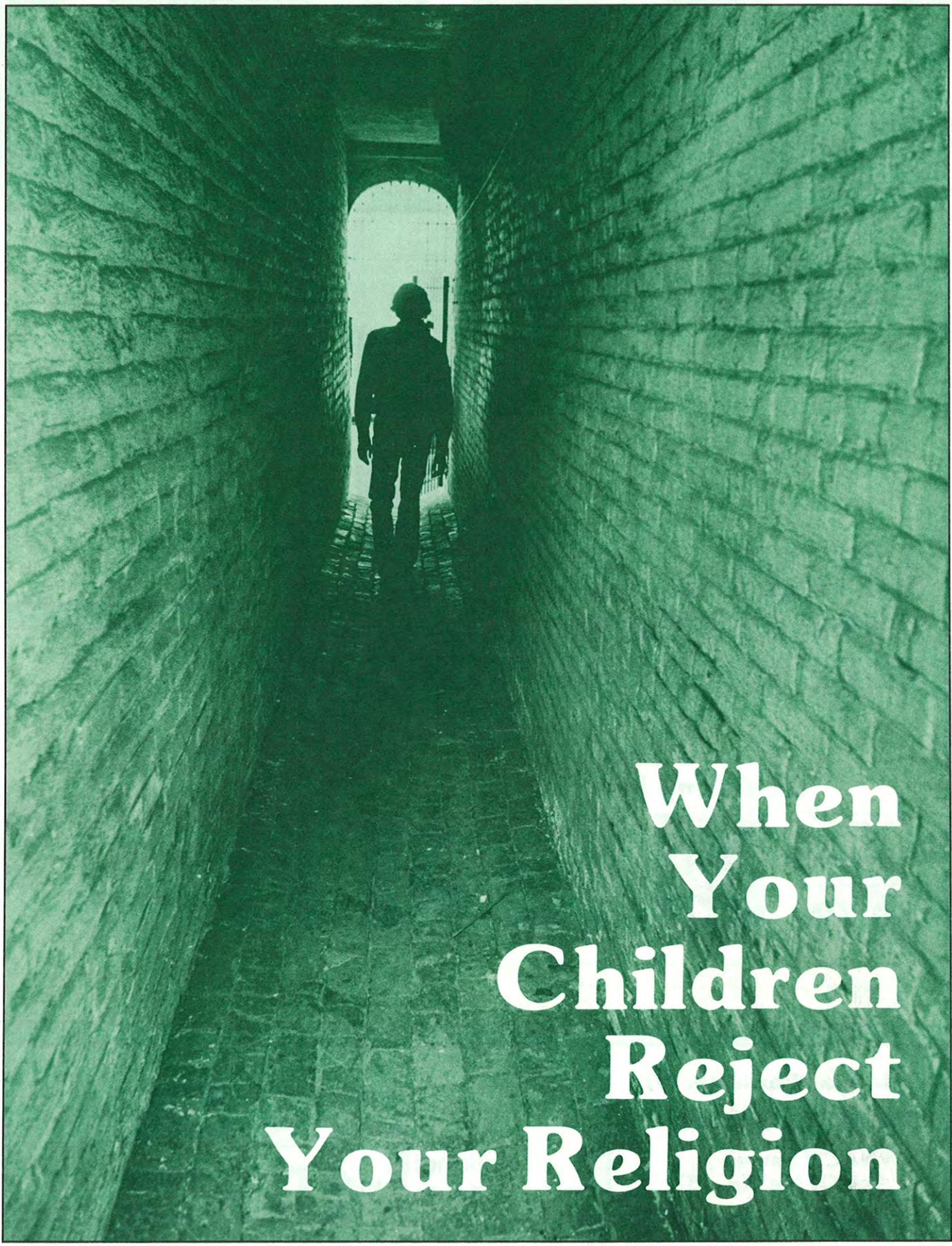
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# REJOICE!



# When Your Children Reject Your Religion

*H. Armstrong Roberts*

By Violet Cox

**O**ur faith is our most important possession. To experience a child's rejection of that faith is one of life's most devastating moments.

As we examine this increasingly prominent problem, please keep in mind the following precious truth—God loves us too much to intentionally hurt us. He is too wise to make a mistake.

If, in His providence, He should allow you to suffer the hurt and anguish of having your child reject your religion, He will help you to bear the burden (I Corinthians 10:13).

Perhaps this article will help us understand why children reject their parents' religion, alert us to some signs to watch for, and help us to know how to respond to the rejection.

### Reasons for Rejection

Children may reject their parents' religion for other people. They have a desire to be like their friends and peers, and to be accepted by them. It is impossible to limit our children's acquaintances to only born again believers.



We could help the situation, however by not prematurely casting our children out into the world of employment. City parks, golf courses, and fast-food restaurants are no place for 14 and 15-year-olds.

Some parents choose to send their children to Christian schools to ensure that they have Christian friends, and this is commendable. But regardless of where our children are, it is possible for them to get with the wrong crowd.

There may even be times when unsaved or uncommitted people within the church may lead our children astray.

Children may reject our religion for other pleasures. There are activities they haven't participated in that have an appeal. Teens or young adults may feel that life is slipping away, and they haven't yet sown their "wild oats."

The world offers so much to do and so many places to go that temptation is overwhelming. Kids who do not choose Christian colleges are especially susceptible to the I-haven't-yet-be-gun-to-live trap.

Our religion may be rejected for other pastures. This is the old The-grass-is-greener-on-the-other-side-of-the-fence syndrome.

Children may grow restless in teenage jobs and want something more exciting. The appeal of the world may cause them to think that our religion is dull and old-fashioned. In a weak moment, they may be introduced to some false cult or philosophy.

More freedom in a "religious framework" is offered, fewer consequences for disobedience are mentioned, and minimal commitment is required.

We need to be aware of other reasons for rejection of our religion. Children begin to feel that religion is only for old people. They resent the fact that religion is being forced on them before they have made their own commitment.

When children rebel against their parents, they often strike first at the parents' faith, because this is such a sensitive area. If there is no openness in discussion of faith and religion in the home, children may reject it as not being important anyway.

Then too, it is a child's nature to question. If a child reaches a certain age and hasn't accepted a faith and

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## REJECT (From Page 3)

belief of his own, he will naturally question the faith of those around him.

### Signs of Rejection

One of the first things a parent may notice is that the child no longer wants to participate in family devotions. They may develop a bad attitude and criticize family members, leaders in the church, and anyone in a position of authority.

They may find excuses not to go to church and be reluctant to participate in church activities. Your children may express the idea that they are getting too old to sing in the youth choir and go to camp or on retreats.

Suddenly, your rules and standards are seen as outdated and too strict.

Your child may acquire a new set of friends.

### Response To The Rejection

When parents realize that their children are rejecting their religion, their emotional reactions run the gamut. They may feel hurt and express the hurt by asking, "How can you do this to me after all I've done for you?"

Parents may feel guilt and say, "If I had only done things differently, this wouldn't have happened."

Parents may become angry and physically lash out at the offending child. They may feel like failures, wallow in self-pity, and neglect church themselves. They may even become more strict and further alienate the child.

The first thing a parent should do is stay calm, be rational, and look to the Lord for help. The lines of communication must be kept open!

Continue (or start) to show love to your child. Manifest God's love in your relationship to him. Examine yourself and make sure that you are spiritually prepared for this encounter. Pray for your child, and let him know that you are praying for him. Express your concerns without criticizing.

Initiate conversation and be able to answer questions as to why you believe as you do. Make sure that your faith and practices are consistent.

Acknowledge that a problem exists, and ask Christian friends to join you in prayer during your crisis. Bombard Heaven with prayer for divine intervention. Talk with your pastor (Pastors, talk with a dedicated church leader or another pastor.) and seek professional counseling and medical attention if necessary. Do not destroy yourself.

Take a look at your local church. Are there programs and activities to interest youth? Are there sermons, banquets or retreats geared to evoking a spiritual response from young people?

Do altar calls give opportunity for evaluating one's life and expressing a new commitment to Christ? Help make changes in these areas, if needed, so that other children do not make the same mistakes.

Above all, remember that God loves us too much to intentionally hurt us. He is too wise to make a mistake.

Claim for yourself and your family the precious truth of 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care on him: for he careth for you."

Trust in God and the promise He gave in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." ▲

## The Meanest Guy In Church

By Mike Carter

**J**ust about time that the beauty of spring fades and the excitement wanes, you can look for a new character to show up in church.

He usually goes unnoticed during Sunday School, but becomes more active during Sunday evening and prayer meetings. He causes people to lose interest in what they are doing for God.

He can drive Sunday School teachers to tears. They just can't seem to get their lessons prepared, nor make them interesting. They can't get up enough steam to make the needed visits throughout the week to keep class attendance where they know it should be.

Then this unwelcome guest moves into the sanctuary and takes over the back rows of pews. He stirs up conversation among the people during worship service, especially during the altar call.

**U**nless this guy is confronted and stopped, he makes his way to the front rows of pews and, who knows, he may even hit a lick or two in the Amen Corner.

Now all this is bad, but the real disaster comes when he is still unnoticed and slips into the pulpit. This scoundrel will douse what little fire there is left. His sermons are ill-prepared, not relevant to the needs of the people, dry, and cold. In short he will bore the church to death!

If you allow him the run of the church, you can't get rid of him until late September or maybe even mid-October.

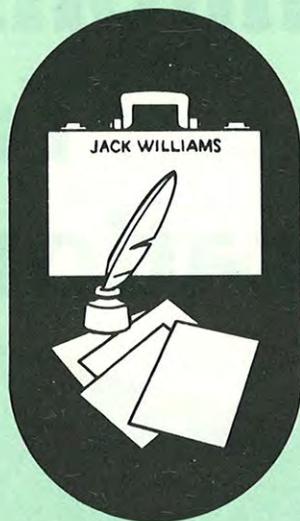
His name? You know him. He answers to the name, **SUMMER SLUMP!** ▲



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## Briefcase



# Home Before Sundown

**T**wo Free Will Baptist missionary appointees to Brazil left Nashville Tuesday afternoon, February 28, headed for Tulsa. They never made it. An unseen hand had rearranged their itinerary. Before sundown, they were swept up and away to the arms of Jesus.

Though none of us knew it at the time, John and Kay Metcalf's final missions service was behind them. They were now closer to Heaven than to Tulsa.

**We're often surprised** to learn where the door to Heaven is located. That particular Tuesday it was in the passing lane on Interstate 40. Their car hit the door hard enough to push it ajar, and the young couple stepped through the wreckage and home in a heartbeat.

For Jacob, the door to Heaven was a stone pillow at Bethel; for Stephen, a rock-throwing mob who rejected his sermon; for John and Kay Metcalf, they took I-40 West to the New Jerusalem.

**The work of God** operates on a timetable that defies man's logic. On the one hand, God sees fit to leave a Methuselah on Earth 969 years, but snatches away a John Metcalf at age 26.

Some ministries, like that of John and Kay Metcalf, seem to end before they begin. But in God's plan, the

work of John and Kay was apparently complete. God has a way of stamping "confidential" across the job descriptions for His servants, and then closing the book on them with a suddenness that usually catches us unprepared for the final entry.

We convince ourselves that all ministries last 25 to 40 years, that all great works for God take half a century. And some do, of course. But every so often, perhaps to remind us Who's in charge, God inserts into His plan special people for special tasks. They're the comets of God who startle on-lookers with their fiery exits.

God's special people touch a lot of others in a short time. And sometimes—mysteriously, unaccountably—like Samson, they smite the enemy a more damaging blow with their dying than with their living.

### **And what of the future?**

Will someone go to Brazil to take John and Kay's place and preach to the millions who've never heard the gospel? Who will pick up the mantle?

Tell the spiritist huddling with his chicken sacrifices in Campinas that John Metcalf isn't coming. Tell the street children in Jaboticabal that Kay Metcalf won't be singing them songs about Jesus.

Tell Missionaries Tommy Hughes and Bobby Poole that the young couple from Oklahoma with the flashing smiles aren't coming after all.

**But we understand,** don't we? We understand that God may use the deaths of John and Kay Metcalf to resurrect a discouraged pastor's hope.

We understand that students at Hillsdale FWB College or some other Free Will Baptist college may read the account of this seemingly untimely incident, lay aside dormitory frivolity, and be gripped by the same Great

Commission urgency that launched the Metcalfs toward Brazil.

We understand that some preacher wavering between a call to missionary service and an opportunity for a comfortable stateside position may choose the far fields rather than the fields at home.

The world shook its head in dismay at the waste 30 years ago when five missionaries were murdered in the jungles of Ecuador. You remember their names—Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, and the others. But who among us knows how many thousands of young men and women read *Through Gates of Splendor* and *Jungle Pilot*, and now staff mission stations around the world?

**Perhaps some Free Will Baptist** lad in a Junior Boy's Sunday School Class next Sunday will hear about John and Kay Metcalf, and quietly resolve that he will serve no one but King Jesus.

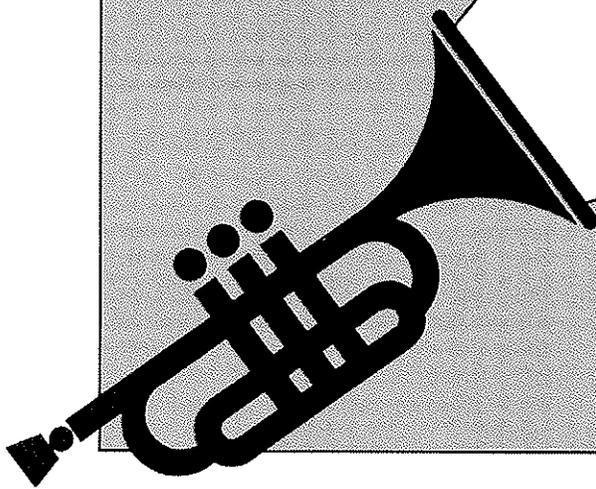
Perhaps the John and Kay Metcalf story will ignite a fire in a hundred young hearts. Perhaps tomorrow's missionary force, now sitting in college classrooms or struggling with high school math, will read these words, and when they do, God may write a missionary call across the blueprints for their lives.

NO, the voices of John and Kay Metcalf are not silent. Let it be said of this couple—they, being dead, yet speak.

**Someday, somewhere,** a Free Will Baptist missionary will walk up to Jerry and Bea Dudley or to Jack and Lillie Metcalf and say, "I'm on my way to Brazil because of your son. I'm now a missionary because of your daughter."

This is not the end. This is the beginning! ▲

# Summons To Sanctification



By Sam Truett

**T**he word translated *holiness* in Hebrews 12:14 occurs 10 times in the New Testament. Half those times it is translated *sanctification* in the King James Version.

Look for yourself. Hebrews 12:14 presents a shocking scriptural truth—only the sanctified will see God! Sanctification is both the plan of God (Romans 8:28-29) and the purpose of saving grace (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Many believers are uncertain of sanctification's meaning, unconscious of its method, and unconcerned about its manifestation in their lives. Most who attend our churches and raise their hands in joyous testimony would stand bewildered if asked about their personal sanctification.

Determined to avoid the doctrinal error of a second definite work of grace, which allegedly makes one sinlessly perfect, we are in danger of

making sanctification so indefinite that it has no practical meaning.

A supreme satanic triumph of our age has been to make sanctification more a matter of doctrinal controversy than a matter of daily conduct.

The weakness of our witness, the worldliness of our ways, the waywardness of our walk, and the too frequent wickedness of our words all evidence our need for scriptural reality in sanctification.

## Meaning Of Sanctification

The meaning of sanctification must be drawn from the use of the word in scripture. In both Testaments its basic meaning is to be set apart. It refers to people, places or things consecrated for God's use. That does not imply sinless perfection, but it does involve total dedication.

There is a sense in which every believer is sanctified (Hebrews 10:10). This has to do with positional relationship to God in Christ. When con-

verted, the individual is separated from the world to God. According to Paul, even the carnal Corinthians were so sanctified (I Corinthians 1:2).

Sanctification is also a progressive renewal (Colossians 3:10). This is a continuing process by the Holy Spirit which enables those set apart to God positionally to live in light of that separation.

Progressive renewal must become a practical reality if the believer would satisfy the divine demand for sanctification (II Corinthians 7:1). This progressive renewal will ultimately climax in perfect restoration when we see Him and are made like Him (I John 3:2).

Practical sanctification is that real and powerful and effective working of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life which enables him to live daily in genuine victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil.

It results in the character of Christ being developed within and displayed without. Though it does not make one sinless, it will make one SIN LESS!

## Method Of Sanctification

Though scripture attributes sanctification to all three members of the Trinity, progressive sanctification is specifically dependent upon the work of the Spirit (I Peter 1:2). Powerful resources are available for our sanctification.

Freed positionally from the condemnation of sin and the law by the death of the Savior (Romans 8:1), the believer can also be freed from the control of sin by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16). As He carries out His sanctifying ministry, the believer lives according to the principles of scripture.

Along with powerful resources, there are personal responsibilities involved. One must admit that he cannot live as God says in his own strength (Romans 7:18).

There must be an awareness of God's purpose in salvation and His provision for a life of obedience (Romans 8). This is followed naturally by an appetite for purity (Matthew 5:6). The believer must become totally available to God (Romans 12:1-2).

This availability demands complete yielding to God (Romans 6:14). Since the scriptures declare that any man in Christ is a new creature, progressive sanctification must start, in some measure, at conversion.

In most cases it will include a time (or several times) of conscious surrender to God after conversion. This is not a second work of grace, but a part of progressive sanctification. This surrender must be definite, real and all-inclusive in the believer's mind.

There must be a constant abiding in that attitude of surrender. As the believer grows he will become aware of other areas of his life that the Spirit longs to control.

The final responsibility is to abandon sin through the power of the spirit (II Corinthians 6:17). He will provide the strength, but that strength must be exercised in separation by the believer (I Corinthians 7:1).

## Manifestation Of Sanctification

The manifestation of sanctification must be seen in the walk of the saint. The scriptures describe that walk in terms of the Christian's relationship to

God, his resistance to temptation, and his responsibilities to others.

The proper relationship to God means submission to His Word and surrender to His will. Persistent disobedience to His Word takes one out of His will. Such disobedience has no

Words usually express attitudes which must also be sanctified. Bitterness, deceitfulness, meanness, divisiveness, hatefulness and spitefulness have no place in the heart of a saint.

The sanctified man has responsibilities to others. To the unsaved, he

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place in the life of the sanctified man.

A persistent resistance to temptation demands strenuous personal effort. Like Joshua in the land of Canaan, believers have the promises and power of God, but still must put forth obedient effort to possess their inheritance. Victory, while assured, is not automatic.

Sanctification is more than a dramatic emotional experience which guarantees spiritual victories; it is a daily effort to overcome by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Sanctification should affect the actions, attitudes, associations, and ambitions of the Christian (Ephesians 4:17—5:4). He must be characterized by honesty and purity. Here is the answer to the floodtide of worldliness that threatens to engulf the church.

In a society that condones and even encourages immorality and immodesty, Christians must govern their behavior by holy standards. Standards even apply to appearance, attire, and amusements.

No believer is immune to temptations, but every Christian can conquer them through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The believer's words must also be sanctified. A careful reading of Ephesians 4:25—5:4 reveals that our words should be characterized by purity, honesty, charity and propriety. They should help create harmony and unity.

must present a clean testimony. To the saved, he must practice Christ-like treatment. In dealing with others, he must be fortifying in his language, forgiving in his love and a follower of his Lord.

There are many detriments to practical sanctification. Among them are scriptural ignorance, self-indulgence, insensitivity to the Spirit, personal sin, an independent spirit, incomplete separation, and insincere surrender.

Though sanctification is possible because of our relationship to the Savior, it becomes a reality because of our relationship to the Holy Spirit.

## Conclusion

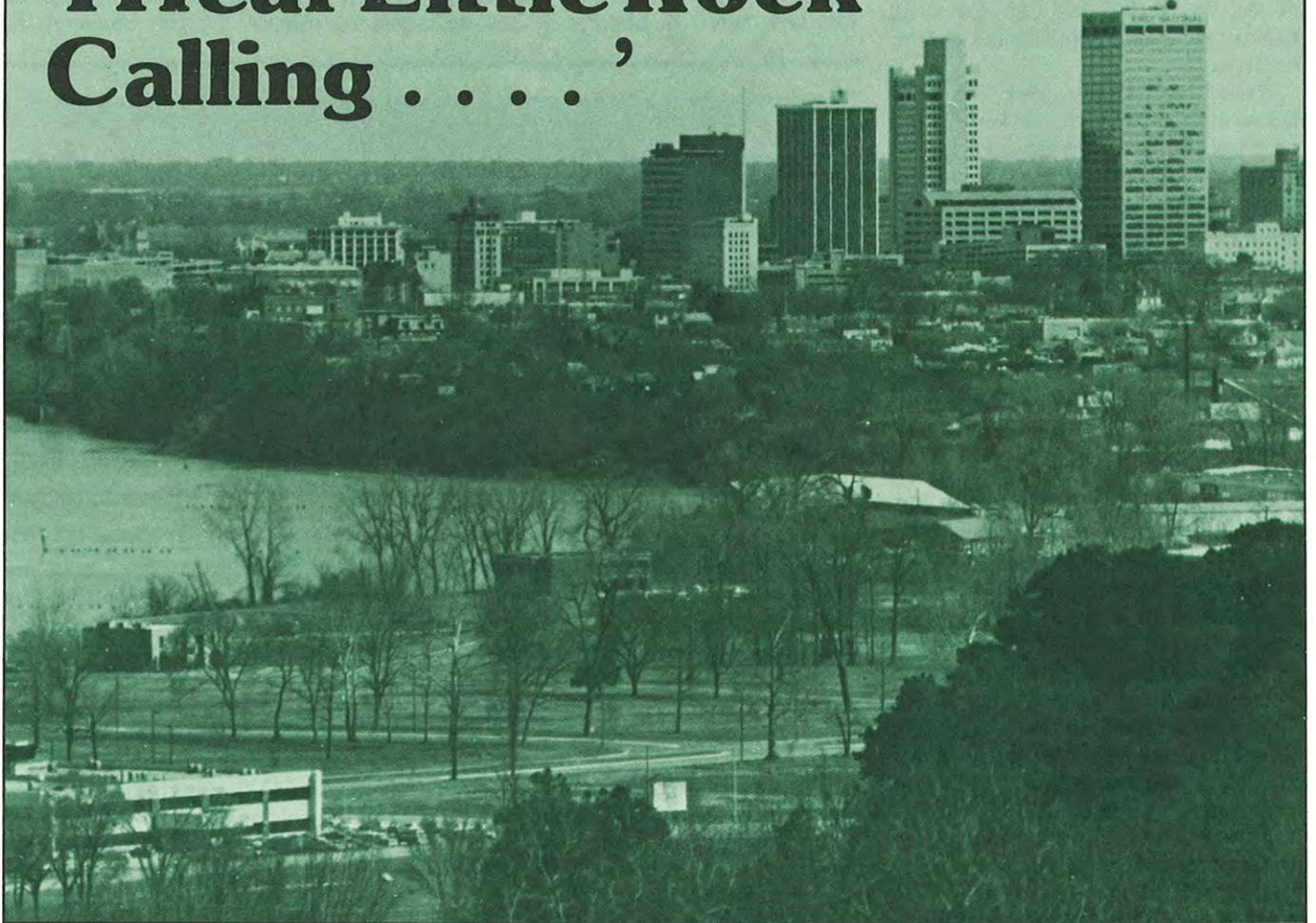
G. Campbell Morgan spoke with sad accuracy when he said, "Oh, the spiritual tragedy of some men and women who . . . withhold themselves from that abandonment to the will of God which is the secret of all sanctified life . . . . This is the tragedy of the Christian church . . . ."

May God raise up an army of messengers to sound a scriptural summons to sanctification. ▲

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## The 1984 National Convention

# 'I Hear Little Rock Calling . . . .'



By Kristi Bryan  
Editorial Assistant

**L**ike the early French settlers, the National Association of Free Will Baptists gears up to discover "La Petit Roche" in July. Little Rock waits at the crossroads in Arkansas to house, to entertain and to welcome the 48th annual National Convention, July 15-19.

Convention officials expect more than 5,500 delegates and visitors from 40 states at Statehouse Convention Center for the five-day meeting. For the third time in 36 years, Arkansas' 24,400 members and 233 churches will host the National Convention. The

convention previously met in Little Rock (1966) and Pocahontas (1948).

Meeting simultaneously with the National Convention are the National Youth Conference with an expected 1,500 registrants, and the 49th annual Woman's National Auxiliary Convention with 1,000 women anticipated.

### City With A New Heart

Little Rock. She stands regally on the banks of the Arkansas River in the gently flowing foothills of the Ozarks. "La Petit Roche" was named by early French explorers to distinguish it from larger stone bluffs up river. In 1831, Little Rock incorporated as a city, and in 1836 became the capital of Arkansas. The population has surged to 350,000.

Unlike some cities, downtown Little

Rock is the thriving center of life for a busy capital city, port city, educational center, medical center, industrial city, transportation hub and more.

Little Rock features the finest examples of Victorian architecture in the South. Visit the Museum of Science and Natural History which houses a collection of artifacts ranging from American Indian weapons of war to Egyptian death culture.

Monkey around the 200-acre Little Rock Zoo. Enjoy a leisure stroll through beautiful surroundings and see animals from all over the world.

Arkansas offers a richly varied musical culture. The Rackensack Society preserves folklore and the musical tradition of the Ozarks. The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and Arkansas Opera Theatre give stunning performances.

Spectator sports are popular in Little Rock. Little Rock is the summer home to the Arkansas Travelers, part of the St. Louis Cardinal baseball organization. The Travelers play their home games at Ray Winder Field.

If you'd rather do it than watch it, Little Rock's public and private tennis complexes plus more than a dozen public and private golf courses are within easy reach.

A short hop from the city, more than a half-million acres of lake surface teeming with lunker bass, catfish and trout, tempt the rod 'n' reel enthusiast.

Conveniently located 10 minutes from downtown, the Little Rock Regional Airport is served by five major airlines with more than 55 arrivals and departures daily. The city is reached by major interstate highways in less than three hours from Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas or Missouri.

The headquarters hotel, Little Rock Excelsior, sits atop the Statehouse Convention Center. In addition to 462 guest rooms, its lobby features some of the city's most fashionable shops and restaurants. The Statehouse Convention Center boasts more than 90,000-square-feet of exhibition space and meeting rooms.

### Theme: Reaching For Revival!

Delegates and visitors attending the National Convention will hear three speakers probe the 1984 theme, "Reaching For Revival."

The speakers will develop the theme in three areas: "The Folks Responsible," "The Formula Revealed," and "The Fruit Received."

Even though the National Convention begins Monday evening, some 2,000 people are expected for Sunday morning services in the Little Rock Excelsior. Sunday School and morning worship begin at 10:00 a.m.

World War II Veteran W. Almon Calvert will teach the Adult Sunday School lesson. Brother Calvert was blinded by a sniper's bullet while his troop was racing to beat the Russians to Berlin. He teaches the Adult Sunday School Class at First FWB Church, Florence, Alabama.

Something new is added to the morning worship—Primary, Junior, and Teen Church. Special emphasis will be given to Teen Church as the

newly formed Youth Evangelistic Team (Y.E.T.) conducts the service.

### VERNON BARKER

Tennessee Pastor Vernon Barker kicks off the 1984 session Sunday morning at 11:00 in Little Rock Excelsior's Grand Ballroom speaking on the topic, "The Folks Responsible."

Born in Kentucky, Barker (53) was converted at age 30 and ordained two years later in the Blue Grass Conference.

Reverend Barker served in the U.S. Army (1948-54) and has pastored in Kentucky and Tennessee. He pastors New Hope FWB Church, Joelton, Tennessee.

### LONNIE DAVOULT

Monday evening at 7:00 in Statehouse Convention Center, Oklahoma's Executive Secretary, Lonnie E. DaVoult continues the convention theme exhorting the subject "The Formula Revealed."

Born in Blanchard, Oklahoma, DaVoult began pastoring in 1951 and continued for 20 years until accepting the Oklahoma State Executive Secretary post in 1971.

Reverend DaVoult served four years as Oklahoma State Moderator and seven years on the Foreign Missions Board. He spent 37 months in the U.S. Signal Corps and was awarded the Purple Heart in World War II.

He has pastored three churches in Oklahoma and one in Tennessee.

### TERRY FORREST

Concluding the convention theme, Arkansas Pastor Terry Forrest will address Tuesday evening conferees on the subject, "The Fruit Received."

Forrest pastors First FWB Church, Monticello. He formerly pastored churches in Missouri and Tennessee.

Reverend Forrest has served as moderator of the Social Band Association, as state assistant moderator and on the State Mission Board—all in Arkansas.

An alumnus of Free Will Baptist Bible College, he and his wife, Donna, have two children—Beth (13) and Jon (10).

### MISSIONARY SERVICE

The Wednesday evening missionary service will focus on four missionaries—Paul Thompson, Globe, Arizona; Ken Eagleton, Brazil; and Bob Breeden, Wausau, Wisconsin—with veteran missionary Jimmy Aldridge of Ivory Coast preaching the final convention message.

Paul Thompson (54) pastored 18 years at Heritage Temple FWB Church, Columbus, Ohio. In 1983 he accepted the home missionary post to Arizona.

Ken Eagleton (55) is in his 25th year of missionary service to Sao Paulo, Brazil. He pastors the Araras FWB Church.

Bob Breeden, born in 1927, pastors the only FWB Church in Wisconsin—

#### LOCAL CHURCH DELEGATE'S CREDENTIALS

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# "Reaching For Revival"



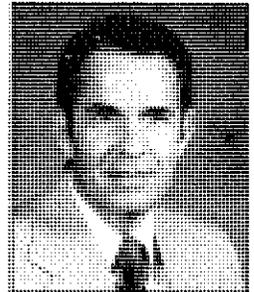
**Vernon Barker**



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**Jimmy Aldridge**

## CONVENTION (From Page 9)

Lighthouse FWB Church, Wausau. Breeden has pastored six churches in four states.

Jimmy Aldridge has completed 21 years in Ivory Coast, West Africa. He has worked extensively with the Koun and Bondoukou FWB Churches and has founded and pastored churches at Kiendi and Kouafo since 1975.

Aldridge (45), a 1960 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, did graduate work at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina. Jimmy and Janie will return to Africa later this year.

## 1984 Bible Conference

The fourth annual National Convention Bible Conference meets Tuesday, July 17 in Little Rock Excelsior's Grand Ballroom. The Bible Conference spotlights three preaching sessions beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at 11:00 for the WNAC Missionary service.

Bible Conference speakers include Ken Walker, J. M. Creech, and Billy Jackson.

## WALKER

Florida Pastor Ken Walker (55) opens the 1984 Bible Conference. Walker, pastor of First FWB Church, Deerfield, served as Kentucky State Moderator (1968-69), Home Missions Board member (1968-70), and presently serves on the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Walker has pastored churches 28 years in

Tennessee, Virginia, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Alabama and Florida.

## CREECH

Joining Walker on the Bible Conference program is Mississippi Pastor J. M. Creech. The North Carolina native was ordained in 1964 at the Woodbine FWB Church, Nashville, Tennessee. He pastors Tupelo FWB Church, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Creech has served on the Georgia (1974-77) and North Carolina (1979-83) State Mission Boards, the Church Training Service Board (1974-75), and as moderator of the North Carolina Randall Association.

Reverend Creech was a Free Will Baptist Bible College administrative assistant (1961-63) and an Executive Church Bond representative (1963-65).

## JACKSON

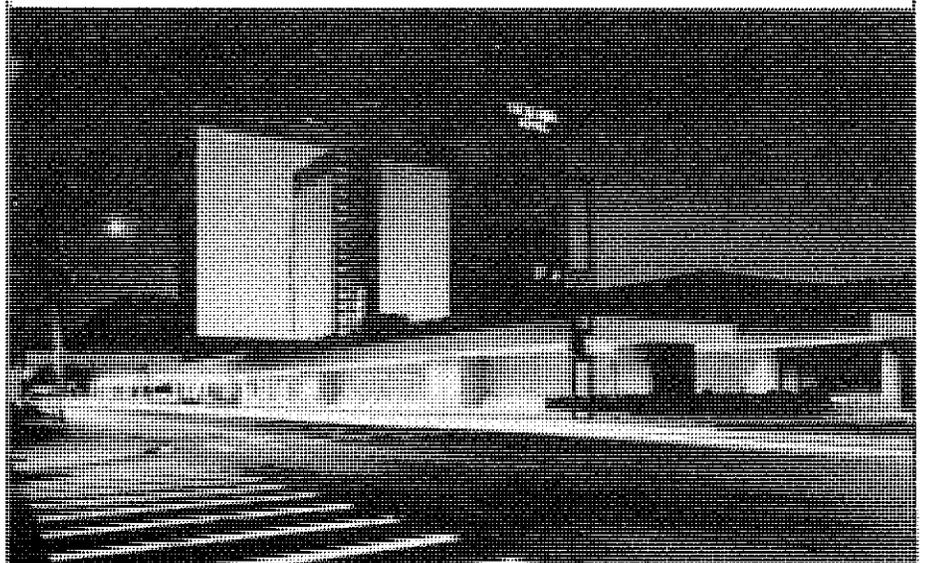
North Carolina native and pastor Billy Jackson climaxes the speaker slate. Saved at age 15, Jackson was ordained in 1954 and began pastoring two years later at the Parkers Chapel FWB Church, Greenville, North Carolina. He pastors Cardinal Village FWB Church, Jacksonville.

Reverend Jackson authored two tracts—a "Roman's Road" and a church tract—in 1978 and 1979 respectively.

## Convention Business

This July the voting delegation will demand accountability from National Departments concerning the \$10.2 million budgets endorsed by the convention at its 1983 session in Columbus,

Little Rock Excelsior—Convention Headquarters Hotel



Ohio.

Delegates will examine reports from each department and set budgets for 1984-85. The total dollar figure is expected to top the \$10.5 million mark.

Moderator Bobby Jackson gavels the 48th annual session to order Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Adjournment is projected for noon Thursday.

Twenty-seven National Board and Commission vacancies are to be filled in Little Rock. The General Board replaces 12 members and three Executive Committee members. Scheduled to receive three board members each are the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees, the Foreign Missions Board, and the Sunday School and Church Training Board.

The Commission on Theological Liberalism, the Historical Commission, and the Radio-TV Commission replace one member each.

The five-member Radio-TV Commission will present a pilot radio program to the delegates.

Every Free Will Baptist Church has the right—and should exercise that right—to send one lay delegate along with its pastor to vote in business sessions at Little Rock.

Registration is set to begin Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Registration activity for the National Convention and WNAC takes place in the Statehouse Convention Center in the Caddo and Osage rooms. NYC registration is scheduled in the Camelot Hotel at the Meeting Room Level.

A colorful dimension to each convention is the exhibit area. This year some 50 exhibitors ranging from church furniture to Free Will Baptist colleges and National Departments will display their wares and services for delegates. Each National Department



Arkansas State Capitol

will showcase its particular ministry and offer assistance to conferees.

### **Come And Get It!**

Grab your fork and spoon and plan to dig in at five catered meal functions on Tuesday and Wednesday. The catered meals include two breakfasts, two luncheons and one dinner.

Early risers will enjoy the Free Will Baptist Music Ministries Breakfast scheduled for Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. Noted singer and pastor Ted Wilbanks

is guest speaker. Wilbanks pastors Grant Avenue FWB Church, Springfield, Missouri.

The Tuesday noon Friends of Hillsdale College Alumni Luncheon features College Professor Thomas Marberry as keynote speaker. Dr. Marberry is Vice President of Academic Affairs at Hillsdale.

Next on the agenda is the WNAC Fellowship Dinner meeting Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. Speaking to the banqueters



## **Bible Conference Speakers**



**Walker**



**Creech**



**Jackson**

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will be Beatrice Bixler, well-known writer of more than 300 songs.

Wake up Wednesday morning for 7:00 breakfast with the Master's Men. Former Home Missionary Luther Sanders will address the breakfasters.

Sanders, 61, pastored Waipahu FWB Church in Hawaii for 18 years. Other pastorates include First FWB Church, Florence, South Carolina; Cordova FWB Church, Cordova, Alabama; and Monett FWB Church, Monett, Missouri.

The final meal function is Wednesday noon at the annual Free Will Baptist Bible College Alumni Luncheon. The keynote speaker is College President Charles Thigpen.



### NYC Theme—Rejoice!

"Rejoice!"—the theme for NYC '84 which gets underway Sunday evening in Statehouse Convention Center's Exhibition Hall with 1,500 teens expected.

This year's theme is taken from Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice."

The keynote speaker is 30-year-old Keith Burden, pastor of West Tulsa FWB Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Saved at age 12 and ordained 10 years later, Burden has pastored one California and three Oklahoma churches. He is a 1976 graduate of Hillsdale FWB College.



NYC Headquarters Hotel—The Camelot

Also featured in the Sunday evening service is a 100-voice musical presentation by the Arkansas youth.

All NYC '84 activities, except the keynote and evening services will be conducted at the Camelot Hotel just one block from Statehouse Convention Center.

National Youth Conference Director Jim Lauthern says several new dimensions have been added to NYC '84:

° *YET (Youth Evangelistic Team)*—a pilot program of 13 youth and two adult members presenting evangel-

istic programs. These youth will be featured in various NYC activities.

° *YouthFest '84*—carnival time for all youth in the outdoor Riverfront Park, featuring clowns, skits, strolling musicians, musical presentations, magicians, food and much more.

° "*Catching The Rainbow*"—devotionals emphasizing this year's NYC emblem, the rainbow.

° *TRUTH and PEACE*—52 young people who have spent the previous two weeks in leadership training. These young people represent 18 states and will be featured in various leadership roles.

° *Seminars*—for youth leaders and youth

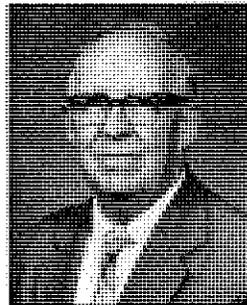
The Mass Youth Choir will sing during the Sunday evening service under the direction of Stephen Messer, minister of music and youth at Oak Park FWB Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. For free music to practice at your local church write: NYC Office, P.O.



THOMPSON



EAGLETON



BREEDEN

Box 17306, Nashville, Tennessee 37217.

Approximately 1,000 youth will compete in the Music and Arts Festival and Bible Competition Monday and Tuesday. Finals in Bible Bowl, Bible Tic Tac Toe, and Bible Sword Drill get underway at 8:00 on Wednesday morning in the Great Hall of the Camelot Hotel.

The Awards Celebration will follow competitive finals. The awards ceremony meets in the Music Hall of Robinson Center adjacent to the Camelot Hotel. Look for further details in the June issue of CONTACT when the National Youth Conference program will be printed.

### WNAC Convention

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention opens its one-day session Tuesday, July 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Exhibition Hall of the Statehouse Convention Center. Newly elected WNAC

## NYC



**BURDEN**

**LAUTHERN**



**NEWSOME**

**LEWIS**



**MARBERRY**



**SANDERS**



**THIGPEN**

President June Rolen of California will gavel 1,000 women through a full day of business committee reports, resolutions, budgets, and worship.

The morning session will include announcements concerning Creative Writing Contest awards as well as the annual report of WNAC Executive Secretary/Treasurer Cleo Pursell.

The WNAC Missionary Service speaker at 11:00 a.m. is Fred Hersey, missionary to Japan.

More than 650 are expected to attend the WNAC Fellowship Dinner immediately following the day's business session. Mrs. Beatrice Bixler will speak at the 5:00 p.m. dinner in the Little Rock Excelsior.

Mrs. Bixler, native of Waverly, New York, has written approximately 300 gospel songs including "Life Is A Symphony," "The Breaking of the Bread," and "I Sing A New Song." *Singspiration*, the music arm of Zondervan Publishing Company, published two books of her songs.

Recently widowed, Bixler speaks for Christian Women's Clubs and has been involved in women's retreats for over 20 years.

A special WNAC seminar Monday, July 16, at 1:30 is titled "Your Attitudes Are Showing." Six speakers will address our attitudes toward God, self, husband, children, others, and money.

### Now's The Time!

Join the thousands who are sending in their reservation forms today.

Invest your time and money into the 1984 Convention. The dividends will be satisfying preaching, fulfilling music, zesty business, mouth-watering meals and gratifying friendships renewable for years to come. ▲

## WNAC



**RIGGS**



**HERSEY**



**BIXLER**



**ROLEN**

**Attention Parents:  
Nursery services  
will NOT be  
available during  
the 1984  
Convention.**



Free Will Baptist Music Ministries

# Serving With A Song

By Doug Little

**T**he approaching National Convention brings to mind the beginnings of what is now Free Will Baptist Music Ministries. The 1966 National Convention meeting in Little Rock brought together a group of Free Will Baptist musicians with a vision for the growth of the ministry of music in our denomination and the dream of an organization to channel that growth. The Organization born in that meeting was "Free Will Baptist Music Fellowship."

The Fellowship adopted the name "Free Will Baptist Music Ministries" in 1974. Various publications have sought to inform and instruct Free Will Baptist musicians.

The organization has participated in various musical aspects of the National Convention, from adjudicating the Music and Arts Festival competition to comprising the Mass Adult Convention Choir. The annual Music Ministries Breakfast is a standard feature on the convention program, pro-

viding regular fellowship, business, and instruction.

The purposes remain unchanged in 18 years. Free Will Baptist Music Ministries exists to share knowledge of church music methods and materials for worship, evangelization, and edification.

Yet, the vision still urges further development of music in Free Will Baptist churches and of the organization itself.

**T**his article is the beginning of one new channel through which Music Ministries will serve. Regular feature articles in this space will heighten awareness of Music Ministries among Free Will Baptists and provide practical suggestions of methods and resource materials available.

Other opportunities for Music Ministries wait at the door. Several will be discussed in future articles and at the breakfast meeting in Little Rock.

Musicians and non-musicians alike are invited to participate. In fact, any Free Will Baptist interested in successful music ministry in the local church is welcome.

Annual membership dues of \$5.00 help support the organization and entitle members to order music through the Subscription Service at a discount. Those who pay 1984 dues will receive a copy of the new *Free Will Baptist Music Planbook* being written by Music Ministries' Vice-President, John Neal.

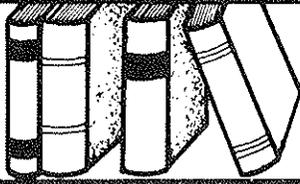
Opportunities for involvement at the National Convention include the Adult Mass Choir on Monday and Tuesday evenings and the Men's Chorale on Wednesday evening.

The Music Ministries Breakfast meets Tuesday morning, featuring Reverend Ted Wilbanks leading a workshop on developing and working successfully with church keyboard musicians. Members of Music Ministries will assist with the Music and Arts competition. These activities are open for anyone who wishes to attend or participate, whether a member of Music Ministries or not.

Music is vital to every Free Will Baptist in every local church. Strong music ministries in the local church will produce a vibrant denomination-wide music program. I encourage every pastor and church member to envision the kind of music ministry desired for his local church and then let Music Ministries help you bring that vision to reality. ▲

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## Top Shelf



Thomas Marberry



In the early pages, Ogilvie lists eight steps to effective prayer. These common sense principles are drawn from the many prayers which are recorded in scripture.

Later Dr. Ogilvie emphasizes prayer's power to transform lives. Above all, when we pray, our own lives are transformed. For example, many are frustrated by worry. Intercessory prayer helps us deal with the problem of worry in our lives.

Prayer creates within us an eagerness to involve ourselves in the work God wants us to do.

The author makes perceptive comments about the problem of unanswered prayer. He reminds us that our greatest need is Christ's presence in our lives, not things God may give us.

Not many good books on prayer have been written in recent years. This is a good one. Its helpful insights are drawn from scripture and years of experience. ▲

**Lloyd John Ogilvie, *Praying With Power* (Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1983, hardback, 140 pp., \$9.50).**

**F**ew things are more important in the Christian life than prayer. Jesus not only prayed, He taught His disciples to pray. New Testament writers often cited the power and strength available to Christians through prayer. Christians today recognize the necessity of a regular prayer life.

Unfortunately, too many Christians have an improper conception of prayer. They see prayer as nothing

more than a time when we hound God for things we need, want, or desire.

The New Testament definitely teaches that needs can be met through prayer, but the focus should never be on what we can receive as a result of prayer.

Dr. Ogilvie points out that prayer does not begin with us, but with God. The most important principle is not what we can get from God through prayer but how much of Christ gets into our lives when we pray.

God creates within us the desire to pray, and He wants to channel His blessings to us through prayer. The purpose of prayer is communion between God and His children.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

### ALABAMA

Harvey D. Luke to Union Chapel Church, Vernon

### CALIFORNIA

John Hibbard to Mt. View Church, Mt. View from Northside Church, Stockton

Arvil Nelson to Earlimart Church, Earlimart

### GEORGIA

Gerald Baxley to Thomaston Church, Thomaston from Fairview Church, Moody, AL

Harris Nix to First Church, Eastman  
Huey Nichols to First Church, Douglas

Tom Lightsey to Alabaha Church, Blackshear

### ILLINOIS

Wayne Whittaker to First Church, Moline

### KANSAS

Andrew Percy to First Church, Wichita from South Sebastian Church, Mansfield, AR

### MISSISSIPPI

J. L. Lavender to Damascus Church, Dekalb

T. J. Barnard to Springdale Church, Oxford

### OHIO

Wendell Combs to First Church, Chillicothe from First Church, Springfield  
Bert Miller to Lockbourne Church, Lockbourne

Johnny Castle to Temple Church, North Canton

Tom Dooley to Heritage Church, Hamilton

Marty Garrett to Espyville Church, Marion

Bill Crank to Ambassador Church, Cincinnati from O'Kean Church, O'Kean, AR

Ralph Davis to Asbury Church, Columbus

Gary Caldwell to Antioch Church, Wheelersburg

Danny Tackett to Swauger Church, Sciotoville from Victory Church, Marshall, MI

Danny King to Bethesda Church, Jackson

Danny Cline to Campbell Chapel Church, Ironton

Don Hix to Eastmont Church, Dayton

Wayne Frost to First Church, Springfield

Deryl Curry to Good Hope Church, Elyra

Alvin Snuffer to Bristolville Church, Bristolville

### OKLAHOMA

Waldo Young to First Church, Yukon

### TENNESSEE

Frank Slaughter to Pleasant Hill Church, Dover

### TEXAS

Jerry McArthur to First Church, Grand Prairie from First Church, Wichita, KS

George Hyatt to Zion Church, Corpus Christi

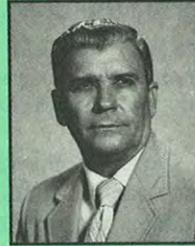
Edward Stagg to Western Hills Church, Fort Worth

Introducing the Full-Time

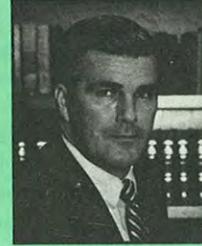
# The Evangelists— Men



Ange



Evans



Hudson



Hyman



Jackson

By Larry D. Hampton

**W**hat is an evangelist? He's a gifted, God-called man. He's a man with a burdened heart for evangelism and lost souls. Often he's a former pastor, but not always.

Calvin Evans believes every full-time evangelist should have pastoral experience so he can relate to a pastor's problems. Bobby Jackson, who has been on the sawdust trail more than 30 years, has never pastored a church. Doyle Terry is a layman.

The life of a full-time evangelist is not easy. Van Dale Hudson reminds churches that an evangelist must spread his income over 52 weeks and has no income when not in a meeting.

Although he has no guaranteed income, he must provide housing for his family. Full-time evangelists don't live in parsonages. Doyle Terry feels this "uncertainty of income" has prevented some men from responding to God's call.

Evangelist Terry describes the life of an evangelist: "An evangelist leaves the comfort of home for his calling and lives 'on the road' under even different circumstances than a missionary, rarely having any deep roots in a home or parsonage life such as most experience, with no salary paid by any church or board. It is truly a life of faith."

This is the story of 12 gifted men. They share a common call and burden for souls. This is the story of 12 men of faith—evangelists, men on the move.

## *Evangelist Joe Ange* Age 61

Joseph G. Ange was born in Jamesville, North Carolina, on December 19, 1922. He was educated at Norfolk Business College (Business Certificate), Free Will Baptist Bible College (Bible Diploma), Duke University, and Detroit Bible College. In 1971 Bob Jones University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

For 36 of his 61 years "Brother Joe" has been preaching the gospel. Ange pastored Bethlehem FWB Church in Ashland City, Tennessee, in 1951. From 1952-57 he pastored Edgemont FWB Church in Durham, North Carolina. He pastored Central FWB Church in Royal Oak, Michigan, for nine years (1957-1966).

In 1966 Ange returned to Durham to lead the Liberty FWB Church. From 1972-1982 he was Director of Religious Activities at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Dr. Ange had an unusual pastoral ministry. The Edgemont Church experienced a 300 percent increase in Sunday School attendance. Offerings increased 700 percent. The church witnessed conversions of more than 800 people.

At Central Church Ange's Sunday School averaged 702 in attendance. They had a record attendance of 1,038. He was elected Pastor of the Year by the Greater Detroit Sunday School Association in 1964. Sunday School attendance at Liberty zoomed from 328 to 800.

Ange has been actively involved in the denomination through his ministry. He was clerk of Albemarle Union in Eastern North Carolina and moderator of the Third Union Meeting in Durham.

In addition to being assistant moderator of North Carolina's Western Conference, he also served two years as chairman of the Ordination Board for that body. From 1969-71 he was a member of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists.

In Michigan he moderated the Wolverine Association and chaired the Ministerial Examining Board from 1962-66. Ange also served as assistant moderator of the Michigan State Association. For six years he directed the Great Lakes Youth Camp.

Ange was assistant moderator of the National Association in 1954. From 1960-84 he served on the Board of Foreign Missions, including a 14-year stint as chairman.

Ange has a wealth of radio and television experience. He maintained a radio broadcast for 21 years on WTIK in Durham and WMUZ in De-

# On The Move



Jernigan



Nelson



Pegram



Terry



Willis



York

troit. He aired a television program for four years.

Dr. Ange entered full-time evangelism in 1982. He has held over 500 revivals in 22 states and four countries during his ministry. He has preached a total of 13,000 sermons.

God continues to open doors of service for Ange. He is booked through 1986. He preached 46 revivals last year and has 47 planned for next year. The first meetings he held this year yielded 400 decisions.

## Evangelist Tommy Brashear Age 65

Thomas (Tommy) Brashear turned 65 on May 1. He says 30 years of full-time evangelistic work is starting to take its toll.

Brashear, who has been preaching for 34 years, isn't sure how many revivals he's held. So many churches have him back year after year he might be called a circuit rider. He's already got some meetings scheduled for 1986. He is cutting back, however. He did plan three meetings per month; now he's down to two.

## Evangelist Calvin Evans Age 54

Calvin Evans, 54, was born in Pedro, Ohio. He has studied at Free Will

Baptist Bible College and Dallas Bible College. His Bachelor of Ministry degree is from Luther Rice Seminary. He also has a Master of Theology degree from Emmaus Bible Seminary as well as a Doctor of Ministry degree from International Bible Institute and Seminary.

Evans was ordained to the ministry on November 2, 1957. Over a period of 15 years, he held four pastorates in Ohio and Kentucky. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists.

For the past 26 years, Evans has conducted a 30-minute, weekly radio program. For four years he maintained a daily 15-minute broadcast.

Evangelist Evans has been on television for 13 years. His 30-minute program is carried on eight to 15 major stations as finances allow.

Evans' 500 plus revivals have taken him to 20 states. He has conducted 10 crusades in Jamaica as well as one in Guyana.

Evans schedules 36-40 revivals per year. Last year, 1983, he preached 36 revivals (40 weeks). Due to his extensive media ministry, Evans only books meetings three to six months in advance.

Evans has authored *A Living Hope*, as well as three booklets for use in his international crusades. He conducts a free Bible Correspondence School with approximately 5,000 students in nine

countries. His ministry, Evangelistic Outreach, Inc., is based in Pedro, Ohio.

## Evangelist Van Dale Hudson Age 40

Van Dale Hudson returned to full-time evangelism in January 1984. From 1966-77 he conducted over 500 revivals as a full-time evangelist.

Hudson was born in Amory, Mississippi, December 30, 1943. He was ordained in 1960. A graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Hudson has pastored four churches for a total of 13 years. His most recent pastorate was at Trinity FWB Church in Greenville, North Carolina, which he served seven years.

For several years Hudson served as Mississippi's representative on the General Board. He has also been a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association.

While Hudson's radio-television experience is limited to guest appearances, he has written nine books—*The Killer*, *The Last Night*, *Final Day in Court*, *Hell Fire: Fact or Fantasy*, *Choice Messages (Compiler)*, *Satan Worship*, *The Red Bear Falls*, *What Manner of Man*, and *The Man Who Waited Too Late*.



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During 25 years in the ministry, Hudson has preached 560 revivals in 27 states. He held nine meetings last year while in the pastorate. He has 37 revivals scheduled for next year. If you would like to have Hudson for a meeting, you're not alone. He's booked two years ahead.

### *Evangelist Irvin Hyman* Age 54

Free Will Baptists most recent entry into full-time evangelism is William Irvin Hyman. Irvin Hyman was born in Hyman, South Carolina, January 10, 1930. On October 19, 1951, he was ordained.

The former pastor was educated at Free Will Baptist Bible College and Luther Rice Seminary. He holds the Bachelor of Divinity, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Ministry degrees.

Dr. Hyman's pastoral ministry spans 31 years and includes churches in four states. In addition, he has held several denominational offices. He taught in the Georgia Bible Institute.

Hyman was clerk of the South Carolina State Association. He served as moderator of the South Carolina Conference, Northeast Florida Association, Martin Association (Georgia) and the Florida State Association. He has been a member of the Sunday School Board (now Sunday School and Church Training).

While Hyman has limited radio experience and no television experience, he has published six booklets. His works include "What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do," "Let's Talk About Jesus," "The World's Richest People," and "The Theological Liberal."

Hyman's evangelistic work began the last week of September 1983. Although he held only five meetings last year, he has 20 meetings scheduled this year. He is booked three months in advance.

Dr. Hyman held 75 revivals in nine states while in the pastorate.

### *Evangelist Bobby Jackson* Age 52

Bobby Rand Jackson was born in Wilson, North Carolina, 52 years ago. He was ordained August 30, 1952. He's been on the road ever since.

Jackson, who has a B.A. from Free Will Baptist Bible College and an M.A. from Bob Jones University, has never pastored a church, but he's preached a lot. He has conducted over 1,100 revivals in 30 states and two Canadian provinces.

For six years Jackson was assistant moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He's now logged seven years deftly wielding the moderator's gavel.

Jackson is the author of three volumes of sermons—*Messages That Matter*, *Beyond the Stars*, and *Awakening In The Wilderness*. He has also written a booklet entitled "Six Steps To Successful Christian Living."

While he has no regular radio-television exposure, Jackson has spoken on radio devotional broadcasts as well as making guest appearances on television programs.

Jackson has been preaching non-stop for 32 years. If his pace is slower, it isn't obvious. Last year he held 46 meetings; next year he plans 43. If you have Bobby Jackson scheduled for a meeting, just remember you may have changed churches before he hits town. He has revivals booked two to three years ahead.

### *Evangelist Wade Jernigan* Age 56

Wade Jernigan has been a pastor, a church planter, and a college president. Throughout his ministry, Jernigan has preached frequent revivals. Evangelism has been the hallmark of his ministry. Today at 56, Jernigan is a full-time evangelist.

Jernigan, a native of Bladenboro, North Carolina, was educated at Free Will Baptist Bible College (English Bible Diploma), California Christian College (B.S.), Sacramento Baptist College and Theological Seminary (B.A. and M.A.), and Baptist Christian University (Ph.D.). He has also studied at Oklahoma Baptist University and the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Jernigan has pastored 10 FWB churches during the past 39 years. The first was Hurricane Chapel in McEwen, Tennessee, the last The Way of the Cross in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. He has been responsible for the establishment of 18 churches. He also headed California Christian College for nearly a decade.

Jernigan has always gone full throttle. He moderated the Oklahoma State Association for five years. He has served on the General Board and Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He chaired the National Home Missions Board from 1960-63. In addition he spent eight years as trustee of Oklahoma Bible College during the 50's and 60's.

Jernigan also served as a member of the Commission on Theological Liberalism for a number of years. Of course, he was active in the state and local works during his years in Arkansas, California, and Idaho.

Jernigan is the author of *The Unsealed Book* (an amillennial study of Revelation) and *Lest We Forget* (a look at backsliding). He has prepared two booklets on Mormonism—"Mormon Manna" and "The Blight of Mormonism."

During his ministry in Tulsa, Guyton, and Sallisaw (Oklahoma), Jernigan had a radio broadcast. He was also on the air when he worked in Jerome, Idaho, in the heart of Mormon country. Over the years he has made appearances on talk shows in California, Arizona, and Oklahoma. He has been responsible for the production of several religious telecasts.

Somehow or other Jernigan has found the time to conduct over 600 revivals in 21 states and Mexico. Last year he preached 27 revivals. This year he has 20 scheduled. If you want him for a meeting, you are looking 10-12 months in the future.

Jernigan stated, "A full-time evangelist brings a wealth of experience to the revival." Wade Jernigan surely does.

### *Evangelist Carl Nelson* Age 46

Carl W. Nelson will be 46 in August. For 18 years of those four and one half decades he has been a Free Will Baptist preacher.

Nelson has a Bachelor of Biblical Arts from Bethel Bible College. Emmaus Institute of Elizabethton, Tennessee, awarded him an honorary doctor's degree.

Before entering full-time evangelism in 1976, Nelson pastored First FWB Church of Erwin, Tennessee (his hometown); Brummits Creek FWB

Church, Burnsville, North Carolina; Moore's Chapel FWB Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee; and Little Doe FWB Church, Hampton, Tennessee. For the first four years of his evangelistic ministry, he averaged 40 revivals per year. He normally books meetings two years ahead.

During the past year and a half, Nelson has had two back operations. He spent six months in the hospital. Only recently has the veteran evangelist started booking meetings again.

Nelson has preached 255 meetings in 11 states. He had 12 revivals last year. He plans 25 during the next year.

### *Evangelist Don Pegram* Age 47

Don R. Pegram was born May 3, 1937, in Durham, North Carolina. He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College as well as taking correspondence work from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During Pegram's 28-year ministry, he pastored in McEwen, Tennessee; Wilson, North Carolina; Portsmouth, Ohio; and Newport News, Virginia.

Pegram is well known for his involvement in denominational activities. He chaired the Ohio State Home Mission Board; he was moderator of both the Pine Creek Association and the Tidewater Quarterly Meeting. He has been a member of the National Home Missions Board. In addition, he served as Director of Church Growth and Evangelism with the Home Missions Department.

Besides pastoring and maintaining a conference ministry, Pegram has published six books of sermon outlines and five full-length sermon booklets. He has prepared numerous tape albums and Bible studies.

Pegram conducted a daily radio broadcast in both Ohio and Virginia. He telecast a daily devotional program in Virginia. He has made guest appearances on radio and television in conjunction with revival and conference ministries.

Although Pegram is uncertain how many revivals he has preached, he has held meetings in all but two of the states where Free Will Baptists have churches. He has ministered in Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

When asked how far ahead he books meetings, Pegram replied, "I usually only book 12 to 14 months ahead in order to maintain some degree of flexibility and freshness as well as better co-ordinate travel expense. I make some exceptions to this as I have three meetings planned for late fall of 1985."

Pegram conducted 38 revivals last year. He has 41 scheduled this year.

### *Evangelist Doyle Terry* Age 60

Doyle Terry was born 60 years ago in West Fork, Arkansas. It wasn't until 1967 that he was "called" to be an evangelist. Up till then, he had been a policeman.

Since high school Terry has taken multiple courses in police work and numerous public speaking seminars. He has 30 years of experience as counselor.

Terry, a layman, has been in full-time evangelism since 1972. He and his wife, Donna, not only conduct revivals but they are also involved in a recreational vehicle ministry and a prison ministry.

They have appeared before civic organizations and at special youth services and golden age group meetings. God has opened doors for them to sing in both private (Christian) schools and public schools. At times Terry has worked with another evangelist as song leader.

Terry has been actively involved in his local church as a Sunday School teacher. For 14 years he was on the National Laymen's Board.

The Terrys have appeared many times on television. They have had the opportunity both to sing and give their testimonies on the airwaves in Arizona, Kansas, Ohio, Texas, and West Virginia.

Doyle's wife, Donna, is an integral part of his ministry. They have held many revivals as well as numerous concerts in 14 states.

Last year the Terrys held 18 revivals plus many single night concerts and "Sermon in Song" services. They plan a similar number of meetings next year.

Here's Terry's explanation of how he books meetings. "We usually take requests (from churches) and then we tell them we will notify when going on

tour. Close by we take definite dates."

Terry Ministries, Inc., is headquartered in Harper, Kansas.

### *Evangelist Homer Willis* Age 60

Homer E. Willis was born May 8, 1924, at Clintwood, Virginia. He's a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and Pioneer College. He also attended William Tyndale College.

Willis, who has been preaching since 1940, was ordained April 24, 1942, at Clinchco FWB Church, Dickson County, Virginia. During 44 years of full-time ministry among Free Will Baptists, he has pastored churches in Tennessee, Michigan, Kentucky, and Virginia.

During the 22 years he served on the National Home Missions Board, Willis never missed a board meeting. For 17 years he was the General Director of the Home Missions Department. He was also assistant moderator of the National Association for three years.

Willis has received many honors. These are among the more unusual—Lifetime Honorary Pastor of the Southside FWB Church in Paintsville, Kentucky; honorary member of Central FWB Church, Huntington, West Virginia; Pocahontas FWB Church, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Oak Grove FWB Church, Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

Homer Willis was the first speaker on the denomination's original national radio ministry. He also maintained his own program for many years. Through the years he has been a guest on numerous television programs.

Last year Willis conducted 24 meetings. He has held hundreds of meetings throughout 37 states including Hawaii and Alaska. He has also preached revivals in Canada, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. He holds a meeting each year in Canada and Jamaica.

Willis preaches revivals in several churches on an annual basis. Since a large portion of his ministry is with mission work, he schedules a limited number (approximately 24) of revival crusades, union meetings, and camp meetings each year. He has a few open dates for 1984 and 1985.



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Willis started Evangelism Unlimited in 1973. It is based in Nashville, Tennessee.

### Evangelist Tim York Age 22

At 22, Tim York holds the distinction of being the denomination's youngest full-time evangelist. The Columbus, Ohio, native attended Bethel Bible College, Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Tri-State College.

York, who was ordained November 3, 1979, has been preaching for 10 years. He served as assistant pastor of Faith FWB Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and Blue Springs FWB Church, Columbia, Tennessee. In addition, he has been a children's church director, visitation director, and president of his district and state youth conference.

At this time, York has three local (Kentucky) radio broadcasts. He plans to expand this outreach to other stations.

To date, York has held 150 revivals in six states. He has also conducted meetings in Canada and Jamaica. He preached 17 revivals in 1984 and is booked through mid-July of this year.

Evangelism Today, York's ministry, is headquartered in Louisa, Kentucky.

### Choosing An Evangelist

Each evangelist was asked to explain the advantage of using a full-time evangelist as a revival speaker. Calvin Evans noted, "The evangelist has a special gift and calling (Ephesians 6:11). A full-time evangelist has the advantage of experience, knowhow, and a burdened heart for evangelism and lost souls."

Van Dale Hudson added that a full-time evangelist's "main concern is soul-winning and revival."

Doyle Terry wrote, "when 'called' evangelists enter a town or city for revival, their burden for souls transfers almost completely to the area in which they are working."

Wade Jernigan commented, "Such men have a keen sense of the directing of the Spirit."

Homer Willis stated that a full-time evangelist may be able to give a church more suitable dates because he is free from other obligations.

Joe Ange pointed out that this freedom from pastoral responsibilities lessens the likelihood of the speaker being called home due to serious illness or death.

Don Pegram echoed an opinion expressed by nearly all of the respondents. "It is important to have an effective speaker with the gifts and abilities that go with the calling. Though many pastors have these same gifts, it is difficult for a man who has a growing work to get away on Sunday and for extended periods of time. One of the most important services in a meeting is the Sunday morning service, and it is important for the evangelist to be there with his undivided attention going to the meeting at hand."

Bobby Jackson's response helps to put the matter in proper perspective. "It is not always advantageous to use a full-time evangelist. Churches need a variety of emphases and speakers—missionaries, revivalists, expositors, evangelists.

"When an evangelist is needed, the advantages are: experience, preaching ability, dedication to evangelism. These qualities are necessary to stay in evangelism full time, so these should also make him effective in such a ministry."

### Suggestions For Revival

Everyone knows an evangelist doesn't bring revival to town with him. However, steps can be taken to ensure that the meeting is as effective as possible. Here are several suggestions for having a good revival listed by our panel of full-time evangelists.

Irvin Hyman gave top priority to the realization of the need for revival. He also noted the necessity of a sincere desire for revival.

Joe Ange feels a successful meeting demands prayer beginning months before the services.

Tim York stressed the need for unity in the church. Bobby Jackson emphasized the need to involve as

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many people as possible in the meetings. Doyle Terry pinpointed preparation for the revival by pastor and church. He included such matters as publicity and financial undergirding for the revival.

Carl Nelson mentioned a spirit of anticipation, an expectation of revival.

Homer Willis believes the services must be warm and informal. Heart-felt praise ought to be evident in each service.

Wade Jernigan urged churches to stress membership to the new converts.

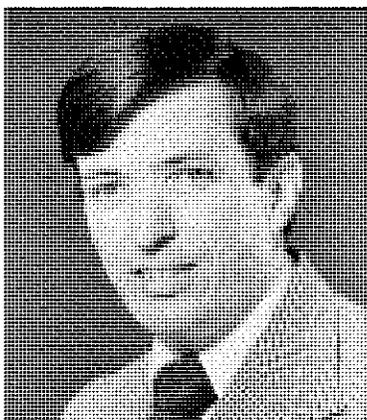
Don Pegram reported the effective use of Saturday night kick-off banquets in churches where the revival started on Sunday morning.

Van Dale Hudson suggested having a special emphasis each night of the revival. The following list is a few of the possibilities for special nights: Sunday School night, neighbor night, complete household night, and youth night.

Calvin Evans encouraged churches to schedule good revival singing. He sounded the following warning. "Many a revival service has been ruined when too much singing wore the crowd to weariness before the evangelist had an opportunity to present the Word."

Of course, all agreed a church must prayerfully select a man of God to preach the revival.

If you are interested in having any of these men for a meeting, contact them directly. Their current telephone numbers and addresses are listed. ▲



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Arkansas	.00	4,920.34	4,920.34	3,735.65	8,264.10
California	.00	1,000.03	1,000.03	1,133.54	2,063.86
Florida	.00	1,624.46	1,624.46	3,560.15	2,692.60
Georgia	1,571.91	5.00	1,576.91	3,886.38	6,564.10
Idaho	.00	.00	.00	80.37	.00
Illinois	5,193.02	1,147.47	6,340.49	9,597.05	15,132.27
Indiana	152.00	375.10	527.10	.00	960.88
Kansas	.00	674.26	674.26	.00	674.26
Kentucky	.00	474.00	474.00	441.00	760.00
Maryland	.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Michigan	1,555.59	76.50	1,632.09	3,618.07	8,115.40
Mississippi	.00	483.42	483.42	745.63	1,225.24
Missouri	.00	8,752.84	8,752.84	8,396.01	8,752.84
New Mexico	.00	.00	.00	.00	33.38
North Carolina	537.67	400.00	937.67	560.00	1,816.57
Ohio	348.08	1,403.60	1,751.68	1,105.00	1,751.68
Oklahoma	19,825.88	9,013.57	28,839.45	36,961.53	69,270.38
South Carolina	.00	10.00	10.00	.00	10.00
Tennessee	2,603.62	1,241.81	3,845.43	1,667.51	4,665.54
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Executive Office	\$ 240.90	\$12,751.87	\$12,992.77	\$11,091.49	\$ 25,645.53
Foreign Missions	28,686.65	4,971.08	33,657.73	41,616.95	78,675.82
FWBBC	2,162.60	4,971.08	7,133.68	9,703.34	10,927.49
Home Missions	7,584.99	3,890.44	11,475.43	11,866.79	32,354.13
Retirement & Insurance	29.04	3,241.98	3,271.02	2,684.90	4,780.12
Master's Men	477.53	2,809.74	3,287.27	1,884.12	4,593.85
Commission on Theological					
Liberalism	6.01	216.13	222.14	208.56	347.11
FWB Foundation	200.00	1,296.82	1,496.82	831.25	2,281.19
Historical Commission	51.72	216.13	267.85	138.25	369.24
Radio/TV Commission	.00	.00	.00	.00	300.00
California Christian College	13.35	.00	13.35	.00	26.70
Hillsdale FWB College	13.35	.00	13.35	.00	32.27
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### CONFERENCE ATTRACTS 14 CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TO FWBBC CAMPUS

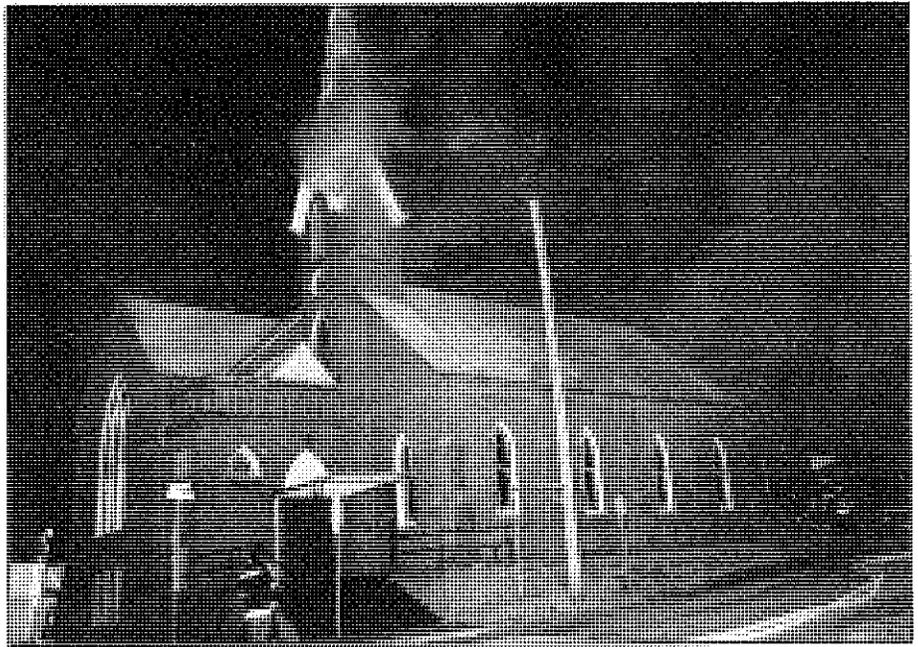
NASHVILLE, TN—Fourteen Christian schools from five states were represented at Free Will Baptist Bible College's Christian Schools Conference held on campus February 13-15, according to Kenneth Riggs, chairman of the Teacher Education Department and conference coordinator.

The representatives joined Bible College students and faculty to hear Christian education messages from Walter Fremont, dean of the School of Education of Bob Jones University. Dr. Fremont addressed the conference five times in plenary sessions and conducted workshops on the use of curriculum. Twelve other Christian educators and field experts also shared in the meeting.

The Christian school administrators interviewed a number of Bible College students for positions on their school staffs.

Dr. Riggs said he was pleased with the conference impact on students preparing to teach. "Our teacher education students appreciate the opportunity to hear about the ministries of Christian schools from those who are directly involved," he said.

The 1985 conference will include sessions to help those who serve in three areas: elementary grades, secondary grades and administration/board. The dates for next year's conference are February 18-20.



### MISSOURI CHURCH BLAZE WORK OF ARSONIST

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO—A pre-dawn fire on February 1 caused more than \$140,000 damage to the 91-year-old First Free Will Baptist Church building in Cape Girardeau, according to Pastor Roger Hogan.

The two-alarm fire is believed to be the result of arson following a break-in, Cape Girardeau police said.

Entry was apparently gained on the north side of the educational wing where firefighters discovered a first floor classroom window on the northwest side had been broken out and opened.

The door to the pastor's office was open, and the files were ransacked. However, Pastor Hogan said nothing appeared to be missing.

Fire Chief Charles Mills said fire damage was confined to a 20-square foot area extending from the basement—around the furnace and hot water heater—through the first and second floors, in front of the baptistry and in a crawl space area directly above the choir section.

Mills estimated the fire burned more than an hour before going through the roof around the flue. Firefighters battled the flames, heavy smoke and heat for 35 to 40 minutes before the fire was finally brought under control.

"It was one of the hottest fires I've ever seen," Mills remarked.

Firefighters credit the brick wall between the old church and the newer

educational wing with preventing the flames from spreading into the vaulted roof and attic above the main sanctuary. The attic contains a large number of wooden beams.

"If the fire had gotten back in the attic and roof, we'd probably have lost it for sure," the chief commented.

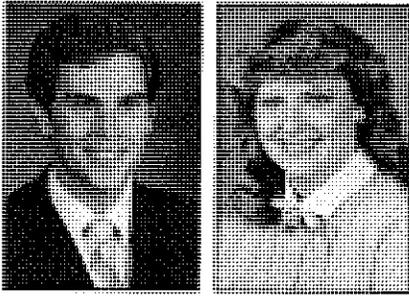
Authorities discovered at least four locations where fires had been set: in the basement near the furnace, where wood and other rubbish was used to start the fire; on the first floor directly above the furnace area where some type of flammable liquid was poured in the hallway; on a pew in the choir area behind the pulpit; and in a basement restroom, where paper towels and toilet paper were set afire in a wastebasket placed against a wall.

Reverend Hogan said the church had been remodeled and new carpeting laid less than a year ago. He noted the ladies of the church had just wallpapered the downstairs nursery the weekend before the fire.

The gothic-style church was originally constructed in 1893 by the Missionary Baptists, who held services there until 1927 when it was purchased by the General Baptist Convention. The Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board purchased the church in 1973.

Pastor Hogan said the group will meet in the Junior High School Cafeteria until August when he estimates that repairs will be completed.

## MISSIONARY APPOINTEES KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION



JACKSON, TN—John and Kay Metcalf, Free Will Baptist missionary appointees to Brazil, were killed Tuesday night, February 28, north of Jackson, Tennessee, when an east-bound tractor-trailer rig jackknifed across ice-coated Interstate 40 and collided with their car.

The Metcalfs were traveling west on I-40 at 5:45 p.m. when the truck swerved across the median and hit them. Their 1979 Chevrolet impacted with one of the truck's diesel tanks which exploded spewing blazing diesel fuel over their car.

John (26) and Kay (25) were enroute to Tulsa, Oklahoma, from Nash-

ville after meeting with the Foreign Missions staff to finalize deputation schedules and departure plans for language study in December. Their car was loaded with literature and supplies just picked up from the Missionary Provision Closet in Nashville.

The Metcalfs graduated from Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Oklahoma. They both taught at Oxnard Christian Academy, a school operated by the Oxnard FWB Church, Oxnard, California.

Master's Men Director James Vallance said the 52-bed dormitory which the Master's Men are building at Jaboticabal Youth Camp in Brazil will be named in honor of John and Kay Metcalf.

The Metcalfs completed Missionary Internship training in May 1983, and had been doing itinerate work for the past year to raise funds for their term in Brazil.

John was converted at age six during a youth camp in Oklahoma and began preaching at age 13. He served as a summer missionary to Brazil

during his junior year at Hillsdale FWB College, then surrendered his life to missions in 1978.

Kay was converted in Concord, California, at the age of seven. She also served as a summer missionary while a student at Hillsdale FWB College.

John is the son of Jack and Lillie Metcalf of Collinsville, Oklahoma. Kay is the daughter of Jerry and Beatrice Dudley of Nicoma Park, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 5, at West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

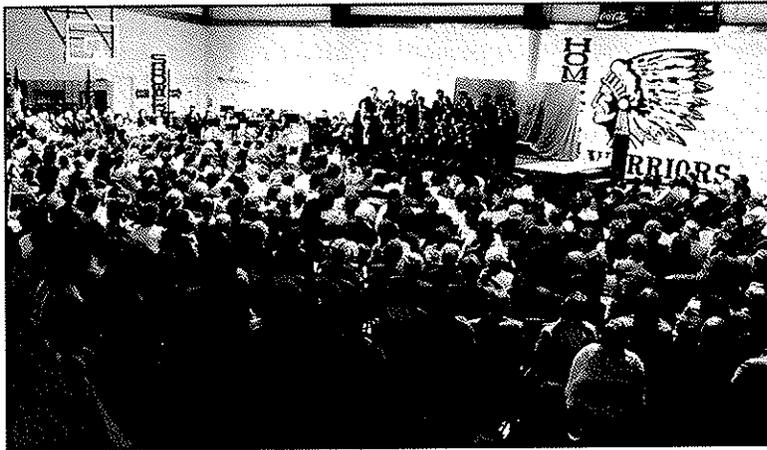
The Jerry Dudley and Jack Metcalf families were informed that the funeral home handling burial arrangements misplaced a large number of cards that accompanied flowers. The Dudleys and Metcalfs said the lost cards made it impossible for them to properly acknowledge their thanks to many friends who sent floral arrangements from across the nation and around the world.



Jackson, Tenn., rescue unit works to free bodies from wreckage.

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## QUARTERLY MEETING RALLIES FOR BIBLE COLLEGE DAY

NASHVILLE, TN—Some 1,200 people from Cumberland Association's Northern Quarterly attended a rally for Free Will Baptist Bible College February 26 at the Pleasant View Christian School near Nashville. The rally climaxed a series of College Days in the churches.

About \$4,000 in offerings were received for the college, with gifts continuing to come in toward the \$5,000-goal the churches had set, according to Frank Breeden, public relations representative for the college.

The rally program included the col-

lege Concert Band and Choir, and a one-act play presented by members of the faculty and student body. Thirty young people responded to the closing invitation.

Mr. Breeden praised all participants. "The cooperation among the pastors and churches was even better than last year," he said. "All the extensive planning and input from the local pastors helped produce a tremendous program with quality results."

This is the second year the churches of the Northern Quarterly have cooperated in a rally for the college.

## 124 ATTEND OHIO MINISTERS-LAYMEN RETREAT

BIG PRAIRIE, OH—Every area of the state was represented February 7-9 as 124 ministers and laymen converged on the Big Prairie camp facilities to attend the 10th annual Ohio Ministers-Laymen Retreat, according to Promotional Secretary Alton Loveless.

Attendance was evenly divided with 62 preachers and 62 laymen. Partici-

pants included preachers, leaders and laymen from West Virginia, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Canada.

Rev. Fred Hanson (New Brunswick, Canada) and Rev. Clyde Perry (Fairborn, Ohio) spoke four times each during the three-day conference.

Hanson preached on Sonship, Lordship, and Fellowship. Perry developed his sermons on the Holy Spirit—Fact of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures, Features of the Holy Spirit in the Symbols, Function of the Holy Spirit in Salvation, and Fulness of the Holy Spirit in the Saints.

In addition to the sermons and fellowship, each conferee received more than \$100 worth of books and Bibles.

The 1985 retreat is set for February 5-7.

## SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTS EARL HENDRIX MODERATOR

SPARTANBURG, SC—Reverend Earl Hendrix, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Inman, was elected moderator for 1984-85 at the 42nd annual South Carolina State Association which met February 16-17 with the Valley Falls FWB Church in Spartanburg.

Reverend Hendrix succeeds Pastor Bobby Bowers of Greenville as moderator. Hendrix also serves on the National Board of Retirement.

Delegates passed three major resolutions during the three-day session. They encouraged churches to support and enroll students in Christian schools. Delegates expressed opposition to a state education bill asking for a sales tax increase to underwrite public education, and opposition to compulsory education (kindergarten) for 5-year-olds.

A third resolution addressed to the President, two Congressmen, and a Senator called for legislation to halt Nebraska-type harrassments on churches and Christian schools.

Delegates voted to send Promotional Director Norwood Gibson to Washington March 6-7 to attend the American Association of Christian Schools meeting in support of the Jepsen amendment.

More than 200 conferees heard three sermons and two workshops. South Carolina ministers Billy Vanderford (Spartanburg) and Robbie Scott (Hemingway) delivered keynote addresses. Promotional Director Norwood Gibson and Home Missions Executive Trymon Messer presented workshops. Messer also preached the Thursday evening sermon.

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Ohio Promotional Secretary (L) presents Homer Nelson with plaque.

### OHIO MINISTER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

WHEELERSBURG, OH—Rev. Homer Nelson, well-known Ohio Free Will Baptist minister, celebrated 50 years in the ministry February 17. He began his Free Will Baptist ministry in 1934, in Garden City FWB Church, then pastored by Rev. John Kemper.

Rev. Nelson was an active and able leader in the Ohio State Association serving as state clerk 14 years, state evangelist five years, editor of *The Ambassador Magazine* 10 years, moderator of the state association, general board member to the National Association, and other roles and offices.

Rev. Nelson had to retire a few years ago, but in retracing his ministry one would have to call him "Mr. Ohio Free Will Baptist" because of his various responsibilities. He has met and worked with over 600 ministers. An avid writer, he wrote the history update of Wheelersburg, his home town.

The last church Rev. Nelson pastored was Union Free Will Baptist Church where he and his wife, Ruth, are still members.

Eight other Free Will Baptist preachers with more than 314 total years in the ministry joined Brother Nelson in Wheelersburg for a luncheon in his honor.

Rev. Alton Loveless, Ohio Executive Secretary, presented a plaque on behalf of the Ohio State Association for years of leadership and service.

### REQUESTS FOR TICKETS TO MEAL FUNCTIONS 1984 National Convention

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Members of **First FWB Church, Fulton, MS**, voted to expand their present building and remodel the auditorium at a cost estimated to be \$35,000. Pastor **Bill Van Winkle** said the group expects to borrow no more than \$15,000 while raising the balance in cash.

Someone burglarized **Satilla FWB Church, Hazlehurst, GA**, on January 22. Pastor **Bill Travis** said the morning offering, estimated between \$900 and \$1,200, was taken. More than \$600 damage was done to the church doors.

**Sunny Side FWB Church, Pearson, GA**, purchased a double-wide mobile home for a social hall, according to Pastor **Rowan Sirmans**. The trailer was purchased for \$18,000 and has a seating capacity of 150. Other repairs and renovations at the church include new padded pews, choir chairs, pulpit and communion table, stained glass windows, carpet, and paneling on walls of Sunday School rooms.

CONTACT welcomes **EASTSIDE VIEW**, publication of **Eastside FWB Church, Houston, TX**. **E. R. Mayo** pastors.

Director **James Cox** says that **Camp Caleb Christian Camp/Conference Center** near **Paintsville, KY**, will operate 10 weeks of camp this summer, and three adult retreats this spring. Particular information can be secured by writing Camp Caleb at P.O. Box 670, Paintsville, KY 41240.

Texas Executive Secretary **Billy Walker** said he was shocked to discover

that only five churches in the state average more than 100 in attendance. He said, "The majority of our churches are under 50 in attendance. We have only about 15 churches that have full-time pastors."

A **Kansas Men's Retreat** will be conducted May 17-19 at Camp King Solomon. Pastor **Richard Adams** from Elizabethton, TN, will serve as camp evangelist during the three-day retreat.

Pastor **Rick Messer** reports 130 first time visitors in six months at **First FWB Church, Topeka, KS**. The group also logged 17 conversions, three baptisms, nine members joining the church, and 10 rededications.

**Lewis Campbell**, a FWB minister living in **Little Rock, AR**, tried to help a screaming woman who was being attacked by a male assailant with an eight-inch butcher knife. Although Brother Campbell intervened, his efforts were in vain. The assailant killed his female victim by stabbing her eight times or more. He then turned on Rev. Campbell who suffered several cuts on his left arm, but was rescued by the Little Rock police.

Four couples were saved, baptized, and joined the **Garden Grove FWB Church, Garden Grove, CA**, as 1984 began. The church celebrated its 25th anniversary on April 15. **Lynn Wood** pastors.

CONTACT welcomes **THE SCROLL**, publication of **Shady Nook FWB Church, Oklahoma City, OK**. **Stanley K. Konopinski** pastors.

Members at **Oak Park FWB Church, Pine Bluff, AR**, paid \$10,500 in cash for a 15-passenger 1982 Dodge Maxi-Van for use in church-related activities. **John Gilliland** pastors.

Pastor **Walter Summerlin** reports that **Charlottesville FWB Church, Charlottesville, VA**, purchased four acres one mile from President Thomas Jefferson's home on which to locate their new church. The group voted to build a 40 x 80-foot church with a basement. They have about 100 members. This church started as a home mission work in 1979, organized in 1982, and went self-supporting in 1983.

A **Middle Tennessee Singles Conference** was conducted April 7 in Nashville. The conference was hosted by the Fellowship Singles, a group from the Fellowship FWB Church, Antioch, TN. The conference included a time of devotion, a meal together, a time for games, and it all fitted into a four-hour time span.

Pastor **Joe Rager** of **First FWB Church, Youngstown, OH**, reports five conversions, seven rededications, and 30 other decisions in the past six months.

**Calvary Fellowship FWB Church, Fenton, MO**, conducted a Pastor's and Worker's Rally March 2, according to Pastor **Jerry Norris**. Speakers for the rally included Missouri Executive Secretary **Clarence Burton** and Farmington Missouri Pastor **Jim McAllister**.

**Cofer's Chapel FWB Church, Nashville, TN**, raised more than \$1,900 in a January Home Missions Day, according to Pastor **Gene Outland**. The offering was equally divided between State Home Missions projects in Paris and Lebanon, TN. ▲

**'PLUG' ARTICLE GREAT!**

I am enclosing \$8.50 for one year's subscription.

"We Pulled The Plug" by Beverly Welch in the February issue was superb!

Wallace Gaston  
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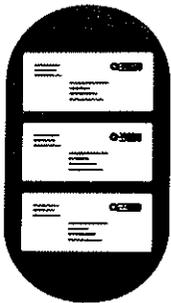
I want you to know how very much I appreciated the article by Rev. Bill M. Jones "How Can Good Parents Have Bad Kids?" (December issue).

All of your articles are good, and I enjoy your publication. But this particular article was of much encouragement to me.

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Kay Jones  
Russellville, Arkansas

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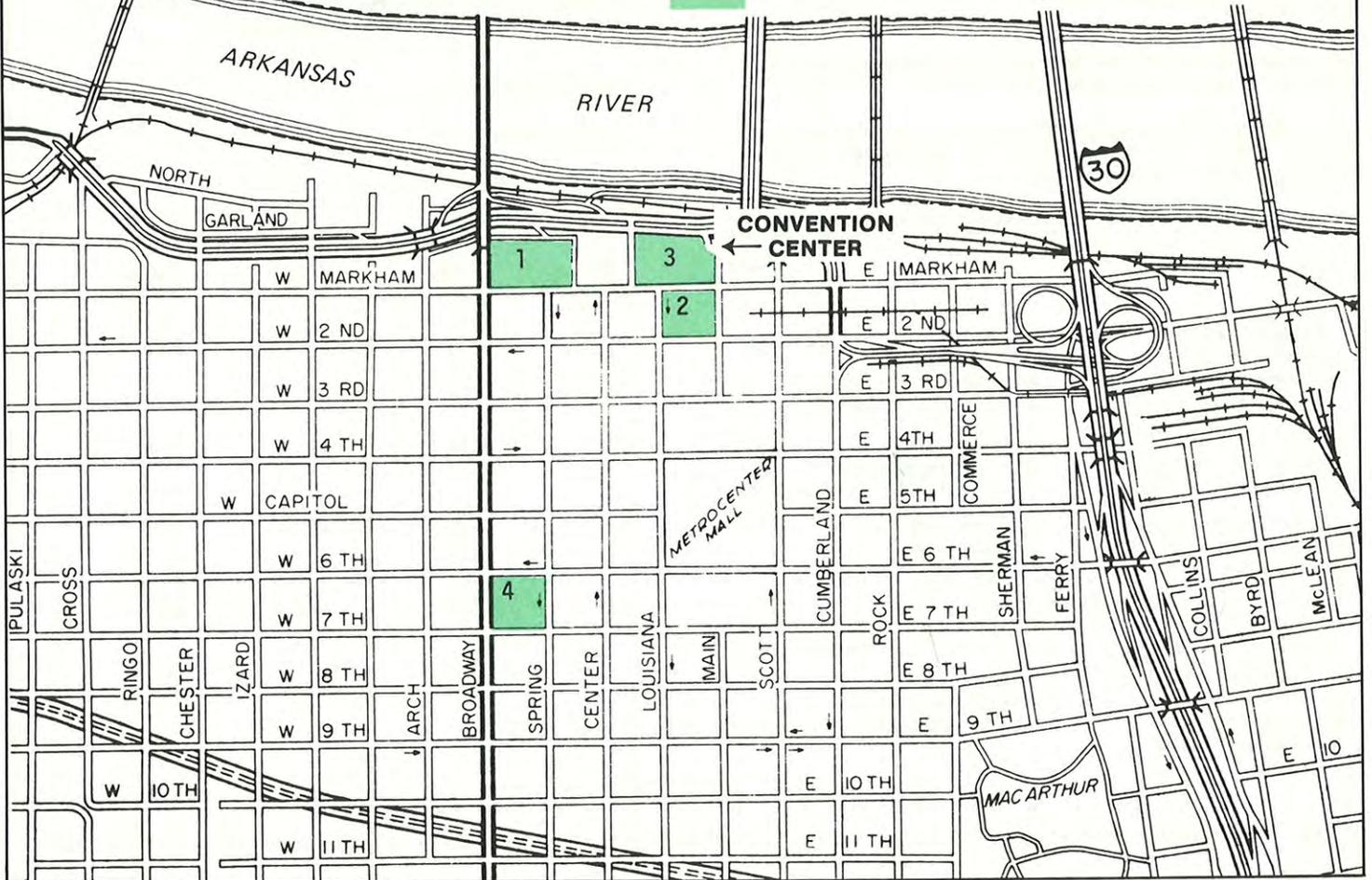
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## ON LITTLE LANES

BY DONNA MAYO

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# A Frog And A False Accusation

**“T**ime for afternoon recess,” announced Mrs. Curtis.

Marty groaned—recess was usually his favorite part of school, but not today. He couldn't go out.

Marty was getting over a cold, and his mother had written a note asking the teacher to excuse him from going outside. At least he was not alone; Eddie Chase had to stay inside also.

“Eddie, you and Marty may play in here,” said Mrs. Curtis. “Just don't get too rowdy,” she warned as she led the class out and shut the door.

“Hey, Marty, wanna see what I brought for show and tell?” asked Eddie.

“Sure,” replied Marty, “there's nothing else to do.”

Eddie pulled a glass jar from his desk. Marty heard an unmistakable, “Croak!” Inside the jar was a big green bullfrog.

“Wow!” exclaimed Marty, “He's big.”

“And you should see him jump,” boasted Eddie. “I bet he can hop farther than a kangaroo.”

Eddie cautiously removed the lid, reached in, and brought out his prize jumper. “OK, Curt,” said Eddie, “show us your stuff.”

“Curt?” questioned Marty, “Why did you name a frog ‘Curt?’”

“After Mrs. Curtis, of course,” replied Eddie with a gleam in his eye. Both boys giggled. Then Curt let out a big “rivet” and hopped out of Eddie's hand.

“Oh, no,” said Eddie, “we'll never catch him. Curt is the fastest frog I've ever seen.”

“Don't worry,” said Marty with confidence. “We've got all recess.”

And it took just about all recess to catch Curt. He would land, the boys would dive after him, just about grasp him in their clutches, only to have Curt leap higher and farther than the last time.

With about two minutes to spare, the breathless, giggling boys finally captured Curt and put him safely back in his glass prison.

“Leave the lid on,” cautioned Marty. “I don't want to be around to see what happens if Mrs. Curtis spies a runaway frog.”

A sneaky look spread across Eddie's face. “You've just given me a great idea,” he said.

Eddie tiptoed to Mrs. Curtis' desk and carefully removed her purse from the bottom drawer. He opened it and

plopped the bullfrog inside.

“Don't worry, old buddy, it won't be for long,” he said as he returned the purse and gave the drawer a slam.

“Eddie, are you crazy?” snapped Marty. “You'll scare Mrs. Curtis to death.” But Eddie just scurried to his desk trying to control his laughter.

Marty ran to the desk and scrambled for the purse. He was just pulling it from the drawer when Mrs. Curtis walked in.

“Marty Lane!” she screamed. “What do you think . . . I can't believe you would steal money from my purse.” Marty was as shocked as she was.

“Oh, uh, uh,” stuttered Marty. “I, uh, I wouldn't, I, uh, wasn't stealing. I was just, uh . . .”

“Just what?” demanded Mrs. Curtis as she grabbed the purse from Marty. Then the angry teacher noticed the wide-eyed children still lined up at the door. “Take your seats, class.”

Turning to Marty she said, “Now we'll see if anything is missing.” Mrs. Curtis sat down and placed her purse in front of her on the desk.

Eddie covered his mouth with his hand to keep from laughing. Marty cringed and shut his eyes.

Mrs. Curtis opened the purse and quick as a wink Curt jumped out. “Rivet” he croaked. Mrs. Curtis



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screamed and jumped up so quickly she turned over her chair. The class roared with laughter. Curt sat calmly on the teacher's desk.

With her hand on her racing heart, Mrs. Curtis asked breathlessly, "Is this your idea of a joke? Well, I don't think it's a bit funny. Marty, I want you to write 100 times 'I will refrain from practical jokes and show respect to those in authority.' And tomorrow you and your write-off will take a trip to the principal's office."

"But Mrs. Curtis, I didn't," started Marty.

"No, 'but's' about it," she interrupted. "Now would you kindly remove that reptile from my desk?"

Marty was stunned. "This can't be happening," he thought as he took the frog back to Eddie and sat down. But it was happening, and the more he thought about it the angrier he became.

Marty fumed all afternoon and through supper. "But it isn't fair. I was trying to do something nice and I got in trouble. I'm not going to take the blame for creepy Eddie Chase. And I'm not going to do that dumb write-off either."

"Now calm down, Son," said Mr. Lane. "I'm sure Mrs. Curtis didn't mean to be unfair."

"But she wouldn't even let Marty explain," defended Megan.

"I'm sure she was too scared to think reasonably," said Mrs. Lane.

"It's right funny to think about," chuckled Mr. Lane. "The poor woman was probably in a state of shock."

They all giggled, but Marty's laughter was short-lived. "That write-off isn't very funny though," he moaned. "Do I have to do it, Daddy? After all, I'm not guilty."

"No, you're not guilty," said Mrs. Lane, "but Mrs. Curtis thinks you are."

"Marty, you've been accused of something you didn't do. Let's look in the Bible at a similar situation and see what happened," said Mr. Lane.

He opened the Bible to Mark 15 and read, "And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate . . . . And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing" (Mark 15:1, 3).

"When Jesus was accused of something He didn't do, how did he react?" asked Mr. Lane.

"He didn't say anything," answered Megan.

"Yeah," said Marty shaking his head. "He just stood there and took it."

"And He knew what punishment was waiting for Him," added Mrs. Lane.

"That's right," continued Mr. Lane.

"The Bible says they put a crown of thorns on His head, hit Him, spit on Him, stripped Him and led Him out to be crucified."

"I get the idea," said Marty. "I better get busy on that write-off."

Marty finished the write-off at 10:30 that night. As he was telling his parents goodnight his father said, "I'm proud of you, Marty. It takes a real man to suffer an unfair punishment."

"Me, too," echoed Mrs. Lane. "And you know, you'll never be sorry for following Christ's example."

Marty arrived at school early the next morning and turned in his write-off. Mrs. Curtis looked surprised. "Why, Marty, I can't believe you did this. Eddie came back after school and confessed to the whole thing. I'm so sorry I wouldn't listen, and I'm sorry I embarrassed you in front of the class, and I'm so sorry you had to do that write-off. I do hope you'll forgive me."

"Sure," said Marty. "It's OK. I know you were just scared."

"Now I really am surprised—pleasantly surprised, that is," said Mrs. Curtis. "You're a big man to accept my unfairness, and you've got a big heart to forgive me."

Marty blushed at his teacher's praise. In his heart he felt a special surge of joy. "I'm just trying to do like Jesus did," he said. His mother was certainly right—he sure wasn't sorry he had followed Christ's example. ▲

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# The Happy Homemaker



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## THE SECRETARY SPEAKS

By Melvin Worthington

**A** mother of three grown children who gave up her teaching position 46 years ago to be a full-time mother said, "If I were a young mother today, and if it were possible to have the necessities, I would stay at home until my children started to school. I don't think I could have been a successful mother and career woman at the same time."

It's a false idea that associates being a homemaker with women who can do nothing else. Homemaking is a full-time job.

While the Bible does not forbid a woman to engage in activities outside the home (see Proverbs 31), it makes very clear that wives and mothers must not forsake domestic duties for the marketplace.

### Her Time

The happy homemaker needs unhurried, unselfish time for her husband and children. Time to keep house, cook meals, wash, iron, mend clothes, sew. Time to help with school work, attend children's functions at school, church in the community. It's a big job and cannot be approached carelessly or haphazardly.

Solomon warned that "a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Many problems in our homes can be traced to his warning.

### Her Training

The happy homemaker needs prop-

er training, the kind that Paul suggests in Titus 2:3-5. The training of young women by older women is ignored to our hurt. Many young women enter marriage with the wrong concepts about their roles, responsibilities, and relationships.

The happy homemaker must possess good, sanctified common sense. She must be taught the value of purity (Titus 2:5), to be chaste in heart and life. Modesty and purity characterize her.

The homemaker's training includes her duty to her husband (Titus 2:4)—to love her husband. Albert Barnes writes, "All happiness in the marriage relation is based on mutual love. When that departs, happiness departs. Mutual love between a husband and wife will diffuse comfort through the obscurest cottage of poverty."

The happy homemaker is loyal to her husband. The great duty of the wife is obedience, and in this she is a type of the church's obedience and submission to Christ. Obedience is her special duty even as protection and defense are the husband's.

The happy homemaker loves her children. Love for children is natural, and yet some are so depraved that they have no maternal affection.

The happy homemaker's training includes her home, as Paul wrote, a "keeper at home." Her primary duties are related to the family.

"It is not the duty of a married woman with a family to engage in public business, even though it should be of the most important kind. Her place is in the family circle, and her duty is to stay at home. It is impossible to gad about and take care of the

family at the same time" (*Biblical Illustrator*).

But, as Albert Barnes balances the subject, "This does not mean, of course, that they are never to go abroad, but they are not to neglect their domestic affairs; they are not to be better known abroad than at home; they are not to omit their own duties and become busybodies in the concerns of others."

### Her Temptations

There is always the temptation to be discontent because of the routine. Life as a homemaker is not as glamorous as other works.

Another temptation is discouragement because of the responsibilities. It is confining to be a homemaker. The housewife often feels tied down when the children are small, and there is the tendency to want to be free of the responsibility.

The homemaker must beware disenchantment. Often the homemaker is made to feel, for whatever reason, that the role she assumes is not important. She is tempted to forget that the hand that rocks the cradle controls the world, that the homemaker is ordained by God for the good of society and His glory.▲

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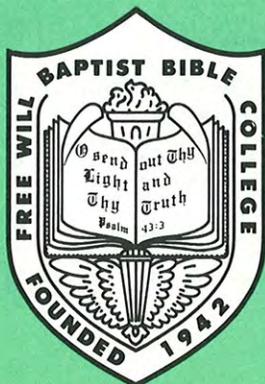
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