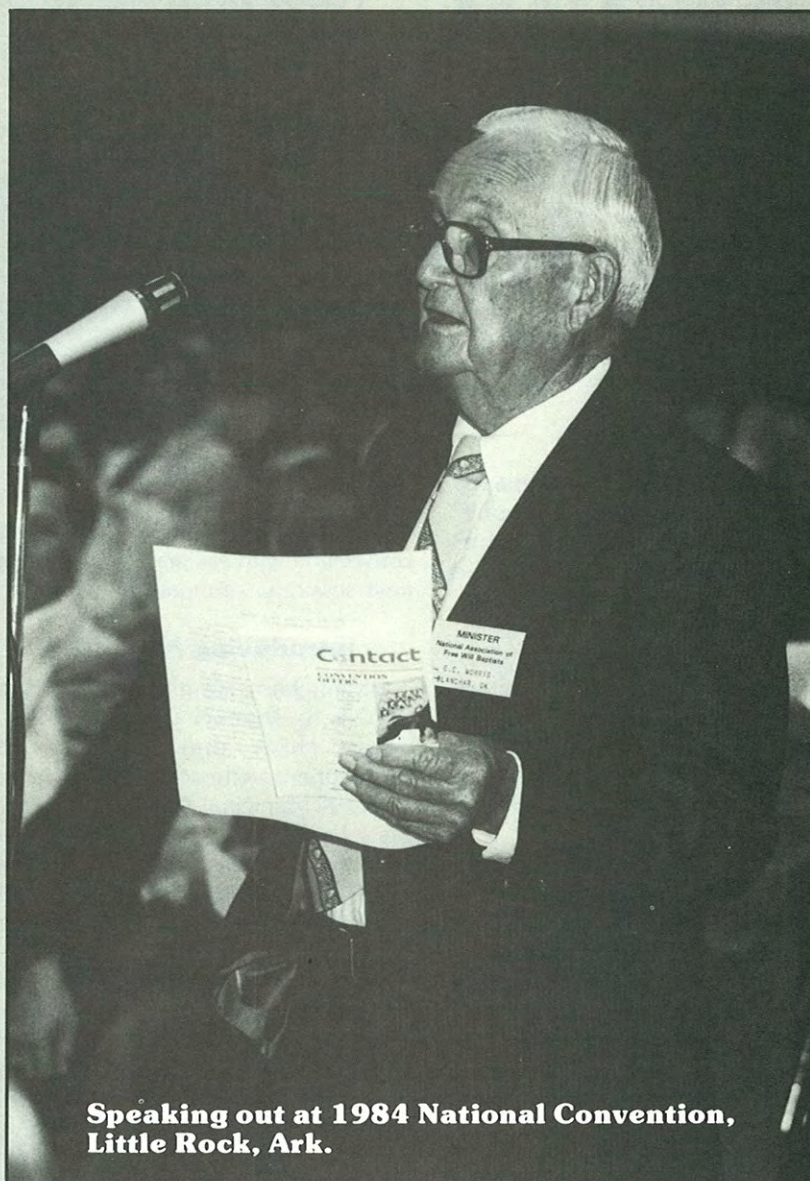


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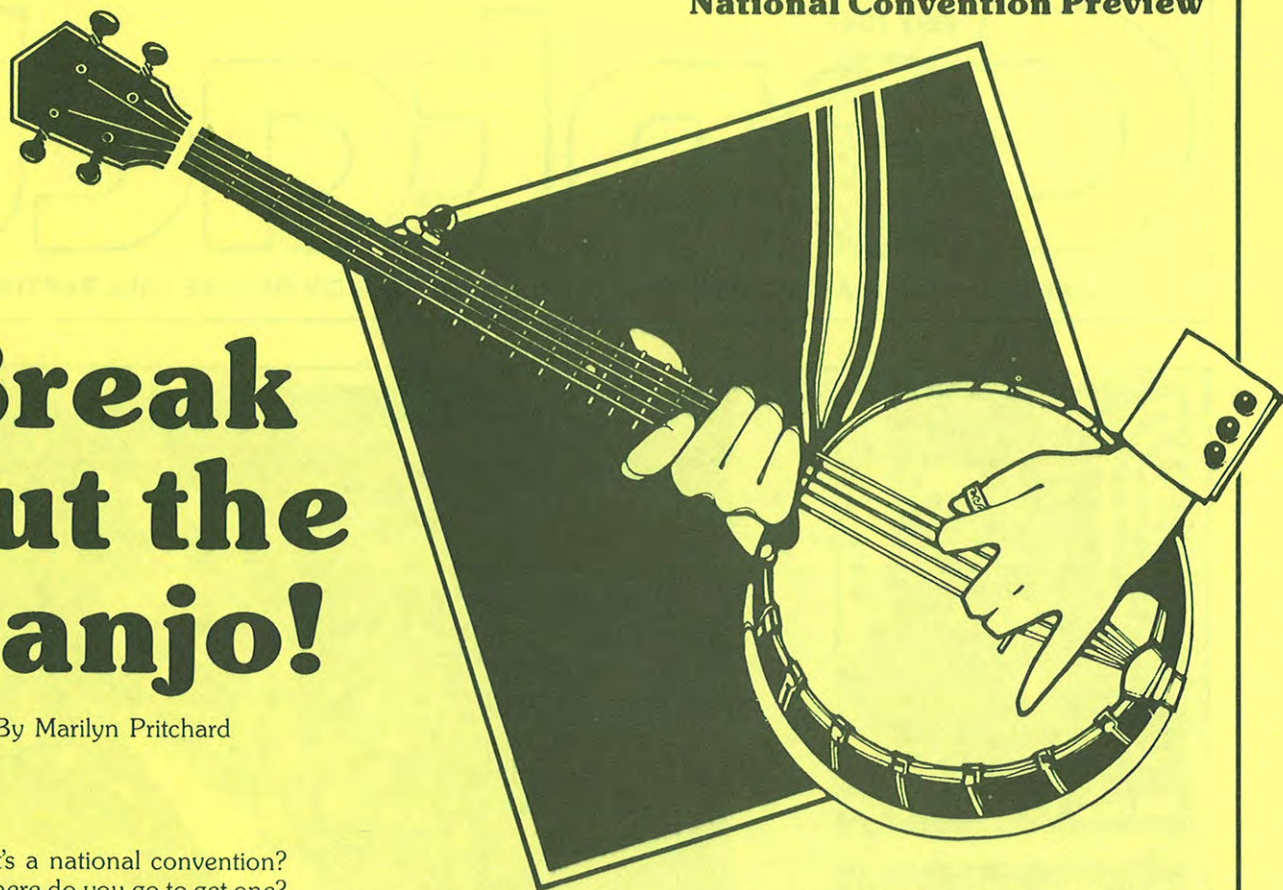
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# Break Out the Banjo!

By Marilyn Pritchard



**W**hat's a national convention? Where do you go to get one? How do you get there? Who can attend? What do you do there? When does it happen? Those are the questions. Here are the answers.

The Free Will Baptist National Convention is another name for the biggest annual business meeting in the denomination. Conferees also hear some of the best preaching around, some of the finest singing anywhere and visit with old (and new) friends.

The July 1987 convention meets in Birmingham, Alabama. Located in central southeast United States, Birmingham is readily accessible, serviced by seven major airlines, four interstate highways, two national bus lines and daily railroad passenger service.

Who attends? Pastors, delegates, missionaries, laymen, youngsters, adults, women and men, that's who. When you get to Birmingham, you'll conduct business (if you're a delegate), enjoy preaching, sing with 7,000 people, eat good food and fellowship with God's people.

At the same time 2,000 youth energize their conference with Bible and Music & Arts competition along with activities for each age group. WNAC

also convenes for their 52nd annual convention with exciting speakers, business sessions, seminars and meals.

## Introducing Magic City

Birmingham, identified as the "Magic City," is no stranger to conventions. It boasts three major arenas: the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, Boutwell Municipal Auditorium and the State Fair Arena. Hotels in the greater Birmingham area provide more than 1,500 first-class rooms for visitors, while over 300 restaurants cater to their eating needs.

The iron industry, long prominent in Birmingham commerce, boasts the Sloss City Furnaces built in 1882 and kept in operation until 1970. Tannehill State Park marks the birthplace of Birmingham's iron industry in pre-Civil War days. Vulcan, the famous "Iron Man" and tallest cast iron statue in the world stands atop Red Mountain a monument to Birmingham's iron/steel industry. But Birmingham is more than blast furnaces and pig iron.

Animal lovers can tour the creative Birmingham zoo. Sports lovers can catch up at the Alabama Sports Hall of

Fame Museum. History Buffs can brush up at Arlington Historic House and Gardens, Bessemer Hall of History, and the Historic Pioneer Homes. Just for kids: Discovery Place, Alabama's first museum created especially for children. Several museums, a planetarium, botanical gardens and state parks offer interesting activities for the whole family.

The nickname, "America's Magic City," sprang from the rapid growth and settlement during Reconstruction days. Families seeking prosperity from mining the earth's minerals swarmed into the area. Settlers said it was amazing, "Just like magic..."

Birmingham still claims magic of different sorts: friendly sophistication yet small town courtesy...cosmopolitan bustle and a down-home zest for life...industrial strength and medical prominence...a southern blend of community pride and deep south charm.

## Gettin' Ready

For the second time in 30 years, Alabama hosts the Free Will Baptist National Convention. The 21,000 members and 186 churches eagerly await the 7,000-plus attendees who'll



come to Birmingham July 19-23 for the 51st annual session of the National Association. Alabama last hosted the meeting in 1957.

The Alabama Steering Committee is working out details for the convention's visit to Birmingham. Each member chairs a different committee: John Edwards, Steering Committee; Glenn Hood, Hospitality Committee; Shirley Kennedy, Registration Committee; Danny Thompson, Prayer Committee; Donny Hussey, Ushering Committee; as well as State Woman's Auxiliary President, Pat Pless.

Five speakers, hailing from California to Michigan, will address this year's theme, "Grow Toward the Goal." The seventh annual Convention Bible Conference lists two speakers, both pastors. And we've added something new this year: workshops conducted by two national commissions and the Target 90 Committee.

### Meet the Preachers

Five preachers from across the denomination will address the convention's plenary worship sessions beginning Sunday morning and ending Wednesday night.

#### Sunday Morning

Early arrivals in Birmingham will be greeted by the pastor of Capitol FWB Church of Sacramento, California, Larry Condit, who starts off the preaching Sunday morning at Boutwell Municipal Auditorium. The 38-year-old preacher's son served as a short-term missionary to Sapporo, Japan and a joint project home missionary to Sacramento, where he pastors.

Dr. Condit was born in Oklahoma, converted at age six and ordained to the ministry at age 22. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from California Christian College and the Master of Arts and Doctorate of Ministry degrees from Sacramento Baptist College.

Larry and Joan Condit have twin daughters: Lisa and Caren (14).

#### Sunday Night

Delbert Akin occupies the Sunday night pulpit this year. The Sooner State native hails from Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he pastors Westgate FWB Church.

Pastor Akin (59) was saved in 1943 and ordained to the ministry seven

years later. He received his B.A. in English and his teaching certificate from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1952. Later he attended East Central University and Oklahoma University.

Brother Akin has pastored Oklahoma churches for 36 years, served on the state mission board 20 years, the national Home Missions Board 11 years, and the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College board of trustees 11 years. He served as Oklahoma state executive secretary-treasurer 1953-1955. The World War II veteran has written Sunday School lessons and articles for *Contact* magazine.

J. Delbert and Dorothy M. Akin have three children: Judith E. Randell, Jan (Mrs. Billy) Roberts and James Philip Akin.

#### Monday Night

"Grow Toward the Goal" is the 1987 convention theme. Monday night's keynote speaker, Dr. Ken Riggs, develops the subject, "Grow in Godliness."

A member of Richland FWB Church in Nashville, Tennessee, Dr. Riggs chairs the Teacher Education Department at Free Will Baptist Bible College. He holds a Ph.D. from Peabody, M.A. in Education from Middle Tennessee State University, M.S. in Education from Old Dominion University and B.A. from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Riggs was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1941, saved in 1960 and ordained to the ministry in 1964. He has authored a tract and several booklets. He has also served as principal of Bethany Christian School in Norfolk, Virginia; National CTS Youth Director; full-time evangelist; and professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College. In 1974-75 he was listed as an "Outstanding Educator of America" and is currently president of the Nashville Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

Ken and Carolyn Riggs have three sons: Jeff (24), Kevin (21), and Jonathan (15).

#### Tuesday Night

Dale Skiles will preach "Grow in Giving," during the Tuesday night service. The Missouri minister pastors South Fremont FWB Church, Springfield, Missouri.

Born to Clyde and Bessie Skiles in 1934, Brother Skiles was saved in 1957

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after a four-year hitch in the U.S. Navy, and ordained to the ministry in 1960. Reverend Skiles has pastored five Missouri churches and served as home missionary to Riverview FWB Church in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Reverend Skiles attended Hillsdale FWB College and authored youth camp lesson booklets. He has chaired the State Youth Camp Board since 1982, and moderated the Missouri State Association. He also served on Missouri's state missions board (10 years), Missouri's General Board and Executive Committee (1979 to present), and the national association's General Board (two years).

Dale and Elaine Skiles have three daughters: Crystal (27), Carla (23), and Laura (17).

### Wednesday Night

Milton Worthington will speak on the subject, "Grow in Going" during the Wednesday evening missionary service, which many consider the highlight of the convention. The North Carolina native pastors Central FWB Church in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Brother Milton and his twin brother Melvin were born to Wilbur and Alma Worthington in 1937. He was saved in 1954 and ordained three years later in Ayden, North Carolina.

Pastor Worthington attended Asbury College, earned his Bachelor of Biblical Education degree from Columbia Bible College and his Master of Divinity from Luther Rice Seminary.

Reverend Worthington has pastored in Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Michigan. He chairs the Sunday School and Church Training Board and serves as Michigan State Association clerk.

Milton and Dianne Worthington have four children: Ruth, Rachel, James and Rebekah (Mrs. Robert) Seymour.

### Bible Conference

Two speakers, both pastors, highlight this year's Bible Conference Tuesday morning in the 1,000-seat Theatre of Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. North Carolina pastor Johnny Pike opens the conference speaking on "The Church—The Definition We Find" in the 9:00 a.m. service. The 40-year old minister was saved in 1965 and ordained in 1975.



**Larry Condit**



**Delbert Akin**



**Ken Riggs**



**Dale Skiles**



**Milton Worthington**

He served as moderator of the Palmer Association (N.C.). He's presently vice moderator of the Western Piedmont Association (N.C.) and a member of the North Carolina Home Missions Board.

Johnny and Cathy Pike have three children: Shawn (17), Jonathan (12) and David (10).

Pastor Fred Hall speaks on "The Church—The Dangers We Face" at the 10:00 a.m. service. Reverend Hall is a Free Will Baptist Bible College graduate.

Brother Hall has pastored churches in North and South Carolina, and Tennessee. He now pastors Trinity FWB Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He presently serves on the Commission for Theological Integrity.

Fred and Ruthann Hall have two children, Melody and David.

### Plenty of Rooms

Convention officials blocked 1,235 rooms in eight downtown Birmingham hotels for the 1987 convention. The Hyatt Birmingham serves as headquarters hotel.

Single room prices range from \$24 to \$68 with quad rates from \$32 to \$63, depending on the hotel. This year's hotels include the following:

Hyatt Birmingham—375 rooms  
Birmingham Hilton—200 rooms  
Holiday Inn Medical Center—200 rooms  
Redmont Hotel—60 rooms  
Tutwiler—75 rooms  
Econo Lodge—75 rooms  
Tourway Inn—50 rooms  
Belton Inn—200 rooms

Reservations for hotel rooms must be made on the official convention housing form printed in April, May or June *Contact* or in one of the Free Will Baptist state papers. Oh, one word of caution: Rooms are going fast. Better hurry!

### Lots of Parking

Parking should be no problem for Birmingham convention-goers. Guests at all eight hotels are entitled to free parking. The Boutwell Auditorium and Civic Center parking lot charges about \$3 per day. And there are other parking facilities in the general area.

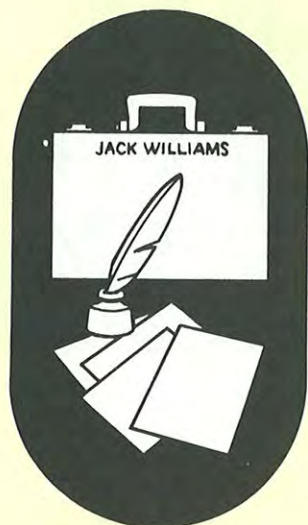
A note of interest: There's plenty of free parking for convention buses at the Belton Inn. This is for anyone attending the Free Will Baptist convention. The free bus parking space is available

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# The Great White Father

## Briefcase



**L**ook behind the Elijah file. Top drawer. Grey filing cabinet. That's where I keep it. The snub-nosed .32 caliber revolver the Great White Father gave me 15 years ago.

Free Will Baptist preachers usually hand out gospel tracts and sermon outlines. So did he. But that Tuesday, for some reason he didn't explain, he gave me his nickel-plated pistol, seven bullets and a piece of his life.

Nope, I've never fired that six-shooter. But let me tell you, the thing looks wicked curled in the palm of my hand.

**I met him** at high noon under an olive tree in Fresno, California, one hot July when the mercury shot above 100. It was the middle of the 1970 Free Will Baptist National Convention.

The president of California Christian College stepped across the foul line on the asphalt basketball court and said, "Jack, you need to meet the Great White Father."

The former deputy ambled up to me, draped an arm around my shoulder, looked me square in the eye and drawled, "I know about you. I had you checked out." He did, too. He knew

things about me that my mother didn't know. Scared me out of my socks.

I was hooked. I became a follower of Reverend E. E. Morris. He was 73; I was 27. The old war horse got a foothold in my life that day, and conquered me.

**Didn't take long** to learn that the man was bigger than his reputation, and that's saying a lot in the case of E. E. Morris. He'd acquired legendary stature years before. Bold as a tiger, Preacher Morris gazed out of an unlined face and dared anyone—saint or sinner—to malign his Lord or his Free Will Baptist heritage.

He called life like he saw it, and he saw plenty. Everybody who knew E. E. Morris has a story to tell. Those who knew him longest tell the best stories. His blatant faith in God frequently put him nose to nose with the near impossible. He loved sinners but hated sin with such ferocity that some thought he was God's bully.

His ministry was marked by a pugnacious defense of the God who saved him at an altar he built with his own hands. He took on all comers who questioned the denomination he loved or the doctrine he preached and defended better than anybody else. For 50 years, whenever controversy arose, if it got serious enough that folks wanted it settled, they'd send for E. E. Morris.

**He spoke** with authority and finality on two subjects—God and Free Will Baptist doctrine. Men followed him. Churches grew up around him. Denominational outreach flourished under his hand. Sometimes it was hard to distinguish the man from the legend. He wrote, he preached, he taught, he led, he evangelized, he witnessed. He squeezed more out of life than the rest of us did.

E. E. Morris kept his head when others didn't. His cool persistence at the microphone calmed delegates locked in heated business debates. On the other hand, Brother Morris could laugh at himself and just about any situation that arose. His was the steady hand, the reassuring and logical voice, the orator

with a sense of humor. He didn't always get his way, but he always got his say.

**Anyway, like I said,** Ed Morris called life like he saw it. He did something to me nobody else had the nerve to do. Happened after the 1972 national convention in Fort Worth. Dr. Morris invited me to Sulphur, Oklahoma, to preach a week-long meeting.

He knew I was hard up for cash, and I suspect his invitation resulted more from mercy than the need for me to revive his church. I sure didn't tell them anything that E. E. Morris hadn't already said several times before and better.

I bumbled along the best I could till Tuesday night. Earlier that day, he'd given me the .32 caliber revolver from, as he called it, his sheriffing days. The nightly meetings lacked punch. I didn't have much steam and, of course, he spotted it right off.

Next morning he took me aside and said, "Jack, you're just not gettin' it done. I think we better cut the revival short and let you get on back to California."

**Ouch! That was that.** Right on target. One final sermon, a love offering and early Thursday me, my wife and two cubs packed up and headed west to Fresno. That was vintage E. E. Morris. Decisive, realistic, caring. He cared enough to tell me the hard truth. I never forgot it.

Our paths crossed and recrossed for 17 years. He always greeted me with a kind word, a warm handshake. Yeah, I know I've gotta stand in line to say I loved E. E. Morris. At any rate, now you know my story about me and the Great White Father from Sugarloaf Mountain.

**He died** a few months ago at age 89, old and full of years. He left behind the legacy. The pure doctrine. The preachers he influenced. The churches he encouraged. The communities he made better. The denomination he helped build. And a living hope.

Say, next time you're in town, stop by for a cup of coffee. I'll show you that snub-nosed pistol. Maybe you can tell me your story about the Great White Father.



## Convention . . . (from page 4)

whether or not you're a guest at Belton Inn. That's real southern hospitality.

### Mothering Room

Last year the Mothering Room was created for mothers needing a temporary place to tend children. Since there will be no nursery this year, the Mothering Room will again be provided in Boutwell Auditorium. Check your program for the exact location.

The Mothering Room is *not* a nursery and is *not* staffed.

### Registration

National Convention and WNAC registrations begin 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Boutwell Municipal Auditorium and continue until Wednesday noon. Concessions will be open across the lobby from the registration area so delegates and visitors can snack and fellowship as they register.

National Youth Conference registration begins in the Hyatt Birmingham on Sunday, then moves across the street to the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Monday through Wednesday.

### Exhibits

The second floor Exhibition Hall of Boutwell Auditorium houses this year's exhibits. Nearly 60 exhibitors will present educational and denominational literature and programs.

Monday 5:00 p.m. marks the exhibits' opening. The booths are open daily 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., except during evening worship services (7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.). Exhibits close at 12:30 p.m. Thursday or 30 minutes after the final business session concludes.

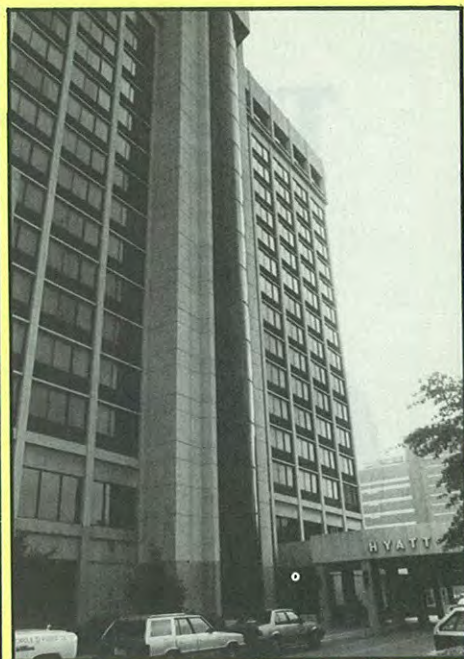
### Pass the Gravy, Please

Nineteen catered events tempt the Birmingham conventioners. They range from a seven-member executive luncheon to an 800-seat youth banquet.

The ticket request form in this issue allows you to order tickets in advance for the events of your choice. Be sure your order arrives before July 1. Remember, some events sell out quickly. You know how it works—first come, first served.

Verla Pettit spotlights the WNAC Fellowship Dinner. Mrs. Pettit directs the Memphis Union Mission. She's also founder of Memphis Christian Servicemen's Center, a Bible teacher and speaker.

McLeod Wilcox, an Albany, Georgia, layman, speaks Wednesday morning at the Master's Men Breakfast. Wilcox is founder and executive director of Vision Foundation Counseling Center. He has a B.S. in psychology, Master of Social Work degree and holds membership in the Academy of Certified Social Workers. This Sunday School teacher and public speaker serves as a consultant in stress management therapy, cancer



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therapy, alcohol rehabilitation as well as marriage/family relationships.

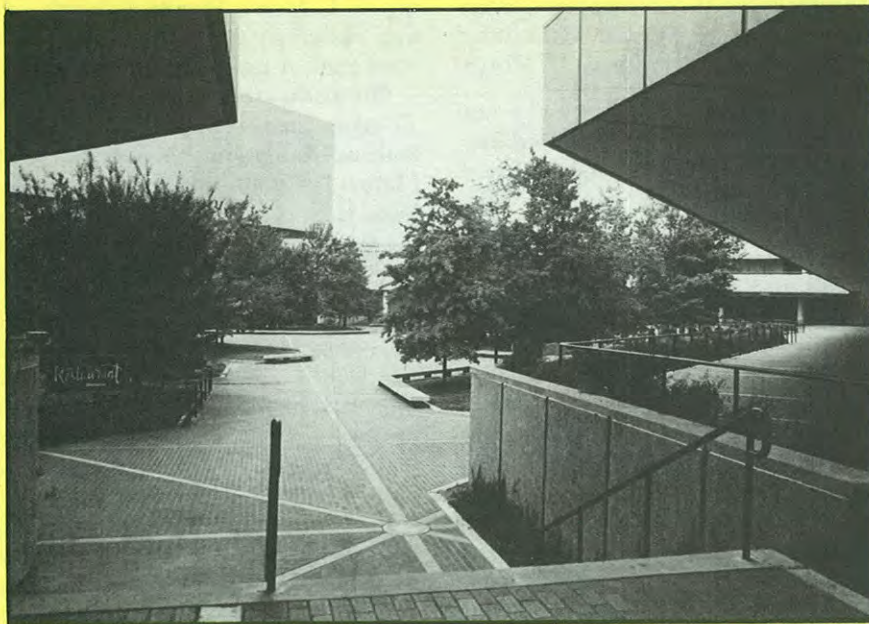
Executive Secretary Dr. Melvin Worthington is guest speaker for Tuesday's Music Ministries Breakfast. Dr. Worthington graduated from Columbia Bible College with the B.B.E. degree; Luther Rice Seminary with the Th.B., B.D., Th.M. and Th.D.; and Georgia State University with his M.Ed. Dr. Worthington pastored churches 20 years in North and South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and Georgia. He was elected to his present position in 1979.

Reverend Bill Jones takes the microphone at the Hillsdale FWB College luncheon Tuesday. The former Ivory Coast missionary who's also been editor of *Heartbeat* magazine and president of Hillsdale College presently pastors Fellowship FWB Church, Bryan, Texas. He also serves as editor of *The Texas Challenge*.

### Business

This year's voting delegation will consider board reports, departmental budgets and board elections. Also this year the Hymn Book Committee will present its report as will the Target 90 Committee and Foreign Missions Advance Celebration.

Business starts 9:00 Monday morning when the General Board convenes at Hyatt Birmingham. Moderator Bobby Jackson gavels the convention business sessions beginning Wednesday morning



Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center





Boutwell Municipal Auditorium

at 9:00 in the 5,000-seat Boutwell Municipal Auditorium arena.

### Something New

We've got good news and bad news. The good news is that two national commissions will sponsor seminars in Birmingham. The bad news is they're both scheduled for the same time: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. But the choice is yours. The Commission for Theological Integrity hosts a Theological Trends workshop in the Pacific/Atlantic Room at Hyatt Birmingham. Leroy Forlines and Robert E. Picirilli will speak.

Two doors down the corridor in the Arctic/Indian Room, the Radio and Television Commission will sponsor a Media Ministries seminar. Plans for this activity are still underway.

Also on Tuesday at 1:30, the Target 90 Committee sponsors "Church Growth Seminar" across the street in Civic Center rooms B and J. Roy Thomas moderates the meeting with four pastors—Dale Burden (Va.), Jim McAllister (Calif.), Rue Dell Smith (Ark.) and Gordon Sebastian (N.C.)—taking part.

### WNAC Notes

WNAC kicks off their convention Monday afternoon with the seminar "Reaching Out." Special speakers include Lorene Miley, Wanda Smith and Glenda Fulcher.

President June Rolan will moderate the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention business session Tuesday in the arena at Boutwell Municipal Auditorium.

Missionary to Ivory Coast Robert Bryan will preach the 11:10 a.m. mes-

sage. The 43-year-old veteran missionary calls Virginia home. He was saved at the age of eight and ordained as a minister when he was 36. He presently serves as Director of the Evangelical Publication Center, a publisher of Christian materials in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Robert and Judy Bryan have two children, Joseph (7) and Jennifer (3).

After lunch, a missionary panel will address the problem, "How We Bring Them." Geraldine Waid will moderate a panel of foreign missionaries who serve around the globe.

The 5:00 p.m. WNAC Fellowship Dinner meets in the Four Seas Ballroom at Hyatt Birmingham Tuesday evening.

### NYC Memos

A couple of changes surface for NYC participants this year. Primary and Junior Sunday School classes combine into one group this year as will their worship service.

The NYC keynote service moves from Monday night to Wednesday night. The youth gather in the 3,000-seat Concert Hall at Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. Neil Gilliland, missionary to Ivory Coast, will speak for this missionary service. Neil and his wife Sheila just completed their second term as missionaries to Ivory Coast where they served as dorm parents at Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake.

### Final Notes

Convention preparations are almost complete—speakers selected, programs printed, hotels waiting, musicians preparing. What remains? For Free Will

Baptists to gather in Birmingham this July. Mark your calendar, reserve the dates—July 19-23—and plan to meet us in Birmingham.

You know, you might even want to bring your banjo . . . "Oh, I come [to] Alabama with my banjo on my knee . . ."



**ABOUT THE WRITER:** Contact Editorial Assistant Marilyn Pritchard doubles as convention office manager every July. Conventioneers probably won't see her at Birmingham, but they will see the daily news update, the printed resolutions and reports produced by her offset press and copier.



Vulcan Park



# LIFEQUEST

The exciting Learner and Adventurer theme, "Bear Witness," features a missionary emphasis.

To register for the conference, complete the official 1987 NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE Registration Form and mail to: NYC '87, Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217. Registration forms are available free upon request from the NYC Office.



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# Hotel Reservation

## 1987 National Convention

**July 19-23, 1987**

- Please indicate your hotel choices below in order of preference.
- Telephone requests will not be honored.
- Hotels will not accept direct requests without approval of the Housing Bureau.
- Do not mail a deposit with your request. The hotel will confirm your reservation and receive your deposit directly. **THE HOUSING BUREAU DOES NOT HANDLE DEPOSITS.**
- Reservations will be made in order of receipt. If requested room rate is not available, the next available rate will be confirmed.
- All accommodations are subject to local taxes.
- Confirmations will come directly from the hotel.






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June 30, 1987

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c/o Birmingham Convention  
and Visitors Bureau  
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Birmingham, Al 35203

(205) 252-9825

HOTELS	Choice	 Single	 Double	 Twin	 Triple	 Quad
Hyatt Birmingham (Headquarters)		\$55	\$55	\$55	\$63	\$63
Birmingham Hilton		\$55	\$55	\$55	\$63	\$63
Holiday Inn-Medical Center		\$54	\$54	\$54	\$54	\$54
Redmont Hotel		\$62	\$62	\$62	\$62	\$62
Tutwiler		\$68	\$68	\$68	—	—
Econo Lodge		\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
Tourway Inn		\$30	\$30	\$30	\$37	\$37
Belton Inn		\$24	\$24	\$24	\$32	\$32

Guaranteed Arrival      yes ☐      no ☐

Credit Card		
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Reservations are held until 6:00 P.M. on the day of arrival unless you guarantee your first night payment by credit card.

Rooms will be occupied by:

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# BIRMINGHAM'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT





**REQUESTS FOR TICKETS TO MEAL FUNCTIONS  
1987 National Convention**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Total</b>
_____	<b>Learner/Adventurer Banquet</b> \$4 Monday, July 20/5:00 p.m. Hyatt Hotel/Pacific-Atlantic-Indian Room	\$ _____
_____	<b>Music Ministries Fellowship Breakfast</b> \$6 Tuesday, July 21/7:00 a.m. Hyatt Hotel/Arctic Room	\$ _____
_____	<b>Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon</b> \$10 Tuesday, July 21/12:15 p.m. Hyatt Hotel/Mediterranean Room	\$ _____
_____	<b>WNAC Fellowship Dinner</b> \$12 Tuesday, July 21/5:00 p.m. Hyatt Hotel/Four Seas Ballroom	\$ _____
_____	<b>Youth Banquet</b> \$9 Tuesday, July 21/9:00 p.m. Civic Center/South Meeting Rooms	\$ _____
_____	<b>Master's Men Breakfast</b> \$7 Wednesday, July 22/7:00 a.m. Hyatt Hotel/Mediterranean-Caribbean-Baltic Room	\$ _____
_____	<b>Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon</b> \$8.50 Wednesday, July 22/12:00 Noon Hyatt Hotel/Mediterranean-Caribbean Room	\$ _____
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# Motherhood: A Good Choice

By Floyd Wolfenbarger

**By** the time you eat supper this evening, 4,500 unborn children will die from abortion today. In this country, six days a week and 52 weeks a year, that's how many women choose abortion each day. More than 17 million abortions have occurred since the infamous *Roe vs. Wade* decision in 1973.

A high school teacher told her "Family Living" class that she chose to forego having any children because she would rather have a sports car. Yesterday a mother was arrested for allegedly killing her 19-month-old baby. Why is it that, given a choice, so many choose against motherhood?

*Motherhood is inconvenient.* Once children were regarded as a sign of wealth. They became extra workers when crops needed harvesting. In current American culture they are an inconvenience. Every decision must be okayed with a babysitter or plans are subject to school exam scheduling. No mother is free to do as she pleases without regard to her child's welfare.

*Motherhood is painful.* I know very little about the physical pain of labor and delivery. I am referring to the significant emotional pain. Any mother of a rebellious teen knows the heartache of motherhood. Beyond that the mother of a "perfect" child is not without pain. How true Mary, mother of Jesus, would find Simeon's prophetic omen: "A sword shall pierce through thine own soul also." Though Jesus was in every way perfect, it was a painful experience to be His mother.

But please understand that *motherhood is also precious.* Those whose hearts love the deepest can hurt the worst and also rejoice the most. A mother's child is a sweet reward. When I say goodbye, my mother's tears are the saddest; but when I say hello, she rejoices the greatest.

I thank God for the mothers who pay the price and endure the pain. May this Mother's Day fill your heart with joy.





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## newsfront

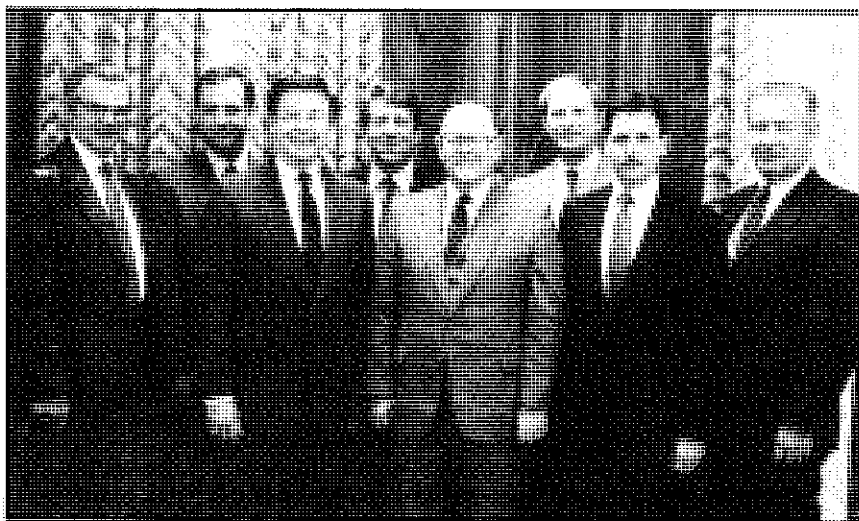
### 114 ATTEND ARKANSAS MINISTER'S RETREAT

BATESVILLE, AR—Sixty-seven ministers, 10 pastors' wives, and 37 lay-people registered for the annual Arkansas State Minister's Retreat at First FWB Church, Batesville, February 16-18, according to David Joslin, Arkansas promotional director. Joslin said that attendance was lower this year due to bad weather.

Reverend Sam Truett, Smithfield, N.C., and Reverend Larry Powell, McAllen, Texas, each preached/taught five times during the three-day retreat which is sponsored annually by the Arkansas State Association Christian Education Board. Five pastors serve on this board: Fred Scott, Doug Little, Jim Mullen, Jim Bundy and Bob Shepherd.

Next year's retreat is scheduled February 15-17 at First FWB Church, North Little Rock.

### HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE FINALIZES HYMN SELECTIONS



(L) Melvin Worthington, Doug Little, Vernon Whaley, Ted Wilbanks, Bill Gardner, Blaine Hughes, Rodney Whaley, Leroy Cutler.

NASHVILLE, TN—The seven-man Hymn Book Committee met February 2-6 to finalize hymn selections for the *Free Will Baptist Hymn Book (1988)*. Chairman Vernon Whaley led the five-day meeting in the Conference Room at the National Offices Building.

Dr. Whaley said the group spent more than 60 hours together evaluating over 1,600 song suggestions for the new hymnal. Members gave careful attention to a hymnal survey which had been sent to 4,000 Free Will Baptists. By week's end, the committee had selected 525 titles, 11 written by Free Will Baptists.

Dr. Whaley said the group also gave attention to manufacturing, marketing and copyright details for the hymnal

project. They discussed printing format data and hymnal organization. They also formulated recommendations concerning publication data and manufacturing strategies to present to the General Board in July.

Chairman Whaley said, "I think Free Will Baptists will be pleased. Not only have we developed a worship tool that will have broad appeal among our people, but we've assimilated a record of what we sing. The committee diligently sought to address every diversity unique to Free Will Baptists."

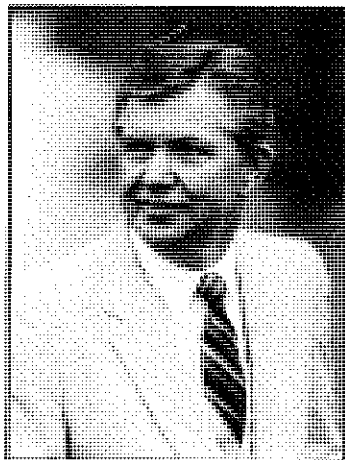
In addition to Chairman Whaley, the committee includes Doug Little (Ark.), Ted Wilbanks (Mo.), Leroy Cutler (Fla.), Bill Gardner (Tenn.), Blaine Hughes (N.C.) and Rodney Whaley (Calif.).

### FRED WARNER ASSUMES CHURCH MINISTRIES ROLE

NASHVILLE, TN—Reverend Fred Warner, Arkansas home missionary and well-known pastor/evangelist, accepted the position of director of church ministries for the Foreign Missions Department, according to General Director R. Eugene Waddell. Warner, member of the Foreign Missions Board for 12 years, will join the foreign missions staff in Nashville on May 18.

As director of church ministries, Mr. Warner will be in charge of missionary deputational ministries, missionary conference planning, pastor's conference arrangements, missionary support development, etc.

The Canton, N.C., native was ordained in 1959, and completed his studies at Free Will Baptist Bible Col-



lege in 1961. He served from 1961 to 1965 as a full-time evangelist and has conducted over 250 revivals since 1960.

Warner has pastored Friendship FWB Church in Ashland City, Tenn., First FWB Church in North Little Rock, Ark., First FWB Church in Russellville, Ark., and First FWB Church in Albany, Ga.

He started Eastgate FWB Church in Siloam Springs, Ark., under the Arkansas State Missions Board in 1982 and has pastored the church since that time. He also served the state of Arkansas as promotional director for five years.

Fred and his wife, Rachel, have four children: Jon, age 22; Mark, age 21; Joan, age 19; and Jennifer, age 16.



## Reverend E.E. Morris, Former National Moderator, With the Lord

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK—Reverend Edward E. Morris, 89, former moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists died February 23 in Oklahoma City.

Funeral services were conducted February 25 at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, with Dr. Wade Jernigan officiating. More than 400 people attended the service. Reverend Lonnie DaVoult delivered the eulogy. Interment followed at Memorial Park Cemetery in Ada.

Dr. Jernigan spoke from Joshua 22:34 concerning the altar named "Ed" which was a witness that the Lord is God. Brother Ed Morris held the distinction of having built the altar where he was converted in 1923.

Dr. Morris served three years as moderator of the National Association—1951, 1952, 1953. He was a member of the 1935 Treatise Revision Committee in Nashville, Tenn., at the organizational meeting of the National Association.

Brother Morris' 64-year ministry began in 1923, shortly after he was converted. He preached his first sermon at Sugarloaf FWB Church near Monroe, Okla. He pastored and organized numerous churches in Oklahoma and California.

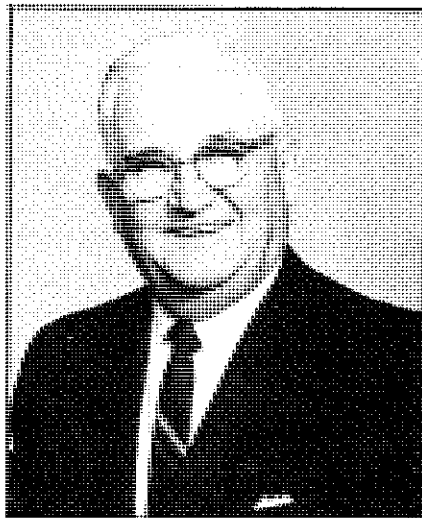
Dr. Morris influenced the entire Free Will Baptist denomination. In addition to serving three years as moderator of the National Association, he also served on the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees, California Christian College Board of Trustees as chairman, as California State Promotional Secretary, and founding editor of the California Voice. He gave extensive time and energy promoting Hillsdale FWB College.

One of his major contributions was in church development in Oklahoma and California. Morris was known as a friend to churches that needed assistance, frequently dipping into his own funds to help purchase property for new churches and aid them in debt retirement.

He pastored Oklahoma churches 23 years (1923-1946), then pastored two years in California. He returned to Oklahoma to pastor Capitol Hill FWB Church (1948-1956) in Oklahoma City, back to California (1956-1963), then to

Oklahoma where he pastored and did interim work until his death.

Dr. Morris considered his eight years at Capitol Hill FWB Church the most



productive in his pastoral ministry. During that pastorate Sunday School attendance climbed to 365, preaching services overflowed the 525-seat auditorium, 15 men answered the call to preach, and several new churches were organized out of the Capitol Hill congregation.

He also did extensive revival work from 1926 through the early 1980's. Some of the meetings reported 100 or more conversions and 60-plus baptisms.

He wrote numerous editorials and articles. He authored two popular booklets: *Message of the Cross* (A Handbook of Free Will Baptist Doctrine) and *The Word of the Lord Came Unto Me* (An Analysis of Faith and Works).

He retired from pastoral work in 1966 at the age of 69, then came out of retirement to pastor First FWB Church in Sulphur, Okla., as well as continue his interim preaching for churches that called.

In a 1979 interview Dr. Morris said, "I am a Free Will Baptist because of what I read out of the Bible....All the good life I've had has been in our denomination."

A few months prior to his death when ill health restricted his travel, Brother Morris said, "My ministry is somewhat narrow now, but I'm still at it."

From bookstore manager to editor to pastor to evangelist to denominational

executive, Ed Morris served the Free Will Baptist denomination for 64 years. He made the transition from rural pastorates shepherding as many as four churches simultaneously to the full-time city pastorate.

Dr. Morris spoke frequently on the national convention floor during business sessions. He preached his last national convention sermon in 1981 when he addressed the Pastor's Dinner at Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Ky. He was 84 years old.

During his sermon that day, Dr. Morris told the listening pastors, "How far we can go together! But we'll have to go in love."

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; two sons, Macon and Davis Morris, both of Oklahoma; five daughters, Sylvia Ridge of Oklahoma City; Alice Peterson of Highland Park, Illinois; Florence Whitwell of Longview, Texas; Helen Meddalena of Florida; Peggy Davis of Missouri; 20 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

### ARIZONA ELECTS NEWMAN AS MODERATOR

PHOENIX, AZ—Delegates to Arizona's District Association met March 7 at Community Christian Fellowship FWB Church in Phoenix and elected host pastor C.A. Newman as moderator for 1987-88. Reverend Newman previously served as assistant moderator. He succeeds out-going moderator Joe Grimmett.

The new moderator returned to Phoenix from Ohio in 1985, and reopened what had been Northside FWB Church. The reorganized church completed a \$30,000 renovation in February. Brother Newman is well-known for his pastoral and evangelistic ministry.

California pastor Lynn Wood preached the morning message from Acts 2:42 on the subject "How to Grow a Church." Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington and Home Missions Director Roy Thomas brought greetings from the National Association.

Delegates tabled a motion to change the annual meeting date to the first Saturday in March. That decision will be made this summer.



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## HENDRIX RE-ELECTED SOUTH CAROLINA MODERATOR

SPARTANBURG, SC—Pastor Earl Hendrix of First FWB Church, Inman, was re-elected to his third term as moderator of the South Carolina State Association. Delegates to the 45th annual session met February 19-20 at Peace FWB Church in Spartanburg to conduct business.

Officials reported that 131 registered for the meeting which was hosted by the Palmetto Conference, including 76 ministers. Delegates heard a report from the Special Study Committee regarding action on the state's retirement program.

Three ministers preached sermons during the meeting—Pastor Johnny Evans, Williams FWB Church, Hemingway; Pastor Danny Keen, Peace FWB Church, Florence; and Bob Shockey from Free Will Baptist Bible College. Reverend Earl Hendrix delivered the moderator's message on church growth.

Reverend Ray Lewis, business manager for the Board of Retirement presented a workshop detailing retirement programs for ministers.

The 1988 South Carolina State Association will meet February 18-19 at Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville.

## TARGET 90 CONFERENCE GUESTS COME FROM 16 STATES

NASHVILLE, TN—The Target 90 Conference, hosted by Free Will Baptist Bible College February 16-18, attracted more than 150 guests from 16 states, according to registration statistics. They came to hear Evangelist Robert Sumner and Free Will Baptist pastors David Sutton and Leroy Welch, as well as more than 30 other speakers.

In addition to the services and other plenary sessions, the conference offered a host of seminar topics ranging from managing money to preaching without

notes. The two most popular seminars were Dr. LaVerne Miley's session on avoiding stress and burnout in Christian service, and Trymon Messer's session on soul winning.

Both students and guests indicated that the conference was practical and challenging. Rev. Ted Reynolds of Swannanoa, N.C., summed up the feelings of many: "This conference came at a time when I needed it most. Thank God for the good spirit, as well as the practical information."

## BIBLE COLLEGE ENROLLS 388 FOR 1986-87

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled 388 students for the 1986-87 school year, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar.

President Charles Thigpen said, "At a time when many Christian college enrollments are down, we are grateful for the 388 young people who enrolled here."

The total includes 364 undergraduates from 25 states and five foreign countries. Another 23 took graduate studies in the Master of Ministry and Master of Pastoral Studies programs.

Among the undergraduates are 84 ministerial and 43 missions students. By classes, they number 111 freshmen, 99 sophomores, 69 juniors, 65 seniors and 20 special students.

State totals for undergraduate students include:

Alabama	18
Arizona	2
Arkansas	23
California	3
Delaware	1

Florida	8
Georgia	14
Idaho	1
Illinois	23
Indiana	7
Kentucky	12
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	21
Mississippi	7
Missouri	23
New York	1
North Carolina	39
Ohio	16
Oklahoma	7
South Carolina	14
Tennessee	81
Texas	8
Virginia	20
Washington	3
West Virginia	5
Foreign	6

## RANDALL HOUSE SETS ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

NASHVILLE, TN—The seventh annual slow-pitch softball tournament sponsored by Randall House Publications gets underway August 14-15 at Cedar Hill Park in Nashville. Tournament Manager David Segraves says these fields are the best that Nashville has to offer. The ball diamonds are located off Interstate 65 on Old Hickory Boulevard.

Officials said the 1987 tournament field will be limited to 32 teams. The tournament will follow the round-robin pattern introduced in 1986. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Team registration fee is \$120.

The tournament will begin August 14 at 10 a.m. Team pairings will be determined by a drawing that's open to the public.

For further information write or call David Segraves, tournament manager, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217. Phone 615/361-1221.

## LOCAL CHURCH DELEGATE'S CREDENTIALS

THIS CERTIFIES THAT \_\_\_\_\_

is a duly authorized delegate to the National Association of Free Will

Baptists from \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of church)

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(District Association)

(City)

(State)

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Pastor

Clerk or Secretary

IMPORTANT: This form properly signed and accompanied by a \$10 registration fee entitles a local church delegate to register for voting privileges.



**First FWB Church, Chesterfield, IN**, purchased a \$46,000 parsonage. New pastor **Ron Murphy** is all smiles!

**Georgia** Executive Secretary **Herbert Waid** said that **Curtis Alligood** has been named as the new part-time manager of the Christian Supply Store in Moultrie. Reverend Alligood succeeds **Victor Neuenschwander** who resigned earlier this year.

**Harold and June Critcher** (Nashville, TN) were guest speakers at the Minister/Wife Retreat for **Georgia** Free Will Baptist leaders conducted January 30-31 at Norman Baptist Assembly in Norman Park. The Critchers presented seminars on family relationships.

**Carroll Guffey** won the first monthly Busy Bus Worker's Award at **First FWB Church, Inman, SC**. Bus pastor **Doug King** said the award program acknowledges faithful service for bus workers. **Earl Hendrix** pastors.

Superintendent **Levy Corey** said that the **Loden Furniture Company** of **Hamilton, AL**, donated new furniture valued at more than \$8,000 to the **Alabama Children's Home** in Eldridge.

Members of **Bethel FWB Church, Kinston, NC**, honored Pastor and Mrs. **David Paramore** for 25 years of service. A limousine whisked the Paramores to church Sunday for an early morning reception. Pastor **Dann Patrick** of **Faith FWB Church, Goldsboro**, spoke during the special services. Members presented Dr. and Mrs. Paramore with a grandfather clock and a plaque of appreciation.

Pastor **Joseph Wallis** presented a plaque to Mrs. **Delsie Waters** for 24 years of service as church clerk at **Five Points FWB Church, Washington, NC**.

Pastor **Wade Parker** said members at **Tippett's Chapel FWB Church, Clayton, NC**, completed an improvement project in excess of \$65,000. The project included paying off a bond program, purchasing a 15-passenger van, installing carpet and pews, new hymn books, a sound system and remodeling classrooms.

Members of **Horton Heights FWB Church, Nashville, TN**, adopted foreign missionaries **Jeff** and **Susan Turnbough** for a special project. They set a goal to raise \$3,600 for the Turnboughs. Pastor **Chris Real** said that by mid-February the church had raised more than \$4,600 in cash and pledges. They took the project right over the top!

The pastor of **Upper Room FWB Church, Church Hill, TN**, has been preaching 55 years. Pastor **Herman Christian** (79) has performed more than

1,200 weddings and preached almost 1,300 funerals in his ministry.

The Home Missions team—**Roy Thomas, Trymon Messer, John Gibbs**—spoke at the annual pastors and workers conference at **Peace FWB Church** in **Indianapolis, IN**. In addition, Mrs. **Pat Thomas** conducted sessions for the ladies. **Archie Ratliff** served as host pastor.

**California Christian College, Fresno, CA**, sponsored its first annual men's church basketball tournament in March, according to President **Jim McAllister**. The tournament included eight teams that paid a \$75-per-team registration fee.

**Jim Cox**, director of **Camp Jacob** in **Clintwood, VA**, says the rumors are not true. The rumors allege that Brother Cox resigned and that the camp uses the Living Bible translation. Director Cox says he has not resigned. He also said that the board of directors at the camp adopted a policy to use the King James Version of the Bible during all preaching and teaching sessions. All right folks, let's keep those rumors killed.

**Jeannine McCarty**, a Free Will Baptist Bible College senior from **LaFontaine FWB Church, LaFontaine, IN**, received the Henry Ward Memorial Scholarship awarded by the LaFontaine church. The \$1,000 scholarship will help pay for her education. Another \$500 was given to the FWBBC Student Council to help underwrite improvements to the student lounge. The scholarship was created by the church in honor and memory of the former pastor who died in 1983.

For a number of years former national moderator **Ralph Staten** has printed a publication titled *Congregational Crusader*. The February 8 issue presents a well-balanced study on the subject of love. The 75-year-old minister resides in **Knoxville, TN**.

Pastor **Richard Cordell** reports 13 conversions at **First FWB Church, Guin, AL**.

They called it "Encourage Me Day" at **Ahoskie FWB Church, Ahoskie, NC**. Pastor **Paul Suggs** said the church had averaged 85 when members decided to make some extra effort. Pastor Suggs says that 175 attended services February 8.

Pastor **Jerry Dudley** reports 10 new members at **Stratford FWB Church, Stratford, OK**. The church gave more than \$9,400 to outside ministries in 1986. As part of the church publication ministry, the group now publishes the *Small Voice*, a four-page monthly.

Fifty-five teenagers from more than a dozen **Illinois** churches attended the winter youth retreat at **Camp Hope**, according to retreat director **Ivan Ryan**. Jeff

**Stegall** and **Sarah Malone** coordinated the teen activities.

Home missionary pastor **John Hollis** said **Crossroads FWB Church, Effingham, IL**, averaged one conversion per month in 1986. He baptized seven and received 18 new members into the church. The group also installed pews in the sanctuary.

Pastor **Max Courtney** said that **Alexander FWB Church, Thebes, IL**, distributes 26 tapes each Sunday to those unable to attend services.

Pastor **Orville Butcher** says God still calls young men to preach. Sixteen-year-old **Bobby Ferguson** answered the call to preach at **First FWB Church, Elgin, IL**.

The spring Bible Conference at **Hillsdale FWB College, Moore, OK** featured two speakers—Pastor **Robert Morgan, Donelson FWB Church, Nashville, TN**; and President **Jim Burns** of **Pacific Coast Study Center, Dana Point, CA**. The speakers developed the conference theme, "Let's Go! Develop the Potential Leadership of Our Youth." The Oklahoma Christian Education Board assisted Hillsdale College in sponsoring the conference.

The **Tennessee Christian Workers Retreat** met February 26-28 at Happy Hills Camp near Clarksville. Tennessee Promotional Director **Raymond Riggs** delivered a paper and presentation on ministerial ethics. Other speakers included **Mark Street, Wayne Wagner, Charles Powell, Jeff Langford** and **Roger Hood**.

Pastor **Frank Cope** said members of **United FWB Church, Bryan, TX**, increased giving 16 percent in 1986. For the first time in its 14-year history the congregation counted more than 100 in Sunday School. Pastor Cope said 105 attended Sunday School and 140 morning worship January 18. During that month the church added 13 members. Pastor Cope said the first floor of a 10,000-square-foot education building is within \$15,000 of completion. The group also began a youth program with 34 teenagers attending the first session.

**Homerville FWB Church, Homerville, GA**, gave a banquet to honor teachers, officers and bus workers. Special plaques were awarded to **Virgil Melton**, the superintendent under whose direction Sunday School attendance surged from 60 to a high of 208. **Dollie Maines** received the Teacher-of-the-Year plaque. Bus-Captain-of-the-Year plaque went to **Mary J. Young**. **Curtis Alligood** pastors.

Pastor **Rowan Sirmans** reports revival at **White Hall FWB Church, Waycross, GA**. Sunday School attendance climbed from 30 to 53, prayer meeting attendance from 12 to 54.



The Free Will Baptist



Campers and staff from the 1986 Music Camp



## Bible College Summer Camps To Feature Music, Drama

June 22-28, 1987

Free Will Baptist Bible College will offer *Summer Camp '87* this June for young people who have completed the ninth grade. The program will feature training in music and drama, as well as spiritual growth.

The college's music faculty will take under their

wings young Free Will Baptist musicians from across the denomination and train them in the performance of vocal, keyboard and instrumental music. The camp will feature both private and group lessons. Music directing will also be taught.

Young people who are interested in drama will find no better instruction than that which they will receive from FWBBC's speech faculty. The same teachers who have produced the outstanding dramas that the college has sent out for years will train young dramatists in stage performance, make-up and a host of other skills. They will work on a play during the week. Private coaching will also be offered to those who are preparing presentations for the National Youth Conference competition in Birmingham in July.

Participants in both camps will combine at the end of the week to produce a service of music and drama that will be presented to Free Will Baptists in the Middle Tennessee area.

The college is also planning sessions that will enrich campers in the things of the Lord. Daily devotions will be a part of the activity schedule. Speakers will also address the problems faced by young people who are trying to live for Jesus Christ in a hostile world.

The two camps will run concurrently on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The cost, including room and board, is \$135.

Everyone interested in *Summer Camp '87* should request a copy of the brochure and follow instructions there for registration. To request a copy, write or call:

**Summer Camp '87**  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205  
(615) 383-1340







# Two Times for the Angels

by Marvis Eagleton



Unseen hands were evident while calamity and crisis struck only two days apart.

**T**he week started out normally. We had no premonition, but within three days we were to have two dramatic experiences!

On Monday afternoon of that week we were on a main street in Campinas, Brazil. Suddenly a woman in front of us stepped off the curb to run across the street. She did so without once looking in our direction. My husband, Ken, braked and swerved into the other lane. In spite of the effort, she ran right into the side of the car. As soon as we could stop, we rushed back to her. She was already on her feet and assured us she was not hurt.

The woman had been watching an approaching bus which she planned to catch and just forgot to look in the other direction. We learned that she was a Christian and her "go in peace; I'm fine" caused us to offer much thanksgiving to the Lord.

On Wednesday afternoon, back in Araras where we live, Ken visited one of two elderly widowed sisters who live alone only a few blocks apart. It is not unusual for me to pick

up the sisters for prayer meeting, so Ken told the sister that I would come by that evening.

When I stopped for Dona Emilia, one of the sisters, she came out and got in the car as usual. But soon she started having trouble breathing. I knew she had been having some problems along that line, but I had never seen her have a crisis like this.

I hurried on, thinking we could stop at the other sister's house. But as we neared the house, it was obvious Emilia was really in trouble, so

I started blowing the horn. Fortunately Dona Isaura was waiting and jumped right in the car.

We sped in the direction of the hospital blowing the horn at anything that might get in the way. I'm sure other motorists must have wanted to give some advice to that gray-haired lady who was using her horn instead of her brakes.

Just before we arrived at the hospital Dona Emilia slumped over with cardiac arrest. The Lord had gone ahead of us and had everyone at the emergency room ready for immediate action. Emilia responded quickly to heart massage and suffered no brain damage. The doctor told us that in only four more minutes she would not have responded.

How perfect is God's timing! He had sent me at the exact time to keep Emilia from dying at home all by herself or in the car with me. How comforting to know that "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7).

Marvis Eagleton is a veteran missionary serving with her husband, Ken, in Araras, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

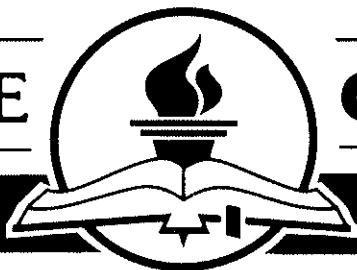
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**Missionaries need your prayers to be victorious in times of crisis or calamity.**

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## Attend Our Silver Anniversary!

By Randall House Staff

**R**andall House Publications celebrates its silver anniversary as the Free Will Baptist publishing arm on June 18. At the same time, Dr. Roger C. Reeds celebrates 25 years as general director.

### Celebration

The special day of celebration begins with open house at 9:00 a.m. Everyone's invited to tour the facilities and meet the employees. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Then at 5:30 p.m. all our friends are invited to a barbecue dinner on the front lawn. An outdoor praise and celebration service for 400 begins at 7:00 p.m.



Gibbs

Reverend John Gibbs presents a one-hour sacred concert of testimony and song at 8:00 p.m.

Randall House Publications employees, past and present, made it what it is today. The special anniversary event will honor them. Former employees and former members of the Sunday School and Church Training Board are invited to the day's events. These, along with current employees and board members will be recognized during the evening service.

### Beginnings

Randall House Publications began as the Sunday School Department of the National Association. This department

operated during the 40's and 50's. There was a Sunday School literature venture in the latter 50's that led to its closing in 1959.

For three years the Sunday School office at Free Will Baptist headquarters on Nashville's Richland Avenue stood empty. Then the Sunday School Board employed Roger C. Reeds of St. Louis, Mo., to serve as full-time general director on June 18, 1962. A literature program had been launched a few months earlier.

The new publishing effort met with success and the department grew. What had been an empty office spilled into the hallways. Shipping space was secured in an old carriage house behind the headquarters building. The department eagerly awaited the move to the 1134 Murfreesboro Road site.

### Growth

The Sunday School Department soon outgrew the Murfreesboro Road facilities. In 1967 the department erected a 10,000-square-foot structure behind the National Offices building on Murfreesboro Road.

Then in 1970 the Sunday School Board purchased and occupied its present location at 114 Bush Road. This building contains 50,000 square feet. In 25 years the department grew from less than 1,000 square feet to a building of 50,000 square feet.

At the time of the Bush Road move, the Sunday School Board sought a publication name and settled on Randall House Publications. Although the legal title of operation is the Sunday School and Church Training Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the department's also known as Randall House Publications.

### Ministries

This multi-faceted ministry has published over 100 books with more in the planning stages. Work progresses on a set of Bible commentaries. The outreach now includes a line of Spanish curriculum.

One division of Randall House promotes youth activities. A full-time staff devotes their time to the Youth Evangelistic Team, youth conferences, newsletters, and the annual National Youth Conference.

Some Randall House employees serve in the church growth area. The department sponsors two denomination-wide enlargement campaigns annually. Other activities include Sun-



Reeds

day School revivals, promotional items and encouragement toward Free Will Baptist Sunday School growth.

Randall House derives support from product sales. The department operates in the black and supports satellite ministries. Curriculum sales over the years multiplied from the thousands to the millions.

As the first 25 years of Randall House Publications draw to a close, General Director Roger Reeds and the employees look to the future. Steps are underway to improve published curriculum. New book titles are on the publication docket. Plans include continued emphasis on youth activities and Sunday School growth.



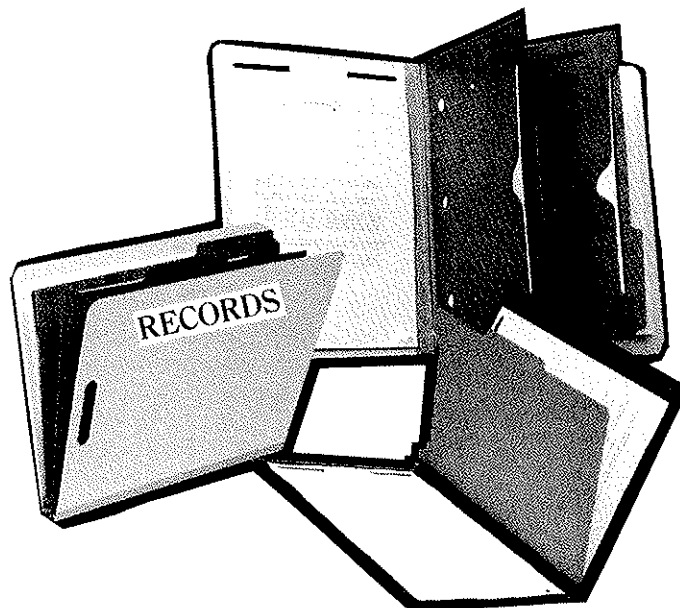
## records—a part of estate planning

**E**state planning includes not only legal provisions for distribution of your estate but also systematic record keeping. Prepare and keep a list of all important papers, instructions, names, addresses and phone numbers for items such as:

- Relatives, physicians, friends to be contacted;
- Attorney, accountant, banker, etc.;
- Funeral director;
- Charge cards;
- Bank and savings and loan accounts;
- Mortgage holders;
- Car loans;
- Retirement funds;
- Veteran's Administration office (if applicable);
- Local social security office;
- Wills, trust documents, etc.;
- Instructions on how to file probate;
- All insurance policies: health, whole life, term, property, accident, liability, etc.;
- Deeds for all property;
- Stocks, bonds and certificates of deposit;
- Titles to all vehicles;
- Copies of birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates, divorce decrees, adoption papers, name change decrees, etc.;
- Your and/or your spouse's social security numbers.


### keep records safe

Important items need to be kept in a safe place such as your attorney's office, in a strong box at home or in a bank safety deposit box. To avoid problems of access to a bank safety deposit box, know the rules and regulations. Action for Independent Maturity, a counseling arm of the American Association of Retired Persons,



recommends that you ask the following questions of your banker:

- After death, does the surviving tenant have access to the box? If not, how long does it take before access is permitted?
- Who can enter an individually rented box after the tenant dies? How is authorization obtained? How long does it take to obtain authorization?
- Is a tax inventory required before free access to the box is allowed? If so, how long does it take?

- What are the rules on removing a will from the box of a deceased renter, whether individual or joint? To whom can the will be delivered? How long does the process usually take? What are the rules on removing life insurance policies? 

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# MASTER'S ANDATE

All  
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To  
Advance  
Christ's  
Kingdom

## Attack

### Meet Our LifeFriends!

May! A time to honor the ladies. Master's Men thanks the women who helped us during 1986. Four women declared their confidence in Master's Men by becoming LifeFriends:

**Lois Vallance.** Wife of General Director Jim Vallance, Lois works with the FWB Board of Retirement.

**Alice Smith.** Missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, Alice hopes to return for her third term of service this summer.

**June Brunkhorst.** Proclaimed the "better half" of 1984 Layman of the Year, George Brunkhorst, June is a California housewife.

**Betty Hall.** Active in WNAC efforts in East Tennessee, Betty also helps her husband, Ed Hall, in his duties as president of Tennessee Master's Men.

These special ladies deserve a vote of thanks. They contributed \$100 each to the Master's Men Endowment Trust just like the 130 LifeMembers.

The Endowment Trust now totals over \$13,000. It will provide interest income for the general fund until the Lord returns. This fund will continue to underwrite Master's Men after this present generation reaches Heaven!

### Endowment Receives Memorial Gift

Elbert and Arlyne Farley gave a memorial gift in loving memory of MSgt. Paul M. Farley, USMC. This gift was placed in the Master's Men Endowment Trust.

### Corrections

We made some errors in March:  
The chapter at Pearl, Miss., is work-

ing toward all LifeMember status (not Petal, as reported). Charles Whittington is chapter president. Jerry Nicholson is president of the Mississippi State Master's Men. The men paid the fees for their pastor, J.L. Gore, to be a LifeMember.

### Tennessee Chapter Gives Computer

The Limestone, Tenn., chapter gave a computer to the Don Sextons. The computer will be used in their ministry with foreign missions.

Billie Sexton wrote, "We are so thankful for it and can hardly wait to put it to use. It will be a great help in the work and save us lots of time."

Reverend Alfred Cutshall pastors the Limestone FWB Master's Men chapter. The faithful men are active in East Tennessee and well represented at state and national events.

### West Virginia Chapter Shows Love

General Director Jim Vallance addressed a breakfast gathering of sweethearts at Central FWB Church in Huntington, W. Va. Sixty-seven attended as the Master's Men cooked and hosted their wives on Valentine's Day 1987.

The Valentine's Day message theme was "Love." Jim Vallance assured the folks, "I am an expert on this topic. When I needed help, I asked my wife, Lois. She helped me clear up questions."

Chapter President Tom Grant applauded the men who cooked by stating, "I'm sure the women never knew you could cook like this." After breakfast, the group gave an offering for the national Master's Men work.

### Master's Men Purposes

1. Develop men of the local church in the knowledge of and participation in all church and denominational activities.

**We Believe** every Free Will Baptist layman must be challenged to be all he can be for the Master. Part of the Department's efforts is directed to helping in the discipling process. Decade of Discipleship materials place emphasis on lay personal development and involvement.

2. Provide a means of Christian Fellowship among men of the church.

**We Believe** "iron sharpeneth iron." Men need time to know one another and share burdens. Strength comes through testimony times, prayer times, and devotions shared. The only way to provide this time of strengthening is by meeting together for fellowship.


3. Promote Soul winning.

**We Believe** every Christian must be a witness of the love of God. Every layman should be able to tell of the hope he possesses. The harvest is plenteous, and laborers can be challenged.

4. Promote Stewardship.

**We Believe** the tithe, time and talent of men need to be dedicated to and used in the Master's work. Power is available but must be harnessed. Men will make the effort when ways are provided to serve.

5. Interest, challenge, spiritually strengthen and utilize every man in the church for Christ.

**We Believe** God calls men in His service. Pastors as undershepherds are responsible to help develop raw talent in their flocks. A good training ground is the Master's Men organization. Let us put Purpose in the lives of men. 



# MINI GRAMS

Department of Home Missions and Church Extension  
of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

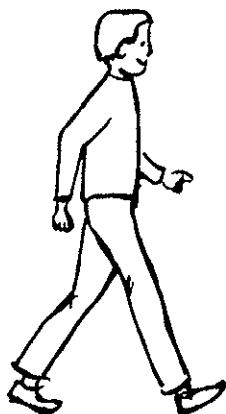
The Department Pages

## National Walk-A-Thon

By Trymon Messer

One of the biggest events ever attempted by Free Will Baptists is scheduled June 5-6 in Nashville, Tennessee. That's when the Home Missions Department hosts a National Walk-A-Thon.

Walk-a-thons have been conducted many years throughout our denomination to raise money for different causes. In this age of health fitness emphasis, many of you spend considerable time walking various distances. Some walk at a fast pace; some stroll at leisure through a park or shopping mall. This



opportunity to walk for pleasure and purpose aids work that's performed for the glory of God.

This project's goal is to raise \$100,000 to erase all home missionary deficit accounts before summer. All gifts and monies raised may be designated to the home missionary of your choice.

We will use Pleasant View Christian School facilities. The Northern Quarterly of Free Will Baptists sponsors this Tennessee school which is located just outside Nashville.

The festivities begin Friday evening, June 5, with a giant cookout. An old fashioned camp meeting with singing and revival preaching follow the meal.

On Saturday morning, June 6, at 9:00, the National Walk-A-Thon begins. The activities end at noon with another giant cookout. Plenty of free food and drinks are available for all who attend.

Many of you plan vacations, weekend trips and outings of one kind or another. Why not plan to include this stop in your trip. This makes a great outing for youth groups and senior saints in your church. After the activities, there will be ample time for sightseeing in the Nashville area or an early start home.

Pastors and church members from all over the United States already plan to come to Nashville for this event. Our

home missionaries plan to join the walking and other festivities. There will be plenty of fun, food and fellowship! Come and help the Home Missions Department make this the most successful project ever.

*You Can Make A Difference!*

For more information, call or write:

Home Missions Department  
P.O. Box 1088  
Nashville, TN 37202  
615/361-1010



Walk-A-Thon

### Directory Update

#### GEORGIA

Leonard Ogletree to Tifton First Church, Tifton

Steve Pettit to Ebenezer Church, Glennville

Dwight Fletcher to Piney Grove Church, Bristol

Roger Russell to New Salem Church, Colquitt from Blakely Church, Blakely

#### INDIANA

Ken Murphy to First Church, Chesterfield from Ogeechee Church, Millen, GA

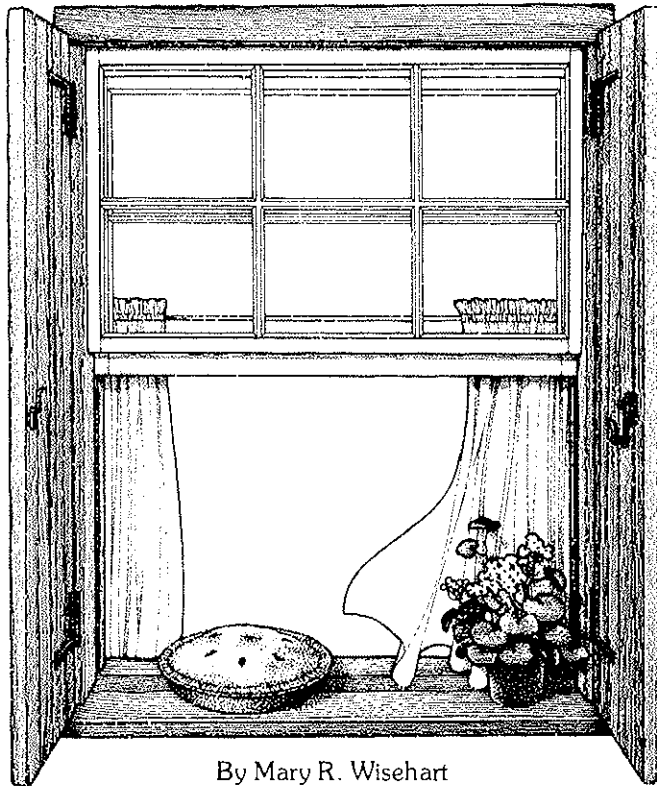
#### MISSISSIPPI

Allen Presley to White Hill Church, Eupora from Benton Harbor Church, Benton Harbor, MI





# Woman's Window on the World



By Mary R. Wisehart

## From My Window

**A**unt Mary, I'm sad because I haven't seen you in such a long time," my 10-year-old friend Nate said. "I can't remember what you look like." I saw him Thursday before I entered the hospital on Friday, and now it was Monday. I tried to explain why 10-year-olds could not come in hospital rooms.

But Nate wanted the reassurance of seeing my face.

I thought about the face of God. The blessing God gave Aaron for His people included, "The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace" (Numbers 6:25-26).

How wonderful to know that His face is turned toward us in love and mercy.

As His child, when His face is hidden from us, we suffer as keenly as the psalmist who wrote: "How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? forever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?"

What about us? Are our faces toward Him? Or are we distracted by the myriad attractions of the world?

Do we eagerly seek His face every day? Is time spent in His presence sufficient to keep His face always before us?

Perhaps we need to cry out with the psalmist: "Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved" (Psalm 80:3).

Our gaze may need to be transferred from the things of this world to "His wonderful face."

Psalm 27:8, "When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek."

## Evelyn Jones Retires

Evelyn Jones, bookkeeper for WNAC since April 1975, retired March 31. Evelyn, a Tennessee native, joins her husband Steve, former history teacher, in retirement at their Ashland City home.

## Sue Hayes Takes Position

In March, Sue Carter Hayes assumed the position of bookkeeper at WNAC. Sue came to Free Will Baptist Bible College from Akron, Ohio. She has worked 14 years for Free Will Baptists, most recently for Master's Men. Sue lives in Nashville with her husband, Mike, and their daughters, Angela Sue and Rachel DeAnne.

## Get Those Reports In

Before the convention in July, the WNAC treasurer and secretary need reports from each state convention, district convention where there is no state, and local auxiliary where there is no district or state organization. WNAC changed its fiscal year to agree with the calendar year. The report for 1986 is complete. Still reports and dues must be in for representation at the National Convention. All secretaries and treasurers, compare reports and see that they agree on number of members and the amount of dues.

Dues to WNAC for each member is \$1.50 per year. Give WNAC district officers' names.

With the secretary's report, WNAC requests each state to report district officers as well as state officers.

When a new auxiliary forms, WNAC sends a free packet of materials and urges the new group to get into the district and state organizations. Lists of district officers will help us with new auxiliaries as well as build a mailing list.

## Please Be Patient

WNAC's computer contributes to keeping the *Co-Laborer* subscriptions list up to date, to billing, making reports, preparing manuscripts and mailing correspondence.

Workers are still learning, however. We beg your indulgence. Please do let us know if you do not receive your *Co-Laborer* magazines, if the number is incorrect or there are other problems.

We are trying hard to correct our errors. Please be patient with us while we learn and forgive us our computer errors.

National Project: Eunice Edwards Fund  
February 28—\$1,395.55.



Herman L. Hersey  
Director



Board of Retirement

# AT YOUR SERVICE

## When Retirement Time Is Approaching

**R**egister with Social Security about three months in advance. It takes about that long to process applications. Your spouse should go with you. Take the documents you need with you; it will save you a return trip. These include your Social Security card and that of your spouse; proof of ages of both of you, preferably birth certificates; your marriage license; a copy of your latest income tax W-2 form (the withholding statement) and your spouse's tax form if both of you are working.

Do you know where these papers are, particularly the birth certificate? If you don't, start earlier than the three months to find them or get copies. If you lack proof of your age, a telephone call to the Social Security office will tell you how to get a copy of your birth certificate from the state or county in which you were born, or will suggest alternatives (a common one is a family Bible with births recorded) that Social Security will accept.

Have a medical checkup while you are still covered by your company's medical program; it might save you \$75 or more. Have your records sent to your own doctor.

Sit down with a personnel or benefits officer of your company to work out exactly what your pension will be—and the options open to you in pension benefits. Plans vary. In some, you can elect to take a lump sum payment and invest it. In most, you can elect to take monthly checks payable only until you die; a surviving spouse is left without pension checks. Or you

can take a lesser amount with payments to continue after the death of the retiree.

If you have savings for retirement in growth and tax-deferred investments, check with your banker or financial advisor about the advisability of changes to other, possibly more desirable plans. Your financial situation changes with your age, employment status and needs.

Check with your insurance agent on whether to convert your coverage to a paid-up policy and save on further premiums. Generally, insurance needs are less in older years when only you and your spouse are likely to be home. You may be over-insured, or covered by a form of insurance not in your best interest.

At the same time, check whether your home is adequately insured; retired, you will have less money available for storm and other damages not fully covered by insurance.

Check whether your auto insurer offers a premium rate for drivers of retirement age who no longer use cars to go to and from work. If your car is more than four years old, check with your agent about dropping collision insurance provisions that might not be worth the cost.

Federal law now requires a formal, written agreement by the spouse if full monthly checks are taken with a cut-off at the retiree's death.

Also check on your options on group medical-hospital insurance, life insurance if it is part of the company benefits package, and accrued vacation or sick leave time (often you can get a lump-sum payment).

And find out how and when pension checks will come to you.

Check with former employers to find out whether you might be due partial pension benefits based on credits accrued when you were employed. Many who retire after working for more than one employer lose money because they neglect to check back on accrued benefits.

While your income is still at maximum, check on whether automobiles and major appliances should be replaced. It's generally a good idea to replace appliances over ten years old. At the same time, consider your basic clothing needs. You might have more time for shopping in retirement but the payments are more easily made while you're working.

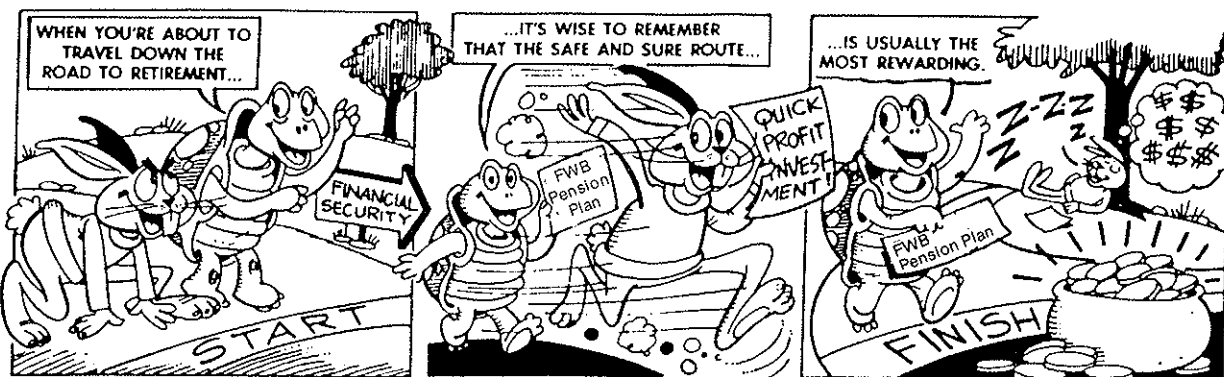
If you plan to take another job, full-time or part-time, after retirement, check with Social Security. It has a pamphlet for you: "You Can Work and Still Get Social Security."

You probably will be solicited for extra medical and hospitalization insurance designed, you'll be told, to supplement Medicare and your continued group insurance. Medicare by itself will not pay all bills but combined with group insurance payments you should have enough coverage.

If you're in doubt, the Health Insurance Institute, 277 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017, has a booklet that will help you. Write for it.

—Ready or Not—

Feel secure along the way...







Free Will Baptist Music Ministries

# Guidelines for New Songs

By Bill Gardner

**N**ew songs! It's amazing to discover the many biblical references that speak of a "new song" to be sung for the Lord. "Sing to him a new song..." (Ps. 33:3); "He hath put a new song in my mouth..." (Ps. 40:3); "I will sing a new song unto thee, O God..." (Ps. 144:9); "Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth..." (Isa. 42:10); "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne..." (Rev. 14:3).

Since God's Word speaks of them there must be a place for new songs to be added to our list of favorite melodies. However there are standards of excellence which must be used to select these new works.

Music can motivate, move and to some degree control us. Music's an effective tool for teaching. Music can be a positive force or a negative pressure.

The Bible demonstrates music's negative potential: When Moses returned from his rendezvous with God (Ex. 32:17-19), he said, "...but the noise of them that sing do I hear." The children of Israel made a golden calf and music and dancing accompanied the worship of this false god. Herod ordered the murder of John the Baptist (Mk. 6:22) after Herodias' daughter danced for him.

The Bible also demonstrates the positive power of music. "And it came to pass, when the evil spirit...was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him" (I Sam. 16:23).

Biblical precepts direct our lives, determine our actions and discipline our reactions. They also help us select songs in praise of God. Consider four biblical principles.

1. *Music must be scriptural.* "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms,

hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16 NIV). It's unnecessary to expand this rule. When a song adds to or takes away from the Word of God, it becomes useless as a vehicle for righteousness.

2. *Music must be separate.* "And be not conformed to this world..." (Rom. 12:2). The NIV says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world." All musical compositions have an intricate pattern. We must avoid using music patterned after the framework of the world. While it may entertain, it cannot convey God's blessing.

3. *Music must be understandable.* "So what shall I do?...I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind [understanding—KJV]" (I Corinthians 14:15 NIV). When the musical statement becomes obscure or distorted it leads to confusion.

4. *Music must be glorifying.* "Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31). The last thing we need is for music or its message to glorify man or his experience above God. Music is too powerful a medium to risk using the kind that sends mixed signals to hearers.

These principles should be implemented in three areas.

1. *The message.* These are themes which fascinate the mind and paint a picture. Here's where the danger resides with the possibility of heresy entering the church. Consider three dangerous teachings today: the charismatic message, the liberal message and the "social gospel."

The charismatic message elevates man above God and experience above faith. The liberal message emphasizes man's works as a means of salvation (humanism). The "social gospel" gives us songs with double meanings. Music must have a sound message, not just good sound.

2. *The musical style.* Musical style is composed of melody, harmony and rhythm. These excite the emotions. Many want Christians to put their music in a setting that the world understands. The idea is to use God's message, but sing it like the world does. Musical style must enhance the text.

3. *The Author.* This person expresses an idea. Please note that most composers are not theologians. While we do allow some latitude, we must still follow basic scriptural principles and guard against unsaved people who try to write godly music.

Music is a matter of taste. We need a medley of melodies to fit these appetites, but it all must fit these positive biblical principles. By doing this we can select new songs with lasting value.



**ABOUT THE WRITER:** Reverend Bill Gardner pastors Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Gardner is a member of the Free Will Baptist Hymn Book Committee.

## Top Shelf



Thomas Marberry



**Garth Bolinder, Tom McKee, and John R. Cionca, *What Every Pastor Needs to Know about Music, Youth and Education* (Waco: Word Books, 1986, 197 pp., hardback, \$11.95)**

**R**ecently, many books and articles have been published on leadership. More people now recognize that good leadership skills are essential to effective pastoral ministry. This book is part of a

continuing series of volumes designed to provide practical help and guidance for those in Christian leadership. All three authors are experienced in this area; they serve or have served as pastors of large churches.

The first five chapters examine the pastor's role in the music ministry of the church. The effective pastor realizes the



## Green Tree Bible Study



Robert E. Picirilli

Matthew 6:5-15 (Part I)

# Model for Prayer

**We** know Mt. 6:9-13 as "The Lord's Prayer," and I have no complaint with that. We repeat—I hope *pray*—it together on many public occasions, and I have no complaint with that either. Even so, don't forget that He gave it as part of His teaching on how to pray. We do well to regard it carefully, and this two-part study is intended for that purpose. This first part deals with the context of the prayer, a context with important lessons for us.

Start with the larger context: this section on prayer is the middle one of three "religious" exercises that Jesus dealt with in one package lesson: (1) almsgiving (vv. 2-4), (2) prayer (vv. 5-15), and (3) fasting (vv. 16-18). All three compare the wrongheaded, self-centered approach of many of the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day with the approach He was teaching.

It is one thing to do such things for the public eye, and quite another to do them out of love and devotion for God. Apparently the entire lesson is an exegesis of 6:1 (literally): "Be careful not to be doing your righteousness before men, in order to be seen by them or else

you will not have reward with your father in heaven."

In the immediate context, the introduction to "The Lord's Prayer," in v. 9, ties the passage on prayer together: "After this manner (Greek *houtos*, in this way) pray ye." This "pray ye" is an imperative verb (Greek *proseuchomai*, the common New Testament word for prayer in general): we are being commanded to pray. Furthermore, it is linear action (Greek present tense) and so means that we are to *be praying*—evidently as part of the regular pattern of our lives. Christians should have the habit of prayer, but prayer must never be mere habit.

Notice the "therefore." This conjunction looks back to vv. 5-8, where Jesus indicated how *not* to pray: not like the hypocrites or the heathen.

The hypocrites pray (vv. 5-6) in such a manner as to get others' attention. They are more concerned about men's regard than the Lord's reward. So they pick public places and pray to parade their piety. Since that is their objective, they get exactly the "reward" they seek: people are impressed. Far better, Jesus

says, to get alone, closed off from others, to pray.

The heathen (vv. 7-8) pray without confidence. We might translate v. 7: "Do not babble like the heathen, for they think that in their verbosity they shall be harkened to." Apparently they think their gods are uninterested and they must work to get their attention, or hard to persuade and must be begged. Jesus corrects that error by reminding us that our heavenly Father knows what we need even before we ask. The obvious point is that we do not have to inform Him or pique His interest. He knows and cares.

One of Jesus' points is obvious: in correcting both the hypocrites and the heathen, He stresses that we pray to our *Father* (vv. 6, 8). Having a sense of that relationship, and of what it implies about God's love and response, makes a difference in how we pray.

All of this, then, the "therefore" says. This model for prayer (in vv. 9-13) will be the kind of prayer we who are neither hypocrites nor heathen should pray. It is the kind of prayer that God's own children can pray when they are move interested in the ear of their heavenly Father than the ears of men.

It is the kind of prayer we can pray when we have a sense of His presence anywhere—in the humble, hidden place as well as in the public service. (One wonders whether people who only pray in church really pray at all.) It is the kind of prayer that we can pray when we are assured that God understands our needs perfectly (even better than we!) and cares about our concerns in perfect love. It is a prayer to be prayed, like all true prayer, in simplicity and confidence.



importance and value of music in worship. He understands that there's more to worship than preaching.

The pastor should lead the church in establishing a philosophy of music which will help guide the music ministry as it grows and develops. The pastor must help develop this statement, then help the congregation understand and appreciate it. Good planning is essential in a successful music program, and the pastor needs to be part of the planning process.

The pastor must establish a good working relationship with musicians whether professionals or volunteers. The musicians must feel that they are

a part of the ministering team.

The musical staff must have room to grow and develop, and the freedom to fail. Yet, the pastor may have to intervene on occasion in order to protect the overall program of the church. Knowing when and how to intervene is one of the most difficult tasks a pastor must face.

The middle portion of the book deals with youth ministry and how the pastor should relate to it. The pastor must encourage, help, show concern, maintain supervision and control. Yet, he cannot do it all. He must use others in developing and implementing the youth program.

Much of the pastor's role will center on recruiting, training and motivating workers. Many youth workers become discouraged and burn out after a short time on the job. The average stay of a youth minister is only 18 months. The authors give many helpful insights in these areas.

The final section of the book examines the area of Christian education. The pastor functions in this area as a supporter, enabler and resource person. He has the responsibility to insure that teachers and other workers are recruited, trained and motivated. The author makes several helpful suggestions or recruiting prospective teachers.





## ON LITTLE LANES

BY DONNA MAYO

# The Perfect Gift

**M**ama, Daddy, guess what!" squealed Megan. "Next Sunday is Mrs. Grace's birthday, and our Sunday School class is going to see her in the nursing home."

"Yeah," said Marty, "we're going to have a party for her—cake, ice cream, presents, balloons and everything."

"Sounds terrific," agreed Mr. Lane as he drove his family home from church. Mrs. Grace had once been an active member in their church, but for several years had been confined to a wheelchair in the Pinemont Nursing Home.

"That dear lady," said Mrs. Lane shaking her head as she remembered the old saint with fondness. "She must be 85 or 86 by now."

"She's going to be 90!" cried Marty excitedly. "Can you believe it?"

Throughout the week the twins did extra chores around the house to earn money so they could buy Mrs. Grace a birthday present. All week they talked about what to buy her. "She'll probably get lots of bubble bath, perfume and stuff like that," said Megan. "I want to get her something different, something really special. But what?"

Mrs. Lane took the children shopping Friday. "Mom, do you think Mrs. Grace would like a tape to listen to?" asked Marty. "Maybe some hymns or something?"

"That's a great idea, Son," said Mrs. Lane. "I'm sure she would like it." So Marty, with a little help from his mother, chose a tape with several of the older, best-loved hymns on it.

"Now, Megan, what are you going to buy?" asked Mrs. Lane.

"I can't decide," said Megan. "Nothing seems just right."

"Me tired," complained little Jeff. "Wanna go home."

"Megan, we've searched the whole store," said Marty. "Didn't you see anything you like?"

"Let's run over to the fabric for a minute," said Mrs. Lane. "I need some buttons for Jeff's sweater. Megan, you be thinking while we're there."

**T**he Lanes made their way to the fabric department. Mrs. Lane looked at the buttons, trying to find some to match the ones on Jeff's sweater, while Megan browsed through the fabric. A heavy piece of broadcloth caught her eye. It was covered with farm scenes—barns, streams, covered bridges, corn fields, and even cows. It was mostly green, brown and white, but the barns were bright red.

"This is it!" cried Megan triumphantly. "This is what I want to buy Mrs. Grace."

Mrs. Lane came over from the buttons.

"Megan, are you sure?" She looked skeptically at the piece of material. "Isn't this a little, uh, what's the word I'm looking for?"

"Ugly," supplied Marty.

Even though Mrs. Lane agreed, she didn't want to hurt Megan's feelings. "Isn't it a little loud?" she asked meekly.

"Megan, you're crazy," said Marty. "What's Mrs. Grace going to do with a piece of material anyway? She can't see good enough to sew anymore."

"I don't know," said Megan with determination. "But this is what I want to get her. I prayed that Jesus would help me find the perfect gift, and this is it."

Mrs. Lane couldn't argue with that.

"Me like it," said Jeff taking Megan's hand as the Lanes walked out of the store with their purchases. "Me like moo cows."

**S**unday came and the last "amen" was finally said. Marty and Megan's class picnicked on the church yard. Then they loaded into the church van and drove to Pinemont Nursing Home.

The children entered Mrs. Grace's room carrying a huge cake with ninety glowing candles and singing, "Happy Birthday to You." And before Mrs. Grace could catch her breath, they had taped up crepe paper and balloons. After eating cake and ice cream, the children presented a program of songs, poems and memory verses.

Then it was time to open presents. The children gathered around and watched Mrs. Grace open all her gifts. The twins had been right in their predictions—she did get quite an assortment of bath oil, powder and perfume. A lovely blue nightgown was the Sunday School teacher's gift, and Marty's tape pleased her.

Megan was beginning to have doubts about her present. "What made me buy that old piece of material anyway?" she sighed to herself. "Mrs. Grace will hate it." But since it was the only one left, Megan reluctantly handed her gift to Mrs. Grace.

Mrs. Grace's gnarled fingers fumbled



with the wrapping paper. She opened the box and gasped when she saw the fabric. She eagerly lifted it out and let it unfold revealing all the bright colors of the farm scene. Tears filled Mrs. Grace's eyes and spilled down her wrinkled cheeks.

"Dear, dear, me," she said sobbing.

By now Megan was crying too. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Grace, I didn't mean to make you sad with that ugly old cloth."

"How dare you call it ugly, child. I love it. You young-uns just don't know how lonesome a body gets in this place. Just today I was missing home so bad. I asked the good Lord, please, if it's not too much, give me a glimpse of home, what it used to like when my Zeb was here and we were young and healthy and able to work. And this is the answer to my prayer. This reminds me of home. Megan, thank you. Thank you so much."

Marty scratched his head. He still couldn't believe that Mrs. Grace actually liked the material. "But what are you going to do with it?" he finally blurted.

"Well," said Mrs. Grace, "I've been in need of a new lap cover." She removed an old, worn quilt from her lap and replaced it with the new material. "These old legs get pretty cold sitting in a wheelchair all the time. Now wherever I go I'll be able to look down and see the old farm that Zeb and I loved so dearly."



## OUR READERS COMMENT

### A HIT IN FRANCE!

I confess! I'm an adult with no children who reads (and enjoys) "On Little Lanes."

I wonder if there are some other softies out there willing to 'fess up? Come on, all you macho-men, let's thank the Lord for the gifts He has given to women like Donna Mayo.

Thanks also to the FWBBC Alumni Association which makes Contact available to us missionaries.

Tom McCullough, Missionary  
France



## Thank You For Your Contributions...



## Cooperative Channel Contributions February 1987

### RECEIPTS:

State	Design.	COOP (Undesignated)	Total	Feb. '86	Yr. to Date
Alabama	\$ 277.52	\$ 47.50	\$ 325.02	\$ 1,066.29	\$ 536.30
Arizona	.00	.00	.00	29.65	.00
Arkansas	.00	5,595.39	5,595.39	7,122.45	9,893.83
California	.00	1,020.08	1,020.08	972.95	1,936.40
Florida	.00	2,744.95	2,744.95	2,223.72	6,026.08
Georgia	8,197.48	685.50	8,882.98	3,601.60	22,472.57
Illinois	8,042.66	1,642.36	9,685.02	7,648.74	15,028.21
Indiana	347.03	.00	347.03	445.15	900.37
Kansas	.00	34.07	34.07	82.98	77.87
Kentucky	36.41	373.80	410.21	185.00	664.29
Maryland	.00	569.58	569.58	.00	569.58
Michigan	4,918.46	2,045.33	6,963.79	6,997.67	12,773.33
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Texas	10,862.45	696.37	11,558.82	17,288.99	18,177.47
Virginia	284.00	10.00	294.00	110.00	1,382.06
West Virginia	2,105.54	118.06	2,223.60	2,889.73	6,787.05
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$85,644.42</b>	<b>\$23,746.95</b>	<b>\$109,391.37</b>	<b>\$127,730.46</b>	<b>\$222,983.85</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Office	\$ 3,393.49	\$14,388.58	\$ 17,782.07	\$14,786.94	\$ 34,698.74
Foreign Missions	51,623.09	2,152.40	53,775.49	68,836.20	112,998.33
FWBCC	7,004.89	2,152.40	9,157.29	9,255.52	15,980.77
Home Missions	18,736.98	1,684.60	20,421.58	22,196.45	41,906.49
Retirement & Insurance	40.44	1,310.24	1,350.68	4,315.90	4,171.98
Master's Men	438.52	1,216.65	1,655.17	3,833.42	4,320.68
Commission for Theo.					
Integrity	96.18	93.53	189.71	313.98	409.11
FWB Foundation	508.95	561.49	1,070.44	1,760.29	2,471.97
Historical Commission	98.77	93.53	192.30	311.78	414.38
Radio & TV Commission	285.20	93.53	378.73	341.78	630.81
Hillsdale FWB College	3,355.98	.00	3,355.98	1,665.55	4,862.28
Other	61.93	.00	61.93	112.65	118.31
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# TEEN Scene

## Introducing Truth and Peace '87

The Youth Leadership Conferences, Truth and Peace, promise to be better than ever this year. Over 150 teens from the 10th through 12th grades applied for the conference. Fifty of those, 25 young women and 25 young men were selected to participate in the conference. The conference begins July 6 and continues through National Youth Conference activities in Birmingham, Alabama.

This year's Truth and Peace participants come from 15 states. They include 29 seniors, 16 juniors and five sophomores.

The overall conference theme is "Relationships." The three-week conference features three sections. The first week meets at Happy Hills Camp in Clarksville, Tenn. The emphasis here will be on the individual's relationship with God.

The second week, at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, centers on the teen's relationship with himself. The final week, which centers around relationships with others meets at the National Youth Conference in Birmingham.

Throughout the conference teens will share in local church worship services, attend seminars with denominational personalities, and train to direct portions of the National Youth Conference. The group will also rehearse to present a missions oriented drama/music program at the Wednesday evening youth service.

## 1987 Truth and Peace Participants

Brian Alligood—Homerville, Georgia  
Troy Arnoldi—South Roxana, Illinois  
Zena Ballard—Jenks, Oklahoma  
Alicia Bess—Jenks, Oklahoma  
Janet Canode—Hamden, Ohio  
Darlene Carter—Vernon, Alabama  
Pete Chatterton—Huntington, West Virginia  
Alisa Clyatt—Benton, Illinois  
Angie Cope—Bryan, Texas  
Laura Deramo—Talala, Oklahoma  
Dawn Dodson—Nashville, Tennessee  
Darlene Dove—Cleveland, Ohio  
Rhonda Edwards—Cameron, Oklahoma  
Traci Epps—Locust Grove, Oklahoma  
Sonya Gott—Glasgow, Kentucky



Chris Hackworth—Saint Peters, Missouri  
Barry Harris—Muscle Shoals, Alabama  
Jim Harris—Rowlett, Texas  
Kevin Hester—Russellville, Alabama  
Nick Hollis II—Searcy, Arkansas  
Tom James—Cable, Ohio  
Rina Jones—Andrews, South Carolina  
Steve Jones—Bryan, Texas  
Leah Kirkpatrick—Arkadelphia, Arkansas  
Melissa Konopinski—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Dan Lake—Elkhart, Indiana  
Kelli Lauthern—Nashville, Tennessee  
Cheryl McCollough—Neosho, Missouri  
Amy Messer—Antioch, Tennessee  
Dana Moody—Saint Peters, Missouri  
Susie Moore—Albany, Georgia  
Tonia Nabors—Jacksonville, Arkansas  
Lee Nix—Bryan, Texas  
Bruce Parker—Pacific, Missouri  
Garret Payne—Ina, Illinois  
Darren Portell—Wood River, Illinois  
Brad Savage—Fort Smith, Arkansas  
Kevin Scott—Bridgeton, Missouri  
Elizabeth Sizemore—Dayton, Ohio  
Craig Smith—Tecumseh, Oklahoma  
Sonya Smith—Chester, South Carolina  
Keath Storm—Grand Prairie, Texas  
Steve Suttles—Swannanoa, North Carolina  
Kevin Taylor—Glasgow, Kentucky  
Ryan Vallance—Huntington, West Virginia  
Faith VanWinkle—Fulton, Mississippi  
David Walls—St. Louis, Missouri  
Kreston Welch—Greenville, North Carolina  
Merinda White—Cordova, Alabama  
Brad Williams—Antioch, Tennessee



Especially  
For Young  
Preachers

## Some Proverbs for the Young Preacher

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: to understand a proverb, and the interpretation..." (Proverbs 1:5-6).

1. Pay debts. "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it" (3:27).
2. Be faithful to your own wife. "Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well...rejoice with the wife of thy youth..." (5:15-23).
3. Don't be lazy. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (6:6-8).
4. Fear God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding" (9:10).
5. Be careful what you say. "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life..." (13:3).
6. Be careful of pride. "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (16:18).
7. Don't be a glutton. "...and put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite" (23:2).
8. Be a good pastor. "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herd" (27:23).
9. Be friendly. "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly" (18:18).
10. Be industrious. "He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread..." (28:19).
11. Exercise self-discipline. "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls" (25:28).
12. Confess sins. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (28:13).

Next Month: Pray for Missionaries

*Dennis Wiggs*





## NEWS OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

### TEXTBOOK PUBLISHER PLEDGES TO BE FAIR TO CHRISTIANITY

RIVER FOREST, IL (EP)—Laidlaw Educational Publishers, which produces children's school books, promised to give fair treatment of Christianity in its texts, according to the National Federation for Decency's NFD Journal. That publication quoted a letter sent by Laidlaw CEO Herbert R. Adams to a parent who wrote to ask why Christianity failed to be mentioned as a force in the nation's development.

"Please be assured that Laidlaw Educational Publishers, the textbooks division of Doubleday Publishing Company, is currently working on the textbooks we will be publishing with the intention of putting the proper emphasis on religion, especially in our social studies textbooks for elementary and secondary-school students," said Adams' letter.

"You have my personal promise," continued Adams, "that there will be significant changes in the way Laidlaw covers the religious aspect of American life. You should know that I agree with those who have proclaimed that religion has been virtually left out of recent school books. We will change that."

### BOOK-LENDING CAN BE EVANGELISTIC METHOD

GRAZ, Austria (EP)—The act of lending a Christian book to a non-Christian can be an effective method of evangelism, according to Devere Curtiss, an American now in his second term as a church planter with the Greater Europe Mission.

"Lending books is the best method I have found so far in evangelizing among skeptical, sophisticated Europeans," he explains. "Lending books gives an air of legitimacy to my activities, especially among those who are not yet prepared to hear a direct presentation of the gospel."

He points out that it is a non-threatening approach. "Lending books is a gentle way to evangelize. It's fascinating to watch barriers of distrust break down as you describe a book to a first-timer. Later you pick up that book, discuss it and they take a new one. As you stay in touch with the person and they begin to trust you, you can explain the gospel to them."

He concludes, "The beauty of lending books is that almost anyone can do it. It threatens neither the lender nor the receiver, and it can be an effective first step toward salvation."

### THE BIBLE IS 'STRANGE BOOK' FOR MOST WEST GERMANS

STUTTGART, W. Germany (EP)—General knowledge of the Bible is continuously decreasing, especially among West German youth, according to a report presented to the Protestant Youth Association at its annual meeting. In a study, only five percent of Protestant youngsters were found to regard "acquaintance with the Bible" as "indispensable" for a Christian.

The report noted, however, that people in the 14-20 year-old age bracket showed a "surprisingly positive" attitude toward the Bible.

In his keynote address theologian Gerhard Ruhbach said that for most West Germany the Bible had become a "strange book." Even students of theology revealed a "horrendous ignorance," he said. Ruhbach encouraged young Christians to read the Bible regularly, and said this would lead to a "deepening of their faith." He also criticized reading the Bible selectively as if it were a "watchword or a slogan," and neglecting its context.

### VIETNAMESE FREEDOM FIGHTERS RESETTLE IN U.S.A.

CHARLOTTE, NC (EP)—Eleven years of jungle isolation in southern Vietnam ended for 212 Dega tribespeople. Their flight for freedom culminated last November in Greensboro, North Carolina. The families are sponsored by 34 different organizations, and resettled in Charlotte, Greensboro, and Raleigh.

Many of the refugees are Christians as a result of Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA) missions work in Vietnam. Dega leader Rmah Dock said, "We are few and unknown to the world, but God has made it possible for us to come to the United States. We thank God for having pity on us and promise to try to show ourselves worthy."

The CMA is heavily involved in their resettlement. CMA missionaries familiar with the language and culture of the Dega people are assisting with the relocation.

CMA missions work among the Dega (also known as Montagnard tribespeople) began in 1927, when missionaries were sent to work in the mountains of southern Vietnam with the Koho tribespeople. Revival spread to neighboring tribes; thousands turned from animism to Jesus Christ.

After the Communist takeover in 1975, foreigners were evacuated from Vietnam, including CMA missionaries. The North Vietnamese imprisoned 25-40,000 people they identified as resistance fighters, and some 2,000 mountain warriors hid in the jungles, with the objective of preserving their cultural identity. In 1984 the Dega Highland Liberation Front put down their arms, and 212 of them fled as refugees across Cambodia to Thailand. Of the refugees, 155 were believers from Alliance churches in southern Vietnam.

"Their desire is to have their own Dega church," explained Betty Mitchell, a CMA missionary who was held captive by the North Vietnamese. "We want to help them continue to worship the Lord [as they did in Vietnam]." Mitchell said the Dega reported that the church has grown under persecution. "Christians who were persecuted stayed true to their faith. When people saw that, they became interested [in the gospel]."

### POLL SAYS 90 PERCENT OF AMERICANS BELIEVE IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (EP)—About nine in 10 American adults believe in God or a universal spirit and three-quarters of all adults believe God has a plan for their lives even if they don't know what it is yet, according to a Gallup survey commissioned by the Christian Broadcasting Network.

The study showed that 94 percent of the people surveyed believe in God or a universal spirit. Most of those believe God is a personal God. Of those surveyed, 84 percent said "God is a heavenly Father who watches over us and can be reached by our prayers." About 74 percent of all American adults believe God has a plan for their lives. That figure rises to 87 percent among those who see God as a heavenly Father. More than two-thirds (69 percent) of all people in America believe that at some time in their lives God has led or guided them in making a decision, according to the survey.

About three in 10 adults (31 percent) said they were born-again or evangelical Christians. The survey shows that there are significant numbers of evangelicals in many walks of life, but that those people are more likely to live in the South (44 percent) or Midwest (32 percent), and be black (42 percent) or Hispanic (38 percent). They are also more likely to have less than a high school education or to have earned a high school diploma (37 percent and 38 percent, respectively), to earn under \$25,000 a year (36 percent), to identify with the Republican Party (37 percent) and to be Protestant (44 percent).

Persons identifying themselves as born-again Christians are least likely to be found among residents in the East or West (26 and 23 percent, respectively), college students or college graduates (26 percent and 23 percent, respectively), political independents (26 percent), and Catholics (14 percent).

Pollster George Gallup Jr. suggested that the poll indicates that there may be little point in attacking or ridiculing a political candidate (such as Pat Robertson) on the ground that he says he is being guided by God, since many Americans have felt the same divine guidance. "The public understands when a leader says God has spoken to him or guided him to take a specific course of action," said Gallup.

### ISRAEL TO SEARCH CLERGY CARS CROSSING BORDER

JERUSALEM, Israel (EP)—The government informed leading Christian clergymen, who previously drove to and from Jordan without interference, that their cars will be stopped at the border for "security checks," according to the *Jerusalem Post*.

The order created a wave of indignation in church circles. One church figure called the order "intolerable political interference in the working of the churches." Another predicted that leading clergymen will not allow their cars to be searched.

A government official said security forces determined that "even if a churchman was completely innocent," others could use his car to transport "considerable amounts" of materials.





## THE SECRETARY SPEAKS

By Melvin Worthington

# Set On the Shelf



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
Free Will Baptists

**T**he older adult population continues to grow at a phenomenal rate. By the year 2000 older adults will constitute 25 percent of America's population.

The church must address this age group and gear up to meet their needs. We dare not neglect the vast older adult reservoir and set productive people on a shelf.

Unrealistic emphasis on youth causes depreciation of the elderly. This emphasis distorts God's plan for the aged and leaves them without real meaning in life.

The church rejects ideas that call for removal of the old from places of responsibility and service. We disagree with those who claim that older adults are too set in their ways to change. We believe that older adults can develop a life of meaning and usefulness.

The Bible points to old age as a time of fruitfulness (Psalm 92:12), when men serve as fatherly models (Titus 2), when older women teach younger women (Titus 2).

### The Problems

*Insensitivity.* We dote on the young and beautiful, while disregarding older adults. They are misunderstood and misrepresented. Sadly, the church has not been immune to such attitudes.

*Ignorance.* Myths abound regarding the elderly: incapable of making a meaningful contribution, decline in intellectual ability, uninterested in sex,

### Secretary's Schedule

<b>May 3</b>	Urbana FWB Church Urbana, Ohio
<b>May 4-8</b>	Central Ohio Quarterly Meeting
<b>May 11-13</b>	Consultation on Congregationalism Chicago, Ill.
<b>May 15-16</b>	Northwest Association
<b>May 17</b>	Victory FWB Church East Wenatchee, Wash.
<b>May 22-23</b>	Idaho District Association Airport Road FWB Church Twin Falls, Idaho
<b>May 26-29</b>	Convention Planning Trip Birmingham, Ala.
<b>May 31- June 1</b>	RCMA Board Meeting Rochester, N.Y.

all alike, unable to learn or grow, die soon after retirement.

Many ignore older adults. Years ago a popular saying advised, "Never trust anyone over 30." How tragic. This contradicts God's commandment, "Honor thy father and mother."

*Identification.* Just who is an older adult? Retirees come in all ages. Athletes retire at 30, businessmen at 60. Older adults are basically free from the responsibility of making a living, ready to embark on a second career.

### The Perceptions

Perceive older adults as people with unique physical needs. Their physical strength often diminishes and they're unable to do all they did in younger days. Senior years bring specialized needs.

Older adults must cope with loss of a mate, boredom and the feeling of uselessness. But remember, older adults don't lose their intelligence or ability to reason. They exchange speed for experience.

Older adults are closer to death; eternal matters weigh heavily on their minds. They anticipate dying and want to know how to make preparation for it.

Some older adults live on fixed incomes with barely enough to exist. Others are financially independent.

### The Principles

The Bible speaks on this matter. The older adult is a person of value. God created man in His own image, with value at any age. God loves older adults as much as youth.

Older adults have resources: wealth, wisdom, talent, time, testimony and trust. Their potential is unlimited.

Older adults have a future. The Bible records aged saints anticipating their homegoing. Death did not frighten them, for they trusted God. Older adults respond to the Christian message as they get nearer home.

Any older adult program must be balanced with worship, fellowship, continued growth, knowledge, ministry opportunities, leisure activity and physical fitness. Older adults deserve respect and dignity from the church.

The world's best armies fill their ranks with veterans. God's army reserves an honored place for the old soldiers of the cross.



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