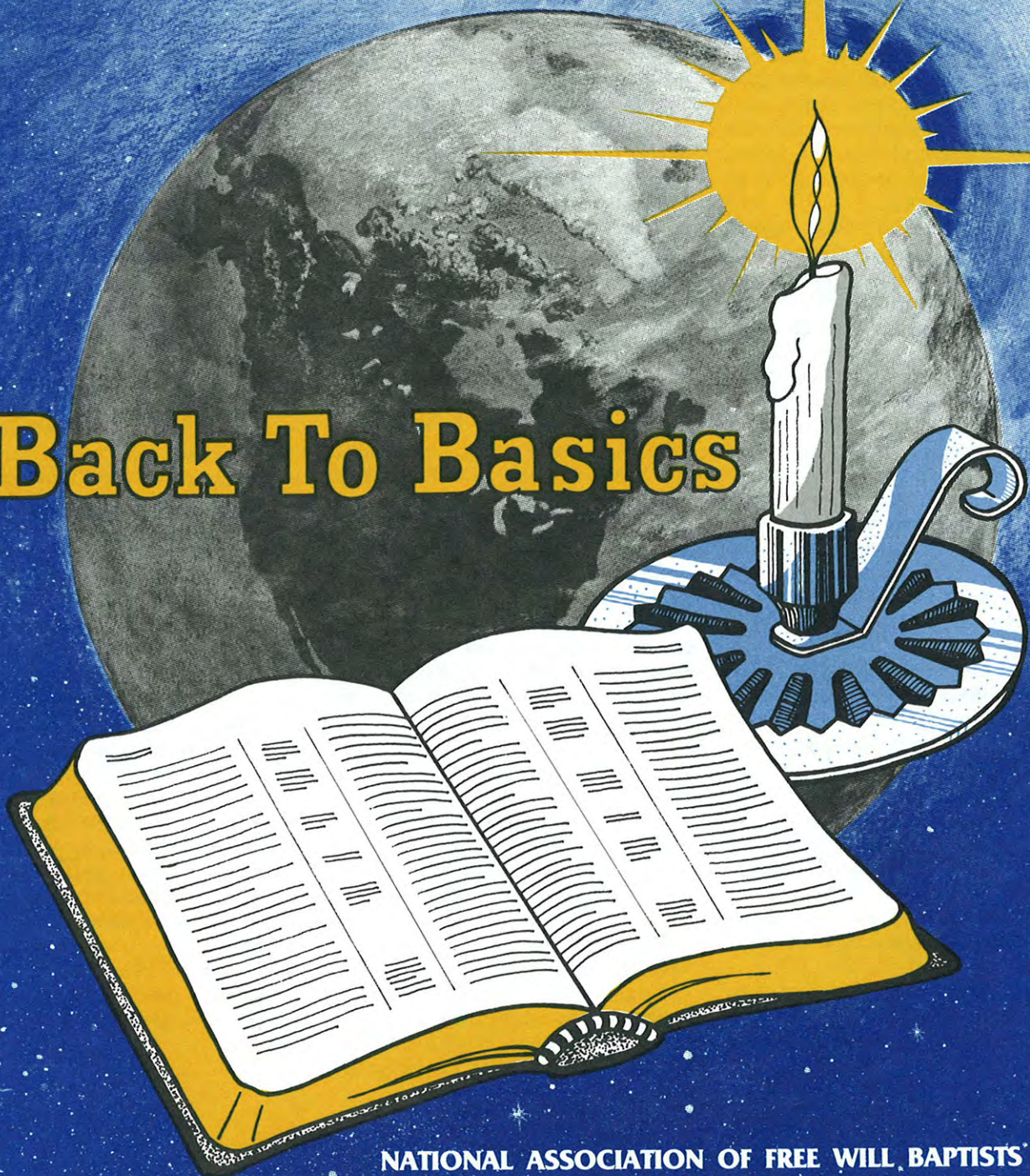


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**This timeless letter was written 11 years ago
by a father whose only son was soon to marry.**

Dear Son ...

Only a few days remain until you take on one of life's greatest privileges and responsibilities, getting married. As a father, I wanted to write a few thoughts to pass on to you. I've probably said most of them to you, but it won't hurt to repeat them.

You have a lot going for you—a keen mind, a happy outlook and confidence in your own ability. You know how to work. You have accepted Christ and learned to evaluate life's priorities through Him. You are clean habited, untarnished by the sordid side of life.

You have chosen a sweet, lovely girl. She is a Christian and loves you very much. She respects your abilities and looks to you as a man. You need to guard that love and confidence with all you have. Keep communication lines open with her. Be honest with her at all times. Let her know your thoughts, even the bad, mean things that face you. After all, you two are one after marriage.

Fear of being henpecked ought never cross your mind. You have been in the driver's seat through courtship. You will confidently assume the correct relationship in marriage.

She will be your partner, not a burden to carry. She will want to feel that she is contributing, too, so share your needs with her. Share them confident that there is an answer, not fearful that you are inadequate to meet them. Whining or running scared will rob you both of happiness.

Think. Plan ahead. Work that plan.

Don't wait until it's too late to do your job. Plan your work so that you are in control, rather than it controlling you. This will give you free time. You have not had an example of this from me, but, believe me, it is important.

Money is not the answer to everything, but it will be important. Learn to control your desires—plan your expenditures; be realistic, and you will have plenty. God should have first place in your money. Make sure that you give to Him with a joyful heart. I do not feel that you will have a problem being generous with Him and with others.

Make sure your wife has some extra money she can spend as her own. Encourage her to get little things like hair styling, extra trinkets, plants—things that will help her feel free.

As for your attention to other women—be courteous, be thoughtful, but let them know by your behavior that you belong to your wife. Be satisfied with your wife's body. She will have everything any other woman has for you. Make up your mind now that there is not another who can match her appearance or performance. Be happy with what you have. Then, when you reach my age, you will know what a treasure you have had at all times. This has been a growing thrill with me through the years with your mother.

You are the spiritual head of your family. Make sure you plan devotions together and maintain service for Christ at all times. You have received much from the Lord and will be required much. Stay in an active, soul-winning church. Reach out to lost people. Your dad has not been the best example there, but we have been faithful in the congregation.

Be sure you are happy in your work. Look forward to each day as a challenge and an opportunity. Enjoy living! Take some time for recreation, but be moderate in it.

Be hospitable. Enjoy friends; work to keep them. They are important.

I've enjoyed our relationship as father and son. You have been the *best*. You are grown and on your own. I shall do my best to stay out of your planning and decision making from here on. You and your wife must make the decisions. I shall be happy to help when asked, but I will not volunteer interference. I do not have much money, but I will help you if I can. I have a good name and good credit.

You must come to me man to man now, because I will be trying to stay out of your business affairs. As soon as we can, we will separate our business obligations such as car titles, insurance, house papers and the rest. I know this is what you want and I will be happy to do it.

Do not interpret this as an ultimatum declaring that I am dropping you, period. Rather, understand it as my recognition of your declaration of independence. Hopefully, we can maintain the relationship we have had through your years. There were many things we wanted to do together but never got to do. Still, we have had a good life and made the most of it. I'll not get sentimental, but let me assure you that I've enjoyed you every minute of your life.

Now, Son, go with the confidence that Dad and Mother love you, believe in you and count on you. Go—knowing that God has been and will be with you. Go—with anticipation of the best coming your way because you are His servant and friend. Go—feeling equal and adequate to meet all challenges life has for you. Go—with our blessings!

*Love always,
Dad*

ABOUT THE ARTICLE: The late Reverend Paul J. Ketteman wrote this letter to his son, Greg, on May 4, 1977. Greg and Jill Ketteman now live

in Nashville, Tennessee, and attend Cross Timbers Free Will Baptist Church. Reverend Paul Ketteman died May 21, 1987.

12 Ways to Communicate in Marriage

By Floyd Wolfenbarger

Several times in marital counseling I have observed that the real problem is not love or commitment, but communication. Here are some rules that I have passed on to many couples:

1. When there are problems, each must admit that he/she is part of the problem (Genesis 8:8-19; Proverbs 20:6).

2. Each person must be willing to change (John 5:6; Matthew 5:23-26).

3. Avoid the use of emotionally charged words ("You don't really love me" or "I don't care about you any more").

4. Be responsible for your own emotions, actions and behavior (Galatians 6:5; James 1:13-15).

5. Refrain from reruns of old arguments (Ephesians 4:26).

6. Deal with one problem at a time. Solve one and then move on to the

next. Don't allow the issues to be clouded with phrases that begin, "And another thing . . . !"

7. Deal in the present, not the past (Philippians 3:12-14; Jeremiah 31:34).

8. Major on the positive instead of the negative (Philippians 4:8).

9. Learn to communicate in non-verbal ways. Don't just say "I love you," express it by touch or by your actions.

10. Express your thoughts and concerns. Listen, understand and respond. He/she may be expressing a desperate need for respect or affection.

11. Practice the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12). Would you expect him/her to: Tell you the truth? Ask your opinion? Be thankful to you? Help in time of need? Then do the same.

12. Pray for one another. God is interested in strengthening your marriage.



Top Shelf



Larry Hampton

Sue Winget, *Patience . . . Miracle in Progress* (Nashville: Randall House Publications, 1988, 138 pp., paperback, \$5.95).

Sunday, June 17, Father's Day. Sue Winget was at home alone getting ready for church when she noticed a "cloudy film" covering her eyes. At first she thought nothing of it. When her eyes failed to clear up, she knew it would be impossible to drive herself to church. She called a friend who picked her up and took her to church.

By the time Sue arrived, her vision was so bad she didn't recognize her own daughter. Her husband promptly took her home. He called the doctor who ordered Sue to bed for the day. The doctor instructed Sue to call him Monday if her vision had not improved. Her vision was no better on Monday. The doctor told her to come to his office. By the time Sue arrived at the doctor's office, she had additional symptoms. She was nauseated and her head

ached. After examining Sue, the doctor admitted her to the hospital for tests. A short time later, Sue was diagnosed as having Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

That was four years ago. *Patience . . . Miracle in Progress* is the account of Mrs. Winget's life since that terrifying experience.

Mrs. Winget writes poignantly of the pain of physical separation, stress and alienation from her children. However, if you think this book is the lament of one with a dread disease, you are mistaken. It is the triumphant personal testimony of one who found that God's grace really is sufficient. You will read and rejoice as Mrs. Winget shares how a strong faith, prayer, dependence upon Bible promises, and faithful friends enabled her to claim a miracle in progress.

Sue Winget is a pastor's wife. She and her husband Dr. Gary Lee Winget live in Dodge City, Kansas. They have three children.

Patience . . . Miracle in Progress may be ordered from Randall House Publications, P. O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217.



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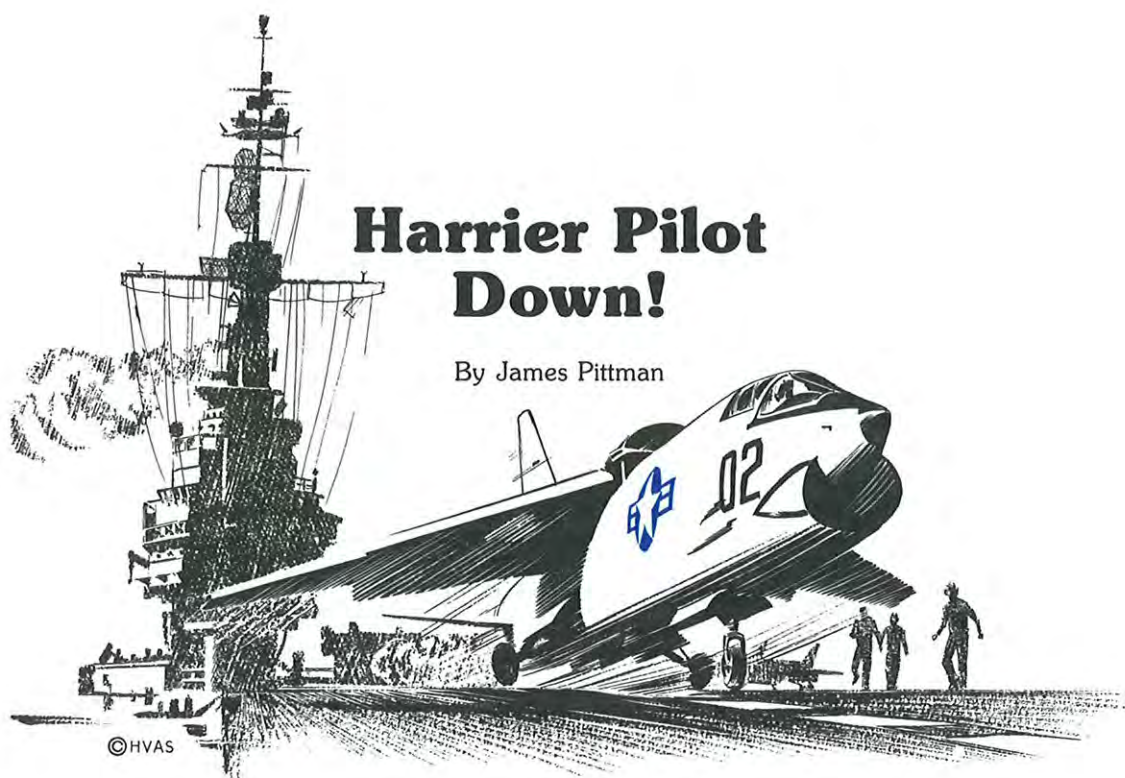
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Harrier Pilot Down!

By James Pittman

Let me introduce Art (short for Arthur). Just 28 years old, college graduate, U.S. Marine officer and Harrier pilot. Art could have been from almost Anywhere, U.S.A. Medium height, blond hair and blue eyes, a soft-spoken southern boy. He was part of an elite group, one of the best of the best pilots. His wife Sharmon was a pretty New Yorker.

I first met Art and Sharmon in October 1986. They were members of another church in Havelock, but they had some serious problems. Besides marital problems there were definite spiritual problems. They were referred to me by a friend and came for counseling. In time they began to deal with their marriage problems and considered the claims of Jesus Christ on their lives.

Finally, in early February 1988, Art, Sharmon and I knelt in the auditorium of our mission church and prayed. They asked God for forgiveness of all sin and invited Christ to take charge of their lives. Both confidently affirmed that they had assurance of salvation.

Last week Sharmon stopped by the church and joyfully shared with me the difference in their lives.

Yesterday I answered my telephone. It was Sharmon. Art's plane had gone down. They were searching the area. The other pilots did not see him eject. They watched for about 40 seconds as

his plane nosed down and hit the water. He may have blacked out but no one really knows what happened.

As I talked with Sharmon and tried to comfort her, I was so glad I'd had the opportunity to share the good news that Jesus Christ saves and that His grace can meet our every need.

Today I wait by my telephone. My wife and I saw Sharmon this morning and we met their families. All hope has faded for Art's survival but I still pray. In my heart I know Art is in God's hands. Yet, I want so much a miracle that will find him safe. But the miracle came before Art went down and I realize that he really is safe.

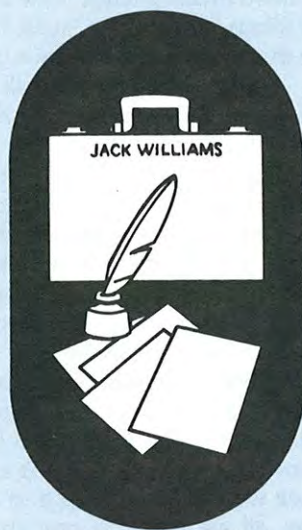
Thank God for letting us be here to love and win Art and Sharmon. Thank the dear people who prayed and gave so we could be here. Art and Sharmon were worth every sacrifice that has been made.

We mourn now but I know we will see Art again. We had become such good friends. He was loved by so many. We'll miss you, Art. But thanks to the grace of God and to folks that made it possible for us to be here, Art still lives!



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Briefcase



Twenty-four years ago I became a father, the most frightening day of my life. True, I don't know as much about fathering today as I thought I knew in 1964. But I've studied fathers for 45 years, mine and others. Here's what I learned. . . .

Fathers make noise early in the morning while everybody else is sleeping. Noisy fathers alert the family that all's well with the world. Nobody begrudges dads their early morning racket.

They try to be quiet, yet even when they tiptoe fathers sound like wounded water buffalos prowling the hall closet for a towel. Still, it's happy noise. It's smile-and-pull-the-covers-over-your-ears noise, because you can still sleep half an hour.

Fathers walk with you in the darkness and chase away secret fears. They aren't afraid when the lights go out. They don't mind stepping into spooky basements where terrible monsters lurk under the stairs. A father's voice punches holes in the darkness and gives you courage.

Fathers know about good timing. They know when to look away so they won't see tough boys cry. They'll leave you a big yard to mow, then return with a glass of water six seconds before you collapse.

Sometimes a father pretends he didn't see you with your girlfriend when you suspect he really did. There's something magical about dads. At times,

you'd almost think they used to be boys themselves.

Fathers grow tall. They can pull cereal boxes from the top shelf or rescue a red kite from hungry trees. They remember to put the cookie jar where an 8-year-old can reach it. They're so tall that when you sit on their shoulders, you see a new world. Yet short enough that when they stoop, you can look into their penetrating eyes.

Fathers are strong. They can lift the heaviest 5-year-old and toss him in the air. They move furniture on Saturday mornings and change flat tires in the rain. They stack large boxes in the garage and shove wheelbarrows around the front yard.

They shoulder big financial loads. They also push aside disappointments and chip away at depression. They hold heavy conversations with confused boys and girls.

Fathers are smart. Mind you, that's only true when a boy's between 2 and 10. Nobody can explain it, but fathers turn mysteriously un-smart when boys become teenagers. Then just as mysteriously they regain their intelligence when boys reach their mid-20's. Nobody understands this.

Fathers are smart enough to fix things that break. Like a good Barlow knife, a sling shot, a hand-made hickory bow or a chair with one short leg. Sometimes, fathers can heal broken hearts. Sometimes they can't. But they always try.

Fathers smile a lot. Maybe that's because they get embarrassed when conversations turn to certain subjects. On the other hand, fathers also smile at crayon pictures drawn by 3-year-old artists. And at dirty-faced boys who crawl from under the front porch. They smile at fat puppies tumbling in the Bermuda grass and at barefooted boys jumping over Mom's petunias.

Sometimes fathers disappear. When a daughter goes shopping for her first you-know-what, her father's usually off by himself trying to figure out how his little girl became a young woman overnight.

Fathers find places to go when

mothers start spring cleaning. They never understand why women throw out perfectly good socks with only one hole in the toe, or a brown corduroy jacket barely 17 years old and maybe a smidgen worn on the cuffs and elbows.

Fathers are the invisible glue that holds families together. They work the side lines in family life—leaving early to put in 10 to 12 hours on the job, reappearing for a few hours at night and then gone again by sunrise.

Some people complain that fathers aren't home enough. But they're there to pay the bills, repair the gate, plant the garden, trim the hedges, clean the gutters, endure the piano lessons and buy new shoes for growing feet. When something goes wrong, everybody always knows where to find Dad.

Mom spends more quality time with the kids. Grandma and Grandpa spoil those same kids. Yet, fathers continue their invisible ways, providing food and shelter and security. It's only when a father dies or runs away that his true value can be measured. Then it's too late, of course.

Fathers are just there. They're the bridges in life that we use to cross the hard places. They're the trees that quietly shade us from life's searing heat. Fathers are kind of like God—seldom seen but always there. They influence where we live, what we eat, what we wear, how we talk, where we go and what we do with the rest of our lives.

Fathers go to Sunday School and church, because as strong and fearless and smart as they are, they need to reach out and up to God. God must trust fathers; look at how much responsibility He gives them.

Fathers try to work themselves out of a job. They want their families to need them, but also mature and become self-sufficient. In times of crisis, fathers are the safety nets in life.

Fathering—it's a scary business. It's also wonderful. And invigorating. And sometimes entertaining. This is a perfect time to ask my question: "Have you hugged your scared, wonderful, entertaining father today?"

Death And Dying

H. Armstrong Roberts

By Larry Hughes
Death has been around as long as man. We still do not like to face it and often feel uncomfortable with it. We need to face it and deal with some things.

First, we need to have our spiritual house in order at all times. We may die at any second. There are other things that also need to be considered that we as Christians tend to neglect, such as a will.

Everyone needs a will. People with minor children especially need a will. If you do not have a will the state will appoint someone to oversee your estate (large or small). The judge could appoint his crooked friend to do this. The state will decide who raises your children. It could be the person you would least want to do this.

If you left an estate of any size, several would probably want your children. If you do not leave anything, no one may want them. You need to decide while you are alive. It is a good idea also to leave something to your church if you have anything.

Get life insurance. How will your mate provide if you die? I recommend term insurance. You can get high coverage at low rates. A burial policy is also good for most people.

Discuss the possibility of death with your loved ones. I do not mean that we should be morbid, but we do need to discuss the possibility since it happens to someone every day. I know of a recent case where the couple had discussed this subject. Later the husband was killed. The wife drew a lot of comfort from their past discussion.

A lot of hurt exists and more burdens because we will not openly discuss death. When there is terminal illness and folks know they are dying, they usually need to talk about it. One of the saddest things I know is the "hush, hush" attitude that so many take when a loved one is dying. Being quiet will not change terminal illness or make it any easier for the dying patient.

Our society has brought us into the cold place of people not being told the truth concerning this subject and too many are left to die alone among strangers. Personally, I feel that hospitals need a "dying room." Call it something else, but let people die with their family and friends present who choose to be there. If you know that you are dying and you want to talk about it, let me or someone know. We won't enjoy it, but we would like to help and support you all we can. No one should have to die alone.

Grief is normal when we lose a loved one. There are two types of grief, good and bad. Paul tells us in I Thessalonians 4:1 that we as Christians are not to grieve as those who have no hope. He does not tell us not to grieve. Grief goes through several stages and takes different amounts of time for different folks. If we understand grief we can better work our way through it. As a pastor I give the family a copy of the book, *Good Grief* by Granger E. Westberg. This helpful book explains the 10 stages of grief.

Personal attitudes and actions. We will all react differently because we are different. I do not want to sound cold, but as Christians we must display our faith. Cry, yes, please cry. God put the tear ducts there for times like this. Somehow amid the storm and valley of death, the child of God can find peace.

When we find that peace with our Lord our faith will be stronger. When our faith is stronger our witness is brighter. Thank God we can die physically. I would hate to live with sin, suffering and heartache for eternity. The Christian never dies spiritually.

Proverbs 12:28, "In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death."



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THEME: "Back to Basics"

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SUNDAY MORNING / July 17

10:00-10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL (Adults) Municipal Auditorium
Arena

Presiding: David Joslin
Song Service: James Dunbar
Music: Hillsdale FWB College
Adult Teacher: Milton Fields

10:00-10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL (Youth) Allis Plaza

Primary / Junior Count Basie-C

Teen Count Basie-A & B

10:45 Intermission

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP (Adults) Municipal Auditorium
Arena

Presiding: David Joslin
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Music: Hillsdale FWB College
Offertory: Organ / Piano Duet
Solo: Gwen Aylor

MESSAGE: "Praise in the Worship of God"
Wallace Malone

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP (Youth) Allis Plaza

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Teen Church Count Basie-A & B

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 17

3:00 REGISTRATION for National Municipal Auditorium
Convention and WNAC Lobby

3:00 REGISTRATION for Bartle Hall
National Youth Conference North Level 2 Lobby

5:00 Usher Orientation Municipal Auditorium
Dressing Rooms 2 & 3

5:00 Music Rehearsal Municipal Auditorium
Arena Stage

SUNDAY EVENING / July 17

7:00-8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE Municipal Auditorium
Arena

Presiding: Jack Richey
Song Service: Randy Kinnick
Special Music: Truth and Peace
Offertory: Organ / Piano Duet
Solo: Tom Mercer

MESSAGE: "Prayer in the Will of God"
Larry D. Hughes

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8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Municipal Auditorium Lobby
8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
9:00-11:00	NYC Activities (See National Youth Program)	Barney Allis Plaza

MONDAY MORNING / July 18

7:00	NYC Breakfast (staff, judges and officials)	Americana Seville North
7:30-9:00	Master's Men Board	Allis Plaza Executive Boardroom
8:00-8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Allis Plaza Big Joe Turner-A
8:30	Registration Continues	Municipal Auditorium Lobby
8:30	NYC Registration Continues	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
8:30	NYC Competitive Activities (See National Youth Program)	Bartle Hall North Level 2
9:00	GENERAL BOARD Convenes	Allis Plaza Count Basie-A & B
9:00-10:30	Foreign Missionary Orientation	Municipal Auditorium Arena Stage

9:00-11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Allis Plaza Mary Lou Williams-B
9:00-11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Allis Plaza Mary Lou Williams-A

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Allis Plaza Big Joe Turner-A
12:00-1:15	General Board Luncheon	Allis Plaza Bennie Moten
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See National Youth Program)	Bartle Hall North Level 2
1:30	GENERAL BOARD Reconvenes	Allis Plaza Count Basie-A & B
1:30-2:30	WNAC Mini-Seminars Theme: "Building for Eternity" Speakers: Helen Sanders Wanda McClary Jane Bailey	Allis Plaza Count Basie-C
3:00-4:00	WNAC Presidents and Field Workers Meeting Theme: "Building in Your Auxiliary" Speakers: Maurine Lee Marguerite Kern Delois Loveless	Allis Plaza Julia Lee
3:00-5:00	Home Missions Camp Meeting	Municipal Auditorium Arena
5:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Municipal Auditorium Arena Stage
5:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Bartle Hall Grand Hall
5:00	Learner/Adventurer Banquet	Allis Plaza Count Basie-A & B
5:00	Foreign Missions Advance Dinner	Americana Fairway Room
5:00	Exhibit Area Open	Municipal Auditorium Concourse/Little Theater
5:30	Music Rehearsal	Municipal Auditorium Arena Stage

MONDAY EVENING / July 18

7:00-8:30	NYC Keynote Service Speaker: Greg McAllister	Bartle Hall Grand Hall
7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Municipal Auditorium Arena

Presiding: Carl Cheshier
Song Service: Phil Cooper
Music: Mass Adult Choir / Doug Little, Director

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

July 10 National Convention Day of Prayer and Fasting



Report of Committee on Committees:
Ralph Hampton, Moderator
Welcome to Kansas City: Clarence Burton
Executive Secretary, Missouri State Association
Offertory: Southeastern FWB College
Music: The Watchmen
Solo: Bob Thomas

MESSAGE: "Preach the Word of God"
Bob Thompson

8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Municipal Auditorium Concourse/Little Theater
8:30	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Municipal Auditorium Arena Stage
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Municipal Auditorium Lobby
8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
9:00-10:30	Learner/Adventurer Activity	Americana Westport/Plaza
9:00-11:00	Youth Activity	Allis Plaza Count Basie Ballroom
10:30	Exhibit Area Closed	

TUESDAY MORNING / July 19

7:00-8:15	Music Ministries Breakfast	Americana Fairway Room
7:00-8:30	Home Missions Board Breakfast	Allis Plaza Bennie Moten-A
8:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See National Youth Program)	Bartle Hall North Level 2
8:30	Registration Continues	Municipal Auditorium Lobby
8:30	NYC Registration Continues	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Municipal Auditorium Concourse/Little Theater
9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION Presiding: Mary Neal, President	Municipal Auditorium Arena
9:00-11:00	BIBLE CONFERENCE Presiding: Bobby Jackson Song Service: Joseph Cutler 9:00 Music: Free Will Baptist Bible College Speaker: Roger Duncan 10:00 Music: The Watchmen Solo: Paul Allen Speaker: Tim York	Bartle Hall Room 212 North
11:10	WNAC Missionary Service Message: James Munsey	Municipal Auditorium Arena

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

12:15-1:30	Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon Speaker: Jack Richey	Americana Seville Room
12:15-1:30	State Leaders Luncheon	Allis Plaza Bennie Moten
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See National Youth Program)	Bartle Hall North Level 2
1:30	WNAC Reconvenes	Municipal Auditorium Arena
1:30-3:00	Target 90 Church Growth Seminar Speakers: Brian Atwood David Crowe Claudie Hames	Bartle Hall Room 215 North
1:30-3:00	Theological Trends Workshop "Facing the Cults" Randy Corn "Facing the New Age Movement" Bill M. Jones	Bartle Hall Room 211 North
1:30-3:00	Media Ministries Workshop	Bartle Hall Room 210 North
4:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Municipal Auditorium Arena Stage
5:00	Music Rehearsal	Municipal Auditorium Arena Stage
5:00-6:45	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Speaker: Laura Coker Thigpen	Allis Plaza Count Basie Ballroom

TUESDAY EVENING / July 19

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: Tom Lilly Song Service: Charles Hampton Mass Adult Choir / Doug Little, Director Offertory: Hillsdale FWB College Solo: Vernon Whaley MESSAGE: "Participate in the Work of God" Glenn Rehkop	Municipal Auditorium Arena
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8:30	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Municipal Auditorium Arena Stage
8:30	Historical Commission	Municipal Auditorium Room 401
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Municipal Auditorium Lobby
8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
9:00-10:30	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Americana Westport/Plaza

Program . . . (from page 9)

9:00-11:00 Youth Banquet Allis Plaza
Count Basie Ballroom

10:30 Exhibit Area Closed

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 20

7:00-8:15 Master's Men Breakfast Allis Plaza
Speaker: Bobby Jackson Count Basie-B & C

8:00 NYC Competitive Finals Bartle Hall
Room 213 North

8:30 Exhibit Area Open Municipal Auditorium
Concourse/Little Theater

8:30 Registration Continues Municipal Auditorium
Lobby

9:00-11:45 CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION Municipal Auditorium
Arena

Moderator's Message: Ralph Hampton

Report of Credentials Committee
and Seating of Delegates
Partial Report of General Board
Partial Report of Nominating Committee

REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS
(Board members elected at conclusion of
each report.)

Executive Office: Melvin Worthington
Home Missions: Roy Thomas
Master's Men: James Vallance
Board of Retirement: Herman Hersey
Free Will Baptist Foundation: Herman Hersey

11:00-12:00 Youth and Youth Workers' Conference Bartle Hall
Room 213

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 20

12:00 REGISTRATION CLOSES

12:00-1:15 Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon Allis Plaza
Count Basie-C

1:00-4:30 Youth and Youth Workers' Conference Bartle Hall

1:30 CONVENTION BUSINESS Reconvenes Municipal Auditorium
Arena

Scripture Reading and Prayer
Assistant Moderator: Carl Cheshier

1:35 REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued)

Foreign Missions: R. Eugene Waddell
Free Will Baptist Bible College: Charles Thigpen
Sunday School and Church Training: Roger Reeds
Commission for Theological Integrity: Leroy Forlines
Radio-TV Commission: Sandy Goodfellow

3:30 General Board Final Report
Partial Report of Nominating Committee
Election of General Board Members

4:00 Business Session Recessed

4:00 Men's Chorale Rehearsal Municipal Auditorium
(or immediately following Arena Stage
business session)

5:00 Southeastern FWB College Dinner Allis Plaza
Count Basie-B & C

5:00 Music Rehearsal Municipal Auditorium
Arena Stage

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 20

7:00-8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE Municipal Auditorium
Arena

Presiding: Waldo Young
Song Service: Danny Thomas
Music: Diann Henson
Men's Chorale/Vernon Whaley, Director

Recognition of Missionaries: Roy Thomas, R. Eugene
Waddell

Missions Offering: Waldo Young

Offertory: Free Will Baptist Bible College
Music: Mexican Quartet

MESSAGE: "Perceive Our Welcome by God"
Fred Warner

8:30 Exhibit Area Open Municipal Auditorium
Concourse/Little Theater

9:00-11:00 NYC Awards Celebration Municipal Auditorium
Arena

10:30 Exhibit Area Closed

THURSDAY MORNING / July 21

7:00-9:00 Sunday School Board Breakfast Allis Plaza
Jay McShann-A

7:30-9:00 Foreign Missions Board Breakfast Howard Johnson's
East Room

8:30 Exhibit Area Open Municipal Auditorium
Concourse/Little Theater

9:00 CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION Municipal Auditorium
Arena

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Assistant Clerk: Keith Burden

NYC Report: Jim Lauthern
WNAC Report: Mary R. Wisheart
Historical Commission Report: David Joslin
Report of Committees:
—Registration
—Budget
—Resolutions

Nominating Committee Final Report

Election of General Officers

11:45 Adjournment

12:15 Exhibits Closed (30 minutes after
convention adjournment)



NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

21st Annual Conference / July 17-20, 1988

Bartle Hall / Kansas City, Missouri

THEME: "Proclaim Liberty!"

VERSE: Isaiah 61:1

DIRECTOR: Jim Lauthern

BIBLE COMPETITION COORDINATOR: Len Davenport

MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL COORDINATOR: Michael Hollifield

REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: June McVay

REGISTRATION ASSISTANT: Jill Pointer

SUNDAY MORNING / July 17

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Allis Plaza
	Primary / Junior Class	Count Basie-C
	Dean and Lisa Stone	
	Teen Class	Count Basie-A & B
	Rejoice Ensemble	
11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP	Allis Plaza
	Primary / Junior Church	Count Basie-C
	Teen Church	Count Basie-A & B
	Allen Pointer	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 17

3:00	NYC Registration	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
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SUNDAY EVENING / July 17

7:00-8:30	Main Convention Service	Municipal Auditorium Arena
8:30	NYC Registration Continues	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
9:00	Youth Activities Liberty Parade	Barney Allis Plaza

MONDAY MORNING / July 18

7:00	NYC Breakfast (staff, judges and officials)	Americana Seville North
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
8:15	Devotional Time Kevin Riggs	Bartle Hall Room 213
8:30	NYC ASSEMBLIES	Bartle Hall
	Bible Bowl All Teams and Coaches	Room 214N
	Bible Tic Tac Toe All Teams and Coaches	Room 210S

Sword Drill/Bible Memorization Room 210N
All Participants and Coaches

Music and Arts Assembly Room 213
All Participants and Coaches

9:00 NYC Competitive Activities Bartle Hall

Music and Arts Section 1 Room 211
Vocal Ensembles

Music and Arts Section 2 Room 215
Keyboard

Music and Arts Section 3 Room 213
Oral Communications

Bible Sword Drill Room 210N
Grade 4

10:00 Bible Memorization Room 210N
Grade 1

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

1:00 NYC Competitive Activities Bartle Hall

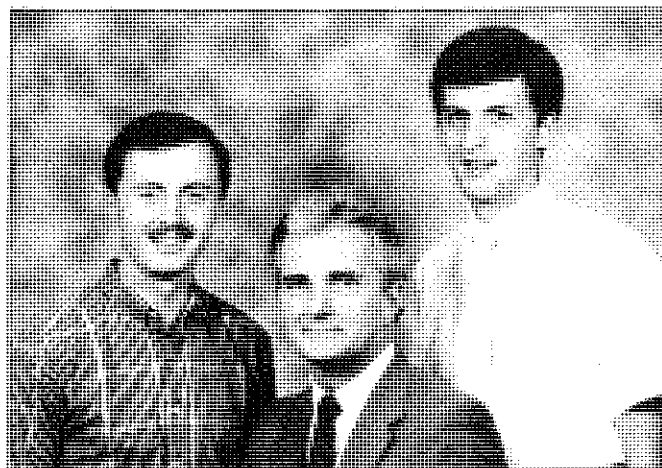
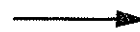
Bible Bowl Room 214N

Bible Tic Tac Toe Room 210S

Bible Sword Drill Room 210N
Grade 5

Music and Arts Section 4 Room 211
Vocal Ensembles

Music and Arts Section 5 Room 215
Vocal Solo



Hollifield, Lauthern, Davenport

Youth Program . . . (from page 11)

	Music and Arts Section 6 Oral Communications	Room 213
2:00	Bible Memorization Grade 2	Room 210N
2:00-3:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity Bronco West	Americana Westport/Plaza
5:00	Learner/Adventurer Banquet Beacon Youth/Raytown, MO	Allis Plaza Count Basie Ballroom
5:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Bartle Hall Grand Hall

MONDAY EVENING / July 18

7:00-8:30	NYC Keynote Youth Service Greg McAllister	Bartle Hall Grand Hall
8:30	NYC Registration Continues	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
9:00-10:30	Learner/Adventurer Activity Greg and Pamela Ham	Americana Westport/Plaza
9:00-11:00	Youth Afterservice Activity "Let's Make A Deal With The Wheel of Fortune Because the Price Is Right" Game	Allis Plaza Count Basie Ballroom

TUESDAY MORNING / July 19

8:00	Devotional Time Kevin Riggs	Bartle Hall Room 213
	NYC Registration Continues	Bartle Hall North Level 2 Lobby
8:15	NYC Competitive Activities	Bartle Hall
	Bible Bowl	Room 214N
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Room 210S
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 6	Room 210N
	Music and Arts Section 7 Vocal Ensembles	Room 211
	Music and Arts Section 8 Instrumental	Room 215
	Music and Arts Section 9 Oral Communications	Room 213
10:00	Bible Memorization Grade 3	Room 210N

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

1:00	Music and Arts Section 10 Chorales/Choirs	Bartle Hall Room 213
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2:00-3:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity Kevin Riggs	Americana Westport/Plaza
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TUESDAY EVENING / July 19

7:00-8:30	Main Convention Service	Municipal Auditorium Arena
9:00-10:30	Learner/Adventurer Activity Bronco West	Americana Westport/Plaza
9:00-11:00	Youth Banquet "An All-American Evening"	Allis Plaza Count Basie Ballroom

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 20

8:00	Devotional Time Kevin Riggs	Bartle Hall Room 213
8:15	Bible Competition Finals	Bartle Hall Room 213
11:00-12:00	Youth and Youth Workers' Conference Ken Riggs	Bartle Hall Room 213

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 20

1:00-4:30	Youth and Youth Workers' Conference	Bartle Hall
1:00-2:00	Youth Activity Initiative Games	Room 213
	Youth Workers Session	Room 211
2:15-3:15	Youth and Youth Workers Activity Sharing Time	Room 213
3:30-4:30	Youth Seminars:	Bartle Hall
	"Dating" Curt and Becky Gwartney	Room 213
	"Teen Killers" Doug Little	Room 211
	"Taking a Stand for Christ" David Huett	Room 215
	Youth Workers Seminars:	Bartle Hall
	"Conducting District and State Competition" Panel	Room 210S
	"Volunteers In Youth Ministry"	Room 210N
	"Involving Youth in Missions" Neil Gilliland	Room 214N

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 20

7:00-8:30	Main Convention Service	Municipal Auditorium Arena
9:00	NYC Awards Celebration	Municipal Auditorium Arena



WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

53rd Annual Session / July 18-19, 1988

Kansas City, Missouri

Municipal Auditorium

THEME: "Arise and Build"

SCRIPTURE: "The God of heaven, he will prosper us: therefore we
his servants will arise and build" (Nehemiah 2:20).

HYMN: "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes"

MUSIC COORDINATOR: Janice Moore

ORGANIST: Joann Thomas

PIANIST: Debbie Cotter

REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN: Rosalind Harrington

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Allis Plaza Hotel



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SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 17

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| 1:30 | Registration Committee
Orientation | Municipal Auditorium
Lobby |
| 3:00 | REGISTRATION | Municipal Auditorium
Lobby |

MONDAY MORNING / July 18

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| 8:00-8:45 | WNAC Executive Committee
Breakfast | Allis Plaza
Big Joe Turner-A |
| 9:00-11:00 | WNAC Nominating Committee | Allis Plaza
Mary Lou Williams-B |
| 9:00-11:45 | WNAC Executive Committee | Allis Plaza
Mary Lou Williams-A |

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

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| 12:00-12:45 | WNAC Executive Committee
Luncheon | Allis Plaza
Big Joe Turner-A |
| 1:30-2:30 | WNAC Mini-Seminars

THEME: "Building for Eternity"
"In Your Personal Life"
Helen Sanders
"In Your Home"
Wanda McClary
"In Your Auxiliary"
Jane Bailey | Allis Plaza
Count Basie-C |
| 3:00-4:00 | WNAC Presidents and Field
Workers Meeting

THEME: "Building Your Auxiliary"
"Enlistment and Involvement"
Maurine Lee
"Winning Women to Christ"
Marguerite Kern
"Starting New Auxiliaries in Your State"
Delois Loveless | Allis Plaza
Julia Lee |

TUESDAY MORNING / July 19

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| 9:00 | WOMAN'S NATIONAL
AUXILIARY CONVENTION
Presiding: Mary Neal
Congregational Singing | Municipal Auditorium
Arena |
| 9:15 | Devotion: Marvis Eagleton
Special Music: Patty McCully | |
| 9:30 | Welcome: Rose Mertz
Creative Arts Awards: Lorene Miley
Credentials Committee Report/
Seating of Delegates
Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report:
Mary R. Wisehart
Special Presentation:
Mrs. Cleo Pursell
Resolutions Committee Report
Appreciation Committee Report | |
| 11:10 | WNAC MISSIONARY SERVICE

Congregational Singing
Music: Mexican Quartet
Message: James Munsey | Municipal Auditorium
Arena |
| 12:00 | Recess | |

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

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| 1:30 | Congregational Singing

Registration Committee Report
Building for Christ Through the Eunice Edwards Fund
Directed by Barbara Fletcher | Municipal Auditorium
Arena |
| 3:00 | Adjournment | |
| 5:00 | WNAC Fellowship Dinner

Invocation: J. C. Morgan
Speaker: Laura Coker Thigpen
Benediction: Billy McCarty | Allis Plaza
Count Basie Ballroom |





FREE WILL BAPTIST

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WORTHINGTON KEYNOTES ARIZONA DISTRICT

TUCSON, AZ—Free Will Baptist Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington spoke from Ezekiel 22 to keynote the March 12 Arizona District Association. Dr. Worthington preached on the subject, "The Sovereign Sought for a Servant."

Clerk Harmon Herndon reported 36 registered for the one-day session which met at First FWB Church in Tucson. Moderator Clarence Newman guided the business session.

Officers planned to organize a state association during their May 1988 meeting. At that time they will determine the time and place for the next session of the association to convene.

Bob Shockey from Free Will Baptist Bible College and Richard Terry from Hillsdale FWB College met with the Arizona delegates.

REVEREND JOHN GILLILAND DEAD AT 47

PINE BLUFF, AR—Reverend John R. Gilliland, pastor of Oak Park FWB Church in Pine Bluff died Thursday evening, March 10. He was 47.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 12, at the Oak Park FWB Church. Dr. Ken Riggs and Reverend Randy Scott officiated. Memorial graveside services were conducted Tuesday, March 15, in Spartanburg, S.C.

Brother Gilliland was licensed to preach in 1969 and ordained in 1971. The South Carolina native, an alumnus of Free Will Baptist Bible College, pastored four churches in four states during his 17-year-ministry. He pastored Oak Grove FWB Church, Charlotte, Tenn.; Hollywood FWB Church, Hollywood, Fla.; First FWB

Church, Glasgow, Ky.; and Oak Park FWB Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Rev. Gilliland was active on local, state and national levels. While pastoring in Florida, he chaired the State Home Missions Board, moderated the Victory Association and the South Florida Quarterly Meeting, and served two years on the national General Board. He chaired the Arkansas State Sunday School Board at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; two children, John Jr., a junior at Free Will Baptist Bible College and Jill, a senior in high school; one brother, Larry Gilliland of Spartanburg, S.C.; and his parents, Otis and Ruth Gilliland, also of Spartanburg.

**Attention
Parents:
Nursery Services
will NOT be
available during
the 1988
Convention**

170 ATTEND ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION

SOUTH ROXANA, IL—Clerk Larry Cook reported 35 ministers and 44 lay delegates among the 170 who attended the 28th annual session of the Illinois State Association. The March 25-26 gathering met at Bethel FWB Church in South Roxana.

Delegates heard three devotions and two sermons on the 1988 theme, "Love: The Evidence of a Disciple." Pastors Gene Outland and John Hollis preached the major messages.

Delegates authorized officials to build a swimming pool at Camp Hope. They also voted to move the state association meeting date to begin the third Friday in March effective 1989.

Moderator Loyd Crain led the business sessions. The Fox River Association will host the March 17-18, 1989, session.

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)

_____ 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.

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Hotel Reservation

National Convention

July 17-21, 1988

- 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.






Cutoff Date:

Received by
June 30, 1988

MAIL TO:

NAFWB

Housing Bureau
P. O. Box 26310
Kansas City, MO 64196

HOTELS	Choice	 Single	 Double	 Twin	 Triple	 Quad
Allis Plaza (Headquarters)		\$69	\$69	\$69	\$79	\$79
Americana		\$55	\$55	\$55	\$65	\$65
Phillips House		\$50	\$50	\$50	\$55	\$55
Embassy on the Park		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$70	\$70
Howard Johnson's Central		\$48	\$48	\$48	\$48	\$48

Changes in your arrival and departure dates, name changes or any special instructions should be made direct with your hotel. Cancellations should be made in writing with the Housing Bureau before June 17; after June 17 make direct with your hotel.

Guaranteed Arrival yes ☐ no ☐

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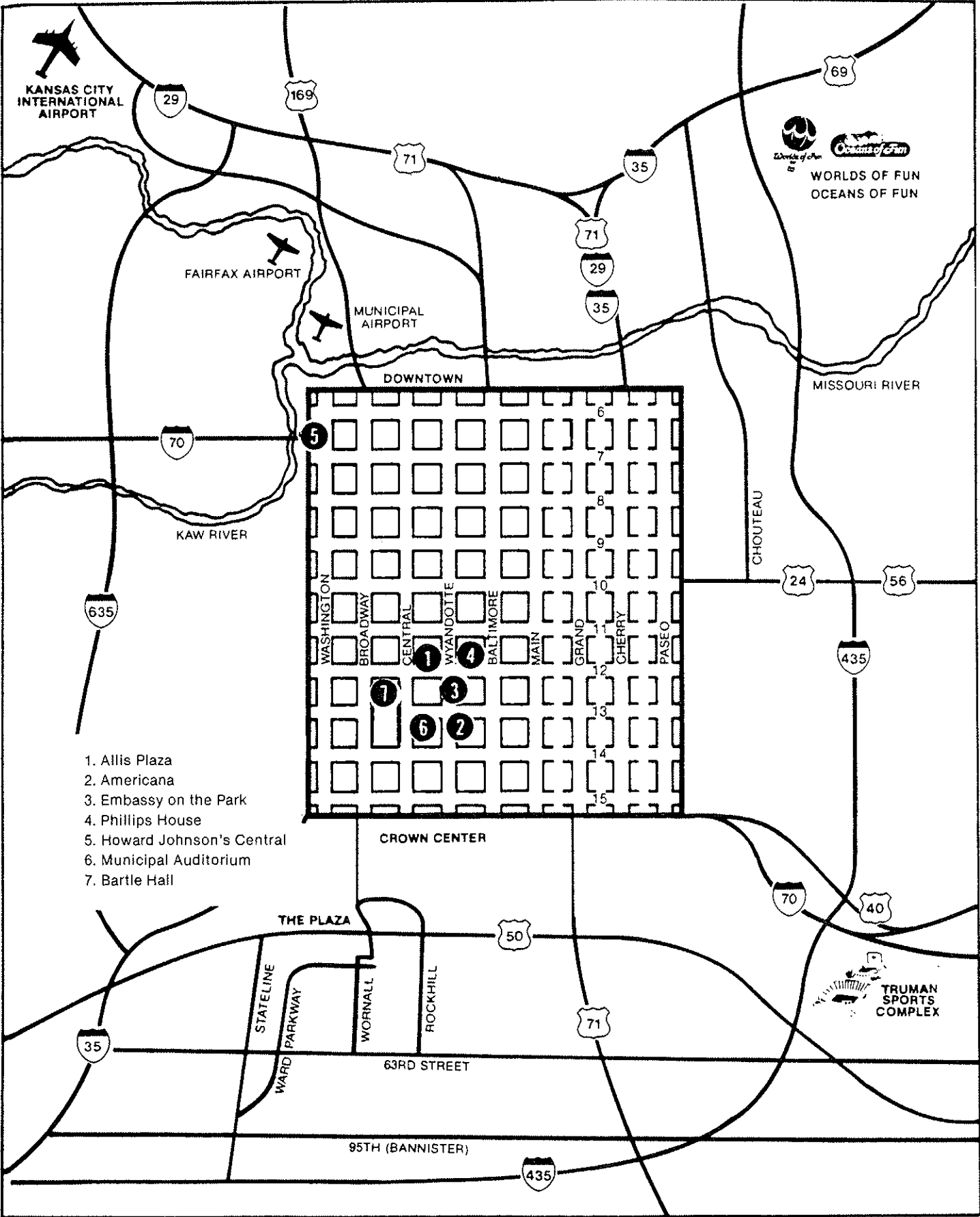
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HOTEL LOCATIONS



The 12th annual **Alabama Pastors and Workers Conference** attracted 400 people to **First FWB Church, Dothan**. **Dickie Dees** serves as conference chairman. Four ministers spoke: **Nate Ange, Richard Adams, J. D. Norris, Connie Cariker**.

More than 60 friends gathered at **Friendly FWB Church, Columbus, OH**, to surprise Pastor **Marvin Booth** with a Pastor Appreciation Dinner. Members gave Brother Booth, who has pastored the church 24 years, a plaque and a money tree. They gave his wife **Ruth** a bouquet of roses.

Pastor **Edwin Hayes** reports eight baptisms, new carpet in the sanctuary and new tile in the fellowship hall at **Columbus First FWB Church, Columbus, OH**.

Pastor **John Jeffrey** and members of **United FWB Church, Cleveland, OH**, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the church organization in February. The group began meeting in 1968 at 92nd and Lorain, then moved to West 14th and Abby in 1972 and finally made the move to Willowdale Avenue in 1977.

Pastor **Danny Baer** and members set March 27 as Dedication Day for their new sanctuary at **Heritage FWB Church, Williamsburg, VA**. The church conducted ground-breaking ceremonies for the new building last September.

Pastor **Curtis Booth** reports 22 baptisms and 44 new members at **Gahanna FWB Church, Gahanna, OH**.

Missionary **Neil Gilliland** was the featured speaker at the **Georgia State Youth Conference** May 27-28. The conference met at Norman Baptist Assembly in Norman Park.

Reverend **Roscoe Pitts** died February 16, 1988, due to heart problems. He was a member of **Wilson Chapel FWB Church, Thomaston, GA**, which he organized in 1960. Brother Pitts also did other pastoral work in the Georgia Union and Chattahoochee Associations.

Members of **Southwest FWB Church, Columbus, OH**, paid another

\$9,000 on their church mortgage and plan to burn the mortgage papers, according to Pastor **John Meade**. The church received 26 new members.

Pastor **Clifford Ball** reports 22 conversions and nine baptisms at **Trinity FWB Church, Columbus, OH**. Members paid off the church and purchased a new piano.

The **Paul Kettelman Memorial Christmas Fund Drive** at **Free Will Baptist Bible College** topped \$178,000, according to **Bob Shockey**, director of student support. The goal for the drive was \$100,000.

Contact welcomes **The Bethany Arrow**, publication of **Bethany FWB Church, Broken Arrow, OK**. Pastor **Roger Harwell** said, "Many new people have visited our services. There is a real sense of excitement in many of our programs and ministries."

Members of **Wooddale FWB Church, Knoxville, TN**, paid off building and remodeling expenses of \$61,950. The project which began November 1985 included new carpet, lighting, pews, ceiling, pulpit furniture, nursery and other remodeling. Pastor **Phil Kimbrough** said, "The highlight of the program came March 6 when we received our final offering which was enough to pay off our five-year loan of \$25,000 in just two years and four months." In addition to this work, the ladies of the church paid for more than \$6,000-worth of kitchen remodeling in the church fellowship hall.

Pastor **Johnny Pike** resigned **Laurel FWB Church, Charlotte, NC**, to enter full-time evangelism. Brother Pike pastored three churches in Tennessee and North Carolina since 1974. He also served as moderator of the Palmer and Western Piedmont Associations in North Carolina. He may be reached at Route 1, Box 202, Pink Hill, NC 28572. Phone 919/568-4403.

Faith FWB Church, Aurora, CO, began as a mission March 6 with 22 in attendance. Mission Pastor **Gerald Myer** has pastored in California and Colorado. He and his wife **Barbara** have been working in the

Mile High FWB Church in **Denver** with Pastor **Glen Hood**. This makes a total of eight churches in the Colorado Rocky Mountain District.

Members of **Eastside FWB Church, Petaluma, CA**, set a goal of 250 for their 20th anniversary celebration on March 27. **Carl Young** pastors.

Pastor **Wendell Trussell** led members of **Faith FWB Church, Manchester, TN**, in a mortgage-burning ceremony to celebrate paying off a church wing that was added in 1984. The wing consists of four Sunday School rooms, nursery, pastor's study and fellowship hall.

Deacon **Wayne Spruill** said **Waipahu FWB Church, Waipahu, HI**, baptized two and received six new members.

Pastor **David Bishop** of **Union Grove FWB Church, Atkins, AR**, led members in constructing a 5,450-square-foot auditorium with a seating capacity of 275. Thanks to members' assistance in building, the auditorium was constructed at a cost below \$13 per square foot. Membership stands at 140.

The Arkansas State Missions Board broke ground at the site of the **First FWB Church, Wynne, AR**, on January 4. The church was constructed on a 2.2-acre site south of Wynne on Highway 1.

Pastor **Earl Stapleton** reports an all-time high attendance of 82 in Sunday School and 110 for morning worship at **Mt. Vernon FWB Church, Russellville, AR**. Pastor Stapleton also noted that **Dolan Burris** has served as a deacon in the Mt. Vernon Church since 1943. Mr. Burris, a former representative in the Arkansas State Legislature, celebrated his 94th birthday.

Members of **Westside FWB Church, Springdale, AR**, participated in a walk-a-thon to raise \$1,300 for Home Missionary **Steve Trail** in **Alexandria, LA**.

Pastor **Randall Williams** said it was a record for the church. On January 24, mem-

BEYOND BELIEF



REQUESTS FOR TICKETS TO MEAL FUNCTIONS 1988 National Convention

Number	Meal	Total
_____	Learner / Adventurer Banquet \$5.50 Monday, July 18 / 5:00 p.m. Allis Plaza Hotel / Count Basie A & B	\$ _____
_____	Music Ministries Fellowship Breakfast \$6 Tuesday, July 19 / 7:00 a.m. Americana Hotel / Fairway Room	\$ _____
_____	Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon \$7.50 Tuesday, July 19 / 12:15 p.m. Americana Hotel / Seville Room	\$ _____
_____	WNAC Fellowship Dinner \$13 Tuesday, July 19 / 5:00 p.m. Allis Plaza Hotel / Count Basie Ballroom	\$ _____
_____	Youth Banquet \$7 Tuesday, July 19 / 9:00 p.m. Allis Plaza Hotel / Count Basie Ballroom	\$ _____
_____	Master's Men Breakfast \$7 Wednesday, July 20 / 7:00 a.m. Allis Plaza Hotel / Count Basie Ballroom B & C	\$ _____
_____	Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon \$11.50 Wednesday, July 20 / 12:00 Noon Allis Plaza Hotel / Count Basie Ballroom C	\$ _____
Total Enclosed \$ _____		

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Make checks payable to TICKET SALES. Mail requests to TICKET SALES, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Please send check or money order. Do not send cash. All requests must be received by **JUNE 30, 1988.**

NO TICKET REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 30, 1988.

Currently . . . (from page 17)

bers of **Shady Grove FWB Church, Hackett, AR**, received 18 new members.

Eight new members joined **First FWB Church, Duncanville, TX**, according to Pastor **David Sutton**.

Dr. **Mary Wischart**, WNAC Executive Secretary, was the keynote speaker at the **Northwest Women's Retreat** held April 8-9 at Lake Retreat in Ravensdale, WA.

Home Missionary **Tom Hunt** reports that he purchased two acres with an existing building which he plans to renovate for worship services. Brother Hunt serves in **Tri-Cities, WA**.

Pastor **Mike Mutchler** reports 25 teenagers out on soul winning one Friday at **Grand View FWB Church, Oregon City, OR**. The group led seven people to the Lord. Members conducted ground-breaking ceremonies March 6 for a new church. Pastor Mutchler said, "We ask your prayers as we endeavor to build without borrowing."

Bus workers at **Calvary Fellowship FWB Church, Fenton, MO**, broke the old attendance record of 80 by 30 riders. Bus No. 1 brought in 61 passengers while Bus No. 2 brought in 49. **Jerry Norris** pastors.


Contact welcomes *The Family Album*, publication of **Southeast FWB Church, Tulsa, OK**. **Ron Carner** pastors.

Members of **Cookeville FWB Church, Cookeville, TN**, voted to erect a new building which will house a fellowship hall, gymnasium, Sunday School rooms and other plans. Pastor **David Crowe** said members hope to occupy the new structure by early summer.

Pastor **Howard Munsey** and members of **Peace FWB Church, Morristown, TN**, dedicated their new church with 186 present. Located on a three-acre site adjacent to Walter State Community College, the open-beam auditorium seats 250 people. The church includes a full basement, fellowship hall and six Sunday School rooms. The building project cost \$275,000.

Pastor **Lloyd Plunkett** and members of **New Hope FWB Church, Kent, WA**, unveiled plans for a 6,400-square-foot building which they hope to construct. The \$120,000 church will sit on 2.3 acres adjacent to the parsonage. Pastor Plunkett said members plan to raise \$40,000 before any construction begins.

Pastor **Kenneth Edwards** reports 37 people with perfect attendance for the past year at **Harmony FWB Church, West Frankfort, IL**. Another 19 people read the Bible through in one year.

Members of **Faith FWB Church, Goldsboro, NC**, celebrated the 25th anniversary of their bus ministry. They planned to bus 800 people to church on March 27. **Dann Patrick** pastors. 

Stewardship Education ...

Phase II: *Wills*. Purpose: To teach members that stewardship responsibility continues beyond death, to motivate them to make a will, and to encourage them to remember the Lord's work in their wills.

Plan for three segments:

- 1) **Awareness Emphasis**
- 2) **Wills Clinic**
- 3) **Follow-up**

Before launching the emphasis:

- Enlist and train a committee.
- Gather and study resource materials.
- Allow several months for planning.
- Outline plans and procedures for the year.
- Correlate with the overall church program.

Awareness Emphasis

Distribute materials with such information as:

- The scriptural basis for making a will.
- Why a will is necessary.
- Who needs a will?
- When to make a will.
- What happens when there is no will?
- When to review a will.

Wills Clinic

Plan for no less than a two-hour session with time for questions.

- Recruit a knowledgeable leader. Your FWB Foundation representative is available.
- Plan for an attorney or bank trust officer to be present and to answer questions.

- Charge an enrollment fee to defray costs.
- Invite prospects and members of the community.
- Mail promotional materials four to six weeks before registration.
- Set a pre-registration date and use printed forms. Call on prospects to pre-register them.
- Promote through direct mail, bulletin inserts and the church newsletter.
- Use a wills emphasis theme for your stewardship bulletin board.
- Provide materials and worksheets—forms for recording information needed by attorney, brochures, forms for figuring net worth, glossary.
- Ask the leader to cover areas such as:
 - a.) Responsibility to family and urgency to act.
 - b.) Importance of making provisions for guardianship of minor children.
 - c.) The need for on-going support of the local church, world evangelism, Christian education, elder care, etc.
 - d.) How bequests are made to the church or other ministries.
 - e.) Kinds of properties that can be passed on to the Lord's work.

Offer an opportunity for a personal commitment.

Follow-up

Continue an awareness emphasis.

- Place a permanent rack or display area where materials are available. Update regularly.

- Send follow-up letters.
- Print articles or one-liners in the church bulletin and newsletter.
- Plan an annual clinic for those who wish to repeat and for new members.

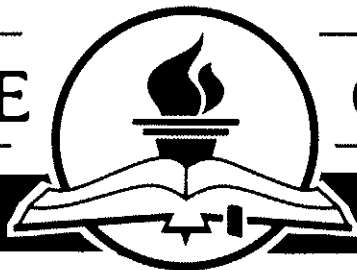
Helps and Resource Materials

FWB Foundation, *Wills Clinic*, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. An in-depth session complete with film, worksheets and printed materials. It is conducted by Executive Secretary-Treasurer Herman L. Hersey.

Sharpe, Robert F., *27-plus Ways to Increase Giving to Your Church*, National Planned Giving Publishers, 5050 Poplar Ave., 7th Floor, Memphis, TN 38117. A basic manual of thirteen chapters on planned giving in your local church including one section on wills. With the purchase of the manual permission is given to reproduce materials, letters, response cards, one-line ads, articles and survey.

Low-cost brochures are available from National Planned Giving Publishers for distribution. The cost is reasonable. Write for a list and price sheet.

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The Ministry Of The Printed Page

Joy O. Simpkins
Printing Preparation Manager

Pick up a Sunday school quarterly. Take a look at it. I mean a good look. What do you see? Do you see the column lengths? The type size? The type **FACE** © ? How about the **bold** type? The *italized* type? Look at the art. Do you see the detail? The color? The lines? Do you see all these things?

No, if you are like most folk you don't see these things. You are seeing exactly what you should see—an attractive, eye appealing booklet that is enjoyable and informative reading. However, those of us who bring you the printed page are not normal folk when it comes to the way we look at the printed page. We do see all these things.

There are very few of us who even imagine what work goes into making the printed page. Before I became involved with the publication and printing industry, I know that I had no idea. Boy, did I have a lot to learn. Picas, points, leading (spacing), printing specs, parameters, pms colors—it was like learning a whole new language.

Have you ever wondered just what happens long before your Sunday school quarterly arrives in your hands? Let me try and fill you in on just a small portion of what goes on "behind the scenes" of the printed page.

Years of preparation go into the planning and organizing of Sunday school and church training curriculum. An idea is formulated, topics are discussed, and lesson outlines become an outgrowth of that idea. From the lesson outlines, writers are found, manuscripts are prepared, and sent to the editors. The editors proof, mark, edit, and proof again (and again, and again!). The material is now ready to be typeset. This is where the ministry of the printed page visually begins.

Printing preparation is where my life and ministry begins. The printing preparation department of Randall House Publications has the challenging job of making sure that publication gets to the printer looking "decent." In printing preparation we receive the raw manuscript and either through computerized means or by hand we

input that into a typesetter, which is a sophisticated piece of computer equipment. This typesetter can do 53 different typesyles in any size imaginable. Just to grab your attention, here are some examples:

This is Megaron Bold in 13 point.

This is News Gothic Italic in 8 point.

***This is Schoolbook
Bold Italic in 15 point.***

This is Park Avenue in 10 point.

**AND FOR THE FUN OF IT,
THIS IS KARTOON IN 20
POINT!**

After all the decisions are made regarding the quarterly's appearance, the material is typeset and then laid out. Laying out the book involves the physical laying down of the type on sheets suitable for printing. If there is any artwork involved, it is done at this stage. Every page is taped down, measured for accuracy, straightness, and overall general appearance. This is then sent back to the editor for proofing and editing. Again, it comes back to printing preparation for final corrections and checking and then it goes to the printer, which by the way, is a whole different story. Maybe the manager of Printing will tell you what happens when he receives a quarterly from Printing Preparation! Perhaps, he will explain all about the camera shooting, stripping, plate making. . . . So you see, the possibilities are limitless when it comes to the way a quarterly looks. It is truly a challenging ministry. 🌐

MINI GRAMS

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

The Department Pages

Hats Off to a Church that Cares!

By Roy Thomas

Free Will Baptists have some wonderful, caring churches and pastors here in America and around the world. I would like to pay special tribute to Cramerton FWB Church in North Carolina which has so generously given to our Free Will Baptist work in Mexico.

It began when Cramerton's pastor, Rev. Bob King, attended the 1984 Mexican Association accompanied by laymen from the church. While in Mexico, they met national pastor Javier Gallegos and became burdened because Javier desperately needed a church building.

Because of this great need, the Cramerton Church scheduled a "Mexico Day" on Home Missions Sunday in November 1984 to raise \$10,000 to erect a church building for Javier. The Home Missions Traveling Team was there for the weekend, and the goal was reached. As a result, Javier now preaches in a beautiful new church building in Mexico.

The 1984 Mexican Convention had been held on the old Bible Institute property near Monterrey. As Bob and his men looked at the location, the facilities and size of the property, they concluded that the school must relocate if it would ever be an effective tool in training Mexican nationals to establish Free Will Baptist churches in their own country.

Therefore, a second "Mexico Day" was set for 1985 to raise \$10,000 to purchase school property near Altamira, Tamps., Mexico. This new location would be close to the largest concentration of Free Will Baptist churches in Mexico. When the Home Missions Traveling Team left the Cramerton Church that year, they took with them a check for \$12,500. The money was forwarded to missionary Fred Jones, and a choice piece of property was obtained.



Pastor Bob King (R), presents check to Home Missions Team.

Bob King went back to Mexico in 1986 to see the new property and took more laymen from the Cramerton Church. As a result of this visit, they set the third "Mexico Day" to raise funds to begin construction on a two-story school building. Plans were drawn for a building that would contain dormitories for girls and boys, classrooms, chapel, cafeteria, administrative offices and apartments for teachers.

The Home Missions Team returned to the Cramerton Church for the November 1986 "Mexico Day." How thrilled and excited the church was as the offering was counted. A total of \$25,000 was given by the Cramerton Church toward the Bible Institute building.

The first floor of the new Bible Institute building has been completed, and

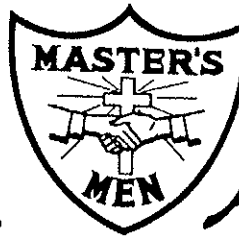
on the November 1987 "Mexico Day" the Cramerton Church gave \$7,000 toward completion of the second floor.

"Mexico Day" is already planned for 1988, with a goal of \$10,000. This will be enough to finish the building and provide facilities to accommodate 100 students.

In this Bible Institute building, Mexican students will be trained to win souls, preach and build churches. Cities and towns of Mexico will hear the gospel, and many souls will be saved. All of this has been made possible because one church dared to try to make a difference.

The Home Missions Department expresses appreciation to Cramerton FWB Church and its pastor, Rev. Bob King, and says, "Hats off to a church that cares!"

MASTER'S AND DATE



Attack

Master's Hands Project Reviews

Traveling teams of men returned from overseas building projects. Men helped construct worship facilities in Japan and France.

The Ai No Sato, Japan, group returned March 15. The team consisted of Rev. Galen Dunbar, KS; Rev. Robert Trimble, MI; Jim Orr, KY; and Jim Vallance, TN. Dunbar and Trimble are members of the Foreign Missions Board, and Orr a member of the Master's Men Board. Vallance directs the Master's Men Department. The men spent three weeks working on the new church.

Pastor Kawasaki estimated that the men's labor along with that of other volunteers saved the church nearly \$50,000 in construction costs. He emphasized their work as a challenge to Japan church members. The church plans dedication services in June.

The St. Nazaire, France, group returned April 5. They almost completed the entire church building. The men labored until 4:00 in the morning to have the sanctuary ready for Easter services. Ninety-five people attended the worship services.

The group included Rev. Jerry Gibbs, who was home on furlough from France, Tommy Sanders, Dan Farber, Dan Harmon and Fred Haney, all from Tennessee. The men worked for three weeks.

In the United States, laborers gathered March 24-26 in Gainesville, Georgia, at the Liberty FWB Mission pastored by Rev. Bill McKinney. He reported that a group of 12 men and one woman came from North Spartanburg, South Carolina, to work from Thursday till Saturday. Ellis Wall helped organize the trip.

On Saturday, 40 workers labored all day on the church and hung almost all the drywall. McKinney stated, "We had men from five churches helping that day. It was exciting." His members barbecued a pig Friday night then had a pig-pickin' Saturday for lunch.

Frank Hepler also volunteered two full weeks of work on this project at other times. He came from Hollywood, Florida, to help.

Two Projects Scheduled

First FWB Mission in Omaha, Nebraska, scheduled construction to begin May 15 with Missionary Builder Howard Gwartney.

Calvary FWB Mission in Salem, Illinois, plans to build this year. They had hoped to start in April, but delays forced a later date, tentatively set for October. For more information, contact Rev. Cliff Donoho at 618/548-6369.

LifeMember List Grows ...

The list now numbers 198 LifeMembers and 14 LifeFriends. 47 more men made commitments to join and are paying their fees by installments. The \$100 fee is placed in the Master's Men Endowment Trust and will never be spent. The trust provides interest income for the department. Twenty-one men and two women joined since the last listing. Seven preachers are among the new LifeMembers.

New LifeMembers:

Rev. Bobby Ferguson, TX
Rev. Eddy Campbell, AR
Layman D. Price, TN
Rev. Clyde L. Eldridge, Sr., TX
Rev. R. Eugene Waddell, TN
Rev. Bill Gardner, TN
Rev. Wallace Malone, IL
Lewis Stroud, TN
Rev. James K. Caudill, KY
James R. Partin, OK
Richard Adkins, MI
Paul Potter, MI
William Oliver, IL
H. D. Cockrum, IL
Larry Kelly, TN
David Holguin, TX
Danny Mitchell, TN
Ronnie Mitchell, TN
Edwin Shaddox, OK
Haskell Wheeler, OK
Howard F. Brown, OK

New LifeFriends:

Susan M. Crotts, TN
Mrs. James Partin, OK



Board of Retirement AT YOUR SERVICE

Herman L. Hersey
Director



The Department Pages

Concepts of retirement are changing. Conceivably, many Americans now working will "retire" more than once in the years ahead. A real prospect for a two-stage or, perhaps, a multi-stage retirement system exists as the 20th century runs out.

Long-employed men and women can retire earlier, collect private pensions and, if they choose, begin a new career or, take new full-time or part-time employment, or participate in activities of interest to themselves.

Far from being old in the mid-60's, those 62 or 65 are in what gerontologists call "mid-life"—middle years when there are still expanding possibilities for their future.

For many today, the 60's, the 70's and even the low 80's continue to be ages not for a rocking chair or fishing pole but for gradually easing but still productive work.

Eventual full retirement could come in the 70's or as late as the mid-80's. Mandatory retirement ages are now barred by federal law. How long you continue to work is up to you and your capability.

Mid-life, however, must be recognized as a time for reassessing where you now stand—what you'd really like to do for another decade or two.

Start giving serious thought to your Third Age (to borrow the term used in Spain for retirement) before you enter your 60's, 70's or 80's.

How 65 Became "Old"

Today there is not sound reason for those in their 60's to be considered old. They can—and do—continue living actively.

Sixty-five was chosen arbitrarily as the age for retirement when German chancellor Otto von Bismarck established the first major social security system in 1881. Bismarck's advisors concluded that since few Germans lived beyond 65

at that time, retirement benefits under the new system would not stretch out too long.

Other countries followed Germany's lead in accepting 65 as a logical retirement age. When the United States instituted the present Social Security System in the 1930's, 65 was set as the age of retirement. Life expectancy figures were important in fixing age 65 as the Social Security retirement date and for private pensions.

It had taken 1,000 years for life expectancy to rise from the teens to age 30. Hannibal's conquering marches were with soldiers who, today, would be playing high school sports. The Crusaders also were boy soldiers. So were most of the soldiers in Napoleon's armies.

At the time of the American Revolution, life expectancy was approaching 40 in this country. In World War I it was 54, in World War II about 63. The rate has risen steadily since then. Modern science has increased the life span dramatically. At age 65 a male has a life expectancy of 14.6 years; a female has a life expectancy of 18.6 years.

How Old is "Old?"

Gerontologists say the body of a man or woman aged 65 now has the cellular structure, skin, organs and mind that a 50-year-old had just a quarter-century ago.

Nobody dies of old age only. Bodies deteriorate—but more slowly year by year because of scientific and medical

progress. Given proper care, bodies retain their vitality into the mid-80's or longer.

Mentally, the facts are much the same. There is a body of medical opinion that holds that the mind does not reach its full capacity until a man or woman is 60 to 65. The mind may begin a slow decline then but studies show that today's 80-year-old can be as productive mentally as one 30, aided by the advantages of experience and a wealth of stored skills and background.

Mid-life is NOT a beginning of old-age and an end of active lives but for new challenges and opportunities.

Today's man or woman has the capability to continue to lead active and productive lives beyond their mid-60's, at least for a decade or two longer.

(-Ready or Not-)

Significance for You and the Church

Imagine enlisting this vast army of Third Age workers to serve the church. They have more time and less job responsibility. Might they bring about the greatest evangelistic thrust in history?

Will Third Age couples move across our country to help plant churches? What about specialized short-term service on the foreign mission field?

How will this affect Sunday School and ALERT ministries? Retirees' expectations will change. They will expect to interact and minister along with people of all ages.

Now is the time for the church to address this change. Abandon stereotypes and outdated programs. Segregated classes and activities of the 1980's will be unacceptable in the future. Restructure and implement new ideas and methods. Now is the time for those on the edge of their Third Age to plan ahead for part-time or full-time work for the Lord.



Woman's Window on the World

By Mary R. Wisheart



From My Window

"And what is so rare as a day in June?" wrote Tennyson. "Then, if ever, come perfect days."

If you could plan a perfect day, what would you put into it? Lots of sunshine? But I like rain. Cool temperatures with snow? But some like it hot. Lots of friendly, happy people? I like being on a creek bank by myself.

You see, no matter what you plan, the day wouldn't be perfect for everyone and something would probably mar it even for you.

Some days are certainly better than others with more pleasant occurrences and fewer frustrations.

Still, we wait for the altogether lovely day. That day will be filled with all the things God knows we need to satisfy us. Perfect union with Him and with others. The new name in the white stone. No need for the sun, for He is light. Love—for God is love.

The light we now have from Him leads toward that perfect, complete light of God's eternal day. Proverbs 4:18:

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

As for us, we know God's plan is moving toward completion. All that He has in mind for us leads to that perfect day. Psalm 38:8: "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me."

In His presence is "fullness of joy," Psalm 16:11. "And I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" Psalm 17:15.

Eunice Edwards Fund

March 31, 1988—\$10,663.10

State Leaders Urged to Attend

State presidents and state field workers are urged to attend a meeting sponsored by WNAC. Monday, July 18, these officers and the national Executive Committee meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Julia Lee Room of Kansas City's Allis Plaza Hotel.

Maurine Lee, WNAC vice president; Marguerite Kern, Oklahoma state president; and Delois Loveless, Ohio state field worker, will challenge state leaders to build up the auxiliaries in their states.

Presidents and field workers of district conventions without state conventions and local presidents where no district or state convention exists are also invited to this meeting.

National Retreat

September 8-10, 1988, hundreds of women from across the United States and some foreign countries will join together in a prayer retreat.

Registrations should be sent to Ridgcrest, Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770. Telephone: 704/669-8022.

A Time for Everything

A booklet designed to help teach the *Woman's Auxiliary Manual*, *A Time for Everything* has been updated and reprinted. Along with the booklet, new transparency masters have been designed for use as posters or to make transparencies for the overhead projector.

Look for these new materials at the WNAC booth in Kansas City.

Building for Eternity

During the special emphasis on the Eunice Edwards Fund at the convention, women will have the opportunity to give a special gift to this mission project.

Tuesday afternoon, July 19, convention goers should be prepared to give liberally to the fund. In order to reach the goal of \$10,000 per year for the next four years, the fund needs \$9,336.90 before December 31.

Women, we are building for eternity.





God's Mysterious Work

By Olena McLain

Even in a land of idolatry God mysteriously touched the hearts of a young couple.

Yumi wanted to be a Christian! But, like the Ethiopian in the Bible, she needed someone to guide her. The Higashi Tsukisamu Free Will Baptist Church in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, awaited the chance to point her to the Savior.

The atmosphere of the Higashi church and the young people she met there attracted Yumi to continue attending. Finally, she gave her heart to the Lord! Soon the pastor started teaching her a new convert's course and sought to prepare her for baptism.

The young high school English teacher revealed that she was engaged and soon to be married to a young man in college. He was also destined to become a high school teacher.

But the excitement really stirred in the hearts of the missionaries and Japanese Christians when they learned that Mr. Fudiya, Yumi's fiancée, also manifested an interest in becoming a Christian. The couple expressed a desire to establish a Christian home. So, as Yumi studied the Bible course, she took notes and sent them to her fiancée. He also studied them each week.

The short time between the ending of school and the beginning of the new term left Mr. Fudiya only a little over a week to come back to Sapporo, get married, and move to southern Japan to settle in his new job. Just before he returned to Sapporo, he sent the pastor his testimony (literally, his statement of faith) by special delivery mail. The church read it and approved it. The people felt assured that the young man was ready for baptism, too.

Mr. Fudiya arrived in Sapporo on

a Saturday, and he and Yumi were baptized together. On the following Tuesday, Pastor Ben Abe performed the wedding ceremony.

Yumi's parents were very opposed to her baptism and marriage, consequently they refused to have any part in either. My husband, Jim McLain, stood in as the bride's father during the wedding ceremony.

During the wedding party, which usually includes drinking, Mr. Fudiya testified to several that he did not drink because he had become a Christian.

The couple expressed a sincere desire to have a Christian home.

Soon after the wedding ceremony the young couple moved to southern Japan where Fudiya began teaching English in a high school.

The Fudiyas continued to seek a church to attend. Tapes of the services of Higashi Tsukisamu church were made and sent, but this did not make up for the Christian fellowship this young couple lacked in order to grow. Finally, they found a church, and they were able to have Christian fellowship.

As time passed, a baby was conceived. Yumi's parents had refused to acknowledge their daughter's marriage. Her mother told her that none of her relatives knew of the marriage or impending birth. She even asked the young mother-to-be to have the baby aborted.

Church friends continued to pray about the problem. And God intervened! After the baby boy was born, the grandparents finally came. The parents and daughter were reconciled and the people praised the Lord for answered prayer.

Although the young couple had discovered a church for the needed fellowship, they longed to move back to Hokkaido. In the spring of 1987 Mr. Fudiya landed a job in Hokkaido, but it was still about a two-hour drive from the Higashi church. Yet, the Lord was working! The town where Fudiya would work was fairly large, and it was in the area where our Hokkaido churches had bought land to begin a Christian camp. Already, we had long-range plans for starting a Bible Club and services in that town. The Fudiyas readily agreed to help in such an effort and opened their apartment for a meeting place.

At the present time Bible classes are being held in the couple's apartment two Saturdays a month. Approximately 18 high school students are attending. Mr. Fudiya's Christian testimony is bearing fruit in the high school where he teaches!

Watching the Lord work in the lives of these two young people has been a great blessing and encouragement to us as missionaries. It is thrilling to realize the Lord has prepared hearts to accept His message of salvation. He is raising up talented and educated Japanese people to serve Him and carry His message to their own people.

Olena McLain and her husband, Jim, are veteran missionaries serving on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan.



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"No Greater Influence Than FWBBC!"

—Rev. James Puckett

What would you do without friends?

You drag yourself out of bed after a restless night to face a dreary day. But in your mailbox, you find a note from a faraway friend who says, "Just thinking about you and wanted to say how much I appreciate..." Suddenly, the whole day shifts gears; drab turns to dazzle and gloom to glory! Thank God for friends!

Some of Free Will Baptist Bible College's special friends wrote the testimonies below to share how they feel about the college. If you have a similar testimony, send it on. It would be gratefully welcomed. It could arrive on the very day someone at 3606 West End Avenue needs a special "lift."



There has been no greater single influence in our denomination over the past 45 years—challenging young people to dedicated living, equipping Christian workers for fruitful service, and changing the course of history for Free Will Baptists—than Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Rev. James Puckett
Southern Oaks FWB Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



The ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College has had a tremendous impact on my life, as the Lord used the college to challenge and guide me to respond to His call to missionary service and to help prepare me to fulfill that calling. I am thankful for the Bible College's unchanging commitment to thorough Bible training, to the development of character and for its strong emphasis on evangelism and missions.

Rev. Steve Lytle
Missionary
Panama



Free Will Baptist Bible College gave me the challenge I needed to take me through all kinds of trials in 35 years of ministry. I still think it is Number One!

Rev. Carroll Alexander
Columbia Original FWB Church
Columbia, South Carolina



I appreciate the years of Bible training I received at Free Will Baptist Bible College and the good friends I gained from those years. I also appreciate the support National Home Missions has received from the college, and the fine home missionaries trained there who are now serving throughout the North American continent and the islands of the seas.

Rev. Roy Thomas
General Director
Home Missions Department
Nashville, Tennessee



ON LITTLE LANES

BY DONNA MAYO

The Big Fish

It was a hot Friday afternoon in June. Marty and his best friend, Tony, were packing their camping gear. They checked their tackle boxes and then went to the back yard to dig worms. They filled a shoe box with plenty of rich, brown dirt and dozens of wiggly worms. Next they hauled their gear out to the driveway and waited for Mr. Lane to get home from work.

Marty and Tony had been waiting for this day for weeks. Mr. Lane had promised to take them on a fishing trip—just for guys.

Finally 5:15 arrived and Mr. Lane's station wagon pulled into the driveway.

"We're ready, Daddy," cried Marty shoving his equipment into the car.

"Let's go," said Tony. "I hope the fish are biting."

"Whoa, boys, slow down," laughed Mr. Lane. "Give me a minute to change clothes, and I'll be ready."

Mrs. Lane, Megan and Jeff waved goodbye as the three fishermen piled into the car and backed down the driveway.

"Good luck," said Megan. "Catch a lot of fish."

"Bring home Sunday dinner," called Mrs. Lane.

Within an hour Mr. Lane, Marty and Tony set up camp at Lake Elaine. They worked quickly pitching their tent, gathering firewood and unpacking supplies. Then the three guys hurried down to the lake's edge to get in a little fishing before dark.

Mr. Lane had chosen an isolated area to camp, so there was not another per-

son in sight. Mr. Lane, Marty and Tony felt small as they surveyed the sparkling lake and evening sky. They baited their hooks and threw in their lines, but their minds weren't on fishing.

They watched the ripples caused by jumping trout and listened to the lonesome call of bobwhites. They stared at the sky, ablaze with gold, then orange, then pink and finally purple as the sun set lower and lower behind the pine-covered hill on the opposite side of Lake Elaine.

"It seems like I could just reach out and hold the very hand of God," said Mr. Lane softly.

Marty understood. In his heart he said, "Thank you, Lord. It sure is pretty, and You sure are big."

But Tony only felt the same familiar ache in his heart—something was missing in his life, and he knew it was God.

The fish weren't biting, and instead of a fish fry on an open campfire, supper came from a can of Beenee Weenies.

"Before we turn in," said Mr. Lane, "let me read a few verses from the Bible. It says in Romans 3:23, 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.' Boys, that means that we just don't measure up to God's standards. But, praise the Lord, Romans 6:23 is in the Bible too. It tells us that God's gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ."

"Tony," began Marty timidly, "are you ready to get saved yet?"

Tony shook his head. "I don't think I'm all that bad. I don't lie like Buddy does. I've never stolen anything like Eddie. Brad cheats all the time—I don't do that. I think I'm a pretty good guy. I'll probably make it to heaven."

Mr. Lane said, "Tony, you're a great guy, but that just won't get you to heaven. Only Jesus can do that."

But Tony didn't want to talk about it any more, so Mr. Lane and the boys got in their sleeping bags and gazed at the stars until they went to sleep.

Marty and Tony awoke the next morning to the delicious aroma of bacon frying and coffee brewing. After a big breakfast, the three gathered their fishing tackle and headed for the lake. They baited their hooks with worms and cast their lines out into the clear water. They waited and waited, but nothing happened.

"I don't think the fish are too impressed with our worms," said Mr. Lane. "I think I'll try this plug." He reached into his tackle box and pulled out an orange feathery lure.

But the fish weren't impressed with that either. After a long hot morning with nothing but a nibble, the fishermen were getting discouraged.

"Let's try another spot," suggested Mr. Lane.

So Mr. Lane, Marty and Tony boarded a small green rowboat and paddled far out to the middle of the lake. The water was deep and blue, and occasionally the boys spotted schools of fish swimming by. But the fish must have not been hungry, because a couple of hours passed, and they still had not caught a thing.

"Let's row over to that little cove," said Mr. Lane. "I bet it's swarming with blue gill." Marty and Tony rowed the boat over to a small inlet. They fished for a while—that is they baited their hooks, cast out their lines, then reeled in a little, let their lines out a little, and watched the red and white floats bob up and down when the wind rippled the water.

Little Lanes . . . (from page 27)

"I've had it," said Marty finally.

"I'm hot," griped Tony, "and bored."

"How about a swim," suggested Mr. Lane pulling off his shirt and shoes. Before the boys could respond Mr. Lane dived into the cool lake.

Marty and Tony were in the water in no time. The lake was chilly and refreshing. The boys raced and chased each other and climbed back into the row boat, only to dive back in. There was even a vine tangled in the branches of a big oak tree at the water's edge. The boys took turns swinging from it and dropping down into the water. Mr. Lane joined in the fun, and they all played until they were exhausted. Then they lay in the warm sun until they got too hot and had to jump back in the water.

"I know," said Marty excitedly. "Let's pretend there are alligators in the lake. We have to swing on the vine all the way across the water to the other shore. If you drop into the water, the alligators will eat you alive."

Marty grabbed the vine and ran with all his might. He swung out about half-way over the inlet, and then dropped with a splash. Mr. Lane chuckled as the boys tried and tried again—only to land in the water and be "devoured by hungry alligators."

On Marty's 10th try he made it—all the way across.

"Hooray!" shouted Marty.

Tony tried again. He pushed off hard, but he fell short. He landed in the water five or six feet from the land.

"Almost," moaned Tony, as he climbed back into the boat with Mr. Lane and Marty.

"Almost just wasn't good enough, though, Tony, was it?" asked Mr. Lane. "You know, I was thinking," continued Mr. Lane, "what if Buddy, Eddie and Brad were here. Let's say you five fellas are trying to get to the other side; we'll call that heaven. If you land on the other shore, you're safe. But if you land in the water you're lost.

"Let's say Buddy only gets about 10 percent of the way across. Then he lands in the water. And Eddie gets 50 percent of the way over, but he too splashes into the lake. And Brad gets 75 percent of the way across, but he is lost too. And Tony, oh Tony almost makes it. You get 90 percent of the way across, but you too fall into the lake and are lost. You almost made it, Tony, but

RECEIPTS:

State	Design.	COOP (Undesignated)	Total	March '87	Yr. To Date
Alabama	\$ 152.72	\$ 1,056.75	\$ 1,209.47	\$ 192.95	\$ 2,630.40
Arizona	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Arkansas	.00	3,913.25	3,913.25	3,722.29	13,154.01
California	315.00	1,301.12	1,616.12	784.91	3,955.11
Colorado	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Delaware	.00	735.33	735.33	.00	1,333.05
Florida	11.31	.00	11.31	723.30	5,503.27
Georgia	9,904.39	3,506.67	12,961.06	4,028.91	28,469.21
Idaho	.00	.00	.00	222.64	130.00
Illinois	6,456.51	1,066.55	7,523.06	6,321.93	24,453.72
Indiana	467.18	.00	467.18	413.09	1,673.66
Kansas	.00	108.64	108.64	73.02	242.84
Kentucky	.00	158.78	158.78	227.75	315.53
Maryland	.00	.00	.00	74.00	1,277.81
Michigan	4,136.08	218.85	4,354.93	2,007.00	18,495.26
Mississippi	174.61	546.73	721.34	404.80	1,435.18
Missouri	7,542.28	.00	7,542.28	.00	16,575.72
New Mexico	.00	.00	.00	.00	24.44
North Carolina	884.90	707.94	1,592.84	1,752.66	5,875.36
Ohio	963.16	2,553.20	3,516.36	2,277.04	8,980.86
Oklahoma	19,004.83	7,043.07	26,047.90	33,586.05	104,049.69
South Carolina	13,147.47	.00	13,147.47	3,863.44	22,999.23
Tennessee	739.05	748.18	1,487.23	1,193.71	6,719.31
Texas	8,047.91	672.79	8,720.70	7,549.33	28,870.21
Virginia	217.30	210.00	427.30	.00	837.80
West Virginia	1,953.75	47.66	2,001.41	2,207.54	6,809.48
Canada	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Northwest Assoc.	.00	71.31	71.31	.00	71.31
Other (Computer)	.00	.00	.00	.00	.09
Totals	\$74,118.45	\$24,217.02	\$98,335.47	\$71,626.36	\$304,882.55

DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Office	\$ 2,370.90	\$15,774.85	\$18,145.75	\$17,176.62	\$ 54,437.27
Foreign Missions	48,391.14	1,941.69	50,332.83	36,210.79	165,837.28
FWBBC	6,078.06	1,941.69	8,019.75	2,677.10	19,860.14
Home Missions	13,957.94	1,519.58	15,477.52	13,255.03	45,275.19
Retirement & Insurance	452.04	1,181.91	1,633.95	672.23	4,866.10
Master's Men	331.57	1,097.48	1,429.05	636.57	5,325.07
Commission for					
Theological Integrity	64.79	84.43	149.22	65.39	449.60
FWB Foundation	17.47	506.52	523.99	279.44	2,315.09
Historical Commission	59.47	84.43	143.90	62.83	439.69
Radio & TV Commission	124.43	84.43	208.86	92.83	544.65
Hillsdale FWB College	1,898.06	.00	1,898.06	432.71	4,425.59
Other	372.58	.01	372.59	64.82	1,106.88
Totals	\$74,118.45	\$24,217.02	\$98,335.47	\$71,626.36	\$304,882.55

being close didn't help you a bit. You are just as lost as the one who only made it 10 percent of the way."

Tony swallowed hard. And even though the sun was blazing, he shivered a little as the truth of what Mr. Lane was saying sunk in.

"I'm ready," he finally said. And there in an old green row boat, Mr. Lane,

Marty and Tony, fell to their knees, and Tony asked Jesus to forgive his sins and be his Savior.



Was it a successful fishing trip? Why do you think the title of the story was "The Big Fish?" Read Mark 1:17.

Especially
For Young
Preachers

Attend the National Association

1. Lead your church to budget funds to send you to the National Association. It would be commendable if the church included your wife in this provision.
2. Plan ahead. Evaluate the hotels and decide where you ought to stay. (The least expensive may not always be the best.) Send in your reservation early.
3. If you fly, purchase discount tickets. Be a good steward of the Lord's money provided through your church.
4. If you drive, consider traveling with another pastor or friend. Take snacks and soft drinks to save money.
5. Keep accurate records and receipts of all expenses.
6. Cover all responsibilities before you leave home. Make a check list of what must be done before you leave. Check it off as the work is accomplished.
7. Arrange for speakers in your absence.
8. Attend all meetings at the National Association. You represent your church. It's dishonest to let them pay your expenses and then neglect your duty as a delegate.
9. Eat only two meals a day; don't stay up late and neglect proper rest; tip waitresses well; be considerate of hotel and restaurant employees; enter the services with enthusiasm; refrain from being critical; pray for the speakers; enjoy the fellowship.
10. Go home with optimism. There may be discouraging problems and aggravating business items at the association. But there will be much encouraging, challenging information. Major on what edified and blessed when you speak with your church members.
11. Make copies of interesting reports and distribute them to your congregation. Give a short report.
12. Begin to pray for next year's association. The planning committee might ask you to speak!

Next Month: Some Ways to Improve Your Services

Dennis Wiggs



Robert E. Picirilli

Green Tree Bible Study

Psalm 91

The Refuge of the Godly

When I was a student at FWBBC I sometimes went, on "practical work," to the Tennessee Industrial School, where a large plaque beside the stage had Psalm 91:11-12 written on it. Ever since, that has been one of my favorite psalms—never mind that the devil knew it well (Matthew 4:5-6)! It assures us, as God's people, that the Lord Himself is our refuge.

Scholars have noted that Psalm 91, like several other psalms, changes speaker's perspective several times, as the switching personal pronouns indicate. Perhaps the suggestion of Keil and Delitzsch is the best way (though not the only way) of handling this: that the psalm was meant for two different voices. Voice one speaks vv. 1, 3-8, 9b-13; voice two vv. 2, 9a. Then a third voice—the Lord Himself—speaks vv. 14-16.

Regardless, vv. 1-2 introduce the theme, identifying God's people by four characteristics. (1) They dwell in the "secret place" of the Most High: that is, they are sheltered, protected by "the inaccessably high One." (2) They abide under His shadow, which essentially repeats the first: they are shielded, kept safe, by "the invincibly almighty One." (3) Individually, they can testify that the Lord—Jehovah/Yahweh—is their refuge and fortress. (4) In Him they put their trust, their faith.

Then vv. 3-8 describe the safety of God's people, assuring them of deliver-

ance (v. 3) from various evils. The "snare of the fowler" (v. 3) is a trap set for unwary birds. The "noisome pestilence" (v. 3) is a life-threatening plague. Verse 5 probably refers to war's threats: unnamed, terrifying threats in the dark; well seen attacks by day.

Verse 6 considers the threat of death by disease, again whether striking by night or day. Verses 7-8 wrap this up with a promise: God's people may see a thousand or ten thousand fall, but they will find protection in the Lord. They may *see* the wicked reap judgment from God in such things, but they will not *experience* it themselves.

Verse 4 expresses all this protection in a beautiful figure: God's people will be protected like little birds or chicks beneath the hovering wings of the mother fowl. Plainly speaking, God's truth will be their shield and armor.

Verses 9-13 are similar, describing the complete security enjoyed by those who have made the Lord their dwelling-place. No evil, no plague can overcome them (v. 10); they will walk victoriously through dangerous circumstances (v. 13). Verses 11-12 express this in an unusual and comforting way: God's angels, unseen, are at work to protect and deliver His people.

Finally, in vv. 14-16, God speaks directly to His people and makes them a seven-fold promise, each point emphasized by "I will." He will: (1) deliver them, (2) set them in a high place to protect them, (3) answer their

calls for help, (4) be present with them in trials, (5) rescue them from whatever would dishonor them, (6) give them the satisfaction of full lives, and (7) cause them to delight in His salvation.

As Leupold concludes, all this means that God will bestow such help on His people that one thing will impress them above all others: "How wonderfully God can deliver in all needs of body and soul!"



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THE SECRETARY SPEAKS
By Melvin Worthington

Back to Basics



Five speakers will develop the "Back to Basics" theme during the July National Convention in Kansas City. This does not suggest that Free Will Baptists have left or forgotten the basics, but that we want to reflect, remember, reaffirm and respond positively to basic biblical tenets.

The first basic—*Praise in the Worship of God*. The psalmist emphasized praise and worship. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 145:3). Psalm 146:1-2 says, "Praise ye the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live I will praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being."

Christians engaged in praise and worship please the Lord. Worship and praise flow from a heart that loves the Lord. Worship and praise must be nurtured; we neglect it to our peril. The nature of true worship is in spirit and truth. We can praise and worship God any time, any place and under all circumstances.

The second basic—*Praying in the Will of God*. Prayer is the Christian's lifeline, talking to God. Jesus promised that if we ask the Father for anything in His name it would be granted. Prayer—effective prayer—must be according to the will of God, the Word of God and the wisdom of God.

If we pray in secret, God promises to reward us openly. Time given to prayer is not wasted or worthless. It provides power to persevere in the Lord's work. Jesus commanded us to pray for more laborers. Perhaps the shortage of Chris-

tian workers reflects prayerlessness. Note the power, place and privilege of prayer in Acts (chapters 4, 6, 12, 27). Effective prayer flows from a clear head, clean hands, compassionate heart and consecrated habits.

The third basic—*Preaching the Word of God*. Biblical preaching results in preaching the Word. The apostles gave themselves to prayer and the Word. Paul exhorted Timothy to preach the Word. The preaching of the cross sounds foolish to those who perish, but to the saved it's the power of God. Preaching is an ordained method done by ordained men who have an ordained message.

While many other methods and means may be used to reach people, let's not despise preaching. The early church made much use of it. Biblical preaching involves proclamation, exposition and application of the Word of God. Preaching may indict, inspire,

instruct, invite or indoctrinate. Preaching need not be dead, dull and dry. It can be bold and balanced. While variety in preaching may be helpful, we must be careful that in our desire to be communicators we do not cut the message and dilute the power.

The fourth basic—*Participating in the Work of God*. God chose to use human beings to get the gospel to mankind. He looks for particular kinds of people to do His bidding. Ezekiel 22 paints a vivid picture of God's search for a servant to stand in the gap. God uses converted, courageous, consistent people.

We must take seriously our personal responsibility to serve the Lord. Dwight L. Moody heard a preacher say on one occasion that it was yet to be seen what God could do with a person completely yielded or committed to God. Moody responded, "I will be that man." The rest is history.

The final basic—*Perceiving Our Welcome by God*. Christians anticipate the day they will see the Lord Jesus. Countless songs have been written describing the Christian's hope. Jesus through His parables on stewardship reminds us that one day we can all hear, "Well done." Paul comforts the Christians at Thessalonica by explaining the future hope of the Christian. People from every nation, every tongue, every tribe will make up the residents of heaven.

Join us in Kansas City as five preachers remind us again of the truths that we all hold supreme as Christians and as Free Will Baptists.

Secretary's Schedule

May 31-June 1	RCMA Board Meeting Milwaukee, WI
June 1-3	Site Inspection Tulsa / Oklahoma City
June 6-7	North Carolina State Assoc.
June 7-9	Missouri State Assoc.
June 10-11	West Virginia State Assoc.
June 16-18	Virginia State Assoc.
June 23-25	Ohio State Assoc.
June 26	Ambassador FWB Church Cincinnati, OH
June 30-July 3	Atlantic Canada District Assoc.

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