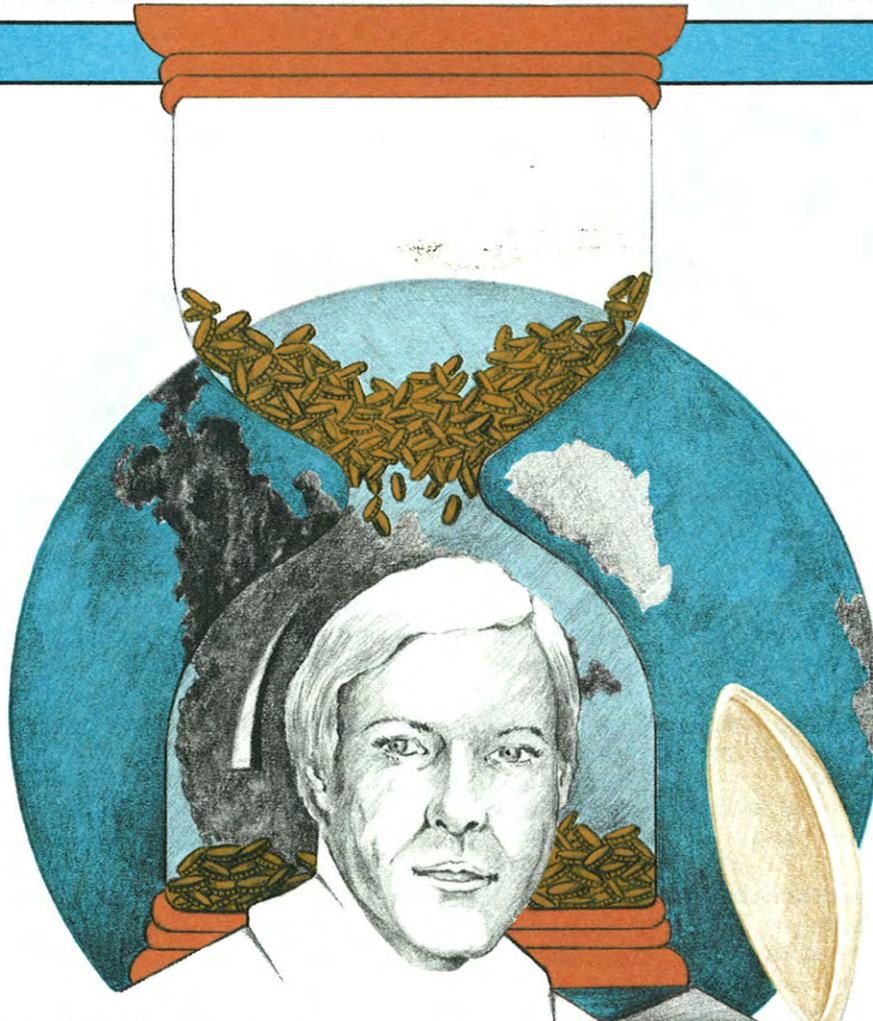


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9 Steps to Forgiveness

By Kathy Tippett Henderson



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Once upon a time a young Christian princess attended a Bible college, met and married a handsome prince. Together they served the Lord in church, raising children and living the ideal exemplary life.

Then one day, the princess discovered her prince in the arms of another. . . .

Reality enters. Fairy tale dreams shatter. Betrayal enters ushering in hurt, anger, bitterness. Respect and trust exit.

- An elementary school age girl is raped by her stepfather at home while her mother is in the hospital delivering his child.

- A Sunday School teacher misses church, "sick again," rather than risk being seen with bruises caused by her husband.

- Two sisters, once close, dispute over Daddy's inherited business. Harsh words break all ties. Although their back yards join, they never speak. At their mother's funeral they share a pew in icy silence.

- A preacher sexually abuses his own daughter, scarring her for life.

These four true events occurred in

the lives of Free Will Baptist people. Eventually each victim of sin wrestles with the bottom line issue: to forgive or not to forgive.

To forgive a minor offense by an acquaintance or an enemy is one thing, but when a family member or trusted friend hurts you, the acid test of forgiveness raises its head.

Corrie Ten Boom passed the test but admitted it was difficult. She forgave her enemies, the German soldiers, for the Holocaust that took her family. Yet years later when betrayed by trusted friends, she tried to forgive. She found herself at 2:00 a.m. mulling over old hurts, bitterness rushing back over her.

"How could they do this to me? My Christian friends!" She prayed and peace returned . . . until 2:00 a.m. the next night. "There it is again, Lord! Take it away!" He did. After the third night, however, she was disgusted with herself for being unsuccessful at forgiving.

An old German minister soothed her with an analogy. His homeland church bell is rung by hand. When the person stops pulling, the bell continues to ring for a time, "DING . . . DONG . . . ding . . . dong . . ." but grows weaker each time. He comforted her anguish with,

"You have stopped pulling. These 'ding dong's' don't belong to the rest." Time heals.

My own theory is that deep hurts caused by close friends pass through stages to eventual total forgiveness. In talking with people who have successfully forgiven, there seem to be several steps that help:

1. Decide if you want to forgive.

Some folks want to "forgive and remember." Impossible. Although you can not erase a memory from the brain, to choose to forgive is the same as forgetting. You simply choose not to hold it against the person any longer, not to mention or ponder it.

2. Ask God's help.

Ben Franklin said, "To err is human, to forgive, divine." As humans our love is not enough to cover sins, but God's love is "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost" (Romans 5:5).

3. Acts of kindness toward the offender help heal wounds.

I knew a lady who baked a cake for the woman who had caused her hus-

band to be unfaithful. Sometimes relationships are broken and this is not possible. In that case. . .

4. "Pray for those which despitefully use you."

To remove yourself from continual sin does not limit your prayers. As you call that name to God, truly desiring good for that person, your feelings will gradually change. Be careful that your prayer does not become a pity-party of rehashing old pains. Satan can use even prayer if we pray amiss.

5. Allow time to aid the healing process.

Just as death requires stages of acceptance, sometimes forgiveness does too. If God gives immediate peace, praise Him. However, don't blame yourself if the pain doesn't subside at once. Relationships are built on a three-legged stool of love, trust and respect. God can increase the love support until the other two are rebuilt stronger.

6. Recognize bitterness as your enemy.

Mrs. Lee Roberson shared her thoughts, "The price of not forgiving is bitterness and it is directed at God, not man." Even when aimed at a human target, it boomerangs and strikes physical, emotional and spiritual damage to the one who harbors it.

That "root of bitterness" strangles forgiveness. Every mention of bitterness in the New Testament comes from the same Greek root, *pic*, which means "to cut, to prick." To coddle a bitter heart is to puncture and penetrate our very selves.

7. Don't talk about it.

This sounds trite but is key to the process. Some people pride themselves in, "I've forgiven him although he . . ." and go on to recount in detail the sin. "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love, but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends" (Proverbs 17:9).

8. Find other mental outlets.

Thoughts haunted Corrie Ten Boom in the middle of the night and dredged up resentment. Idle minds are open to it. A good uplifting book on the nightstand, a tape of gospel music in the car, writing a letter to an old friend all can occupy mental space and protect from the return of an unforgiving spirit. The

devil finds our weak times. Avoid them.

9. Remember Calvary.

Forsaken by friends and even the Father Himself, Jesus still prayed, "Father, forgive them." He still asked, "Why?" He understands because He's been there. Our pain can not outweigh His. Whatever injustice we suffer is overshadowed by His. The only One who had a right to be bitter wasn't. Ask for a spirit like Jesus'.

These steps may lead to forgiveness, but they will cost you something—pride. However, if you choose not to take the first step, wanting to forgive, be warned there is a greater price for unforgiveness.

Look at the fruit of the Spirit in reverse, like a negative, to see the price tag: hatred, sadness, depression, a critical attitude, a harsh temper, low self esteem, weakened faith, resentment and a life out of balance, consumed by unforgiveness. God resists the proud. Pride is the sin that blocks forgiveness and robs us of the Holy Spirit's healing fruit.

Medical doctors report they physically heal only 20 percent of their patients. That means 80 percent have problems that stem from emotional needs. One doctor stated that if given enough time to talk with each one, he could find and relieve the stress.

To forgive. Is it easy? No! In fact it may not even be possible, humanly speaking. That is the point at which we reach for Divine help. We put the sin exactly where He put ours: behind our back, as far as the east is from the west, remembering no more, buried in the deepest sea. Then post a sign on the water's edge—"No Fishing Allowed." 🌐



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Half a Blanket

By Mal King

He was old now. But in his youth, with his bare hands and strong faith he had carved a farm out of the forest. He had raised a house and a family. And he had preached the gospel so compellingly that hundreds came to know the Savior. His wife with whom he shared life's joys and burdens had gone to Glory. She whom he loved more than life, gone after only 50 years.

The old man thought back to their first meeting, to their first day of marriage, to their first child, to their first church, to . . . His mind swept across the years to her last day. She, who had been his strength, lay bedridden. Sensing his presence as he walked into the room, she whispered, "Please turn me toward you."

Tears filled his eyes as he turned her frail body toward him. Then for the last time, she reached up and embraced him. His body shook as he sobbed deeply, then he shuddered like a frightened child.

He wanted to say, "I can't make it without you," but he sensed another Presence in the room. And he merely said, "Honey, the last time I cried like this was when I went away to World War II. But remember how happy was our reunion? Well, the next one will be better . . . and it will be forever."

They were hill country people who loved the simple life, and they loved the gospel. She asked him to read Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

As he read, she looked up, her pale face radiant: "Oh Jim, it's beautiful over here. . . ." Then he knew the realities were no longer unseen—knew why she had asked to have that verse read just before she crossed over.

"Dad are you ready?" His son's question brought him back to the present.

"Son, can't I just stay here through the winter?"

"Dad, you know that Mildred has said she can't put up with you anymore and that it's either you or her."



The old man said nothing more. Just last week he had told his son he would stay out of their way—stay in the attic of this house he had built with his own hands if they would just let him stay here in this almost sacred place. Here with memories. . . . Here where Her presence (he always capitalized reference to Her). Here where reverence for others had been surpassed only by reverence for God. Here. Here in a

place made holy by holy memories. The son had seemed touched by the request, but after talking to his wife came back to tell the old man he had to move into the rest home.

At that moment the old preacher's 10-year-old grandson came into the room carrying a blanket. (The old man said that he had not been warm since summer faded into fall, and fall into winter. So the old man had asked for a blanket to take to the rest home.) Shaking more from love turned cold than from the weather, he pulled the blanket around him. What's this?

Half a blanket! When he asked his grandson to get him the other half, his grandson refused.

"Son!" His son came into the room. "Son, make my grandson bring me the other half of this blanket, so I can take it to the rest home with me. He only brought me half and refuses to bring me the other half."

His son's face turned crimson, "Jim Junior, you get your grandfather the rest of that blanket or I'll beat you to within an inch of your life!"

"No sir," the grandson softly and respectfully replied.

As the boy's mother walked into the room, her husband started to take off his belt. The boy shuddered. He had never refused to obey his father before, but he had tasted the pain of that belt.

"Now, what do you mean, you won't get the other half of that blanket for your grandfather?" the father asked the trembling boy.

"Because sir, I love you and I want to save that half blanket for when you or mother grow old and have to go to a rest home."

The boy started to cry uncontrollably now. His parents stricken with what they had almost done to the old preacher fell to their knees and begged him to forgive them.

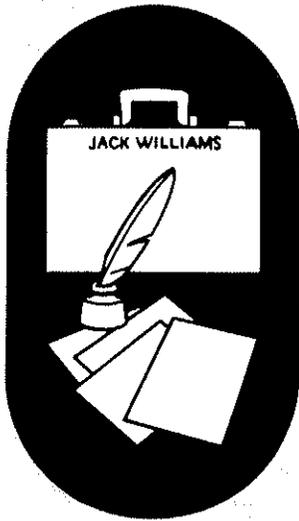
"Father," they both said, "this is your house, and you are to live in it until Jesus calls you home."

Through grateful tears, the old preacher smiled and prayed, "Lord, thanks. This will be a good new year after all."

And then he continued with a twinkle in his eye, "But what am I going to do with these half blankets?"

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Briefcase



The Crazy World of Fathers

away. When I got to the fence and asked, "Who's the sharpshooter?" all three of his wide-eyed friends pointed a finger at you-know-who. No question about guilt, too many eager witnesses.

We then had an interesting, mostly one-sided discussion about *his* air rifle, *my* garbage cans, *other people's* property and general rules of gun safety. To his credit, he chimed in with "yes sirs" and "no sirs" right on cue. Of course, it probably helped that I'd caught him red-handed and he knew it.

Nice kid. He agreed to never kill another garbage can, and I agreed to not tell his father. I won't if he won't. Every boy deserves a second chance. Sometimes a father can give that to another man's son.

Most boys need several second chances before they're old enough to vote. The Good Friday Sharpshooter didn't know it, but I was just repaying a debt to another father (who will be nameless) who didn't tell my dad what I did (which will be unmentioned, naturally) with my air rifle when I was 12.

And now to the Mustang on Apache Trail. Monday morning after Easter four teenage boys followed me for a mile down Apache Trail, a hilly two-lane road in south Nashville. They drove a rusty Ford Mustang with a supercharger hanging on the hood. They were on their way to school; it was 6:52, heavy traffic and they were late. The speed limit was 40 and I was doing 35.

Their fathers weren't anywhere near and it showed. They kept egging each other on to do something. Finally at the traffic light, the driver whipped around me and gave me a withering look that would peel the paint off a barn door. His passengers yelled appropriately derogatory remarks about my driving and family lineage. The skinny kid who looked like he got his head caught in a weed eater rode shotgun and made indecent hand gestures. He turned to be sure I was paying attention. As they

zoomed down the hill and stopped at a traffic light, I felt a new appreciation for Robert Burton's observation, "Diogenes struck the father when the son swore."

I regret that I didn't get a chance to talk with the boys. But even with all those hot young tempers flaring, I did remember that most teens don't act like that, most are courteous. In spite of how I felt, I didn't yell back at them or retaliate with hand gestures. However, I suspect that somewhere in south Nashville four fathers would be grieved if they knew how their sons had acted on a public highway.

About mid-morning today, the Lord reminded me of the four, and also reminded me that they too need a second chance. So I stopped my work schedule, turned off the phone and prayed for those four young men in the supercharged Mustang.

Fathers do that sometimes. They pray for somebody else's discourteous boys who need a second chance, when they'd rather follow them home and have a long, one-sided conversation with their parents.

Fathers are legally responsible for only certain children, theirs. But in a strange, unexplainable way, at times fathers feel morally responsible for any kid who needs another chance or a hand up from a tight spot. Maybe that's because every father can remember when a firm hand reached out from the shadows to steady him, and a strong voice urged him to do right.

Air rifles, Mustangs and the ministry of the second chance. Somehow, in the crazy world of fathers, that combination usually turns boys into men and men toward God. There comes a point in every boy's life when he knows it's time to say, "I will arise and go to my father. . . ." That's the day he becomes a man.

Perhaps that's why fathers believe the old adage rings so true: No man is ever so tall as when he stoops to help a child.

When my son turned 19 and towered over me three inches, he told me something I never knew or suspected. He said, "When we lived in California, I thought you were the biggest man in the world." Wow!

While I thought I did pretty well in our California years, I didn't recall feeling like the biggest man in Fresno, much less the rest of the world. His statement puzzled me until I remembered that he was seven in California. Then I understood—all 7-year-old boys think their fathers slay dragons and stand tall as trees, even short fathers.

You know who changed, of course. He did. I got older and stayed five feet tall. He, on the other hand, sprouted from a chubby 7-year-old to a weight-lifting teenager with flashing eyes and a hunger to change the world.

That's the way of fathers. One day we're Superman without a cape, the next we're gazing into deep brown eyes explaining the unexplainable. Fathers don't get a second chance; we have to get it right the first time.

Which brings me to the Good Friday Sharpshooter. I heard a metallic rat-a-tat-tat behind the house that afternoon. I stepped outside and spotted a 10-year-old Daniel Boone blistering my garbage cans from 60 paces with his air rifle. That kid was pumping out about 12 shots a minute, never missed once. Sounded like Saturday night in Dodge City.

He saw me, hastily dropped his rifle in the grass and nonchalantly walked

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SUNDAY MORNING / July 16

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Adults)	Convention Center Main Hall
	Presiding: Leroy Cutler Song Service: Blaine Hughes Music: Free Will Baptist Bible College Adult Teacher: Sam Truett	
10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Youth)	Hyatt Regency
	Primary/Junior Class	Regency Ballroom V, VI
	Teen Class	Regency Ballroom I, II, III
10:45	Intermission	

11:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Adults)	Convention Center Main Hall
	Presiding: Leroy Cutler Song Service: Blaine Hughes Music: Free Will Baptist Bible College Offertory: Organ/Piano Duet Solo: Scott Bullman	
	MESSAGE: "Stewardship of Our Testimony" Larry Montgomery	
11:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Youth)	Hyatt Regency
	Primary/Junior Church	Regency Ballroom V, VI
	Teen Church	Regency Ballroom I, II, III

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 16

3:00	REGISTRATION for National Convention and WNAC	Convention Center Lobby
3:00	REGISTRATION for National Youth Conference	Hyatt Regency Galleria B
5:00	Usher Orientation	Convention Center Seminole Room
5:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall

SUNDAY EVENING / July 16

7:00-8:30	NYC Keynote Service Speaker: Kent Hubbard	Convention Center Main Hall
8:30	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Lobby
8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Hyatt Regency Galleria B
9:00	Youth Activity (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity (See NYC Program)	Riverside Hotel Bayshore East

MONDAY MORNING / July 17

7:00	NYC Breakfast (staff, judges and officials)	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite
7:30-9:00	Master's Men Board	Hyatt Regency Esplanade Boardroom
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Hyatt Regency Galleria B
8:00-8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Riverside Hotel Hillsborough Room
8:30	Registration Continues	Convention Center Lobby
8:30	NYC Assemblies (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency
9:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency
9:00	GENERAL BOARD Convenes	Convention Center Ybor Room
9:00-10:30	Foreign Missionary Orientation	Convention Center Seminole Room
9:00-11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Riverside Hotel Buccaneer Room
9:00-11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Riverside Hotel Seminole Room

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 17

12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Riverside Hotel Hillsborough Room
12:00-1:15	General Board Luncheon	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency
1:30	GENERAL BOARD Reconvenes	Convention Center Ybor Room

1:30-2:30	WNAC Ministers' Wives Seminar	Riverside Hotel Bayshore Central/West
	Theme: "Come Unto Me" Speakers: Lila Faye Morgan Nora McCarty Maurine Lee	

1:30-2:30	WNAC General Seminar	Riverside Hotel Bayshore East
	Theme: "Extending the Invitation" Speakers: Yvonne Wolfenbarger June Rolan Ethel Whaley	

2:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite
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3:00	Exhibit Area Opens	Convention Center Gasparilla Room
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3:00-4:00	WNAC Presidents and Field Workers Meeting	Riverside Hotel Bayshore East
	Let's Talk: Mary R. Wisheart	

3:00-5:00	Home Missions Camp Meeting	Convention Center Main Hall
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4:00	20-Minute Workshop "Basic Estate Planning" Speaker: Herman Hersey	Holiday Inn Downtown Windsor Room
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5:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall
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5:00	Learner/Adventurer Banquet	Holiday Inn Downtown Crown Ballroom
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5:30	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall
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MONDAY EVENING / July 17

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Main Hall
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Presiding: Melvin Worthington
Song Service: Doug Little
Music: Mass Adult Choir / Doug Little, Director

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

Report of Committee on Committees:
Ralph Hampton, Moderator

Welcome to Tampa: Leroy Cutler
Moderator, Florida State Association

Offertory: Gospeliers Quartet
Music: Hillsdale FWB College
Solo: Bill Gardner

MESSAGE: "Stewardship of Our Treasure"
Waldo Young

8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Gasparilla Room
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8:30	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall
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8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Lobby
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9:00	20-Minute Seminar "Ministering to Older Adults" Speaker: Herman Hersey	Holiday Inn Downtown Windsor Room
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity (See NYC Program)	Riverside Hotel Bayshore East
9:00	Youth Activity (See NYC Program)	Tampa Amphitheater
10:30	Exhibit Area Closed	

TUESDAY MORNING / July 18

7:00-8:15	Music Ministries Breakfast	Days Inn Downtown Grand Ballroom III
7:00-8:30	Home Missions Board Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite 3
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Hyatt Regency Galleria B
8:15	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency
8:30	Registration Continues	Convention Center Lobby
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Gasparilla Room
9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION Presiding: Mary Neal, President	Convention Center Main Hall
9:00-11:00	BIBLE CONFERENCE Presiding: Fred Hanson Song Service: John Gibbs 9:00 Music: Southeastern FWB College Speaker: Norwood Gibson 10:00 Music: Hillsdale FWB College Speaker: Garnett Reid	Holiday Inn Downtown Crown Ballroom
10:00	TBIS Computer Seminar	Holiday Inn Downtown Wellington Room
11:10	WNAC Missionary Service Message: Tom McCullough	Convention Center Main Hall

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

12:15-1:30	Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon Speaker: Jim Shepherd	Days Inn Downtown Grand Ballroom II, III
12:15-1:30	State Leaders Luncheon	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency
1:30	WNAC Reconvenes	Convention Center Main Hall
1:30	TBIS Computer Seminar	Holiday Inn Downtown Wellington Room

1:30-3:00	Theological Trends Workshop "Christianity and Humanism" Speaker: Edwin Wade	Holiday Inn Downtown Ambassador A & B
1:30-3:00	Music Commission Workshop	Riverside Hotel Bayshore Central/West
1:30-3:00	Target 90 Workshop	Convention Center Ybor Room
2:00	20-Minute Workshop "Retirement Planning" Speaker: Ray Lewis	Holiday Inn Downtown Windsor Room
3:00	20-Minute Workshop "Basic Estate Planning" Speaker: Herman Hersey	Holiday Inn Downtown Windsor Room
3:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency
4:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall
4:00	20-Minute Workshop "Ministering to Older Adults" Speaker: Herman Hersey	Holiday Inn Downtown Windsor Room
5:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall
5:00-6:45	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Speaker: Mabel Willey	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom

TUESDAY EVENING / July 18

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: Earl Hendrix Song Service: Raymond Lee Mass Adult Choir / Doug Little, Director Offertory: Oklahoma Ministers Quartet Solo: Randy Sawyer Special Music: Free Will Baptist Bible College MESSAGE: "Stewardship of Our Text" Delmar Sparks	Convention Center Main Hall
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Gasparilla Room
8:30	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall
8:30	Historical Commission Meeting	Convention Center Media Room
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Lobby
9:00	20-Minute Workshop "Retirement Planning" Speaker: Ray Lewis	Holiday Inn Downtown Windsor Room
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity	Riverside Hotel Bayshore East
9:00	Youth Banquet	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom
10:30	Exhibit Area Closed	

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 19

7:00	Youth Workers Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Esplanade Suite
8:15	NYC Competitive Finals (Bible Competition)	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom I, II, III
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Gasparilla Room
8:30	Registration Continues	Convention Center Lobby
9:00-11:45	CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION	Convention Center Main Hall
	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 Foreign Missions: R. Eugene Waddell Free Will Baptist Bible College: Charles Thigpen Sunday School & Church Training: Roger Reeds Commission for Theological Integrity: Leroy Forlines Radio-TV Commission: Sandy Goodfellow	
11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom I, II, III

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

12:00	REGISTRATION CLOSES	
12:00-1:15	Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon	Riverside Hotel Bayshore Ballroom
1:30	CONVENTION BUSINESS Reconvenes	Convention Center Main Hall
	Scripture Reading and Prayer Assistant Moderator: Carl Cheshier	
1:35	REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued)	
	Home Missions: Roy Thomas Master's Men: James Vallance Board of Retirement: Herman Hersey Free Will Baptist Foundation: Herman Hersey Music Commission: Bill Gardner	
2:00	NYC TEAM Youth Congress (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom I, II, III
2:00	NYC Ministry Seminars (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency
2:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity (See NYC Program)	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite
3:30	General Board Final Report Partial Report of Nominating Committee Election of General Board Members	

4:00	Business Session Recessed	
4:00	Music Rehearsal (or immediately following business session)	Convention Center Main Hall
5:00	Master's Men Dinner Speaker: Ron Barber	Days Inn Downtown Grand Ballroom
5:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 19

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Main Hall
	Presiding: Dale Skiles Song Service: Vernon Whaley Music: Free Will Baptist Hispanic Choir Tom Willey, Director	
	Recognition of Missionaries: Roy Thomas R. Eugene Waddell	
	Missions Offering: Dale Skiles	
	Offertory: Organ/Piano Duet Special Music: Southeastern FWB College Solo: Janis Williams	
	MESSAGE: "Stewardship of Our Territory" Milburn Wilson	
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Gasparilla Room
9:00	NYC Awards Ceremony	Convention Center Main Hall
10:30	Exhibit Area Closed	

THURSDAY MORNING / July 20

7:30-9:00	Sunday School Board Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite 3
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Gasparilla Room
9:00	CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION	Convention Center Main Hall
	Scripture Reading & Prayer Assistant Clerk: Keith Burden	
	NYC Report: Jim Lauthern WNAC Report: Mary R. Wisehart 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

22nd Annual Conference / July 16-19, 1989

Hyatt Regency / Tampa, Florida

SONSHINE

'89

THEME: "SonShine '89"

DIRECTOR: Jim Lauthern

BIBLE COMPETITION COORDINATOR: Len Davenport

MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL COORDINATOR: Dean Jones

REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: June McVay

REGISTRATION ASSISTANT: Jill Pointer

(NYC operates under the auspices of the Sunday School and Church Training Department.)

SUNDAY MORNING / July 16

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Hyatt Regency
	Primary/Junior Class	Regency Ballroom V, VI
	Teen Class	Regency Ballroom I, II, III
11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP	Hyatt Regency
	Primary/Junior Church	Regency Ballroom V, VI
	Teen Church	Regency Ballroom I, II, III

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 16

3:00	NYC Registration	Hyatt Regency Galleria B
5:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Main Hall

SUNDAY EVENING / July 16

7:00-8:30	NYC Keynote Service Speaker: Kent Hubbard	Convention Center Main Hall
8:30	NYC Registration Continues	Hyatt Regency Galleria B
9:00	Youth Activity	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity	Riverside Hotel Bayshore East

MONDAY MORNING / July 17

7:00	NYC Breakfast (staff, judges and officials)	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Hyatt Regency Galleria B
8:15	SonRise Devotional Time	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom I
8:30	NYC ASSEMBLIES	Hyatt Regency
	Music and Arts Assembly	Regency Ballroom I
	All Entries and Coaches	
	Bible Bowl	Buccaneer B, C, D
	All Teams and Coaches	
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Regency Ballroom V, VI
	All Teams and Coaches	
	Sword Drill/Memorization	Regency Ballroom VII
	All Entries and Coaches	



Davenport

Jones

Lauthern

9:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Hyatt Regency
	Music and Arts Section 1 Vocal Ensembles	Regency Ballroom I
	Music and Arts Section 2 Keyboard	Regency Ballroom II, III
	Music and Arts Section 3 Oral Communications	Esplanade Suite
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 4	Regency Ballroom VII
10:00	Bible Memorization Grade 1	Regency Ballroom VII

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 17

1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Hyatt Regency
	Music and Arts Section 4 Vocal Ensembles	Regency Ballroom I
	Music and Arts Section 5 Vocal Solos	Regency Ballroom II, III
	Music and Arts Section 6 Oral Communications	Esplanade Suite
	Bible Bowl	Buccaneer B, C, D
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Regency Ballroom V, VI
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 5	Regency Ballroom VII
2:00	Bible Memorization Grade 2	Regency Ballroom VII
2:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite
5:00	Learner/Adventurer Banquet	Holiday Inn Downtown Crown Ballroom

MONDAY EVENING / July 17

7:00-8:30	Main Convention Service	Convention Center Main Hall
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity	Riverside Hotel Bayshore East
9:00	Youth Activity	Tampa Amphitheater On Hillsborough Riverbank

TUESDAY MORNING / July 18

8:00	SonRise Devotional Time	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom I, II, III
	NYC Registration Continues	Hyatt Regency Galleria B
8:15	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Hyatt Regency
	Music and Arts Section 7 Choirs, Chorales	Regency Ballroom I, II, III
	Music and Arts Section 8 Instrumental	Esplanade Suite
	Bible Bowl	Buccaneer B, C, D

	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Regency Ballroom V, VI
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 6	Regency Ballroom VII
10:00	Bible Memorization Grade 3	Regency Ballroom VII

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

1:00	Music and Arts Section 9 Vocal Ensembles	Hyatt Regency Esplanade Suite
	Music and Arts Section 10 Oral Communications	Buccaneer B, C, D
3:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite

TUESDAY EVENING / July 18

7:00-8:30	Main Convention Service	Convention Center Main Hall
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity	Riverside Hotel Bayshore East
9:00	Youth Banquet	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 19

7:00	Youth Workers Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Esplanade Suite
8:00	SonRise Devotional Time	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom I, II, III
8:15	Bible Competition Finals	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom I, II, III
11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony (Bible, Arts, Writing)	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom I, II, III

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

2:00	TEAM Youth Congress (All Junior High and Senior High Youth)	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom I, II, III
2:00	MINISTRY SEMINARS	Hyatt Regency
	"Clown Ministry"	Buccaneer C
	"Puppetry"	Buccaneer B
	"Youth Evangelistic Teams"	Buccaneer D
	"Junior Church Programs"	Regency Ballroom V
2:00	Learner/Adventurer Activity	Hyatt Regency Garrison Suite

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 19

7:00-8:30	Main Convention Service	Convention Center Main Hall
9:00	NYC Awards Ceremony	Convention Center Main Hall



WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

54th Annual Session / July 17-18, 1989

Tampa, Florida

Curtis Hixon Convention Center

THEME: "The Great Invitation"

SCRIPTURE: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

HYMN: "The Woman's Hymn"

MUSIC COORDINATOR: Carolyn Riddick

ORGANIST: Karen Owen

PIANIST: Diana Bryant

REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN: Jacquelyn Potter

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Hyatt Regency Tampa

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 16

1:30 Registration Orientation Convention Center Lobby

3:00 REGISTRATION Convention Center Lobby

MONDAY MORNING / July 17

8:00-8:45 WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast Riverside Hotel Hillsborough Room

9:00-11:00 WNAC Nominating Committee Riverside Hotel Buccaneer Room

9:00-11:45 WNAC Executive Committee Riverside Hotel Seminole Room

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 17

12:00-12:45 WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon Riverside Hotel Hillsborough Room

1:30-2:30 WNAC Ministers' Wives Seminar Riverside Hotel Bayshore Central/West

Theme: "Come Unto Me . . ."

Presiding: Peggy Outland

"Take My Yoke"
Lila Faye Morgan

"If Any Lack Wisdom"
Nora McCarty

"I Will Give You Rest"
Maurine Lee

1:30-2:30 WNAC General Seminar Riverside Hotel Bayshore East

Theme: "Extending the Invitation"

Presiding: Mary Neal

"To the Single Again"
Yvonne Wolfenbarger

"To the Career Woman"
June Rolan

"To the J-O-Y (Just Older Youth) Group"
Ethel Whaley



Wisheart



McCullough



Neal

3:00-4:00 WNAC Presidents and Field Workers Meeting

Riverside Hotel Bayshore East

Presiding: Mary R. Wisheart

Let's Talk: Mary R. Wisheart

TUESDAY MORNING / July 18

9:00 WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION Convention Center Main Hall

Presiding: Mary Neal

Congregational Singing: "The Woman's Hymn"

Devotion: Patty McCullough

Special Music: Sherry Baker

Welcome: Peggy Hutto

Creative Arts Awards: Lorene Miley

Credentials Committee Report/Seating of Delegates

Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Mary R. Wisheart

Resolutions Committee Report

Appreciation Committee Report

11:10 WNAC MISSIONARY SERVICE Convention Center Main Hall

Congregational Singing

Offering

Special Music: Bobbie Thomas

Message: Tom McCullough

12:00 Recess

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

1:30 Congregational Singing Convention Center Main Hall
Special Music: Lisa Christian

Registration Committee Report
Special Feature: Kay Hampton

3:00 Adjournment

5:00 WNAC Fellowship Dinner Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom

Invocation: Larry Hampton

Speaker: Mabel Willey

Benediction: Don Neal



Hotel Reservation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Tampa, Florida

National Convention

July 16-20, 1989

- All reservation requests will be made through the NAFWB Housing Bureau—NOT WITH INDIVIDUAL HOTELS.
- Complete this housing form selecting your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice hotels and mail to the Housing Bureau. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1989. Send one form for each room request—duplicate this form if necessary.
- Changes and cancellations must be made directly with the hotel before 6:00 p.m. the day of your arrival.
- The hotel will require a deposit. Complete the credit card information on this form or send a check directly to the hotel AFTER you have received your confirmation.
- Information and inquiries ONLY: 800/826-8358.

Cutoff Date:
Received by
June 30, 1989

MAIL TO:
NAFWB
Housing Bureau
100 S. Ashley Drive, Suite 850
Tampa, FL 33602

YOUR NAME _____
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HOTEL REQUESTED (Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.):

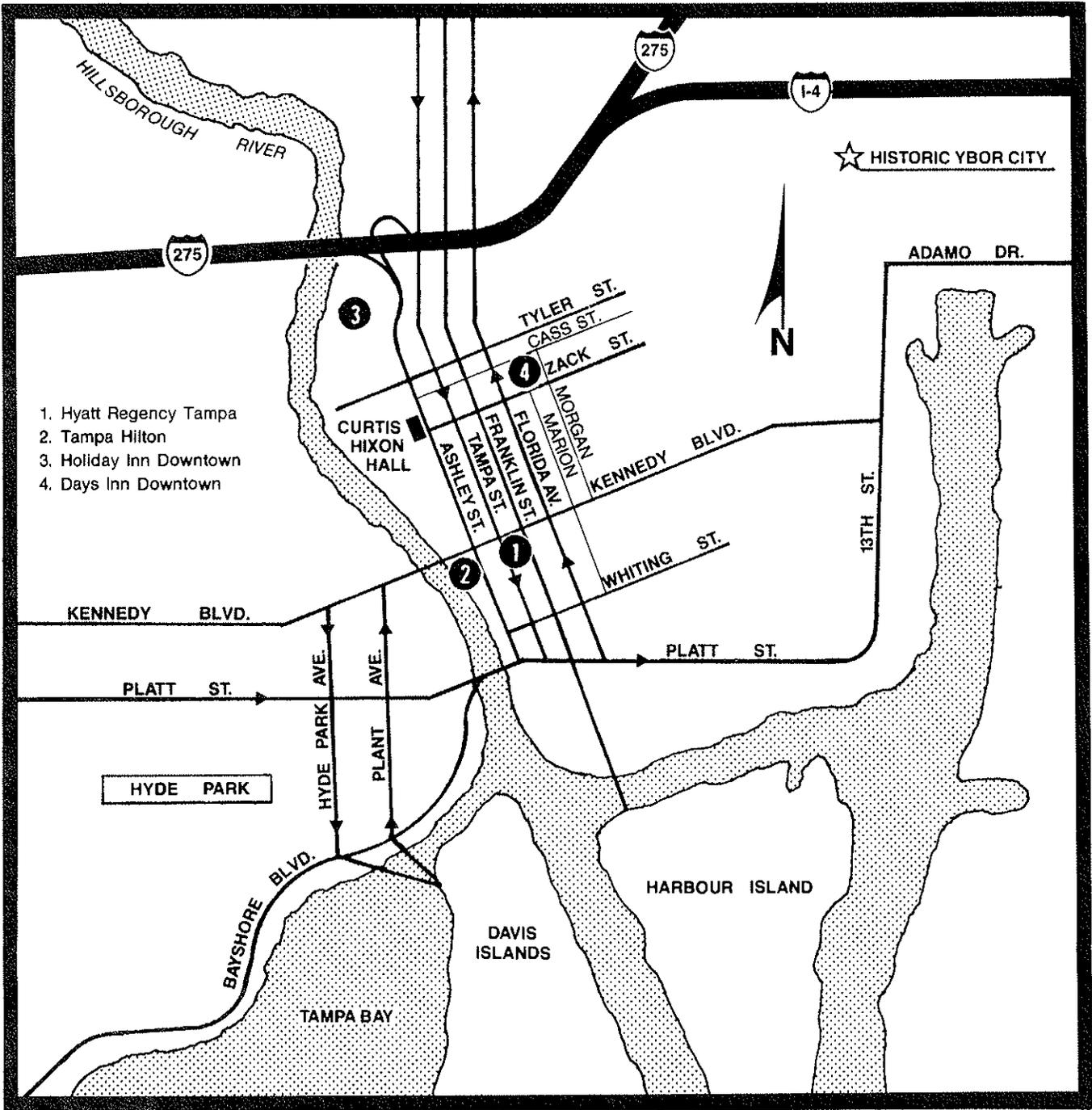
HOTELS	Choice	 Single	 Double	 Triple	 Quad
Hyatt Regency Tampa (Headquarters)		\$70	\$70	\$80	\$80
Tampa Hilton (Now Riverside Hotel)		\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
Holiday Inn Downtown		\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Days Inn Downtown		\$45	\$45	\$52	\$52

TYPE OF ROOM REQUESTED:

SINGLE/1 PERSON _____ DOUBLE/2 PEOPLE _____
TRIPLE/3 PEOPLE _____ QUAD/4 PEOPLE _____
NUMBER OF BEDS IN ROOM _____

PLEASE LIST ROOM OCCUPANTS:

HOTEL LOCATIONS



Filling a Father's Shoes

By Douglas Little

My dad is the one real hero of my life. I don't remember consciously trying to pattern my life after him, but every time we all get together my wife remarks, "You two are just alike."

I remember playing as a young boy, scooting around the house wearing Dad's big, black shoes. It was great fun, pretending to be big. But now there's another little person talking about how big my shoes are. Watching my daughter grow has made me reflect on Dad's influence and caused me to take a hard look at what's really important to me. Filling a father's shoes demands top priority in the choices I make.

I want to be a dad who takes time to play. Riding bikes and kicking a soccer ball may not fit some guy's macho image, but I'll have time for more grown-up recreation later. Some day (all too soon) Rachel isn't going to think Daddy's the best playmate. So let my personal pursuits wait. There's always going to be more work to do than time. Little girls don't wait; they keep right on growing up. I choose to play while I can.

I want to be a dad who teaches. I know that values are more caught than taught, but there's a strong need for fathers to be teachers in the homes. There are shoelaces to tie, dogs to feed, bikes to fix. Then later on there'll be a car to drive and service, checkbooks to balance, dates to choose, career goals to set. I choose to be involved in my child's education. I choose to help her discover the relevance of scripture to daily living.

I want to be a dad who prays. Filling a father's shoes is a bigger job than I'm capable of. Success will come only through the Lord's wisdom and strength. I choose to admit my weakness and turn to the One who has promised to help when I need it most.

Being a husband and daddy is the highest earthly calling I have. I'm thankful beyond words that my dad took time to play, to teach and to pray. I choose to give my utmost to filling a father's shoes as he does. My daughter's life depends on it. Yours depends on your choice. 

ABOUT THE WRITER: Reverend Douglas Little pastors First Free Will Baptist Church, Russellville, Arkansas.

REQUEST FOR TICKETS TO MEAL FUNCTIONS 1989 National Convention

Number	Meal	Total
_____	Learner / Adventurer Banquet \$7 Monday, July 17 / 5:00 p.m. Holiday Inn Downtown / Crown Ballroom	\$ _____
_____	Music Ministries Fellowship Breakfast \$6 Tuesday, July 18 / 7:00 a.m. Days Inn Downtown / Grand Ballroom III	\$ _____
_____	Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon \$7.50 Tuesday, July 18 / 12:15 p.m. Days Inn Downtown / Grand Ballroom II, III	\$ _____
_____	WNAC Fellowship Dinner \$13.50 Tuesday, July 18 / 5:00 p.m. Hyatt Regency / Regency Ballroom	\$ _____
_____	Youth Banquet \$8 Tuesday, July 18 / 9:00 p.m. Hyatt Regency / Regency Ballroom	\$ _____
_____	Youth Workers Fellowship Breakfast \$7 Wednesday, July 19 / 7:00 a.m. Hyatt Regency / Esplanade Suite	\$ _____
_____	Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon \$10 Wednesday, July 19 / 12:00 noon Tampa Hilton / Bayshore Ballroom	\$ _____
_____	Master's Men Dinner \$12.50 Wednesday, July 19 / 5:00 p.m. Days Inn Downtown / Grand Ballroom	\$ _____
		Total Enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT:

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Make checks payable to TICKET SALES. Mail request 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, 1989.**

NO TICKET REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 30, 1989.



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DISCOUNT AIR FARES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION AVAILABLE

NASHVILLE, TN—The National Association of Free Will Baptists has made special travel arrangements for attendees who wish to fly to the 1989 national convention in Tampa, Florida, July 16-20, according to Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington. VEE-SON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AGENCY in Nashville will be the agency of record to provide members attending the convention with discount service.

Veeson Travel has secured large discounts for air travel to Tampa. The fares Veeson offers cannot be purchased through another travel agency or directly with the airline. These are contracted group airfares. First class tickets may also be booked if desired.

For information concerning the discounts and easy ticketing, simply call 1-800/426-5117. This is a toll-free number to Veeson Travel. (Tennessee residents call collect (615/320-7287).

Identify yourself with the Free Will Baptist national convention. Advise the Veeson agent of your name, number of passengers traveling, city of originating flight, correct mailing address, telephone number (home and business). For easy billing, have a current credit card ready at the time of the airline booking. Veeson Travel will process and mail the tickets to you.

For any pre- or post-convention trips in the area, Sally Davenport or David Foster will work out your requests. Veeson Travel can help with booking a rental car if you decide to use one while visiting Tampa. All services from Veeson Travel are free.

ILLINOIS ELECTS LARRY CLYATT MODERATOR

AURORA IL—Delegates to the 29th annual Illinois State Association elected Benton pastor Larry Clyatt as moderator during the March 17-18 session. Reverend Clyatt, who pastors First FWB Church in Benton, previously served as the state's assistant moderator.

In other action, delegates elected Pastor Gene Outland as assistant moderator. Outland pastors Hazel Dell FWB Church in Sesser.

More than 130 registered for the state association which met at Butterfield FWB Church in Aurora. Clerk Larry Cook said that 38 ministers and 35 lay delegates attended the session.

Five men preached sermons on the association theme, "Building on Our Strengths." Four Illinois ministers—William Mishler, Ivan Ryan, Ken Dog-

gett and Cliff Donoho—shared pulpit duties with Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington.

The Northern Illinois Quarterly Conference presented the state CTS Board with a \$35,000 check for a swimming pool at Camp Hope in Ewing. More than 100 people attended the Friday Fellowship Dinner at nearby Gaslight Manor where members of Butterfield Church planned the program.

Clerk Larry Cook observed, "This was the best state association I've attended in years. The preaching was excellent and the people had such good attitudes."

The 1990 association will meet March 16-17 at Calvary FWB Church in Salem.

FWB BOOKSTORE FELLOWSHIP MEETS



NASHVILLE, TN—The Free Will Baptist Bookstore Fellowship met March 14-15 at Randall House Publications in Nashville for their annual meeting. David Joslin presided over the two-day session.

Guest speaker, Dr. Wesley R. Willis, senior vice president of Scripture Press Publications, spoke at three seminars on "Current Trends in the Evangelical Market," "Maximizing Your Curriculum Sales" and "Lead Your People as Christ Led His."

Dr. Melvin Worthington spoke regarding the sales of the Free Will Bap-

tist hymnal, *Rejoice*. Also included on the program: Dr. Roger Reeds and Rev. David Joslin.

Free Will Baptist bookstore managers and representatives from Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio and Kentucky were present for the meeting. Departmental managers from Randall House Publications also attended.

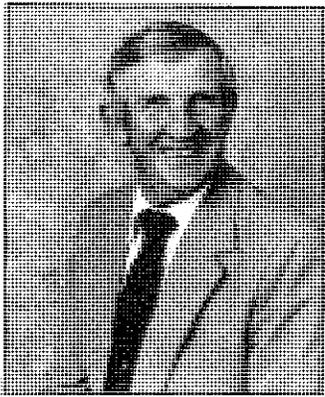
Officers elected included Alton Lovelless, president; David Joslin, vice president; and Becky Beverly, secretary-treasurer.

NATIONAL OFFICE HOURS

Office hours at the National Office Building in Nashville are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST (CDT, April-October).

Offices are not open before 7:30 a.m., after 4:00 p.m. or on Saturday and Sunday.

CHURCH ORGANIZER OBSERVES 50TH ANNIVERSARY



LENORE, WV—Reverend Melvin Sanford, a prolific church organizer, observed 50 years as a Free Will Baptist minister this year. The 69-year-old West Virginia native organized 37 Free Will Baptist churches in West Virginia and assisted in organizing 17 churches in Ohio.

Licensed to preach in 1939, Brother Sanford pastored churches in West Virginia, Ohio and Florida. During this time, he also organized two quarterly meetings and conducted revivals in seven states.

Members of Parsley Bottom FWB Church, Lenore, W. Va., where Sanford pastored in his early ministry in the 1940's, hosted a surprise celebration for him. Officials also set up an account at the Bank of Mingo in Naugatuck, W. Va., to purchase Reverend Sanford a new car.

CONVENTION HOTEL CHANGES NAME

The Tampa Hilton changed its name in April. The property is now the RIVERSIDE HOTEL.

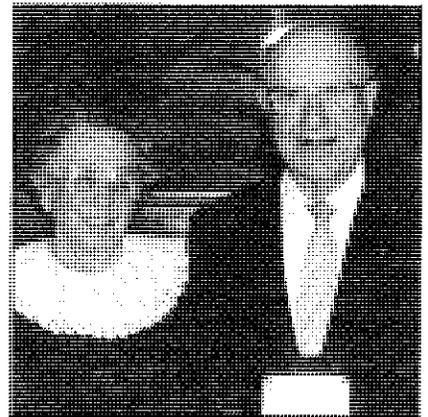
The new management will honor all previous arrangements regarding the Free Will Baptist National Convention. Thank you for your understanding. We regret the inconvenience.

ILLINOIS CHURCH HONORS RETIRING PASTOR

DECATUR, IL—Members of First FWB Church, Decatur, honored Reverend Wallace Malone on Palm Sunday as he retired after 49 years of pastoral ministry. Rev. Malone (72) began pastoring in 1940 at Bear Point FWB Church in Sesser. He invested 49 years of pastoral work in seven Illinois churches, with First Church, Decatur, as his last pastorate.

Friends gathered to present a plaque of appreciation and a \$2,000 love gift to Wallace and Eunice Malone. The Malones were also praised at a fellowship time after the evening service.

In addition to his 49-year pastoral duties, Brother Malone also served in leadership roles in district, state and national Free Will Baptist work. He moderated the Illinois State Association as well as district associations. He has served on the National Association's Executive Committee and currently represents Illinois on the General Board.



Reverend Malone, an Illinois native and son of a coal miner, has five children—all active in Free Will Baptist churches. His son, Tom, pastors First FWB Church in Florence, Alabama.

Reverend Malone preached the opening sermon at the 1988 Free Will Baptist National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

PASTOR CELEBRATES 35 YEARS IN MINISTRY

BEAUFORT, NC—Reverend Henry Van Kluyve, 59, celebrated 35 years as a Free Will Baptist minister when friends and church members surprised him with a "This is Your Ministry" Sunday. Van Kluyve pastors First FWB Church in Beaufort.

Representatives from Reverend Van Kluyve's former pastorates and denominational positions gathered to honor the New Jersey native. The entire congregation of Davis FWB Church (Davis, N.C.) dismissed their morning services to attend the Van Kluyve fete.

Rev. Van Kluyve said, "My brother and his son from Texas attended. I had not seen them in 10 years." He then related that 83-year-old Ted Young who led him to the Lord in 1950 drove from California to attend. Members gave Van Kluyve a \$900 love offering, verbal tributes and dedicated a poem to him.



A U. S. Navy veteran and a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Reverend Van Kluyve has pastored in four states and the Virgin Islands. He also served nine years as director of deputation for the Foreign Missions Department. The 35th anniversary celebration was coordinated by Virginia (Mrs. Henry) Van Kluyve.

July 9 National Convention Day of Prayer and Fasting

Currently . . .

Pastor **Jerry Norris** of **Calvary Fellowship FWB Church, Fenton, MO**, was all smiles when **Debbie Yount** returned to church after back surgery. On her first Sunday back, Debbie and her husband brought 33 people to church.

The four-day April missions conference at **Butterfield FWB Church, Aurora, IL**, focused on world missions according to Pastor **J. Reford Wilson**. Five members of the Foreign Missions Department staff participated in the conference: **Gene Waddell, Fred Warner, Don Robirds, Earl Larson** and **Jimmy Aldridge**.

For the first time in 29 years, representatives from the United States attended the **Cuban** National Association of Free Will Baptists. More than 325 registered for the three-day convention in March. Ohio Promotional Secretary **Alton Loveless** and North Carolina pastor **Dean Dobbs** preached four times during the conference.

Pastor **Danny Cline** reports 42 new members at **Campbell Chapel FWB Church, Ironton, OH**.

Evangelist **Clovis Vanover** conducted a successful revival at **Greater Columbus FWB Church, Columbus, OH**, according to Pastor **James Young**. Officials reported 12 conversions during the meeting.

Pastor **John Meade** reports seven conversions, four baptisms and seven new members at **Southwestern FWB Church, Columbus, OH**.

More than 260 people are currently enrolled in the **Ohio Bible Institute** taking correspondence courses. Dr. **Alton Loveless** directs the institute headquartered in Columbus.

Members of **First FWB Church, Bristow, OK**, raised \$3,000 for Mexico Missions. **Gene Jackson** pastors.

Pastor **George Harvey** has good news from **Felker FWB Church, Valliant, OK**. He reports six rededications and five conversions.

Funeral services were conducted January 19 for Reverend **W. F. Dorey, Jr.** at **Pleasant Valley FWB Church, Poteau, OK**. Brother Dorey was ordained in 1964. He pastored Pleasant Valley FWB Church for 26 years.

Reverend **Earl Judd** was buried February 24 after funeral services at **First FWB Church, Cushing, OK**. The 73-year-old Oklahoma native was ordained in 1951. He pastored eight churches in Oklahoma and one in Texas.

The **Alabama** state-wide Miles for Missions walk-a-thon was conducted April 1. Officials said the goal was to raise \$35,000 for Alabama state, national and foreign missionaries.

Ronnie Beasley was named runner-up as Tennessee's "Designer of the Year" in floral competition. After competing with 10 finalists, Beasley won second place in the competition sponsored by the Tennessee Florists Association. He is a member of **Donelson FWB Church, Nashville, TN**.

Let's help **Camp Caleb** director **Jim Cox** stop a rumor. Mr. Cox said that since the Kentucky camp began, rumors had surfaced that he was going to personally end up with the facilities. Brother Cox said, "I will repeat once again what will happen to the camp if it should fail. All the assets and buildings that belong to Camp Caleb go the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee."

Pastor **Mike Trimble** reports six conversions, nine baptisms and 10 new members at **Fellowship FWB Church, Dunn, NC**. Pastor Trimble also reports two high school seniors answered the call to missions. He expects that five young people will be enrolled in Christian colleges this fall. The church averages 103 for Sunday services and 58 for prayer meeting.

Twelve people at **First FWB Church, DeSoto, MO**, received perfect attendance

awards for Sunday School faithfulness. **Roberta Berry** topped the list with 20 years of perfect attendance. **Charles Miller** pastors.

Congratulations to **Bill Banks**, president of the newly organized Master's Men chapter at **Wooddale FWB Church, Knoxville, TN**.

California Executive Secretary **Nuel Brown** reports that 109 laymen and preachers registered for the state Men's Retreat. The figures included Arizona home missionary **Paul Thompson**, CCC president **Jim McAllister** and California minister **Millard Sasser**.

Members of **Garden Grove FWB Church, Garden Grove, CA**, celebrated their 30th anniversary, according to Pastor **Jonathan Yandell**. The celebration was preceded by a two-night revival conducted by former pastor **Edwin Wade**.

Pastor **Clyde Tucker** reports a \$625 walk-a-thon at **First FWB Church, Corning, AR**. The funds were raised for Cheyenne, WY, missionary **Russell Johnson**.

Members of **First FWB Church, North Little Rock, AR**, paid the last payment on the church parsonage this spring. Pastor **Ben Scott** said the church borrowed money in 1973 for the down payment and assumed an existing loan for the property on Lynn Lane.

Pastor **Bobby Shepherd** said members of **First FWB Church, Batesville, AR**, voted to begin a five-stage building and remodeling program. The group plans to pave the parking lot, build a 2,000-square-foot addition, remodel the sanctuary and foyer, and purchase church furniture (including a steeple).

Contact welcomes the *Black River Bulletin*, publication of **Black River FWB Church, Andrews, SC**. **Ronnie Jones** pastors.

Oklahoma's South Grand River Association conducted a missions rally and raised more than \$8,300 for foreign missions. **Francis Berka, Sr.**, clerk of the mission board said, "The weather was bad and the turn-out was low, but we had a great missions rally."

A growing number of Free Will Baptist ministers are celebrating 50 years in the ministry. That number now includes Pastor **Luther Sanders** of **Cornerstone FWB Church, College Station, TX**. Brother Sanders is well-known across the denomination for the church he began in Hawaii.

Free Will Baptists across America and around the world have been praying for **West Virginia** Promotional Secretary **Billy Samms**. A March 20 letter from Brother Samms reflected a spirit of praise as he continued to battle cancer. Samms said, "Praise God, I know not what the future holds but I know Who has control of my life."

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.



Wills

HOLOGRAPHIC WILL: A hand-written will. In many states it is not valid.

NONCUPATIVE WILL: An oral will made during a last illness or when circumstances prevent writing one. Only a limited amount of property may be passed by this type of will.

ATTESTED WILL: A certified or witnessed will that conforms to local law.

"He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good ..."
(Proverbs 16:20)

Property may be passed on in three ways.

BY LAW: Do nothing, and the state disposes of your property for you.

BY CONTRACT: (1) Joint ownership (2) Living trust (3) Insurance

BY WILL: A properly prepared will is the best way to assure that property will be passed on according to your wishes.

Surprisingly, many allow their property and possessions to be passed on in the first way. They do

nothing, and consequently, leave their responsibility to strangers. Their families sometimes suffer heartache and financial losses. In some instances outsiders oversee family affairs, assume guardianship of their children, and manage family finances.

Others rely on joint-ownership to transfer property, but that often presents problems. For instance, it leaves:

- (1) No survivor to oversee the estate at the coincidental death of both owners.
- (2) No provision for the guardianship of minor or handicapped children.
- (3) No provision for charitable gifts which include gifts to the church.
- (4) No solution for other problems that can develop for the family.

Others do the wise things. They use joint-ownership, living trusts and insurance as good options in estate planning, but they do not rely on them to replace the need for a will. They understand that lack of a will may lead to many undesirable circumstances.

In some states, when there is no will, a wife receives only part of the estate.

In some instances children inherit at an age too young to handle finances.

A bond may be required of the administrator when there is no will, even if he or she is the spouse.

An administrator other than one of the family or of one's choosing may be appointed by the court.

The disposition and control of the estate may go to someone outside the family.



AT THE CONVENTION IN TAMPA

"Basic Estate Planning"
Holiday Inn—Windsor Room
Monday, July 17, 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 18, 3:00 p.m.

ABOVE ALL

A Sermon Outline

Discipleship

By Rev. Herman Hersey

Board of Retirement Director, Master's Men LifeMember

Master's Men involves our laity in discipleship studies during this fifth year of DECADE OF DISCIPLESHIP. You need what Master's Men offers. For more information about their ministry, call 615/361-MMEN.

I. Basis of Discipleship (Acts 11:26)

Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

- Terms (disciple, Christian) are used interchangeably.
- Every believer was considered a disciple.
- Disciple means "learner, follower."

II. Breadth of Discipleship (Luke 14:26)

- A disciple is one who loves Christ supremely (Luke 14:26). He loves God so much all other relationships seem like hate.
- A disciple bears his cross (v. 27). He must voluntarily take it. This speaks of sacrifice . . . denying self. Stewardship of time, talents, tithe . . . total self.
- Follow Him. Go where He goes. How? One step at a time. Do what He wants you to do.
- Count the cost (v. 28). Before you start. Builder, king, disciple, whatever (Romans 12:1). He gave you a brain, use it!
- Forsake all you have (v. 33).
- Continue in His Word (John 8:31). Read it, learn it. Memorize it. Stow it, show it, sow it.
- He loves other disciples (John 13:35). He has a ministry of restoration.
- A disciple is one who bears fruit (John 15:5).

III. Barriers to Discipleship

- He cannot be my disciple if he has a divided love (Luke 14:26).
- He cannot be my disciple if he looks for a life of ease (v. 27).
- He cannot be my disciple if he has an attachment to the things of the world (v. 33).

IV. The Blessings of Discipleship

He will experience God's favor in everything he does. "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I'll make you ruler over many things . . ." (Matthew 25:23). 



"Above All . . . Take the Shield"

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campaign	:	5 new LifeFriends
report	:	51 LifeCommitments

TAKE THE SHIELD!

MINI GRAMS

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

The Department Pages

The Challenge and Call of CALIFORNIA!

By Roy Thomas

I recently visited the state of California, and my heart was burdened again for this giant section of our country. Only Alaska and Texas exceed California in land area. The Pacific Ocean washes California's entire 1,000-mile western border. The Sierra Nevada Mountains on its eastern border boast some of the highest peaks and deepest snows in America.

When some people hear of California, they think of Hollywood, false religions, fads, homosexuals and iniquity. However, I would like for Free Will Baptists to look past the scenery, styles, sacrilege and sin to view the opportunities for evangelism and church growth.

California ranks *number one* in population and *number one* in rate of growth among the 50 states. In fact, one of every 10 Americans lives in California. The state has many large cities such as Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego and Fresno. Los Angeles is the second largest city in the United States.

California is truly the melting pot for many races of people, including a huge Spanish-speaking population. In some school systems the majority of students are Hispanic, and in some cities Hispanics outnumber Caucasians. Large numbers of Japanese, Chinese, Italians, Vietnamese, Cubans and people from nearly every country in the world now reside in California. The state is not only a ripe home mission field, but also a foreign mission field laid right at our doorsteps.

A study prepared for the Southern Baptist Home Missions Board by Orin

Morris indicates that in 1980 almost 69 percent of people in the United States did not know Jesus Christ as personal Savior. California leads the nation with 81.5 percent of its population without Christ, according to the article. Morris said that 25.9 million lost people lived in California in 1980. This number is expected to grow to 30.5 million by 1990.

If these figures are accurate, five million more lost people live in California today than 10 years ago. It reminds us of the words of Jesus, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest" (John 4:35).

Churches can be built in California! *Free Will Baptist* churches can be built in California. First FWB Church in Bakersfield where Claudie Hames pastors has had more than 800 in attendance, and consistently averaged over 600 in attendance for 10 years. A few years ago Larry Condit went to Sacramento as a home missionary to establish Capitol FWB Church. That church had in excess of 700 on Roll Call Sunday, 1989. Home Missionary Sam Hensley

in Fairfield reported 341 on Roll Call Sunday, and has people saved almost every service.

The state of California has 80 Free Will Baptist churches. At present, one of every 10 Free Will Baptist churches in California is without a pastor.

During the Great Depression Free Will Baptists moved to California to find work, and many of our churches sprang up as a result. However, today Free Will Baptists need to move to California for a different reason. We need to see the state as one of the largest, most fruitful mission fields in the world and fill its needy cities with Free Will Baptist churches.

There are about 2,400 Free Will Baptist churches EAST of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, but only 125 churches WEST of Oklahoma City. May the Lord help us to heed the words of Horace Greeley, prominent newspaper publisher and founder of *The New York Tribune*, who said, "Go west, young man, go west!"





Woman's Window on the World

By Mary R. Wisehart

From My Window

I slept on Provision Closet sheets! "These are from the Provision Closet," Judy Lytle said, as we made up the bed in Michael's room.

I smoothed the lovely printed sheets and thought of women who had planned a Provision Closet shower, shopped for sheets and bought the set I slept on in Panama City, Panama.

Mrs. Mabel Willey and I arrived in Panama February 27 for the first national women's retreat.

On March 3, at the camp Cresta del Mar, 81 women from Free Will Baptist churches in Panama met, using the theme "United in Service and Love."

They sang and prayed. Laughed and cried. They served in the kitchen and dressed in their loveliest frocks for the banquet Saturday evening.

When secret sisters were revealed at lunch on Sunday, they shrieked and giggled. Yes, Judy, women are much

alike wherever you find them.

Enthusiastically they voted for another retreat in 1990 and agreed to start planning right now.

Remember to pray for our sisters in Panama and for the churches. Who knows what God will accomplish there in the years ahead.

I slept on Provision Closet sheets contributed by WNAC women. WNAC women also made the trip to Panama possible.

Judy Lytle Writes

We want to express our gratitude to you for allowing Dr. Wisehart to take the time off from her regular duties and also for covering her travel expense. She was able to share some things about the woman's role in missions that no one else could. Thank you and may God continue to bless your labors.

Judy Lytle representing Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary in Panama

Provision Closet Needs

Kingsize sheets, mattress covers, bedspreads
Blenders
Coffee makers
Corelle dinnerware for eight
Towel sets

Eunice Edwards Fund

March 30, 1989—\$19,242.20

Dues \$2 for 1990

Membership dues for 1989 reports remain at \$1.50 per member.

Reports for the 1990 convention should include dues of \$2 per member.

Dues help WNAC meet the expenses of operating an office, printing materials, planning meetings and keeping in touch with Auxiliaries.

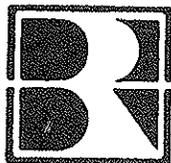
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Herman L. Hersey
Director



Board of Retirement

AT YOUR SERVICE

The Department Pages

Housing vs. Parsonage Survey Report—Putting It In Perspective Part III

1. Parsonage—housing provided rent-free by the church.
2. Parsonage plus equity—housing provided rent-free with a cash amount set aside as the pastor's equity that would have accrued in buying a home.
3. Housing allowance—a budgeted cash payment directly to the pastor for housing.

Obviously, no one housing option fits every congregation and pastor. The purpose of the survey was to present observations and ideas to assist congregations and pastors in working through today's more complex housing issue.

The respondents did just that. They pointed out the advantages and disadvantages with the three options. Although circumstances are seldom ideal, it is encouraging to note that congregations and pastors can and do work out reasonable and fair solutions when good business and biblical principles are practiced.

When making a decision on housing or evaluating an established housing provision, both the congregation and pastor should review the following principles.

Let personal preferences take second place to one purpose—abandonment to Christ, proclamation of the Gospel and the welfare of all.

Let love rule. One pastor observes that the standard is the Golden Rule. As you would like others to treat you, do exactly the same for them (Luke 6:31).

The congregation should be aware of the needs of the pastor and his family. The pastor and his family should adapt to the needs and resources of the congregation.

Share equally in sacrifice. One is not to be eased while another is burdened (II Corinthians 8:13-14).

Be diligent and careful in business matters (Romans 12:11). One pastor suggests that the church consider the housing market in its area and set up a housing standard for the pastor in line with the church membership and the pastor's needs and expectations. Then, they can best decide which housing option is best or feasible.

Be flexible. Both the pastor and congregation must keep an open mind to new ideas and concepts to better implement business arrangements such as housing.

Balance financial planning with faith. Certainly circumstances, resources and needs are to be wisely considered, but a time comes when the congregation must step out on faith to adequately provide for a pastor.

On the other hand, a pastor as his family's provider must be concerned for their welfare, but a time comes when he must step out on faith, trusting God to provide, even in old age.

Mutual commitment is desirable. Hopefully, the congregation will be the

ones through whom God meets the pastor's needs. Hopefully, the pastor, called to the ministry of preaching the gospel and shepherding God's people, will put his confidence in God, be content with whatever he is provided and trust God to meet his every need.

Both the church and the pastor should be willing to make whatever adjustments are necessary to faithfully carry out the ministry to which they are called. Faith never counts the cost to oneself for the ongoing of God's kingdom. Faith gives generously, knowing that in giving one never loses. 

Your Invitation

20-Minute Workshops
National Convention, 1989—Tampa
Holiday Inn—Windsor Room

Monday, July 17

4:00 Basic Estate Planning
9:00 Ministering to Older Adults

Tuesday, July 18

2:00 Retirement Planning
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Special Drives Are Great Blessing

Two special drives were held recently for Free Will Baptist Bible College and have been a source of blessing and encouragement to members of the college family.

Florida Youth Rock For FWBCC

Rev. Doug Carey, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Florida, led nine of his members to hold a rock-a-thon for the college. "This is the first time our church has raised funds for FWBCC," he says.

The church's Career Class held the rock-a-thon for eight hours on the evening of February 24. The total raised was \$851.

Participants were Michael Greatens, Valerie Barnsdale, Shannon Hampton, Amy Holbrook, Debbie Campbell, Greg Hampton, Terry Shoupp and the pastor's wife, Alison.

The people at FWBCC are grateful for outstanding young people like these.

Kentucky Pastors Walk For FWBCC

Rev. Ken Walker, pastor of Second Free Will Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky, wanted to do something special for the Bible College. But his church had suffered several unexpected winter expenses and was not in a position to make a special gift to the college.

Then Rev. Walker came up with the idea of a Pastor's (singular) Walk-A-Thon. His goal was to raise \$500 for the college from among his church members by walking 10 miles.

One of his deacons suggested that the pastor challenge other pastors in the area to do the same thing. It

sounded good, so he did. The drive had now become a Pastors' (plural) Walk-A-Thon.

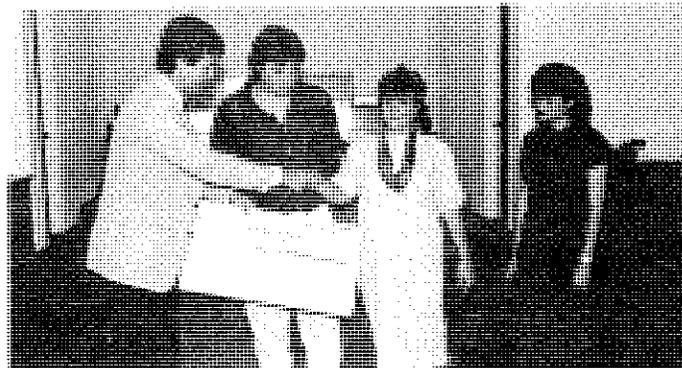
On Saturday, February 25—a crisp, 22-degree Kentucky morning, five pastors met at Second Free Will Baptist Church to walk for FWBCC. Two other men met in another place more convenient to them to hold their walk.

In spite of much ribbing about their ages and whether they would be able preach the next morning, all of the pastors completed their walks in less than three hours and raised \$1,857 for the Bible College! Brother Walker exceeded his \$500-goal, raising \$640. His money will go toward the current Alumni Project. The gifts raised by others will go into the Torch Campaign.

The walkers were Rick Hay, Eddie Wyler, Ed Cook, Sandy Adams, Ken Walker, Willard Nolen and Dwayne Jarrell. Patsy Lyon and Lou Walker assisted by setting up a refreshment stand.

Rev. Walker says he hopes more alumni and other FWBCC friends will find similar ways to express their love and appreciation for the college.

President Charles A. Thigpen noted that in both of these efforts, pastors led their people to do something special for the Bible College. "I appreciate the vision and desire of these pastors to help the college. Would you consider doing something special for Free Will Baptist Bible College? If we may assist you, call on us!"



Winter Haven young people present check for rock-a-thon to Rev. Carey.



Kentucky men walk for FWBCC.



PULSE of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions



One Plants, Another Waters!

by LaVerne Miley, M.D.

You know that you saved his life, don't you?" Mike Cousineau asked me as he pointed out Ernest, a student at the Bible institute in Bouna, Cote d'Ivoire. I was shocked! "Explain what you mean," I responded.

After Mike's explanation I sought out Ernest Sansan Kambou and asked him to share briefly the story of his conversion and his life in general. He told me he had been born in the Lobi village of Chieldou near Boukoo. As the second son of his father, he was given the name Sansan. This is customary among the Lobis. But his father also gave him another name: Tiela Gonggong—a mountain fetish.

While just an infant, Ernest suffered a severe burn from boiling water. Probably as a last resort, his father, a very strong fetisher, decided to take him to the mission hospital about 30 miles away. God saw fit to spare the baby's life. Today, only slight scarring of his chest remains.

When Ernest was about four or five years old, missionary Robert Bryan started preaching in the village of Boukoo on a regular basis. Ernest did not actually hear Robert but he heard about him, and he heard about the gospel message.

After the boy finished elementary school, he tried to gain admission to the secondary school but he failed the entrance examination. Time after time he tried and failed, in spite of his sacrifices to the fetish.

Finally, when he was about 16 years of age, Ernest did pass the entrance examination and was admitted to

"college"—what we would call high school. He proudly wore a ring his father had given him for protection by the fetish. He had utmost confidence in this unseen power.

But one day, a fellow student and friend, who was a Christian, began talking with Ernest about his God who was more powerful than the fetish. At first Ernest was skeptical, but he began to think about what he had heard. Then he began to go to our Free Will Baptist Foyer (reading room) located just across the road from his school.

The teenager became so troubled that he discussed it with his Christian friend. The friend, in turn, directed him to the home of missionary Mike Cousineau where Ernest accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. As the Scriptures indicate, one plants, another waters, and the Lord gives the increase!

In the fall of 1987 the Bible institute opened in Bouna and Ernest enrolled.

When Ernest's father heard that his son had left the fetish to follow Jesus, he publicly disowned him and pronounced a curse upon him. He predicted that Ernest's hair would turn red and the boy would die within approximately one year.

A young lad who witnessed the scene that day trembled as the curse was pronounced upon Ernest. But after a year had gone by, Ernest was alive, well, and serving the Lord.

Observing this, the lad contacted Ernest and accepted Jesus as his Savior.

Later, Ernest's father once more recognized his son. But the man has repeatedly asked his son to make a sacrifice to the fetish. Yet, Ernest has remained true to the Lord. In more recent days, the father has even asked the Christians to pray for him.

Ernest is still the only one in his family to become a Christian and the only one who ever went to school.

Following his second year in high school, Ernest went to Bondoukou, over 100 miles away. After about a year and one-half at Bondoukou he felt impressed to return to Bouna. Today he is convinced it was the Lord's leadership because at Bouna he sensed the Lord calling him to preach. Missionary Eddie Payne began taking the young preacher with him on Wednesday nights to the Lobi village of Panzarani where Ernest could preach.

Later, in 1985, the young Lobi started going to Flakiedougou, a new village that had opened up to the gospel. He ministered there for two years. Other villages also opened up to the gospel and soon he was going by bicycle to preach in four of these villages as well.

In the fall of 1987 the Bible institute opened in Bouna and Ernest enrolled with nine other young men. During that year he fell into sexual immorality and the young woman involved became pregnant. Ernest evidenced sincere repentance, married the young lady, and later was permitted to continue his studies.

The baby born to the couple was stillborn, and it appears the Lord is using this tragedy to draw the couple more closely to himself.

Just before we returned to the United States from Cote d'Ivoire in December of 1988, Ernest came by to tell me of two more new villages opening near Flakiedougou. God is still giving the increase!



Dr. LaVerne Miley and his wife, Lorene, served as medical missionaries in Cote d'Ivoire for 19 years.



ON LITTLE LANES

BY DONNA MAYO

What Really Counts

Time for breakfast," called Mrs. Lane. Mr. Lane was already at the table reading the morning newspaper. He laid it down as Marty, Megan and Jeff ran in from the den where they had been watching cartoons. It was a sunny Saturday, and the Lanes always had pancakes on Saturdays. Marty filled his plate eagerly.

"Pass the syrup," said Megan. The twins had each eaten a pancake before Mrs. Lane set the bacon on the table.

"What happened to the blessing?" asked Mrs. Lane.

"Whoops," said Marty with his mouth full.

Mr. Lane said the blessing. Then he looked at the twins. "What's the hurry this morning?"

"I'm going to Sally's house as soon as I eat," answered Megan. "We're going bike riding."

"And I'm going to Tony's," said Marty. "We're going to play baseball."

"Sounds like fun," agreed Mrs. Lane, "after you finish your chores."

"Chores!" groaned the twins. "Oh no."

"What do we have to do?" asked Megan.

"That storm last night broke a lot of branches off the trees," said Mr. Lane. "You two gather them up so I can mow the yard."

"Why do we have to?" asked Marty.

"Because in a family everyone helps out," answered his daddy. "If you work hard, you should be finished in 30 minutes."

"Well, if we gotta, we gotta," sighed Megan.

"And you gotta," replied Mr. Lane. "And I wish you could do it with a cheerful attitude. That's what matters the most."

"Besides," said Mrs. Lane, "it's a beautiful day to be outside working. That storm gave everything a good bath, and the day is simply sparkling." The twins finished their breakfast in silence. Then they plodded out to the garage to get a wheelbarrow.

"Have fun," called Mr. Lane out the door.

Marty and Megan began picking up the twigs that the rain and wind had blown all over the yard. They put them in the wheelbarrow. "Work, work, work," griped Marty.

"They not only make us work," added Megan, "they expect us to like it."

"Let's just pick up the dumb sticks," said Marty. "That's all that counts."

"Yep, let's get it done and get out of here," agreed Megan. "Sally is probably waiting for me."

Mrs. Lane had been washing the breakfast dishes. She could hear the twins talking. "Just listen to them," she said, motioning her husband to the window. "I'd rather do the work myself than listen to them gripe."

"I know," said Mr. Lane. "But children need to be taught to work. What's more, they need to be taught to do it cheerfully." A twinkle came to Mr. Lane's eyes. "I think I'll teach those kids a lesson."

It took Marty and Megan a half hour to clean up the yard. Mr. Lane was in the garage putting gas in the lawn mower. Mrs. Lane and Jeff were hanging clothes on the clothes line. "We're finished," called Megan to her mother.

"Thanks, kids, you may go play with your friends now. Just be back for lunch," said Mrs. Lane.

Marty and Megan went inside to get drinks of water. "Look," cried Marty. He spotted a box of chocolate chip cookies on the kitchen table. "Chocolate chip—my favorite."

Marty's eyes opened wide with surprise as he picked up the box. It was light. He opened it quickly and turned it upside down. "It's empty!" he shouted. Disappointed, the twins each got a drink of water and went to play with their friends.

After a morning full of bike riding and baseball, Marty and Megan came home for lunch. They entered the kitchen and noticed a big package on the counter. "It looks like a package from Grandma!" cried Megan.

"Oh boy!" shouted Marty. They ripped the paper off and Megan pulled the lid off the box. She and Marty scratched and dug through the tissue paper, but they didn't find anything.

"There's nothing in it!" cried Megan.

"Nothing but this junky old paper," said Marty. "I can't believe it."

"Wonder where everybody is," said Megan. "I'm hungry."

"I'm thirsty," said Marty. He opened the refrigerator. He saw a tall glass full of gold liquid. It looked like apple juice. Marty turned the glass up and began guzzling it down. Suddenly he started coughing and sputtering.

Mrs. Lane ran into the kitchen. "What's all the commotion?" she asked. Then she saw Marty with the half empty glass. Mrs. Lane started laughing.

"What's so funny?" asked Megan. But Mrs. Lane just kept laughing.

"I just about got poisoned," said Marty, "and you're laughing." Just then Mr. Lane came in from mowing. He was hot and thirsty, so he reached into the refrigerator

and poured himself a nice tall glass of sparkling cold apple juice.

"Juice, anyone?" he offered. Mrs. Lane started laughing again.

"What's going on here?" asked Megan.

"And what was that stuff I drank?" asked Marty.

"Vinegar," answered Mrs. Lane, "He drank it, Peter. Can you believe it?" Now both Mr. and Mrs. Lane were laughing.

"What's so funny?" demanded Megan.

"Your daddy wanted to teach you kids a lesson," said Mrs. Lane.

"You mean that stinky old vinegar?" asked Marty.

"And that package with nothing but tissue paper in it?" asked Megan.



OUR READERS COMMENT

READER RESPONDS TO 'WHO WILL REPLACE THEM?' ARTICLE

Because of Brother Jimmy Aldridge's persuasion I now write to you. My concerns are: 1. The fact that so few young people are entering our Christian colleges. 2. And of the ones who are, so few are preparing for the mission fields.

Our church, thankfully, is missions minded, and we rejoice that our three Christian college students are interested and open to missions. One of them along with two of our high school seniors answered God's call to missions.

Perhaps if there were more exposure to missions in our Sunday School and C. T. S. programs, we'd have more children growing up in our churches with open minds and hearts to missions. My suggestion is that each month in all curriculums (adults too) there be a "missionary of the month." Then each Sunday for five minutes introduce pupils to the family, the field and the needs. There should be special prayer for their needs and that God would send forth laborers from that class. Adults should be encouraged to surrender their children to God's directing.

It is my prayer that efforts within our denomination will be made to send missionaries to replace those soon to retire.

Mrs. Mike Trimble
Dunn, North Carolina

"And the empty cookie box?" asked Marty. Mr. Lane nodded.

"Well, I don't get it," said Megan.

"It's simple," said Mr. Lane. "It's the inside that counts." Everyone was quiet for a few seconds.

"Does this have something to do with cleaning up the yard?" asked Marty. Mr. Lane nodded again.

"Kids, we want your work around here, but more than that, we want your love. If your heart is empty or sour, we aren't pleased, and neither is God. The work counts, but it's your heart that really counts the most." 

"Serve the Lord with gladness . . ."
Psalm 100:2.

Directory Update

HAWAII

Gerald Taylor to Waipahu Church, Waipahu from First Church, Newport, TN

IOWA

Lester Davis to Riverview Church, Bettendorf from Calvary Temple Church, Buffalo, MO

MISSOURI

Max Courtney to First Church, Springfield from Alexander Church, Thebes, IL

TENNESSEE

Wallace Hayes to Calvary Church, Nashville 

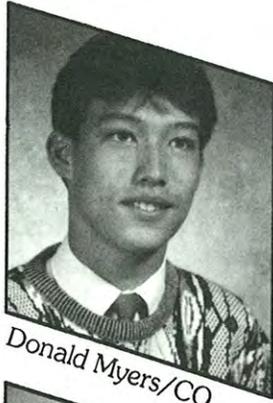
CHEERS 'MISSIONS' ISSUE

Received the Foreign Missions Issue of *Contact*. Thank you for publishing such an issue.

We pray that the information in this issue will help get before our Free Will Baptist people the need of supporting world missions.

We are glad to be back in Japan. People ask how long we are going to stay. We tell them as long as the money holds out.

Jim and Olena McLain
Free Will Baptist Missionaries
Sapporo, Japan



Donald Myers/CO



Jodi Young/OH



Kevin Hester/AL



Jennifer Gloyd/MO

TEEN Scene

1989 National Youth Evangelistic Team



Greg Cavitt/OK



Amber Holt/TX



Larae Clyatt/IL



Greg Aery/OK



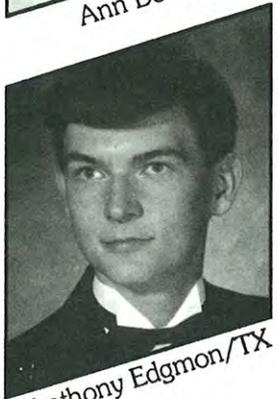
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Jarrod Chapman/WV



Ann Beverly/OH



Anthony Edgmon/TX

I Am Not Ashamed

The Tour

- June 15/Senior High Camp/Clarksville, TN
- June 17/First FWB Church/Albany, GA
- June 18/Lake Jackson FWB Church/Tallahassee, FL
- June 18/Harmony FWB Church/Lake Butler, FL
- June 20/First FWB Church/Seffner, FL
- June 21/Cocoa FWB Church/Cocoa, FL
- June 22/Immanuel FWB Church/Jacksonville, FL
- June 23/First FWB Church/Savannah, GA
- June 24/Rocky Pass FWB Church/Nebo, NC
- June 25/Meadowbrook FWB Church/Black Mountain, NC
- June 25/Monterey FWB Church/Monterey, TN
- July 16/National Convention, Sunday PM/Tampa, FL

The Theme

The youth-oriented program consists of music and drama. Through this real-life presentation, the challenge is given to be a witness in today's world.

The Team

Team members were selected from the top scorers in the 1988 Music and Arts Festival. These high school youth represent eight states from across the denomination.



Green Tree Bible Study



Robert E. Picirilli

Romans 9:14-21

The God Who Saves Whom He Wills

Romans 9:14-21

In the last two studies I have dealt with two of the most difficult passages on the subject of predestination and election—Ephesians 1:3-14 and Romans 8:28-30. Romans 9—indeed, all of Romans 9-11—is the third of the passages most used by Calvinists on this subject.

The key to the passage is 9:14: “Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid!” (This expression, *me genoito*, equals “absolutely not,” or “no way.”)

Paul is showing that God has not wronged anyone in rejecting unbelieving Jews. All three chapters deal with this answer, and we must not try to understand one part of the answer (9:15-23, for example) apart from the whole section. Here is a broad outline, intended only to give a “sweeping” view of the passage and show the context in which the most difficult section occurs.

- A. God elects and rejects whom He pleases (chs. 9, 10).
 - 1. He never promised, unconditionally, to save all the fleshly descendants of Abraham, Isaac or Israel (9:6-13).
 - 2. He is Sovereign and has the right to save, or damn, whom-ever He pleases (9:15-24).
 - 3. He always made clear, in prophecy, that not all of “Israel” would be saved (9:25-29).
 - 4. He has rejected Israel because Israel has rejected salvation by faith in favor of salvation by fleshly lineage or works (9:30-10:21).
- B. God has not rejected Israel after all (ch. 11).
 - 1. In fact, any Israelites who will

can be saved by grace through faith (11:1-10).

- 2. The present rejection of Israel opens the doors of salvation for all nations (11:11-22).
- 3. Indeed, the present rejection of Israel is not “final”: Israel will yet be converted (11:23-32).

This “bare bones” analysis requires some fleshing out, starting with a clarification of the issue at hand, quite clearly, as Leroy Forlines has shown (see his commentary on Romans), Paul is theoretically arguing with Christ-rejecting Jews who believed that God had unconditionally elected all Jews to salvation. According to their view, Paul’s theology had to be wrong since any Jews who rejected Christ, according to him, would not be saved.

In vv. 6-13, then, Paul starts with something they would have readily agreed with: the rejection of Ishmael and Esau. But this proves that God never meant to save all of Abraham’s descendants just because they descended from him.

Then the purpose of vv. 14-24 is to argue that God, as sovereign, is the one who determines who will be saved. Following vv. 6-13, the point is therefore that the Jewish notion of the universal, corporate salvation of all Jews is obviously wrong. In spite of what was interpreted to be the meaning of the promises to Abraham, God still saves whom He wills and damns whom He wills, Jews or otherwise.

To any Jew who would claim salvation on the basis that he was a Jew, then, Paul is responding: God rejected Ishmael and elected Isaac; He rejected Esau and elected Jacob. He saves whom He wills and rejects whom He

wills. You cannot lay on Him the claim of your Israelite lineage.

Finally, then, the purpose of 9:30 (and following) is to show that the sovereign God, who saves whom He pleases and damns whom He pleases, *has pleased to save believers*. Whatever rejection Israel has experienced, it has been because she has rejected salvation by faith. Nothing could be much plainer than this: “Israel has not attained . . . righteousness. Why? Because they did not seek it by faith” (9:31-32). “They . . . have not submitted to the righteousness of God” (10:3). “Because of unbelief they were broken off” (11:20).

Thus 9:15-21 must be interpreted in its context. As Forlines has expressed it:

When we read in Romans 9:15 that God will have mercy and compassion on whomever He wills, it behooves us to ask: On whom does God will to show mercy and compassion? . . . When God chooses the one who believes in Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior to show His mercy in salvation, *He is choosing whom He wills*. . . . When salvation is offered on the condition of faith in Christ, that in no way weakens the words, “I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy. . . .” God’s sovereignty is fully in control in this view.

In other words, then, Paul himself blames the rejection of unbelieving Israel on their unbelief, which amounts to their own rejection of His sovereign decision to ordain salvation by faith in Jesus.

Election, therefore, is not by works or racial heritage. It is “the election of grace” (11:5 ff). And it is therefore “by faith, that it might be by grace” (Romans 4:16). One can safely say, then, that Romans 9-11 argues *against* unconditional election, not for it.



LaVonne Neff, et. al., eds., *Practical Christianity* (Carmel, New York: Guideposts, 1987, hardback, 668 pp., \$14.95).

This book is a collection of 314 concise essays written by 76 men and women who represent leading thinkers among evangelical Christianity. Some of the more well-known contributors include James Montgomery Boice, William Bright, Anthony Compolo, Gary Collins, Norman Geisler, Josh McDowell and Adrian Rogers.

The first essay is titled "How Does a Person Become a Christian?" by Luis Palau. Palau notes that there are three basic steps in becoming a Christian. First, one must admit that his sins are keeping him away from God. Second, one must believe "that Jesus died on the cross to lead us back to God." Third, one must make a personal decision to receive the Lord Jesus as Savior.

Calvin Miller in his essay "The Marks of a Christian" stresses that love and the inner control of the Holy Spirit are the two essential qualities which must be present in a Christian life. When we have these qualities, others can observe our joy and personal stability.

In his essay "A Coolie for Christ," John Pollock describes the tremendous impact made by pioneer missionary Hudson Taylor. Another essay by the same author reminds us of the mighty work which God did in the life of an infidel sea captain named John Newton. Richard Halverson, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, contributed several essays including a most insightful one titled "What is Faith?"

Some essays deal with rather controversial issues, and not all the authors are in agreement. Larry Christian and Dean Merrill, for example, argue that the gift of tongues is still valid today. Dr. Norman Geisler takes a totally different view. He argues strongly that this gift was intended only for the first century church.

This book includes essays on everything from prayer to homosexuality, from sin to evangelism. It includes the kind of information which thoughtful Christians need to read and ponder. We need to understand what we believe

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and why. The Bible teaches that we must be ready to give a reason for the hope which lies within us. These thought-provoking essays can help us do that.

The short, concise nature of these essays makes them useful reading for new converts. Converts will appreciate that the authors avoided using technical theological vocabulary. The practical

nature of this book makes it a worthwhile resource for those who work with youth. In their preaching and teaching, pastors can use the clear and concise explanations of important terms and concepts which it provides. This is a volume which can assist churches and church workers in a variety of different ways.





THE SECRETARY SPEAKS
By Melvin Worthington

The Porn Plague



Most Christians think that pornography is nothing more than air-brushed nudity in men's magazines. That may be basic pornography, but the mainstream of explicit material sold in sex shops focuses on rape, incest, defecation, urination, mutilation, bestiality, vomiting, enemas, homosexuality and sadomasochistic activity.

Pornography degrades and humiliates women. Pedophiles use it to soften children's defenses against sexual exploitation. Outlets for obscenity are magnets for sex-related crimes. Adult bookstores often become cesspools of disease and homosexual activity. There's a bloody link between hard-core pornography and violent sex crimes, rapes, murders and assaults on women and children.

The Threat

The pornography industry systematically violates human rights. Unwilling victims are forced to perform sexual acts. Public figures and private individuals are defamed.

Hard-core pornography encourages violence against women and children, and threatens their personal safety, civil rights and dignity. It harms the user psychologically, behaviorally and morally. Pornographic films depicting women being raped suggest that they wanted sexual intercourse and became active participants, enjoying the sex act and helping prolong the episode.

Others show children being seduced and used as sexual toys, featuring young boys and girls engaging in lurid sex acts with one another and adults. Popular x-rated slasher films show sexual activity coupled with extreme violence such as disfigurement or murder through the use of whips, chains and

other devices of torture. There's a flood of books and movies glorifying incest between fathers and daughters, sisters and brothers, as well as family group sex. Still other films show sex between humans and animals.

Pornography is the third highest profit industry in organized crime after narcotics and gambling. More than 450 magazines, 20,000 adult bookstores, 800 adult movie theaters, 2 million pornographic video cassettes, dial-a-porn supplies, and 165,000 or more purveyors of pornography leave no doubt that the porn industry threatens the moral values of this nation. Nothing and no one is immune to this menace.

The Testimonies

Before his execution, Arthur Gary Bishop, convicted child killer in Utah State Prison, said, "Many people accept pornography as normal. During my trial, Dr. Victor Cline testified about the adverse effects of pornography. As I listened to his explanations, I could discern how my own life corresponded to those consequences." Finally Bishop said, "If pornographic material would have been unavailable to me in my early stages, it is most probable that my sexual activities would not have escalated to the degree they did."

Ted Bundy, involved in the murder of 28 women, said prior to his execution that an addiction to pornography played

a key role in those murders. He said that once a person becomes addicted to pornography more potent, more graphic, more explicit materials are needed for satisfaction.

An inmate in a Florida prison said pornography played a major role in his becoming a child molester. He said that although it was not the root of his serious psychological problem, it was the fuel that kept the fires burning and eventually caused him to lose control.

The Time

It's time to act. It's time to demand that political leaders ban from interstate commerce materials which involve visually explicit sexual behavior intended for commercial entertainment. It's time for the country and courts to realize that communities have the right to set standards of decency and the right to enforce them.

The Task

Christians must get involved in this battle against pornography. The National Coalition Against Pornography, Inc., N-CAP, organized in 1983, is an alliance of representatives from more than 70 religions and private organizations. Its purpose is to help concerned citizens enforce the laws against hard-core pornography, increase public awareness of the destructive influence caused by hard-core pornography, and to assist citizens who are seeking to enforce obscenity laws against pornography. For more information write:

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