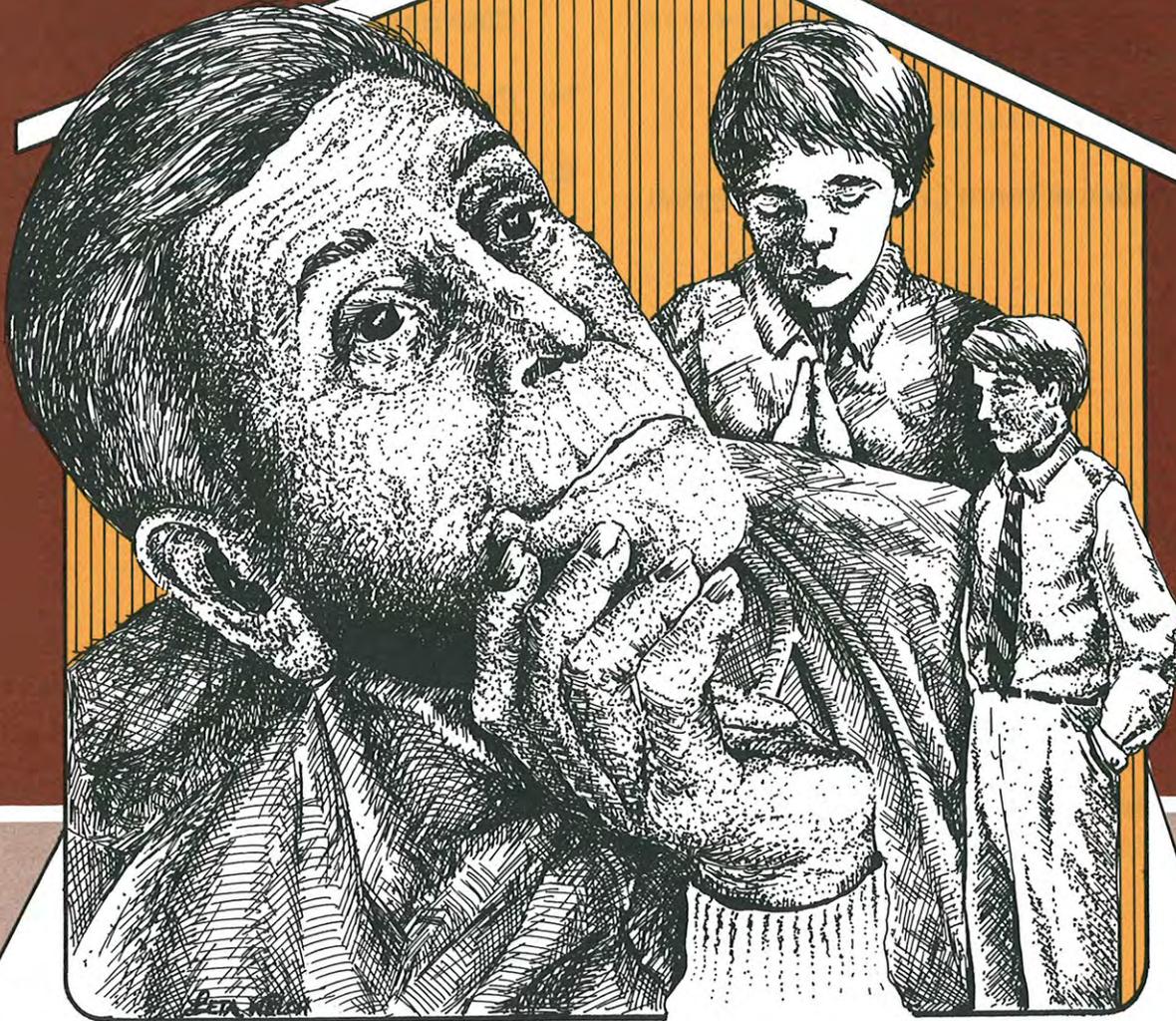


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Melvin Worthington

Building Budgets

One of the demanding responsibilities facing pastors and other denominational leaders is preparing budgets that project income and disbursements. As executive secretary, perhaps no other task so stretches my mind as I try to anticipate income and expenses almost two years in advance. What goes into the process of building a budget?

The Agenda

When preparing the Executive Office budget I keep in mind that the agenda for its operation is set by the denomination. The purpose for which it exists is to serve the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The agenda includes (among other things) planning the annual convention, overseeing the National Office facilities, publishing *Contact* and the *FWB Yearbook*, and promoting all denominational ministries through the Cooperative Plan (undesignated), designated giving and the National Ministries Offering.

The Assumptions

My first assumption: All Free Will Baptists have a responsibility to support all denominational enterprises—local church, district and state associations and national agencies. This assumption flows from agreements and promises found in the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant. I assume we should keep our word.

My second assumption: All members of the denomination have special interests and will give additional gifts to those ministries above their regular, systematic support.

This assumption recognizes the broad diversity which exists in our movement.

I assume that all will not faithfully give their proportionate share—some will have to give more than required. This hard fact remains a problem throughout our movement.

I assume that the majority of Free Will Baptists want those denominational ministries which exist since they vote for the annual budgets at each national convention. This suggests that they believe those ministries are valid.

The Alternatives

We can choose to contribute or not contribute, to support or not support. I believe all should choose to support denominational ministries.

First, we can give through the Cooperative Plan—undesignated. This remains, in my opinion, the most systematic way to underwrite denominational ministries. I have chosen this plan and give to it above my tithes and offerings.

Second, others prefer designated

giving to support denominational ministries. Using this alternative requires designating gifts to every district, state and national ministry. All designated giving should be above tithes and offerings given to the local church.

I have observed that some who give through designated means often neglect certain ministries. Check your church's giving record and see if all state and national ministries are included.

One church finance committee said while preparing the budget, "Pastor, this is a denominational church, not in name only, but in support. Ten percent of our undesignated budget income will go to district, state and national ministries."

Third, is National Ministries Sunday. During September each year, the National Association emphasizes stewardship calling on every Free Will Baptist to give a sacrificial gift. To fund all national ministries in 1991, each Free Will Baptist needs to give \$41.51. This amount would fund all national ministries, including Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

The Appeal

Just as pastors make appeals for members to support the budget adopted by the local church, so we make our appeal for members to support the budget adopted by the National Association. Regardless of whether you support the Cooperative Plan, designated giving or the National Ministries Offering—the bottom line is total denominational support.

Have you accepted your responsibility to support all denominational enterprises? ■

Secretary's Schedule

June 3-4	North Carolina State Assoc.
June 3-6	Missouri State Association
June 5-7	Texas State Association
June 7-8	West Virginia State Assoc.
June 13-14	Virginia State Association
June 14-15	Indiana State Association
June 20-21	Maryland State Association
June 21-22	Ohio State Association
June 27-30	Atlantic Canada District Association

Five Reasons Why I Abstain

(from intoxicating beverage)

By Ben Scott



Drinking that leads to drunkenness has been around a long time. Not long after Noah stepped off the ark, he planted a vineyard, made wine and drank himself drunk. In that drunken condition he did things he never would have done in sobriety. He acted totally out of character.

Lot got out of sinful Sodom barely in time to escape the rain of fire and brimstone. But he drank wine, got drunk and lost all sense of decency. In his drunken stupor he fathered children by his own daughters. What sorrow and shame followed those awful acts of immorality. It's called D W I . . . Done While Intoxicated.

The epitome of parties, Belshazzar's final, fatal feast, was lavishly laced with wine, women and song. In the midst of the drinking and desecration there appeared the

handwriting on the wall. "Finished! Weighed in the balances! Found wanting!"

Nothing good came from Noah's fling. No good came from Lot's let-down. Death, doom and destruction broke up Belshazzar's ballroom banquet. Drinking has left a trail of tears, a heritage of heartache, a record of ruin. The battle of the bottle rages on. Millions swig the slime and swill of the brewery and become snared in an awful net from which it's hard to escape.

Reasons why I, personally, don't drink:

Reason #1

I never wanted to. Never. Not in adolescence; not in youth, not in adulthood. I just never wanted to. In retracing the trail I've traveled, I can't recall a single time when to drink was the slightest temptation.

For that, I humbly give thanks to God. I wish that many other evils had been so easy to handle.

I don't know why drinking never appealed to me. Maybe because my dad was a preacher and I knew he was against it. My brother didn't drink, nor my sisters; and I know my mom would have been sorely grieved, so I never took a drink. Never wanted to.

Reason #2

I never needed to. In high school I never needed to drink to have friends or be accepted. Truth is, my classmates and friends didn't drink either. Well, I always thought maybe two or three of those big boys from down south of town might take a nip now and then. But if they ever had been caught drinking at a school function, the jig would have been up and the big boys would have been out!

The principal wouldn't even allow smoking on the school grounds. Those who did it had to wait for their first puff until they were a block away from the school buildings. Too bad it's not that way now. I've had school officials, police officers and students tell me that liquor can be found in locker after locker. And some other stuff.

Drinking for many folks is a crutch, a social crutch, an emotional crutch. Something to lean on. Not bragging, but I just never felt that I needed the support of such a flimsy cane. Too much like leaning on a broken reed. I prefer to seek strength and support from a higher, more stable Source.

While I may be sympathetic, at least in some cases, toward the drinker, I have nothing but contempt for the drink. It's never made a man a better husband or father. It's never brightened the hopes and prospects of a teenager for a long, happy, healthy life. It's never made a woman become a sweeter, gentler, more loving, loyal mother or wife. There's not much good that can be said for beverage alcohol.

Fifty years ago Sam Morris came on the air waves nightly from Del Rio, Texas, with his "Voice of Temperance." To the tune of *The Old Gray Mare*, our little five-tube family radio blurted out, "Alcohol is worse than it used to be, mixed with gasoline."

And then there followed the sound effects of a grinding crash. You could almost see it. Broken glass, bent bumpers, folded fenders, broken bones, bleeding bod-

ies. "A mother wept while a baby died; and a driver stood by, too drunk to think. And still some people say, 'It's nobody's business what I drink.'"

Reason #3

I can't afford to drink. Financially, I never could afford to drink. Not with a family to support, boys to raise and bills to meet. Drinking is expensive, and I just never could have afforded it. Alcohol extracts a fee far higher than the dollar marks on the bottle.

Finances aside, I can't afford to drink because of my witness and influence. What if my grandchildren saw me drink? Or a neighbor boy? Or any of our precious young people. I can't afford to drink. For my own conscience I could never afford to drink. The price is too high.

Reason #4

I don't drink because I made a covenant not to. A solemn church covenant. One that says, "We [I] will not sanction the sale or the use of intoxicating beverages." I agreed not to, so I don't. Love for my church and for my denomination will not permit me to drink. At least that part of the covenant I've never broken. And I never will. I promise.

Reason #5

I don't drink because the Bible warns against it. In its solemn, sacred pages, drunkenness is condemned. It is classified as a work of the flesh and the Word declares

that it will keep those who do it out of the Kingdom. And on the outside's not where I want to be.

A little common logic tells me that if I don't drink I'll never become a drunkard. You know the verses: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

You've read Galatians 5:21, "Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

The Old Testament prophet Joel hit the nail on the head when he cried, "And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink."

I don't drink. Not any. Never have. Never will. The "finest product of the brewer's art" has no appeal for me. I've seen too much of the *finished* product. It's not pretty. ■



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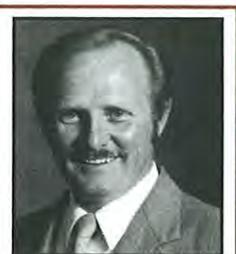
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Charleston Civic Center

Charleston, West Virginia

Theme: "Found Faithful"
Moderator: Ralph Hampton
Music Coordinator: Blaine Hughes
Organist: Richard McDonald
Pianist: Jonathan Snow
Registration Coordinator: George Harvey, Jr.
Headquarters Hotel: Charleston Marriott
Convention Office: Charleston Civic Center / VIP Lounge

SUNDAY MORNING / July 21

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Adults)	Civic Center Coliseum
	Presiding: James Vallance Song Service: Blaine Hughes Music: Hillsdale FWB College Adult Teacher: Milton Worthington	
10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Spanish)	Civic Center Room 103
10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Youth)	Civic Center
	Primary/Junior Class	West Virginia 105
	Teen Class	Little Theater
10:45	Intermission	
11:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Adults)	Civic Center Coliseum
	Presiding: James Vallance Song Service: Blaine Hughes Music: Hillsdale FWB College	

Offertory: Organ/Piano Duet
Duet: David and Jacque Bates
MESSAGE: James Earl Raper

11:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Youth)	Civic Center
	Primary/Junior Church	West Virginia 105
	Teen Church	Little Theater

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 21

1:30	Registration Orientation	Civic Center Lower Lobby
3:00	REGISTRATION for National Convention, WNAC and NYC	Civic Center Lower Lobby
5:00	Usher Orientation	Civic Center Media Lounge
5:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Civic Center Coliseum Stage

SUNDAY EVENING / July 21

7:00-8:30	NYC KEYNOTE SERVICE	Civic Center Coliseum
	MESSAGE: Will Harmon	
8:30	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Civic Center Coliseum Stage

8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Charleston House Lobby Ballroom
9:00-10:30	Youth Activities (See NYC Program)	Charleston House Grand Ballroom

MONDAY MORNING / July 22

7:00	General Board Breakfast	Marriott Hotel Ballroom E-F
7:00	NYC Judges Breakfast	Civic Center Room 206
7:30-9:00	Master's Men Board Meeting	Marriott Hotel Appalachian Room
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby
8:00-8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Marriott Hotel Allegheny Room
8:00-1:30	GENERAL BOARD Convenes	Marriott Hotel Ballroom A-B-C-D
8:30	Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby
8:30	NYC Assemblies (See NYC Program)	Civic Center
9:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Civic Center
9:00-10:30	Foreign Missionary Orientation	Civic Center Media Lounge
9:00-11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Marriott Hotel Kanawha Room
9:00 -11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Marriott Hotel Blue Ridge Room

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 22

12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Marriott Hotel Allegheny Room
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Civic Center
2:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Civic Center Room 207
2:00-3:00	WNAC Seminar	Marriott Hotel Ballroom A-B-C-D
	Theme: "Current Issues for Today's Woman" Speakers: Debbie Hansen Stacy Rakes Joy Worrell	

3:00	Exhibit Area Opens	Civic Center South Hall
3:00-5:00	Home Missions Rally	Civic Center Coliseum
3:30-4:30	WNAC Presidents and Field Workers Meeting	Marriott Hotel Ballroom A-B-C-D
	Open Forum with WNAC Study Committee Theme: "Look Ahead—The 21st Century"	

5:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Civic Center Coliseum Stage
5:00	Children's Banquet	Charleston House Grand Ballroom
5:00	Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner Speaker: R. Kent Hughes	Charleston House Lobby Ballroom
6:00	Music Rehearsal	Civic Center Coliseum Stage

MONDAY EVENING / July 22

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Civic Center Coliseum
	Presiding: Carl Cheshier Song Service: David Chamberlin Session Called to Order and Moderator Introduced: Waldo Young, Clerk	
	Appointment of Committee on Committees: Ralph Hampton, Moderator	
	Welcome to Charleston: J. L. Varney Moderator, West Virginia State Association	
	Mass Adult Choir: Doug Little, Director Music: Southeastern FWB College	
	Offertory: Recardo Deel, Saxophone Solo	
	Solo: Pam Hanes	
	MESSAGE: Keith Woody	
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Civic Center South Hall
8:30	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Civic Center Coliseum Stage
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby
9:00-9:30	Youth Workers Meeting	Civic Center Room 105
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Civic Center Rooms 202-203
9:00-10:30	TEAM Youth Congress (See NYC Program)	Civic Center Little Theater
10:30	Exhibit Area Closed	

TUESDAY MORNING / July 23

7:00-8:15	Music Ministries Breakfast	Marriott Hotel Ballroom D
7:00-8:30	Home Missions Board Breakfast	Marriott Hotel Allegheny Room
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby
8:15	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Civic Center
8:30	Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Civic Center South Hall
9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION (See WNAC Program) Presiding: Mary Neal, President	Civic Center Coliseum
9:00-11:00	BIBLE CONFERENCE Presiding: John Edwards Song Service: Mark Stripling 9:00 Music: Hillsdale FWB College Vernon Whaley, Solo Speaker: David Reece 10:00 Music: Hillsdale FWB College Kay Penn, Solo Speaker: Howard Munsey	Civic Center Little Theater
11:10	WNAC Missionary Service Message: Steve Lytle	Civic Center Coliseum

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 23

12:15-1:30	Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon	Civic Center North Hall
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Civic Center
1:30	WNAC Reconvenes (See WNAC Program)	Civic Center Coliseum
1:30-3:00	Master's Men Seminar Presiding: James Vallance	Civic Center Parlors A-B
1:30-3:00	Theological Trends Seminar	Charleston House Lobby Ballroom
1:30-3:00	Music Commission Seminar	Charleston House Morgan Room
1:30-3:00	"Double in a Decade" Seminar	Marriott Hotel Ballroom C-D
2:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Civic Center Room 207
4:00	Rehearsal for FWBBC Pageant	Civic Center Coliseum
5:00-6:45	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Speaker: Mary R. Wischart	Civic Center North Hall

TUESDAY EVENING / July 23

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Civic Center Coliseum
	Presiding: Melvin Worthington Offertory Free Will Baptist Bible College Pageant — Video Presentation — Music: FWBBC Choir FWBBC Quartet — Drama MESSAGE: Robert E. Picirilli	
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Civic Center South Hall
8:30	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Civic Center Coliseum Stage
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Civic Center Rooms 202-203
9:00-11:00	Youth Banquet	West Virginia Belle Riverboat
10:30	Exhibit Area Closed	

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 24

7:00	Youth Workers Breakfast	Charleston House Suite II
7:00	State Leaders Breakfast	Civic Center Parlor A
8:15	NYC Competitive Finals (Bible Competition)	Civic Center Little Theater
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Civic Center South Hall
8:30	Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby
9:00-11:45	CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION 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 Free Will Baptist Foundation: Herman Hersey Free Will Baptist Bible College: Tom Malone Foreign Missions: Eugene Waddell Sunday School and Church Training: Roger Reeds Board of Retirement: Herman Hersey	Civic Center Coliseum
11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony (See NYC Program)	Civic Center Little Theater

12:00 REGISTRATION CLOSES

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 24

12:00-1:15 Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon
"In Honor of Dr. Charles Thigpen" Civic Center North Hall

1:30 NYC Individual Competition Demonstration Civic Center Little Theater

1:30 CONVENTION BUSINESS Reconvenes Civic Center Coliseum
Scripture Reading and Prayer
Assistant Moderator: Carl Cheshier

1:35 REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued)
Home Missions: Roy Thomas
Master's Men: James Vallance
Commission for Theological Integrity: Leroy Forlines
Radio-Television Commission: Bob Shockey
Music Commission: Rodney Whaley
Historical Commission: David Joslin

2:00 Children's Activities (See NYC Program) Civic Center Parlor C

3:00 Youth Evangelism Conference (See NYC Program) Civic Center Little Theater

3:00 NYC Guidelines Forum (See NYC Program) Civic Center West Virginia 104

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

4:00 Business Session Recessed

4:00 Men's Chorale Rehearsal (or immediately following business session) Civic Center Coliseum Stage

5:00 Master's Men Dinner Speaker: Trymon Messer Civic Center North Hall

5:00 Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal Civic Center Coliseum Stage

6:00 Music Rehearsal Civic Center Coliseum Stage

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 24

7:00-8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE Civic Center Coliseum

Presiding: Robert Trimble
Song Service: Howard Gwartney
Music: California Christian College

Recognition of Missionaries: Roy Thomas
Eugene Waddell

Men's Chorale: Vernon Whaley, Director
Missions Offering: Robert Trimble
Offertory: Instrumental Ensemble
Solo: Doug Little

MESSAGE: Billy Hanna

8:30 Exhibit Area Open Civic Center South Hall

9:00 NYC Awards Ceremony Civic Center Coliseum

10:30 Exhibit Area Closed

THURSDAY MORNING / July 25

7:30-9:00 Sunday School Board Breakfast Marriott Hotel Allegheny Room

8:30 Exhibit Area Open Civic Center South Hall

9:00 CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION Civic Center Coliseum

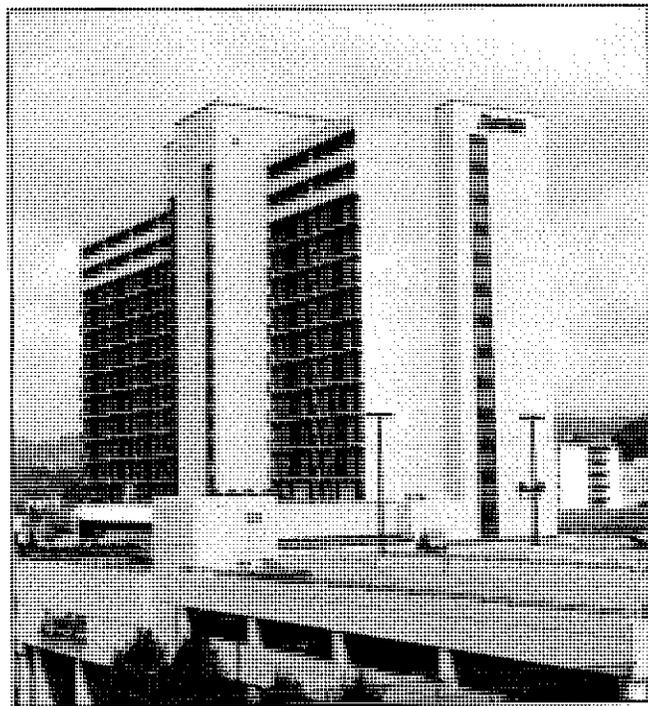
Scripture Reading & Prayer
Assistant Clerk: Keith Burden

NYC Report: Jim Lauthern
WNAC Report: Mary R. Wisehart
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)



Charleston Marriott—Headquarters Hotel

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

24th Annual Conference / July 21-24, 1991

Holiday Inn - Charleston House, Charleston, West Virginia

Theme: "Come Celebrate Jesus!"
Conference Director: Jim Lauthern
Conference Coordinator: Dean Jones
Oral Communications Coordinator: Eddie Bowerman
Children's Coordinator: Lisa Jones
Conference Office Manager: June McVay
Conference Registration Coordinator: Jill Pointer
Headquarters Hotel: Holiday Inn - Charleston House
 (NYC operates under the auspices of the Sunday School and Church Training Department/Roger Reeds, general director.)

SUNDAY MORNING / July 21

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Civic Center
	Primary/Junior Class	West Virginia 105
	Teen Class	Little Theater
10:45	Intermission	
11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP	Civic Center
	Primary/Junior Church	West Virginia 105
	Teen Church	Little Theater

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 21

3:00	NYC Registration	Civic Center Lower Lobby
5:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Civic Center Coliseum Stage

SUNDAY EVENING / July 21

7:00-8:30	NYC Keynote Service Speaker: Will Harmon	Civic Center Coliseum
8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities	Charleston House Lobby Ballroom
9:00-10:30	Youth Activities	Charleston House Grand Ballroom

MONDAY MORNING / July 22

7:00	NYC Judges Breakfast	Civic Center Room 206
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Civic Center Lower Lobby

8:00-5:00	Art Gallery (Continues through Wednesday noon)	Civic Center Parlor C
8:15	Morning Devotional Time	Civic Center Little Theater
8:30	NYC ASSEMBLIES	Civic Center
	Music and Arts Assembly All Entries and Coaches	Little Theater
	Bible Bowl All Teams and Coaches	Parlor A
	Bible Tic Tac Toe All Teams and Coaches	Parlor D
	Sword Drill/Memorization All Entries and Coaches	Parlor B
9:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Civic Center
	Music and Arts Section 1 Keyboard	Little Theater
	Music and Arts Section 2 Vocal Ensembles	Rooms 202-205
	Music and Arts Section 3 Oral Communication Individual Entries	West Virginia 105
	Bible Bowl	Parlor A
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Parlor D
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 4	Parlor B
10:00	Bible Memorization Grade 1	Parlor B

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 22

1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Civic Center
	Music and Arts Section 4 Vocal Solos	Little Theater
	Music and Arts Section 5 Vocal Ensembles	Rooms 202-205
	Music and Arts Section 6 Oral Communication	West Virginia 105
	Bible Bowl	Parlor A
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Parlor D
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 5	Parlor B
2:00	Bible Memorization Grade 2	Parlor B
2:00-3:00	Children's Activities	Civic Center Room 207

5:00-6:30 Children's Banquet Charleston House
Grand Ballroom

MONDAY EVENING / July 22

7:00-8:30 Main Convention Service Civic Center
Coliseum

8:30-10:00 NYC Registration Continues Civic Center
Lower Lobby

9:00-9:30 Youth Workers Meeting Civic Center
Room 105

9:00-10:00 Children's Activities Civic Center
Rooms 202-203

9:00 -11:00 TEAM Youth Congress Civic Center
Little Theater

TUESDAY MORNING / July 23

8:00 Morning Devotional Time Civic Center
Rooms 202-205

8:00 NYC Registration Continues Civic Center
Lower Lobby

8:00-5:00 Art Gallery (Continues through
Wednesday noon) Civic Center
Parlor C

8:15 NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES Civic Center

Music and Arts Section 7 Rooms 202-205
Vocal Ensembles

Music and Arts Section 8 West Virginia 104
Oral Communication Group Entries

Music and Arts Section 9 West Virginia 105
Oral Communication Puppety

Bible Bowl Parlor A

Bible Tic Tac Toe Parlor D

Bible Sword Drill Parlor B
Grade 6

9:30 Bible Memorization Parlor B
Grade 3

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 23

1:00 NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES Civic Center

Music and Arts Section 10 Rooms 202-205
Instrumental

Music and Arts Section 11 Little Theater
Choirs/Chorales

Music & Arts Section 12 West Virginia 105

Oral Communication Puppety

2:00-3:00 Children's Activities Civic Center
Room 207

TUESDAY EVENING / July 23

7:00-8:30 Main Convention Service Civic Center
Coliseum

8:30-10:00 NYC Registration Continues Civic Center
Lower Lobby

9:00-10:00 Children's Activities Civic Center
Rooms 202-203

9:00-11:00 Youth Banquet West Virginia Belle
River Boat

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 24

7:00-8:00 Youth Workers Breakfast Charleston House
Suite II

8:00 Morning Devotional Time Civic Center
Little Theater

8:00-12:00 Art Gallery Civic Center
Parlor C

8:15 NYC Registration Continues Civic Center
Lower Lobby

8:15-11:00 Bible Competition Finals Civic Center
Little Theater

11:00-12:00 NYC Awards Ceremony (Bible, Arts, Writing) Civic Center
Little Theater

12:00 NYC Registration Closes

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 24

1:30-3:00 Individual Competition Demonstration Civic Center
Little Theater
(Youth and Adults)

2:00-3:00 Children's Activity Civic Center
Parlor C

3:00-4:30 Youth Evangelism Conference Civic Center
Little Theater

3:00-4:30 NYC Guidelines Forum Civic Center
West Virginia 104

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 24

7:00-8:30 Main Convention Service Civic Center
Coliseum

9:00 -11:00 NYC Awards Ceremony Civic Center
Coliseum

THURSDAY MORNING / July 25

8:30 Morning Devotional Time Charleston House
Riverfront

WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

56th Annual Session / July 22-23, 1991

Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, West Virginia

Theme: "Until He Comes"
Scripture: Titus 2:11-13
Hymn: "Jesus is Coming Again"
Music Coordinator: Beverly Welch
Organist: Laura Cannon
Pianist: Joyce Little
Registration Chairman: Sheila Williams
Headquarters Hotel: Charleston Marriott

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 21

1:30	Registration Orientation	Civic Center Lower Lobby
3:00	REGISTRATION	Civic Center Lower Lobby

MONDAY MORNING / July 22

8:00-8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Marriott Hotel Allegheny Room
9:00-11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Marriott Hotel Kanawha Room
9:00-11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Marriott Hotel Blue Ridge Room

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 22

12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Marriott Hotel Allegheny Room
2:00-3:00	WNAC Seminar	Marriott Hotel Ballroom A-B-C-D

Theme: "Current Issues for Today's Woman"
Speakers: Debbie Hansen
"Crisis Pregnancy Centers"
Stacy Rakes
"Substance Abuse and Co-Dependency"
Joy Worrell
"Caring for the Homeless"

3:30-4:30	WNAC Presidents and Field Workers Meeting	Marriott Hotel Ballroom A-B-C-D
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Theme: "Look Ahead—The 21st Century"
Open Forum with WNAC Study Committee

TUESDAY MORNING / July 23

9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION	Civic Center Coliseum
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Presiding: Mary Neal
Congregational Singing
Devotion: Charolette Tallent
Special Music
Welcome: Susie Elliott
Creative Arts Awards: Lorene Miley
Credentials Committee Report/Seating of Delegates
Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report:
Mary R. Wisheart
Resolutions Committee Report
Nominating Committee Report
Appreciation Committee Report

11:10	WNAC MISSIONARY SERVICE	Civic Center Coliseum
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Congregational Singing
Offering
Special Music
Message: Steve Lytle

12:00	Recess	
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TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 23

1:30	Congregational Singing Registration Committee Report WNAC Special Feature: Evangels directed by Joseph Jones	Civic Center Coliseum
3:00	Adjournment	
5:00	WNAC Fellowship Dinner	Civic Center North Hall

Invocation: Lonnie Rolen
Speaker: Mary R. Wisheart
Benediction: Billy Gene Outland

Cooperative Channel Contributions March 1991

RECEIPTS:

State	CO-OP		Total	March '90	Yr. To Date
	Designated	(Undesignated)			
Alabama	\$ 658.99	\$ 30.00	\$ 688.99	\$ 1,085.92	\$ 1,636.25
Arizona	318.95	.00	318.95	.00	318.95
Arkansas	.00	.00	.00	4,088.47	12,924.48
California	.00	.00	.00	1,165.17	3,698.19
Colorado	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Delaware	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Florida	.00	833.60	833.60	851.45	4,265.35
Georgia	6,108.70	923.50	7,032.20	8,397.58	29,384.40
Idaho	59.78	.00	59.78	52.08	59.78
Illinois	8,561.35	1,776.09	10,337.44	14,992.99	20,196.51
Indiana	573.61	.00	573.61	462.44	1,788.62
Kansas	.00	65.52	65.52	97.88	141.51
Kentucky	162.54	45.13	207.67	60.65	307.67
Maryland	.00	.00	.00	150.00	1,162.04
Michigan	7,510.82	463.33	7,974.15	7,428.59	16,529.98
Mississippi	39.87	191.25	231.12	295.06	1,611.42
Missouri	8,055.74	.00	8,055.74	8,656.96	17,246.01
New Mexico	37.84	18.92	56.76	.00	81.50
North Carolina	1,325.00	875.00	2,200.00	1,594.00	8,528.89
Ohio	342.00	2,737.00	3,079.00	2,765.00	8,413.00
Oklahoma	35,561.20	8,088.40	43,649.60	35,201.59	111,845.00
South Carolina	11,789.21	.00	11,789.21	12,988.40	37,835.36
Tennessee	1,427.63	2,715.51	4,143.14	1,848.24	8,312.75
Texas	6,671.19	516.50	7,187.69	5,215.81	23,617.92
Virginia	254.75	20.00	274.75	221.40	967.89
West Virginia	1,578.96	93.78	1,672.74	3,817.39	7,603.72
Canada	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Northwest Assoc.	.00	.00	.00	28.80	25.40
Other (Computer)	.00	.10	.10	.00	.23
Totals	\$91,038.13	\$19,393.63	\$110,431.76	\$111,465.87	\$318,502.82

DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Office	\$ 6,829.70	\$14,791.59	\$ 21,621.29	\$ 20,166.68	\$ 64,863.84
Foreign Missions	52,685.33	1,058.45	53,743.78	61,377.09	163,024.01
FWBBC	8,388.79	1,058.45	9,447.24	7,306.46	21,465.88
Home Missions	19,223.22	828.37	20,051.59	14,843.55	49,351.76
Retirement & Insurance	353.90	644.28	998.18	2,110.28	4,965.85
Master's Men	529.73	644.28	1,174.01	2,088.77	5,172.25
Commission for					
Theological Integrity	40.63	23.02	63.65	117.82	282.70
FWB Foundation	1,574.88	276.13	1,851.01	1,286.69	4,163.35
Historical Commission	37.99	23.02	61.01	76.18	267.91
Music Commission	17.56	23.02	40.58	113.59	182.69
Radio & TV Commission	105.29	23.02	128.31	109.29	324.83
Hillsdale FWB College	803.38	.00	803.38	1,392.13	2,234.85
Other	447.73	.00	447.73	477.34	2,202.90
Totals	\$91,038.13	\$19,393.63	\$110,431.76	\$111,465.87	\$318,502.82

INSTRUCTIONS

for Pre-Registration Form

By completing the Pre-Registration Form you will save **valuable** time at the convention. If you pre-register, proceed to a special registration area. There you receive a packet containing your name tag (pre-printed), meal tickets you have purchased, a *Digest of Reports* and a program.

Filling Out the Form

- Fill out the top portion of the form. Please complete *all* of the information. You may register for one, two or all three conventions. You need to fill out only **one** form even if you register for more than one convention (National Association, WNAC, NYC).
- Fill out the first block if you are registering for the **National Association**. Fill in your *District Association*. Check only **one** of the choices. Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check payable to **FWB Convention**).
- Fill out the second block if you are registering for the **Woman's National Auxiliary Convention**. Check only **one** of the choices. Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check payable to **FWB Convention**).
- Fill out the last block if you are registering for the **National Youth Conference**. Complete the other information in the block. The fees are as follows:
 \$9.00 for an individual; \$8.50 each if two from same family are registering; \$8.00 each if three from same family are registering; \$7.50 each if four or more from same family are registering; \$10.00 if you do not register before June 25. **Adults over 24 do not have to register to attend the NYC.**

Check only one of the payment plans. Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check for registration and tickets payable to **FWB Convention**). **NOTE:** Before July 22, Youth Banquet tickets will be sold only to those in grades seven to age 24 and youthworkers. Others may purchase tickets at the convention after this date.

Additional Information

- Mail completed forms by **June 25, 1991** to **Convention Registration--P.O. Box 1088--Nashville, TN--37202**.
- Enclose one check to cover all fees and tickets.
- Make additional copies of the Pre-Registration Form if they are needed. Only one person per form please.
- You may purchase banquet tickets from any block even if you do not register in that block. No refunds mailed after June 25, 1991.

Pre-Registration Form

for
National Association of Free Will Baptists
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
National Youth Conference
Charleston, WV / July 21 - 25, 1991

Please Print

Name: _____ Phone #: _____/_____
LAST FIRST or NAME DESIRED ON BADGE

Address: _____ Male Female

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Church: _____ City: _____

Hotel (if known): _____

Mail completed form(s)
 by June 25, 1991 to
Convention Registration
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

Register me for the following: National Association
 (You may register for more than one) WNAC
 NYC

If registering for the **National Association**, please complete the following information:

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: _____

(Check only one of the following:)

MINISTER: Ordained(MIO) Licensed(MIL) (I certify that I am a member in good standing with the above named church and association which belong to the National Association.)

MISSIONARY: Foreign(MIF) (Country) _____

Home(MIH)

DELEGATE: Ordained Deacon(ORD)

State(STD)

Local Church (\$10.00)(LCD)

National Board Member(NBM)

National Officer(NTO)

VISITOR: (VIS)

Banquet Tickets: (please indicate quantity)

_____ Music Ministries Breakfast **\$7.50**

_____ Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon **\$10.00**

_____ FWBBC Alumni Luncheon **\$11.00**

_____ Master's Men Dinner **\$13.50**

_____ Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner **\$15.00**

If registering for **WNAC**, please complete the following information:

(Check only one of the following:)

DELEGATE: Local (\$3.00)(WLD)

District (WDD)

State (WSD)

WNAC Officer(WNO)

VISITOR: (AV)

Banquet Tickets: (please indicate quantity)

_____ WNAC Fellowship Dinner **\$14.00**

If registering for the **National Youth Conference**, please complete the following information:

Grade just completed: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Parent's (or Guardian's) name: _____

Youth Leader's name: _____

Banquet Tickets: (please indicate quantity)

_____ Children's Banquet (grades 1-6) **\$7.00**

_____ Youth Banquet (grade 7 - age 24) **\$12.50**

_____ Youth Workers Breakfast **\$7.50**

CHECK ONE:

\$9.00 (Individual)

\$8.50 Family Plan A

\$8.00 Family Plan B

\$7.50 Family Plan C

\$10.00 (after June 25)

Are you participating in NYC competition this year? yes no

Hotel Reservation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Charleston, West Virginia

National Convention

July 21-25, 1991

- No telephone reservations until after the cutoff date.
- 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 THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1991. 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: 800/733-5469.

Cutoff Date:
Received by
June 20, 1991

MAIL TO:
NAFWB Housing Bureau
Charleston Convention Bureau
200 Civic Center Drive,
Suite 002
Charleston, WV 25301

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE: (WK) _____ (HM) _____

CREDIT CARD TYPE _____ **CC#** _____ **EXP.** _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ **DEPARTURE DATE** _____

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

HOTELS	Choice	■† Single	■†† Double	■††† Triple	■†††† Quad
Marriott Hotel (Headquarters)		\$68	\$68	\$68	\$68
Holiday Inn Civic Center		\$56	\$56	\$56	\$56
Elk River Town Center Inn		\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46
Holiday Inn Charleston House (NYC Hdqtrs.)		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Holiday Inn Heart of Town		\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45

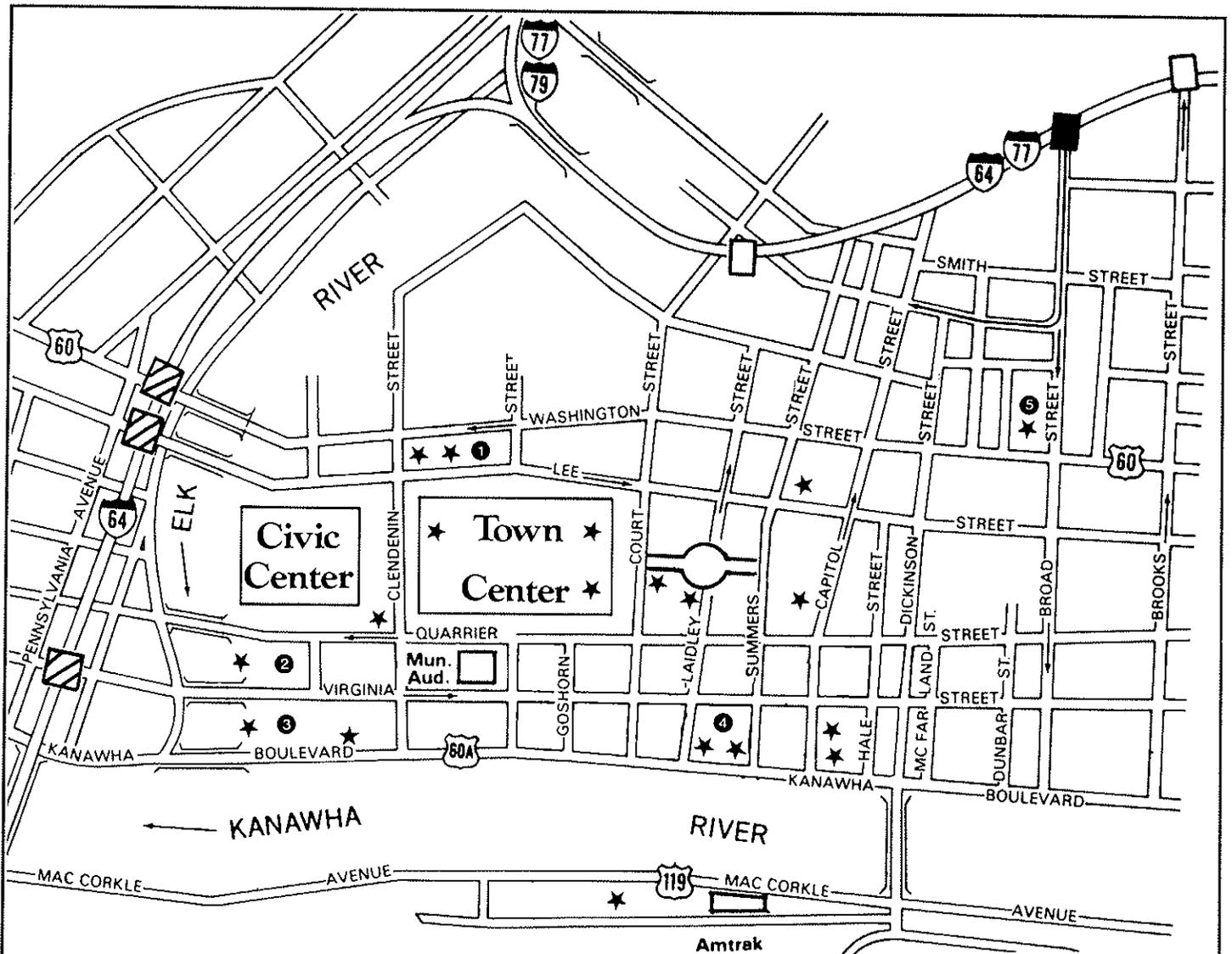
TYPE OF ROOM REQUESTED:

SINGLE/1 PERSON _____ DOUBLE/2 PEOPLE _____

TRIPLE/3 PEOPLE _____ QUAD/4 PEOPLE _____

NUMBER OF BEDS IN ROOM _____

PLEASE LIST ROOM OCCUPANTS:



- ① Marriott
- ② Holiday Inn Civic Center
- ③ Elk River Town Center Inn
- ④ Holiday Inn Charleston House
- ⑤ Holiday Inn Heart Of Town

RESTAURANTS IN AREA

There are 19 full service (★) restaurants with over 2,500 seats within 1/2 mile of the Civic Center. In addition, there are 53 fast food or limited service and limited menu restaurants in the same area.

FREE WILL BAPTIST NEWSFRONT

Bible College Inaugurates Fourth President

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College inaugurated Dr. Tom Malone as its fourth president on March 12 in a service held in the college's activities building.

Representatives from other national departments and from several state associations were present. A large delegation was also present from Dr. Malone's former pastorate in Florence, Alabama.

Special greetings and pledges of support were given by Rev. Fred Hall for the Alumni Association, Mr. Doug Kite for the student body, Rev. Bert Tippet for the faculty/staff, and Dr. Melvin Worthington for the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The formal investiture was done by Rev. Bob Ketchum,



President Tom Malone

vice chairman of the college Board of Trustees.

Dr. Malone's inaugural message, taken from the Book of Joshua, was a commitment for the college to continue carrying the torch of dedication and Christian education among Free Will Baptists.

He said that we must not fail to pass on the torch that God has committed to our keeping. The College Choir responded by singing, "We Will Carry the Torch." Special music was also rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Hughes.

Dr. Malone is the first alumnus of Free Will Baptist Bible College to occupy the president's office. His predecessors are Rev. L. R. Ennis, Dr. L. C. Johnson and Dr. Charles A. Thigpen.

National Moderator Keynotes Illinois Meeting

JOHNSTON CITY, IL—Rev. Ralph Hampton, moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, developed two major addresses at the March 15-16 Illinois State Association. Rev. Hampton, who also serves as dean of the Free Will Baptist Graduate School, preached Friday on "Salvation and the Security of the Believer" and Saturday on "Sanctification and Separation."

More than 150 delegates and ministers met at First FWB Church in Johnston City for the 31st annual state meeting. Moderator Larry Clyatt was re-elected.

Delegates received a 50-page *Digest of Reports* and heard reports from seven state boards and commissions. Promotional Secretary David Shores reported that Illinois Free Will Baptists increased their Cooperative Plan giving to \$71,000 in 1990, while overall outside giving surged to almost \$200,000.

Home missionary to Chicago, David Potete, was commissioned Friday evening. Tennessee pastor John Gibbs preached the commissioning sermon.

Loyd Olsan, a layman employed at Randall House Pub-

lications, spoke at Saturday's Master's Men Breakfast. In other action, delegates recognized former Illinois pastor Jerry Presley for his leadership in the foreign mission's Advance Celebration.

Two other sermons completed the preaching program. Rev. David Shores and Pastor Steve Hale (Faith FWB Church, Milan) spoke on "Laity and Leadership" and "Holy Spirit and Worship" respectively.

The 1992 state association will meet March 20-21 at First FWB Church in Green Rock.

Bible College Receives \$435,000 to Repay Debt

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College has so far received \$435,000 as a result of its appeal for gifts to pay off a \$345,000 line of credit loan to First American National Bank. The bank placed a March 20, 1991, deadline on the debt, leaving the college only a few weeks to collect it.

Gifts ranging from \$1 to \$12,300 began arriving at the college after word of its need reached the denomination. More than \$60,000 was received on one day, according to Peggy McElhinney, assistant treasurer. The \$345,000-mark was reached and surpassed on March 20, the deadline.

President Tom Malone describes the response as "miraculous." Former President L. C. Johnson says, "There is no human explanation for what has happened."

A day of praise was declared on campus April 2. First American Bank president, Terry Turner, and members of his staff, spoke in chapel on April 3. They congratulated the college



FWBBC administration and staff celebrate.

and its constituents, and shared their own Christian testimonies.

Before the crisis drive, the total FWBBC indebtedness was

\$600,000. The college is now within sight of being debt free, which would save the school nearly \$127,000 per year.

Curriculum Writers Attend Training Session

NASHVILLE, TN—Twenty people attended a six-hour training session for Free Will Baptist curriculum writers March 14 in Nashville. The one-day meeting included Sunday School, Church Training Service and devotional writers. Officials expect this to become an annual event.

The training, sponsored by Randall House Publications, met at the Sunday School and Church Training Department on Bush Road. Dr. Malcolm Fry, editor-in-chief of literature production, coordinated the sessions along with his secretary, Ida Lewis.

After greetings from General Director Roger Reeds, the key-

note workshop was delivered by Dr. Irvin Hyman, adult editor at Randall House Publications. He reminded writers to prepare their materials with the diverse denominational needs in mind.

Len Davenport, teen editor, led a session focusing on youth level writing. After lunch, Joy Simpkins and Delbert Wood introduced writers to the printing preparation and printing production areas. They then conducted tours through type-setting and printing divisions.

Contact editor, Jack Williams, led the final training session on what constitutes good writing.

Idaho Church Doubles Attendance

RUPERT, ID—One year after First FWB Church in Rupert "stepped out on faith" and put Pastor Bill Phillips on full time, attendance increased from 30 to 62, with a high of 97.

Pastor Phillips said, "This growth came in an area that is 70 percent Mormon and 20 percent Catholic."

Three years ago the church had only 13 members.

Phillips said, "I'm so excited at what God is doing in Rupert. We feel that we have seen the windows of Heaven open and pour out God's blessings!"

Geneva Trotter Retires from National Offices

NASHVILLE, TN—After 15 years as *Contact* circulation manager and receptionist for the National Offices, Mrs. Geneva Trotter retired April 26. She began her two-track job March 1, 1976.

Since 1977 Mrs. Trotter operated the Executive Office booth



Jack and Geneva Trotter

every July at the national convention. She and her husband George (Jack) drove a 24-foot Ryder truck to the convention hauling exhibit materials, supplies and printed matter.

Her future plans include returning to what she likes best, homemaking. "I prefer homemaking to anything I've ever done," she said. "Whatever that involves I like it — cleaning house, cooking, knitting, washing clothes or sitting on the patio watching the world go by."

The 63-year-old grandmother enjoys reading Christian novels. She's always ready to travel: "I'm happy to sit on a car seat all day. One reason I'm retiring now is so that while we have our health we can live life to the fullest."

Mrs. Trotter had not worked outside the home in 18 years when she came to the National Offices in 1976. "The job came looking for me," she explained. "It was more than I thought it would be."

She said that what she liked best about the job was "meeting and greeting the people. Seeing missionaries as they returned home on furlough. And my *Contact* duties—some typing, some bookkeeping, some filing, some letter writing. And never a dull moment."

"People are amazed," she remarked, "when I recognize their voices on the phone."

One thing she disliked was turning people away who walked in off the street seeking help, financial or otherwise.

"I would change one thing about the job if I could," she said. "I'd separate *Contact* circulation from the receptionist duties. *Contact* is a full-time job in itself."

Geneva Trotter has been a member of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville for 51 years. She began attending at age four.

All four members of the Trotter family have worked at the National Offices. Son Mark, now employed at Randall House Publications, worked for the Church Training Service Department at age 16. Daughter Suzan (Mrs. Tim) Hutchinson twice worked for the Board of Retirement. Husband George worked seven years as maintenance supervisor and mail clerk.

Mrs. Trotter trained her successor, Dari Goodfellow, who took over her duties April 29.

FWB Book Dealers Study Trends for Next Decade

NASHVILLE, TN—Twenty-three managers, clerks and publishing directors met March 11-12 at Randall House Publications in Nashville for the 14th annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Book Dealers Association. Attendees represented 11 Free Will Baptist bookstores in nine states.

Six workshops focused attention on literature ministry trends for the next decade. Marketing experts and CEO's from Thomas Nelson Communications (Nashville), Riverside/World, Inc. (Iowa), Spring Arbor Distributors (Michigan) and New Day Christian Distributors (Hendersonville, Tenn.), joined Roger Reeds, director of Randall House, and Warren Livingston, manager of the Missouri FWB bookstore in Lebanon, in leading tutorials.

Randall House provided a Monday evening banquet for attendees.

Officers for the FWB Book Dealers Association include Alton Loveless (president), Warren Livingston (vice-president) and Becky Beverly (secretary-treasurer).

The 1992 session will meet March 9-10 in Nashville.

Four FWB Colleges to Compete in Basketball Tournament

NASHVILLE, TN—Teams from all four Free Will Baptist colleges—Free Will Baptist Bible College, California Christian College, Hillsdale FWB College and Southeastern FWB College—will meet in Nashville December 12-14 to compete in the first Free Will Baptist Classic basketball tournament, according to Byron Deel, athletic director for Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The tournament will be in

round-robin format, with each team playing all of the others, he said. Games will be played in the FWBBC gym Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday afternoon. Other joint activities are planned for the teams and visitors.

Coach Deel expects 15-20 visitors from each of the three guest colleges. All guests will be invited to stay on campus and to eat in the dining hall.

Delaware Church Dedicates New Building

TOWNSEND, DE—More than 200 attended evening dedication services February 28 at First FWB Church in Townsend. Pastor Richard Atwood said the 5,000-square-foot building sits on a seven-acre site adjacent to the main north/south highway in Delaware. The building contains a 200-seat auditorium, nursery, fellowship hall, seven classrooms and an office.

Pastor Atwood is an associate missionary with the Home Missions Department and receives some designated support. Until two years ago he pastored New Castle FWB Church

in Delaware. He led that church to “mother” a new church 30 miles away in the growing Townsend area.

A few families moved to Townsend with Pastor Atwood to form the nucleus for a new church. Almost half those attending dedication services were members of New Castle FWB Church, along with their pastor Elmer Turnbough.

Pastor Atwood thanked the members of New Castle Church where he pastored 10 years, saying, “They helped us have a building much sooner.”



Pastor Richard Atwood leads dedication service.

Children's Home Opens Emergency Shelter

GREENEVILLE, TN—The Free Will Baptist Home for Children announced plans to open an emergency shelter for children on April 15. The Board of Directors, during their January meeting, approved remodeling the existing Woolsey Memorial Cottage for that purpose.

Executive Director Roger Hood said, “We have found this to be one of the greatest needs. By opening the shelter we hope to serve the children of Greene County and surrounding areas to keep them closer to family.”

The shelter will be a temporary placement (30 days or less) until a foster home, group home or more appropriate placement is found or the child is able to return to his family. The shelter will have the capacity to serve a maximum of eight children at any given time.

Due to the shelter opening, the Children's Home needs additional houseparents and relief houseparents to staff the shelter. Persons interested in working in the Christian child care ministry should contact the FWB Home for Children at Route 10, Box 327, Greeneville, TN 37743.

Convention Air Fares

To book airspace at discounted rates, call Veeson Travel at **1-800/456-1360**. This is a toll-free number to Veeson Travel. Please 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, having a current credit card ready at the time of the airline booking. Veeson Travel will process and mail the tickets to you.

Ask for Janice Jakobik or David Foster for reservations. All services from Veeson Travel Agency are free.

CURRENTLY...

Members of **First FWB Church, Glasgow, KY**, dedicated a new fellowship hall in February. The dedication service was conducted by Pastor **Robert Stiles**. The church's first pastor, **Eugene Workman**, preached the morning message.

Two second grade boys were murdered in **Virginia Beach**. One of the boys attended **Gateway FWB Church** on Sunday before he was murdered. The church's youth director had witnessed to the 16-year-old accused murderer two months before the slayings. **Dale Burden** pastors.

Pastor **Terry Stafford** said he enrolled nine people in a group to read the Bible through this year. He also baptized five and received four new members at **Victory FWB Church, E. Wenatchee, WA**.

Pastor **Tom Hunt** reports seven conversions at **Tri-Cities FWB Church, Kennewick, WA**. A man and his wife who were saved had been on Pastor Hunt's visitation list for a year.

Harmony FWB Church in Fresno, CA, launched a building program to erect a 3,200-square-foot structure that includes six classrooms. Sunday School superintendent **Dennis Fletcher** reported 72 Sunday School workers present for a spring enlargement banquet. **Jim McAllister** pastors.

Pastor **Bill Steele** led members of **First FWB Church in Bedford, VA**, to provide two \$1,000 scholarships for students at Southeastern FWB College. Men of the church also donated a new fax machine to Southeastern College and a \$500 check.

Dr. **John Edwards**, moderator of the **Alabama State Association** and pastor of **Eastside FWB Church in Dothan**, presented a \$3,100 check to **Dave Franks, Jr.**, missionary to Uruguay. The generous gift was the entire offering for the day at Eastside Church.

Members laid the foundation for new classrooms at **Rock Springs FWB Church in Thebes, IL**. Attendance has doubled at the church. **Guy Terry** pastors.

Pastor **Ernie Lewis** said members at **Blue Point FWB Church in Cisne, IL**,

remodeled the basement for youth activities. Some 15-20 teens meet there regularly. The church's Woman's Auxiliary adopted the David Potete family for its 1991 missionary project.

Fourteen people were saved at **People's FWB Church in Chicago, IL**. **Billy Maynard** pastors.

Pastor **W. C. Hamilton** said, "Two years ago **North Heights FWB Church in Sapulpa, OK**, owed \$66,000." A special \$4,300 offering in February retired the note. Hamilton also reports 200 in attendance.

Pastor **R. H. McCuin** began an 8:15 Sunday morning radio program over station KBEL in Idabel, OK. McCuin pastors **Felker FWB Church in Valliant**.

Pastor **Muril Wilson** now lives in a brick parsonage, thanks to members of **Hawkins FWB Church in Alex, OK**.

Guymon FWB Church in Guymon, OK, celebrated its 35th anniversary in April. The church began in September 1956 at the home of **Fred and Altha Keifer** on a Wednesday night prayer meeting. They organized in December 1956 with 24 charter members and called **Wade Jernigan** as pastor. **Steve Robinson** now pastors.

Pastor **Willard Kiper** of **First FWB Church in Vian, OK**, writes, "Our attendance reached 67. We have adopted the Cooperative Plan of support and things are going well."

Members of **Westside FWB Church in Checotah, OK**, conducted dedication services in February for a 3,000-square-foot addition to their church. **Berton Perry** preached the dedication for the \$50,000 addition. **Loyd Morris** pastors.

Some 54,000 people drove 8,200 vehicles past the "Winter Wonderland" sponsored by **First FWB Church in Sulphur, OK**. The church also received more than \$8,000 in free will offerings from the viewers. **Meryl Erickson** pastors.

Associate Director of Home Missions **Trymon Messer** has prepared a *Double in a Decade Manual*. The 15-lesson, 28-page manual is written in practical, simple language. Messer

said, "Any pastor can use this manual and lead his people to double in the decade." The cost is \$2 each. Order from Home Missions Department.

Pastor **J. C. Morgan** celebrated 20 years as pastor of **Lawnwood FWB Church in Tulsa, OK**. The church planned a special day to honor Brother Morgan's two decades of service.

In late February members of **Harmony FWB Church in Lake Butler, FL**, gave \$12,500 to Free Will Baptist Bible College. But Pastor **Bud Hill** said that isn't all the church did. In 1990 the church gave \$6,000 to Home Missionary **Bobby Clyatt** and \$2,600 for a generator in the **Virgin Islands**. This January the church gave \$20,000 to home missions. Wow! Now that's a giving church.

Pastor **Billy Hanna** wrote an editorial titled "Threats to Family Survival" in the March 1991 issue of *First News*, publication of **First FWB Church in Albany, GA**. He gave four major points: Leaving out the Lord, hurting each other with our tongues, taking our spouses for granted, letting the children run the show.

Pastor **Bill Travis** of **Satilla FWB Church in Hazlehurst, GA**, conducts radio programs seven days a week. Although he had a kidney transplant and six other operations, Pastor Travis still pastors, serves as hospital chaplain and does nursing home visitation.

Pastor **Tom Williams** presented a plaque to **Juanita Means** for 25 years as church clerk and 21 years as Sunday School secretary at **Loudendale FWB Church in Charleston, WV**.

Pastor **Wes Rider** reports 20 conversions, 17 baptisms and 24 new members at **First FWB Church in Cape Girardeau, MO**. The group had a record 202 attendance.

Pastor **Melvin Moon** reports a record 156 in attendance, 13 conversions and 13 baptisms, along with 10 additions to the church at **Hartville FWB Church, Hartville, MO**. ■



RANDALL HOUSE PUBLICATIONS

Casa Randall—The Other Randall House

By Lucy Hyman

¡Ayúdanos, por favor! Please help us! In the 1980's this cry came from Spanish-speaking Free Will Baptists both at home and abroad. Marilyn Quayle said, "In 1949, there were less than four million Hispanics in the United States. This year's census will show roughly 21 million. By the year 2000, 30 million of our fellow citizens and residents are expected to be of Hispanic origin."

As the Spanish-speaking population increased in the United States, pastors, Sunday School teachers and missionaries were pleading for Free Will Baptist literature to use in the churches springing up in California, Florida and Texas. Although missionary work was begun in Cuba and Panama in the 1940's, there was no Free Will Baptist literature in Spanish.

After much consultation and prayer on the part of Randall House director, Dr. Roger C. Reeds, and others, the Free Will Baptist Spanish Sunday School Literature program was launched in 1984. The work began by translating preschool, junior, teen and adult Sunday School materials into Spanish. The two-year cycle for preschool and three-year cycle for juniors are finished. Only three quarters remain to complete the seven-year adult cycle. These materials are not dated; therefore, they can be used any time and reprinted as necessary.

We praise the Lord for what has been accomplished in this missionary thrust by Randall House. As a Free Will Baptist you can be proud of Casa Randall and the Spanish literature program. These materials are used on our mission fields in Spain, Uruguay, Panama, Puerto Rico, Mexico and even Cuba. (We sell to more than 30 different denominations in almost every state in the United States and Canada.)

I returned to Cuba in May 1990 where I had served seven years as a missionary before leaving in 1961. I took some of our Spanish Sunday School literature and gave a seminar to a group of Free Will Baptist Sunday School teachers from four of the churches in the area of Jaruco. They were thrilled to learn that there was Free Will Baptist Spanish literature available for them. I saw some

Christians I had not seen in 30 years and found them still faithfully serving the Lord in spite of great difficulties.

Literature cannot be mailed to them, but it is taken in by those who have been able to travel there and by our Cuban pastors who come out and return.

In addition to the Sunday School literature program, we have translated two plays and published two others written by a young man from our mission field in Uruguay. *Pauline Writings Notes* by Dr. Robert Picirilli and the *Free Will Baptist Treatise* have been translated and printed.

This year Casa Randall plans to exhibit at the National Association in Charleston, West Virginia, to display and sell the Sunday School literature and other Spanish materials, including books and Bibles. Visit the exhibit and see what has been accomplished at Casa Randall.

There will also be a Spanish Sunday School class taught at the convention by one of our Free Will Baptist Hispanic pastors or workers. If you speak Spanish or have an interest in the Spanish missionary effort, you are invited to be part of the Spanish Sunday School which will be held at the same time as the English Sunday School.

Next year, we hope to publish *Systematics* by F. Leroy Forlines which has been translated and is ready for editing. Some items from the teen materials have not been finished. We plan to finish them after we complete the seven-year cycle for adults.

To all of you who have written or worked on the English Sunday School materials during the years 1981-1989, we are grateful because your work is now being used by our Spanish-speaking churches. The materials will be repeated as the cycle is needed, and this will go on until the Lord comes. Praise the Lord for this opportunity! ■

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ABOUT THE WRITER: Lucy Hyman is managing editor of the Spanish Department of Randall House Publications.



THE FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Don't Just Give Away the Farm

An ancient Israelite never sold his family farm. After 49 years the farm always reverted back to the family of its original tribal heir. In fact the Lord commanded, "The land shall not be sold for ever [or in perpetuity]: for the land is mine" (Leviticus 25:23).

Part of the celebration of Jubilee was the return of the encumbered farms to the closest living kin of the original heirs. Actually, when a land transaction was made, it was only the value of the crops that exchanged hands (Leviticus 25:16), not the land itself.

Thus early in the Old Testament, God established two kinds of giving: tithing and perpetual endowment. The produce of the land, both of crops and herds was to be tithed (see Deuteronomy 14:22 and similar passages) providing regular income to the Lord's work. Therefore, it seems appropriate that we continue placing an emphasis on tithing our income each year, month or week, as we receive it. Of course, the motivation for this giving should be our love for and appreciation of our Lord.

Then, perpetual endowment gifts of capital assets (such as land, buildings, stocks, bonds and savings) are needed to provide long-term support to the Lord's work. To Israel, the land was always His; therefore it was an endowment to be used, but never used up.

It is appropriate for us to emphasize the use of perpetual endowments. But remember that an endowment should not be funded with the tithe. Tithes are to fund normal day-to-day operations. In the church, they pay salaries and utilities, purchase study materials and meet benevolent needs, and fund missionary efforts.

Endowments are best funded with capital type gifts as listed above—stocks, bonds, land or other investment type savings. Giving capital assets to fund current operating expenses is like selling the farm to pay the tithes. On the other hand, with a perpetual endowment, a gift is made that is not consumed in day-to-day operations. Instead it is reinvested to continue producing a regular ministry income.

The Free Will Baptist Foundation has a Perpetual Endowment Trust which provides ongoing income to both foreign and home missions, our colleges, the Tennessee Children's Home, a local association and a church, the Cooperative Fund and individual missionary accounts.

In addition, a Foundation endowment provides a charitable income tax deduction in the year it is funded. The principal of the endowment will be invested by the Foundation, and all its income will go to benefit the ministry or ministries designated by the donor.

If you give the farm for operational expenses, it will be gone forever. If you invest the farm in an endowment, it will continue perpetually to produce income for whatever area of the Lord's work you choose. ■

Endowments

- Minimum initial gift of \$1,000
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 - in any amount
 - at any time
- Donor designates income beneficiary or beneficiaries
 - must be charitable
 - may change beneficiaries
- May be given anonymously
- May become an outright gift after a specified period
- May be funded by individuals, families, churches or other groups



MASTER'S MEN

The \$10,000 Gift

Frank D. Hickingbotham, founder and chairman of the board of TCBY Enterprises, recently presented a \$10,000 check from the Frank D. Hickingbotham Charitable Foundation Trust to the Master's Men Department. The gift is for the purpose of helping send 15 men to Cuba to work on the Cedars of Lebanon project.

Hickingbotham made this contribution in response to a personal contact by Master's Men Board Chairman Wendell Leckbee. The relationship between Mr. Hickingbotham and Leckbee dates back to 1970 when Mr. Hickingbotham was an agency vice-president for National Investors Life Insurance Company in Little Rock where Mr. Leckbee worked as a staff member.

Leckbee recalls that one afternoon Hickingbotham called him into his office and suggested that he and his family should be in church, and recommended they go together.

This was a turning point in getting the Leckbee family back in church and eventually leading to First FWB Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas, where Mr. Leckbee serves as deacon, treasurer and Sunday School teacher. He serves as moderator of the district association and clerk of the Arkansas State Association. Mrs. Leckbee also serves in the local church as Sunday School teacher.

We certainly give thanks to Frank D. Hickingbotham for his second major contribution. We will be keeping him posted on the work in Cuba so that he can see how the money was put to use.

TCBY has approximately 1,800 stores in eight countries. Wouldn't it be a nice gesture if every Free Will Baptist made an effort to sample the products offered by TCBY (The Country's Best Yogurt) when the next opportunity presents itself! ■



Wendell Leckbee (L) accepts \$10,000 check from Frank D. Hickingbotham.

HOME MISSIONS



The Second Time Around!

By Roy Thomas

"And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee" (Jonah 3:1-2). This scripture refers to the fact that God spoke to Jonah the second time about going to a huge city to preach the gospel.

However, the men referred to in this article do not identify with Jonah in going through the trials he experienced to get him to do the will of God. They have willingly followed God's leadership, even to the second project with the Home Missions Department.

There is a growing list of preachers among modern day Free Will Baptists who have heard God's call to a second large city after successfully completing their first mission project. These men are different from Jonah because they went willingly both the first and second time.

Several former employees have completed two projects as home missionaries. Among those are Jim Summerson, John Hollis and Bill Adkisson. Current missionaries engaged in starting their second Free Will Baptist church in needy cities are Bobby Clyatt, J. L. Gore, Tom Hunt, Bob Lewis, Vergel Maness, Ron Parker, Glenn Poston, Bill Reagan, Bob Thomas and Mark Vandivort.

It truly is better the second time around! Experience always helps a person know what to do and how to do it better. When one missionary signed his second contract he said, "I believe I can do a better job, because I have learned some things which do not work and some other things which do work."

The Home Missions Department has made a number of improvements which were not available to these men the first time around. These are—better itinerate methods, get acquainted meetings, blueprints, Church Extension Loan Fund, missionary builder and team, the Aquilla and Priscilla program to send laymen with the missionary, the "Build My Church" campaign to help purchase property, and personal benefits to the missionary and his family.

These dedicated men and women are a

specialized group who have considered home missions to be a "calling" and have made church planting their life's work.

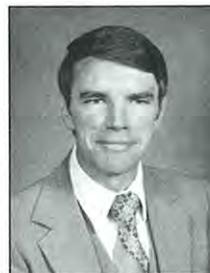
The need for experienced church planters is a great one among Free Will Baptists. Many of our churches are located in rural areas, but most of the population is in the large metropolitan areas. May God give us more men with the courage to go into the asphalt jungles of America and establish gospel-preaching, soul-winning Free Will Baptist churches. Yes, it truly is better the second time around! ■



Tom Hunt



Glenn Poston



Bob Lewis



J.L. Gore



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Woman's Window on the World

By Mary R. Wisheart

From My Window

How's the view from your window today?

Sometimes my view seems narrowed down until I see only my own small world, my limitations and my few possibilities. Looking at this weak, poverty-stricken view, I become depressed and hopeless. What can I possibly do except just get by the best way I can and simply endure? How can I hope to help anyone when I'm so helpless myself? How can I do great things for God when I'm in this mess?

Does your view look like that?

I must admit mine does at times, but that view usually lasts only a few hours at most. You know why?

Because the sunlight of God's grace suddenly shines in my window, opening a whole new panorama.

It's true, I'm only one and a weak one at that. My resources are very limited.

But I serve a God who owns the cattle on a thousand hills. The gold and silver are His. He is all powerful, and one of His followers who ought to know wrote: "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

How's the view from your window? Maybe God is just waiting to send you a burst of sunshine.

Encourage Subscriptions

What magazines do visitors find in your magazine rack?

Did you know that you are one of a few Free Will Baptists who subscribe to our national magazine?

Why not become a solicitor for our magazines?

Once Woman's Auxiliary had on the Standard of Achievement, subscriptions to a Free Will Baptist paper. Woman's Auxiliary should still encourage subscriptions to the *Co-Laborer* and to *Contact*. Both are bargains at low subscription prices. See the information on page two for *Contact* subscriptions.

Write WNAC, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN

37202 for a sample copy of *Co-Laborer* or enter your subscription at \$7.75 per year.

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WNAC Meets in Charleston

WNAC holds its annual meeting in connection with the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The women meet on Tuesday, July 23.

Delegates could equal about 1,500 if each local Auxiliary sent one delegate with a representation fee of \$3, each state sent 15 delegates, each district without a state convention sent five delegates and each local Auxiliary without a larger organization sent three delegates.

The 1991 session will include a report from the study committee, election of officers and other important business items.

Delegates and visitors will have an opportunity to hear Charolette Tallent (France) and Steve Lytle (Panama).

A special feature for the afternoon is the *Evangels*, a drama group from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Each Auxiliary should encourage attendance by electing a delegate, paying the representation fee, buying her a ticket for the Fellowship Dinner and helping with her other expenses. ■



BOARD OF RETIREMENT

A Caring Heart Gives

Let your mind quickly recall your pastors...who were there when you needed them...who married you or perhaps your children...who helped bring your family to the Lord...who faithfully preached to you...who spent many joyful hours in your home...who came to you in times of sickness and death...who comforted and encouraged you during times of distress and lowliness...who rejoiced with you in your good times.

Surely you want to have a part in the care of these men of God—men who meant so much to you and your family—in their old age. Surely you care that they spend their elderly years with income sufficient for their needs.

Not long ago the vast majority of our pastors lived out their old age with a meager income. We changed that. Twenty-one years ago we established a retirement plan that supplements our pastors' retirement income.

Some insist that preachers do not retire. When we speak of pastors, ministers and missionaries retiring, we are not suggesting that they will never preach again. Most will continue on at slower pace or will preach as often as circumstances and their health permits. However, I think you will agree that their income from preaching will certainly decrease and eventually cease.

How can you help? First, encourage your church to contribute funds to your pastor's retirement account. Start now. Put it in your church budget and make regular monthly deposits.

Second, you can help with your gifts to the retirement operating fund. We have just over 1,000 participants in the retirement plan. As you can imagine it takes an office staff,



equipment and operating expenses to maintain the plan.

That's why our churches set aside Father's Day to honor their pastors and make a special offering for our retirement operating expenses.

This Father's Day, June 16, we would like for you to join us once again in honoring our pastors and founding fathers. You can make your gift in honor of a special pastor or in memory of a deceased pastor. We record your gift in our Book of Remembrance displayed in our offices. We list your name and the name of the honored or remembered person in *Contact*. ■

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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Miracle on West End Avenue

By Dr. Charles E. Hampton, Registrar

Bible College officials are calling the response to an appeal for \$345,000 "a miraculous provision by our God."

Here is a brief account of that miracle.

President Tom Malone called together a handful of Free Will Baptist Bible College administrators on January 31 and presented one of the greatest challenges we had ever confronted. Indeed, it seemed to be a human impossibility!

As outlined in Brother Malone's letter (dated February 20) to our Free Will Baptist people, federal regulators called for our bank to ask that our line of credit balance—\$345,000—be paid in full by March 20, 1991. By the time the letter could be prepared, mailed and received, there was less than a month for our people to respond. That has both negative and positive aspects: Negatively, the difficult takes on the appearance of the impossible, but, positively, the administrators realized that if the need were met, it would be a bona fide miracle! To our knowledge, nothing of the sort had ever happened in our ranks, but nothing is too hard for God!

Brother Malone opened that meeting with prayer. He presented the dilemma, then we discussed every facet of it we could think of. We next looked for options open to us. There really were not any offered by the bank! The college had to somehow meet the deadline given by the bank officers. We were committed to do so—perhaps with weak faith. That session closed the way it began. Brother Malone called on three of us to lead in prayer relative to this tremendous challenge.

We left the meeting to do what we *could* and to depend on the Lord to do what He *would*. I wish I could tell you our faith was absolute. All of us knew God could work a miracle, but we were not certain He would choose to meet the crisis in just the way we wanted.

As our people began to respond to the need, regular updates were shared in chapel. Then, during the spring Bible Conference, March 10-14, progress reports were shared with the college family and guests. It was such an exciting time! An answer to prayer seemed to be unfolding before our eyes. Feelings of anticipation, hope and gratitude were fueled by those early reports. The same kind of good reports have continued since Bible Conference, along with our growing excitement. (See

the partial calendar below.)

On March 20, the last gift needed to complete the required \$345,000 payoff was received. And gifts continued to come in. We had hoped to retire a total indebtedness of \$600,000 (which includes the \$345,000) by July 1992—the college's 50th anniversary. Is it possible God has even a much earlier payoff date than we had for the entire indebtedness, on the order of the miraculous provision of the \$345,000? Whatever He chooses to do, family and friends of Free Will Baptist Bible College around the denomination have witnessed the power of God among us.

What an amazing and appropriate way to launch our year of Jubilee! *A miraculous provision by our God!* Our intention from the beginning of our planning for Jubilee was to make it a year of thanksgiving and praise to God for His faithfulness to Free Will Baptist Bible College and our denomination. In this instance, He has provided for our most critical need, largely without our "sowing and reaping."

You may be sure that the family here at 3606 West End Avenue has a heartbeat of praise and thanksgiving: *praise* to God for His great, miraculous blessing and *thanksgiving* to God for you who allowed Him to work through you! May you sense, as we do, that God has delivered the victory as we have cooperated with Him. Rejoice and praise God with us! Thank you for your prayers and gifts during this most challenging and rewarding time! ■

Calendar of Praise

<i>Feb. 15</i>	President shares crisis in chapel with entire college family		
<i>Feb. 15</i>	After chapel, first gift placed on President's desk		
<i>Feb. 22</i>	Appeal letter mailed to entire denomination		
<i>Mar. 13</i>	\$210,000	<i>Mar. 20</i>	\$359,000
<i>Mar. 14</i>	\$260,000	<i>Mar. 21</i>	\$395,000
<i>Mar. 15</i>	\$286,000	<i>Mar. 22</i>	\$412,000
<i>Mar. 16</i>	\$310,000	<i>Mar. 25</i>	\$420,000
<i>Mar. 18</i>	\$320,000	<i>Apr. 11</i>	\$438,000
<i>Mar. 19</i>	\$336,000		

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Courage to Say "Yes"

By Dawn Sweeney

He may ask us to do the unexpected.

It was a decision that required a lot of praying and soul-searching, but I finally said, "Yes, Lord, I will go to the foreign mission field." God had been asking me for quite a while, and I realized His will was what I wanted more than anything else.

I thought saying "yes" to God's calling to be a missionary was difficult, but the toughest decision was yet to come!

I proudly went to France in 1984 as a Free Will Baptist missionary. Language school was difficult, to say the least. But the degree of difficulty in learning French was nothing to be compared to the degree of joy I experienced when I was finally able to witness to someone in French. It was thrilling to know my message was understood.

Winning two women to the Lord in Paris made up for any homesickness or culture shock I had experienced. The thrill of leading someone to Christ who has had little or no contact with the gospel is indescribable!

Working to reach the lost in Lorient, France, was extremely satisfying and I was very happy I had said, "Yes, Lord, I'll go."

The Difficult "Yes"

Although I encountered many difficulties and disappointments on the mission field, I eagerly expected many more years of labor as a missionary in God's service. I didn't realize how difficult the next "yes" was going to be.

Shortly after coming home on furlough, I began to experience some pain in my lower back. After extensive testing, doctors diagnosed my problem to be arthritis. What started out in my back is now in my knees, hips, etc. Chronic pain and fatigue are now daily companions.

It took a long time, but I finally came to realize God was no longer asking me to go, but to stay.

I was shaken. It was God who had made me aware of the spiritual needs of the world. It was He who had opened my eyes

to the fact that millions die lost without ever hearing the gospel. It was He who had appointed me to go. And now He was asking me to stay.

It took a lot more courage to say, "Yes, Lord, I'll stay," than it took to say, "I'll go." But finally, I did, because being in the center of God's will is the only thing that matters in this world.

I believe God asked me to stay because He has another ministry for me.

Shaping Our Character

Some have said, "Ask God to heal you." I have! But in His providence, He has chosen not to do that. I believe now what we can **become** if we endure pain is far greater than what we can **do** if we are without pain. I believe God sometimes allows us to endure pain in order to shape our inner characters for a different ministry, a ministry we couldn't possibly accomplish had we not experienced the pain.

But He never told me to relinquish or forget the deep burden He has given me for missions. In fact, I know for sure whatever ministry He has for me, He still expects me to further the cause for foreign missions to the best of my ability. People still die every day without ever having a chance to accept Christ. I must never forget that and I must do all I can to see that the gospel is sent forth all around the world.

Saying "yes" to God's will isn't always easy. He may ask us to do the unexpected. But whatever it is He asks us to do, we can be assured He has our best interests at heart and it is the best for His kingdom.

He may ask us to accomplish a certain task for a particular purpose. And when He does, we must be willing to stick to it, leaving nothing about the task undone. But then He may choose to have us move on. We must be willing to do that also!

Amy Carmichael wrote: "Often His call is to follow in paths we would not have chosen. There is a wonderful joy to be had from knowing that we are not in the way of our own choice." ■



Dawn Sweeney of Kingsport, Tenn., served one term as a missionary to France. She resigned in January, 1991, after an extended medical leave.

1991 National Youth Evangelistic Team



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Scott Gailey
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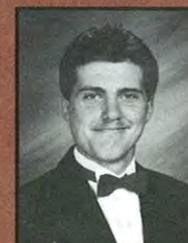


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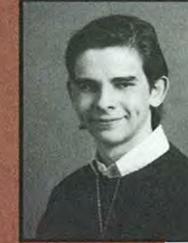
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Jennifer Wade



Shane Dixon
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This team of twelve high school youth were winners at the Music and Arts Festival of the 1990 National Youth Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. They represent six states. They will present a musical drama, "Name Above All Names", as they tour through Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky during June. They will also be featured at a youth service on Monday, July 22, during the National Convention in Charleston, West Virginia.



Jack Williams

The Perfect Marriage

The best marriage I ever saw belonged to two kids who dropped out of school in the 9th grade and got married on Christmas Eve during World War II. He was 16, she was 15. That marriage never had a chance. But it endured three wars and produced four children. It lasted 25 years, 3 months and 7 days.

There's a growing idea nowadays that love is not enough to make a marriage work. I disagree. Education is not enough. Money is not enough. But love never fails; it always finds a way.

This spring, newspapers told how a 23-year-old school teacher was sent to prison for convincing her 16-year-old lover to kill her husband of one year. The teacher had an affair with the student after her husband confessed to infidelity.

That sad marriage apparently never had a chance. To go from honeymoon to double infidelity to murder in one year means that just about everything went wrong and nothing right. Was anybody trying to make it work?

Marriage takes time. It won't be rushed. A wedding takes an hour, but it takes years to create a marriage. Just as it takes 12 years to grow a 12-year old boy, it takes 25 years to grow a 25-year-old marriage. There are no short-cuts.

A good sense of humor and common sense form two sides of the marriage triangle. The third side, of course, is mutual love for and submission to God.

Josh McDowell frequently tells college students, "Don't marry someone you can live with. Marry someone you can't live without."

Life for husband and wife is more than marriage. They each

have an existence apart from their partners. But as Dr. H. Norman Wright warns, "Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined they cannot be separated; often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them."

While marriage can be suffocating, the best marriages make room for others. Rainer Maria Rilke sized it up: "A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian of his solitude. Once the realization is accepted that even between the closest human beings infinite distances continue to exist, a wonderful living side-by-side can grow up, if they succeed in loving the distance between them which makes it possible for each to see the other whole against a wide sky."

A home full of love is never too full. It's like the cruse of oil in the widow's house (I Kings 17:16)—no matter how much you use, there's always more.

Some expend enormous amounts of energy to *find* the right person so they can succeed in life. While that's admirable, Elof Nelson said, "*Being* the right person is even more important."

Being the right person means being adaptable. And patient. And tolerant. It means you're in it for the long haul. It might mean hanging banners.

A printer in Nashville flies a big banner in his production area. No matter where you stand on the printing floor, you can see three words waving above the presses, the ink and skids of paper: "Whatever it takes."

More couples need to hang that banner in their homes and peg it down in their minds: "Whatever it

takes." No matter how frantic the pace, how frustrating the finances, how weary the body—both partners need to know that somebody else will give whatever it takes to make things work.

That's because marriage never stays the same. It changes daily depending on mood swings, age, spilled coffee, piano lessons, unexpected bills. In fact, marriage is the continuous process of getting used to things you hadn't expected.

Marriage does for people what fire does for metal—it tempers, purifies, and brings something strong out of pressure and heat. Quality steel only emerges after ore undergoes radical changes. That's a lot like marriage.

Men and women must commit themselves without reservation to a relationship which becomes a life-long partnership. It sounds easy. It isn't.

The perfect marriage. Does it exist? If it does, it's filled with laughter. And house payments. And tears. And home-made cookies. And flat tires. And a reverence for God.

Sam Levenson said, "Love at first sight is easy to understand; it's when two people have been looking at each other for a lifetime that it becomes a miracle."

Miracles can happen in marriages that start out against impossible odds. I know. I grew up in that home those two high school drop-outs built. Their love flourished on the edge of a cotton field and defied every obstacle except death.

Next time I see Mother I must ask her what she did with their "Whatever it takes" banner. ■

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