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# THE SECRETARY SPEAKS

## Change Will Come

**C**hange is normal, natural and needed. It need not be feared. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, dramatic changes took place in the physical world, family, society and individual. Changed lives result when redemption takes place. The resurrection means change. The second coming of Christ will mean change. All change is not bad; all change is not good.

### Individual Change

Transformation marks the experience of those who come to Christ. Paul was a changed man. Truth changes the attitudes and actions of Christians. Time has a way of bringing about needed change. Tragedy plays a unique role in bringing about change. Testing brings change in character and conduct. The hope of the gospel rests in its power to change those who believe it.

### Industrial Change

The world is different now than 100 years ago. We have become an informational rather than industrial society. Computers replaced typewriters just as typewriters replaced pencils. Businesses which refuse to change pay a high price in the marketplace.

### Institutional Change

Institutions change in the normal course of time. Churches, denominations, colleges all change over the years. Colleges change in physical plant, student body, faculty and programs of study. Churches change in programs, pastors, membership, support of denominational agencies, physical plant and staff adjustment.

Free Will Baptist churches have changed from quarter-time to twice a month to full-time services. Many have full-time pastors, ministers of music and Christian education directors. Beautiful church buildings with air conditioning, carpet, modern sound equipment and musical instruments can be found throughout the denomination.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists has also experienced change in spiritual, statistical and stewardship growth. We have come a long way from 1935, and change has accounted for this growth. We have added national agencies over the years to meet needs in our changing world. Methods have changed but our message remains the same.

At no time have we changed our doctrine or distinctives. We changed that which could and needed to be changed gradually. We are not the same denomination we were in 1935. Leadership has changed and will again. Programs have been expanded and will again. Meaningful change flows out of ministry.

With a new wave of denominational leadership more changes will come. I am ready. I welcome change. We all need to remember that the good old days were never that good, and even if they were, they no longer exist.

### The Secretary's Schedule

June 8-9	North Carolina State Assoc.
June 8-11	Missouri State Assoc.
June 10-12	Texas State Assoc.
June 12-13	West Virginia State Assoc.
June 18-19	Virginia State Assoc.
June 19-20	Indiana State Assoc.
June 25-27	Maryland State Assoc.
June 25-28	Atlantic Canada District Assoc.
June 26-27	Ohio State Assoc.



Melvin Worthington

How tragic to live in the past. We need to live in the present with our eyes focused forward and upward. Change is constantly taking place even though we may not accept, acknowledge or appreciate it.

### Implications of Change

Does individual, industrial and institutional change have implications for the Free Will Baptist denomination? I believe it does. In years past, churches developed organizational models patterned after military and corporate structure. Now, let's be aware of new models of organization and operation to minister effectively.

Discernment is needed to know how to change what can and should be changed while not tampering with those things which should never change. Resistance to change usually results when people do not understand the need for change.

Change will come with or without our cooperation. Refusal to change often results in a critical spirit. Willingness to change holds the key to continued denominational growth.

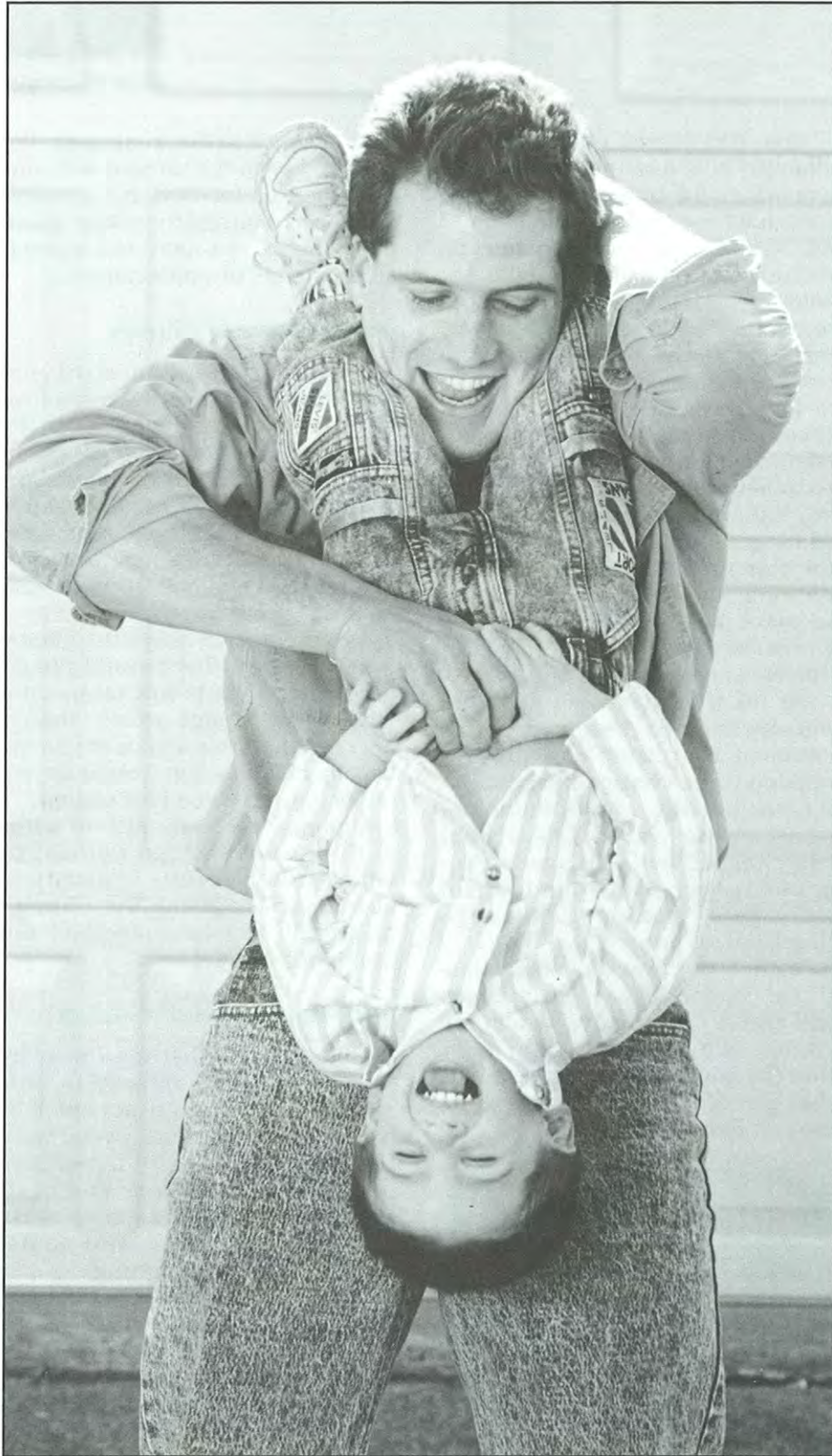
### Implementation of Change

Change must be done prayerfully. People uncomfortable with change can learn to accept it if leadership is patient. Resistance to change has its root in the fear of discounting history and heritage. Implementing change must not imply that those who ministered before were wrong.

Can Free Will Baptists change? We have. We will continue to change as we fulfill the mandate which brought us into existence—extending Christ's Kingdom to the end of the earth. ■

# Finding Time to Father

By Doug Henderson



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*"When you coming home, Son?"*

*"I don't know when. But we'll have a good time then, Dad. You know we'll have a good time then."*

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The song tells the story of a man who didn't spend time with his son and grew to regret it. Later, his son had no time for him. He grew to be just like his dad.

The wish to spend more time with their children was the common thread that ran through conversations I had with fathers of all ages. They suggested the following advice to achieve family time goals:

## *Acknowledge the problem.*

There is not a caring father who would disagree with the *need* to spend time. His question is, "How?" The average father has less than three encounters daily with each child, lasting less than 30 seconds each.

Economics often put both husband and wife in the work force. With involvement at church, school and chores at home, little quantity (let alone quality) time is left for family. We won't suddenly find extra hours in a day just because we try to balance our obligations and family. We must adjust our schedules to what is important.

## *Find a workable solution.*

A retired naval officer sets aside time each week just for family activities. No interruptions. The phone is off the hook.

If God has placed you in a ministry with your children, use these times! Sing together. Coach the team. Teach his Sunday School class.

H. Armstrong Roberts

A contractor says, "I make time with my two teens a part of my schedule."

"Even when I'm tired, my family needs me," a postman said after a long day. Fathering is not an eight-to-five job. Many a father has delegated the rearing of the children to Mom. We see second-generation children without a manly image to look up to as an example of godly character.

Many years ago someone gave my wife and me some advice. "Enjoy your children at every stage, because every age is the best!" How true. Don't wait until they can play ball, catch fish or bake a cake. Spend time now.

### *Snatch the time you do have.*

One dad remarked, "Some of the best times with my girls are driving home from cheerleading practice." After major events in our children's lives, they bubble over, full of themselves. They want to tell all about what happened. If you are there, you get the spillover.

A college student noted, "Dad was there for us, whether it was ball games, recitals or science fairs. He was willing to stop *his* projects to help us make something or work on our stuff."

Take the children to the bank and let them make out deposit or withdrawal slips. Divide the grocery list so they can help shop. Couple teaching with time together.

Date your daughter. Take your lunch hour and join your child at school.

A policeman recently explained to his son's first grade what he does during the day. Another father is taking vacation time to go with his teenager on a missionary trip to Mexico with the church youth group.

Go where your kids are: Basketball, volleyball, pep clubs, fund-raising and door-to-door visitation are ways to get involved.

Find your child's interest. Learn to shoot a rifle, work a computer, hike, bike, camp or make a skateboard ramp.

A Family Fun Box holds ideas from the children on things they

would like to do. Set aside a regular Family Fun Night each week and guard that time.

Riding to church can be a sharing time. "How was school?" will generally be answered, "Fine." Ask, "What was the best (or worst, funniest, etc.) thing that happened today?" and you may gain more conversation.

Say, "Yes," whenever possible. One child perked, "I wanna be a grandma when I grow up because they have more Yeses." Think before you interrupt a request with an automatic, "No."

Put notes in lunch boxes. Leave an IOU on the dresser promising time together. Have a treasure hunt through the house to find something special from you. Try a restaurant unknown time. Dutch outings can be fun if the children earn their own money. Take your children to the restaurant of their choice on their birthdays.

Sleep-overs are a time for your children to show you off to their friends. Be involved in these times. They'll see dads can have fun too.

Remember that special tucking-in time at night. Many children open up at this time like no other. Our college-age children still look forward to this ritual and it can't be done during commercials between TV shows.

### *Duplicate yourself in your child.*

No one knows us like our children. When we're gone, our children need to know how we felt, what we believed and why we did what we did. TV can rob us of time and talk. It takes self-discipline to break the norm. We found once our family got over the shock of no TV time, our children actually enjoyed being together and had a much kinder and loving spirit.

Show love openly. A man who feels it is unmanly to show affection misses a special part of the family relationship and may create problems now and for his children's future families.

Allow your children to be normal. They are not miniature adults. They're children. Expect them to act as such, and brag when they do

something mature.

### *Give family devotions priority.*

Choose a good devotional guide. Most fathers could design their own, but they don't. *Family Walk* from "Through the Bible" is a good one for older children. *Little Visits With God* is excellent for smaller children. Faithfulness to family altar is the key.

### *Be real.*

Your children need to see someone who is genuine. Admit your shortcomings. Be willing to say, "I'm sorry." Discipline, when necessary, in consistency and love.

### *Pray with and for your children.*

That ride to work can be used for prayer. Bedtime and devotions need not be the only times to pray. We've done some long-distance praying on the phone.

The slow-paced days are of a bygone era. We must elbow time from our busy schedules to love our children. One day all the things we worked so hard to accomplish will seem trivial. Don't lose your home while building your house. ■



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Never give up. Miracles still happen.

# Rufus Brown Meets the Master

By Damon Dodd

**R**ufus Brown was baptized Sunday morning at Bellview Free Will Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia. This in itself is of no particular spiritual significance unless you know something about Rufus Brown.

This 85-year-old native of southwest Georgia had not attended church for 70 years!

I met him shortly after he had triple by-pass heart surgery. I was serving as interim-pastor at Bellview Church when his nephew told me that Rufus was home and would be glad for me to visit.

My wife and I went to the home the next day. Rufus was still in bed but his wife Montine met us at the door. We listened to Rufus give an account of his hospital experience.

"I'll tell you right now," he said, "the Old Master has been good to this old man." Tears filled his eyes and he became choked with emotion.

I moved my chair close to his bed, reached out and took his hand and asked, "Mr. Rufus, are you a Christian? Do you know Christ has saved you from sin?"

After a moment of hesitation he told me of a vision that came when he had his first serious heart attack. He saw the Lord Jesus holding a golden book beautifully bound with clean pages white as snow.

In his interpretation that was the book of the record of his life and nothing had been entered against him. He considered this a signal from Christ that all was well with his soul. Again he wept. Fearing to aggravate his condition with further talk, I laid my hand on his head and prayed for him, after which we left.

Rufus was up and about the next time we went to visit. Again I asked about his relationship with the Lord. He responded by telling me how long he had been a member of a



lodge. When he asked if I thought that would save him, I quoted some scripture passages and explained the plan of salvation. I asked if he had done these things. He said he definitely had not and would like to know more.

Before going to his home again I related my experience with Rufus to some older folk at church. They were amazed that he had shown that much interest. The fact that every one of them declared they had never seen the man in church or heard of his going during their entire lifetimes amazed me.

I asked Rufus when I saw him next if this were true, and without a moment's hesitation he verified it. When he was 10 or 12 years old his

father signed an \$850 note for a group to borrow money to build a new church in the community. The amount was to be repaid in a year.

When time came for repayment, the church had no money and would accept no responsibility for the note. So Rufus' father, Mr. Will Brown, went the next day and paid the note in full. Rufus said they never attended a service at the church again. And he further declared that he couldn't remember ever having been in church since then except for a funeral or two.

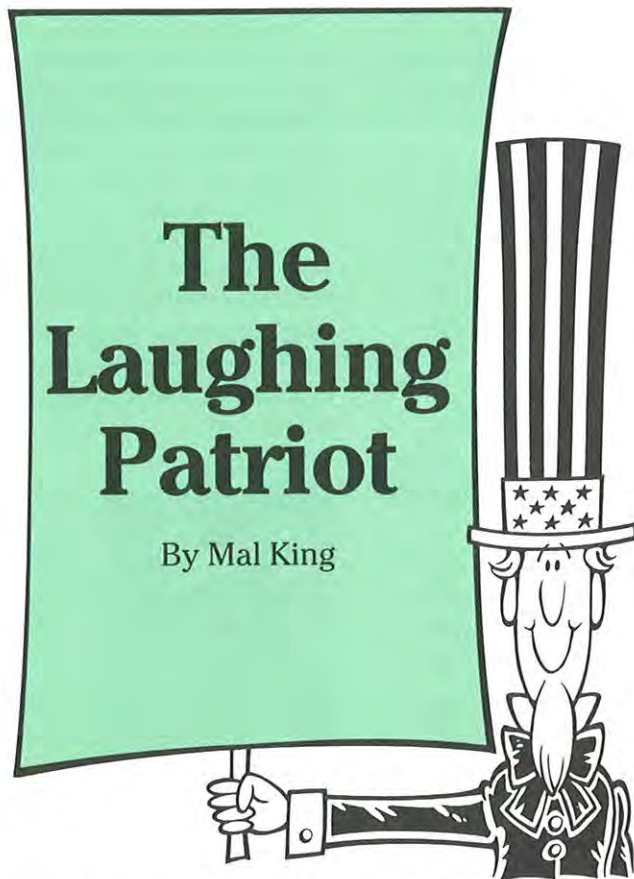
Rufus took up deer and fox hunting. The group he associated with had no interest in spiritual things so he soon lost his concern. He took up their ways and became as sinful as they. Sundays were hunting and fishing days. Nights were for parties and carousing. And that had been Rufus Brown's lifestyle for 70 years.

During the time we were dealing with Rufus about his salvation, his closest friend died suddenly. This was a severe blow to him and gave us a new angle of approach. Then his sister-in-law, a devout, godly lady, died after a lengthy illness. These two events emphasized to this unsaved man the urgency of getting right with God.

When I next talked with him he was ready to accept Christ. We went over pertinent scriptures and clarified them in his mind. This time I pressed him to attend service at the church. He gave me his solemn promise to be there and I believed him. I had taken my place on the rostrum and the choir was singing the call

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## How humor has served us from the Civil War to the Gulf War



**D**uring World War II, the elite U.S. Army Ranger Battalion engaged in cruel fighting in Italy. After days of heavy bombardment, a soldier showed such signs of fear that his commanding officer asked him why he was so agitated. "I ain't afraid," the soldier said, "I'm just shaking with patriotism."

That story seems appropriate now that America is shaking with more patriotism than she's known since World War II. And the story dramatizes a lesson all wars have taught: a sense of humor is both sanctuary and shield for the human spirit.

Desert Storm reaffirmed that lesson as Marine chaplain James M. T. Connolly learned ministering to those fighting in the Gulf: "Holy humor really hits the spot out here. The Marines and sailors I work with show a great appreciation for levity along with their liturgy." Such holy humor

can be cultivated in several ways.

*Laugh at your trials and you'll never run out of things to laugh at.*

It was D-Day, June 6, 1944. On Gold Beach the allies were taking a beating. In *The Longest Day*, Cornelius Ryan describes the scene:

Of the 16 landing craft carrying the 47th Royal Marine commandos in to Gold Beach, four boats were lost, 11 were damaged and beached and only one made it back to the parent ship. Sergeant Donald Gardner of the 47th and his men were dumped into the water about 50 yards from shore. They lost all their equipment and had to swim in under machine gun fire.

As they struggled in the water, Gardner heard someone say, "Perhaps we're intruding, this seems to be a private beach."

Surely if others can laugh in the face of death and the Apostle Paul can sing and rejoice in jail after a beating, we can smile when

the bills come and the paycheck doesn't and the car we drove home doesn't belong to us.

*Laugh at yourself and beat the rush—take yourself lightly.*

Asked what he and other pilots did when the Iraqis filled the Baghdad sky with anti-aircraft fire, a British pilot said, "After we hit our targets, we *ran away bravely*."

An old saying—"Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly"—suggests that we can all enjoy our jobs and our lives better if we, like the angels and that British pilot, learn to take ourselves lightly.

G. K. Chesterton, theologian and author of the line about angels, adds a buoyant reminder: "Satan fell by force of gravity."

*Form the habit of keeping your thoughts pleasant.*

Agreeing with Chesterton, C. N. Bovee says, "The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the great art in life is to have as many of them as possible."

It's encouraging to see that even in war, people have pleasant thoughts—a critical mass of such thoughts enabling them to transcend the horrors of war, to uplift others, to be more than conquerors.

A few days after Bull Run, some gentlemen who had been at the battleground, gave President Lincoln a glowing account of how well the Union Army had acquitted itself. Listening with the utmost attention, asking questions about the battle, Lincoln summed up the report: "So it's your notion that we *whipped* the rebels and then *ran away* from them?" Lincoln must have just read Philippians 4:8.

To keep his thoughts on pleasant things, Lincoln often read hu-

... **Patriot** (from page 7)

morous books. Once he read a chapter from a book by Artemas Ward to his cabinet. (Ward had written these memorable lines about the Civil War, "I've already given two cousins to this war and I'm willing to sacrifice my wife's brother.")

### *Don't take it personally.*

About 20 years ago, I met with famed psychiatrist, Karl Menninger. Dr. Menninger felt that many of his patients would never have had to come to him had they had a sense of humor to give them perspective, and had they remembered his advice: "What ever happens to you don't take it personally."

A story, undoubtedly apocryphal, about a soldier and psychiatrist makes the point. The soldier back from the front, appeared shell-shocked. His commanding officer sent him to the psychiatrist after observing strange behavior: the soldier would pick up a piece of paper, study it and say, "No, that's not it." Then, he would repeat the process day after day, paper after paper.

During the hour or so the psychiatrist observed him, the soldier picked up about 20 pieces of paper each time saying, "No, that's not it." After examining him and talking with his CO, the psychiatrist recommended discharge.

When his discharge paper was handed to him, the soldier studied it for a minute and yelled, "That's it!" At that point the psychiatrist had to remember not to take being fooled personally.

### *See the comic elements in situations and in ourselves.*

During World War I an American officer told this story on himself.

I took a message from the front lines to headquarters. There I met a pleasant-looking British officer whose rank was below mine. I asked, "Who're you?"

"The Prince of Wales," the young man said as he continued walking.

Over my shoulder I yelled, "Oh, yeah, and I'm the King of England."

A few weeks later at the Red Cross hut, I saw him again. He was the Prince of Wales! Everyone around me was amazed when, the Prince, recognizing me, said, "Hello, there, Father."

Yes, a merry heart does good like a medicine as we read in Proverbs.

Somehow a merry heart and war and other serious problems seem to be unlikely companions. Yet hear what atomic scientist Neils Bohr says: "There are some things so serious you have to laugh at them."

To Bohr and those other brave warriors blessed with humor we owe an incalculable debt. For by their example they teach us how to become "happy-tempered bringers of the best out of the worst." ■



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**Rufus Brown** ... (from page 6)

Montine came in and made their way down front.

They missed only one Sunday of the next four. The people were amazed, especially the near relatives who couldn't believe their eyes. This just couldn't be true.

I sat with Rufus Brown in his living room soon after his fourth visit to church. Once more we reviewed the steps of salvation. One or two points were still unclear so I elaborated on them. I had listed the Roman's Road steps and scriptures and left it with the man to read and study.

In the meantime a new pastor came to Bellview FWB Church. I related my dealings with Rufus to him and on Thursday of his first week as pastor, Rev. J. M. Creech called on him. When the pastor asked the man if he were saved, he answered in the

negative. But he hastened to say he really wanted to be a Christian.

He showed the pastor the card he had studied and as Pastor Creech went over each step and explained each scripture, Rufus began to weep. Before the pastor left, Rufus Brown was a new creature in Christ Jesus. Later that day my newest brother in Christ, Rufus Brown, called me on the telephone and told me what had happened.

The next Sunday, when the invitation was given, this babe in Christ came forward to make public his Christian profession.

What a time of rejoicing! What a miracle of God's grace! What a display of God's love for sinners. The people said, "We never saw it on this order before!"

Rufus Brown was baptized a few Sundays later. Four children and a young adult were baptized first. And

then the 85-year-old gray-haired spiritual babe came as an amazing contrast.

After 70 years of wandering in the wilderness of worldliness and Christ-rejecting, the old man, now young in Christ, had come into the family of God. Rufus Brown had met the Master! ■



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## Theme: "Witnessing to the World"

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**Theme:** "Witnessing to the World"

**Moderator:** Ralph Hampton

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### SUNDAY MORNING / July 19

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Adults)	Convention Center Halls B - C
	Presiding: David Joslin Song Service: Blaine Hughes Music: Free Will Baptist Bible College Adult Teacher: Van Paschall	
10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Spanish)	Convention Center Room 224
10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Youth) Primary/Junior Class Teen Class	Convention Center Rooms 150 - 152 White River Ballroom
10:45	Intermission	
11:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Adults)	Convention Center Halls B - C
	Presiding: David Joslin Song Service: Blaine Hughes Music: Free Will Baptist Bible College Offertory: Organ/Piano Duet Solo: Richard Davis MESSAGE: Richard Bowers	

11:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Youth) Primary/Junior Church Teen Church	Convention Center Rooms 150 - 152 White River Ballroom
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### SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

1:00 - 4:00	WNAC Study Committee	Omni Severin Board Room - B
1:30	Registration Orientation	Convention Center Room 122
3:00	REGISTRATION for National Convention, WNAC and NYC	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
5:00	Usher Orientation	Convention Center Room 122
5:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C

### SUNDAY EVENING / July 19

7:00 - 8:30	NYC KEYNOTE SERVICE MESSAGE: Archie Ratliff	Convention Center Halls B - C
8:30	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C
8:30 - 10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
9:00 - 10:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center Room 142
9:00 - 10:30	Youth Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center White River Ballroom

**MONDAY MORNING / July 20**

7:00	General Board Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Mt. Rushmore - A
7:00	NYC Judges Breakfast	Convention Center Room 160
7:30 - 9:00	Master's Men Board Meeting	Hyatt Regency Directors Room - A
8:00 - 8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Omni Severin Salon - A
8:00 - 1:30	GENERAL BOARD Convenes	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom C-D
8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
8:30	NYC Assemblies (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
9:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
9:00 - 10:30	Foreign Missionary Orientation (For Exhibit Schedule)	Convention Center Room 122
9:00 - 11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Omni Severin Conference - A
9:00 - 11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Omni Severin Salon - B

**MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 20**

12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Omni Severin Salon - A
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1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
1:30 - 2:30	WNAC Seminar (See WNAC Program)	Omni Severin Allison Ballroom
1:30 - 2:30	WNAC Ministers' Wives Fellowship (See WNAC Program)	Omni Severin Fisher Ballroom
2:00 - 3:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center Room 162
3:00	Exhibit Area Opens	Convention Center Hall - A
3:00 - 4:00	WNAC State Officers Meeting (See WNAC Program)	Omni Severin Allison Ballroom
3:00 - 5:00	Free Will Baptist Camp Meeting	Convention Center Halls B - C
3:00 - 4:30	Fellowship of Encouragement Meeting Speaker: Warren Wiersbe	Westin Hotel Grand Hall 2 - 3
4:45	Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner Speaker: Warren Wiersbe	Westin Hotel Grand Hall - 4
5:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C
5:00 - 6:30	Children's Banquet	Convention Center 500 Ballroom
6:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C



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**MONDAY EVENING / July 20**

7:00 - 8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Halls B - C
	Presiding: Tom Lilly Song Service: Doug Little Session Called to Order and Moderator Introduced: Waldo Young, Clerk Appointment of Committee on Committees: Ralph Hampton, Moderator Welcome to Indianapolis: Jim Mullen Promotional Secretary, Indiana State Association Mass Adult Choir: Doug Little, Director Music: Southeastern FWB College Offertory: Men's Trio / Florence, Alabama Solo: Angie Deel MESSAGE: Randy Sawyer	
8:30	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C
8:30 - 10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - A
8:30 - 10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
9:00 - 10:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center Room 142
9:00 - 11:00	TEAM Youth Congress (See NYC Program)	Convention Center White River Ballroom
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	

**TUESDAY MORNING / July 21**

7:00 - 8:15	Music Ministries Breakfast Speaker: Randy Vader	Convention Center Room 226
7:00 - 8:30	Full-Time Evangelists Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Porch Restaurant (Overflow Room)
7:00 - 8:30	Home Missions Board Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Directors Room - A
8:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - A
9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION (See WNAC Program) Presiding: Mary Neal, President	Convention Center Halls B - C
9:00 - 11:00	BIBLE CONFERENCE Presiding: J. L. Gore Song Service: Richard Davis	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom
9:00	Music: Hillsdale FWB College Men's Trio / Florence, Alabama Speaker: Rick Bowling	
10:00	Music: California Christian College Speaker: David Archer	

11:10	WNAC Missionary Service Message: Steve Riggs	Convention Center Halls B - C
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**TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 21**

12:15 - 1:30	Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon Speaker: Alton Loveless	Hyatt Regency Mountain Suites
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
1:30	WNAC Reconvenes (See WNAC Program)	Convention Center
1:30 - 3:00	Theological Trends Seminar Speaker: Robert Hill Subject: "The Bible, Science and the Age of the Earth"	Convention Center Rooms 147 - 148
1:30 - 3:00	Music Commission Seminar	Convention Center Rooms 226 - 227
1:30 - 3:00	"Double in a Decade" Seminar	Convention Center Rooms 210 - 212
1:30 - 4:30	Master's Men Congress Presiding: James Vallance	Convention Center Rooms 123 - 124
2:00 - 3:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center Room 162
4:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C
5:00	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C
5:00 - 6:45	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Speaker: Trula Cronk	Convention Center 500 Ballroom

**TUESDAY EVENING / July 21**

7:00 - 8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: Carl Cheshier Music: Hillsdale FWB College Men's Chorale Offertory: Hillsdale FWB College Solo: Pamela Greenway Hanes MESSAGE: James Forlines	Convention Center Halls B - C
8:30	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C
8:30 - 10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - A
8:30 - 10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
9:00 - 10:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center Room 142
9:00 - 11:00	Youth Banquet	Indiana Roof Ballroom
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	

**WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 22**

7:00 - 8:00	Youth Workers Breakfast	Courtyard by Marriott Keystone Room
7:00 - 8:30	State Leaders Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Mt. Rushmore - A

8:00 - 12:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
8:15	NYC Competitive Finals (Bible Competition)	Convention Center White River Ballroom
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - A
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 Home Missions: Roy Thomas Master's Men: James Vallance Board of Retirement: Herman Hersey Free Will Baptist Foundation: Herman Hersey Free Will Baptist Bible College: Tom Malone	Convention Center Halls B - C
11:30-12:30	NYC Awards Ceremony (See NYC Program)	Convention Center White River Ballroom
12:00	REGISTRATION CLOSES	

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 22

12:00 - 1:15	Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon	Convention Center Rooms 210 - 212
1:30	CONVENTION BUSINESS Reconvenes  Scripture Reading and Prayer Assistant Moderator: Carl Cheshier	Convention Center Halls B - C
1:35	REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued) Foreign Missions: R. Eugene Waddell Sunday School and Church Training: Roger Reeds Commission for Theological Integrity: Leroy Forlines Radio-Television Commission: Bob Shockey Music Commission: Vernon Whaley Historical Commission: Mary Wisehart	
1:30 - 4:30	NYC Seminars (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
2:00 - 3:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center Room 162
3:30	General Board Final Report Partial Report of Nominating Committee Election of General Board Members	Convention Center Halls B - C
4:00	Business Session Recessed	
4:00	Men's Chorale Rehearsal (or immediately following business session)	Convention Center Halls B - C
4:45	Fellowship of Fundamentalists Dinner Speaker: Van Dale Hudson	Convention Center Rooms 123 - 124

4:45	Master's Men Dinner Speaker: John Zubor	Convention Center Rooms 210 - 212
5:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C
6:00	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B - C

### WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 22

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE  Presiding: Melvin Worthington Song Service: David Bates  Music: California Christian College  Recognition of Missionaries: Roy Thomas Eugene Waddell Music: Free Will Baptist Bible College  Missions Offering: Melvin Worthington Offertory: Instrumental Ensemble  Solo: Bill Gardner  MESSAGE: Ronald Creech	Convention Center Halls B - C
8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - A
9:00-11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony	Convention Center Halls B - C
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	

### THURSDAY MORNING / July 23

7:30 - 9:00	Sunday School Board Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Directors Room - A
7:30 - 9:00	Foreign Missions Board Breakfast	Westin Hotel Congress - 1
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - A
9:00	CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION  Scripture Reading and 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	Convention Center Halls B - C
11:45	Adjournment	
12:15	Exhibits Closed (30 minutes after convention adjournment)	

# National Youth Conference

## 25th Annual Conference/July 19-22, 1992

### Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Theme:** "A Call to Excellence"

**Conference Director:** Jim Lauthern

**Conference Coordinator:** Dean Jones

**Children's Coordinator:** Lisa Jones

**Office Manager:** June McVay

**Registration Coordinator:** Krista Lane

**NYC Office:** Room 143

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

#### SUNDAY MORNING/July 19

10:00-10:45	SUNDAYSCHOOL	Convention Center
	Primary/Junior Class	Rooms 150-152
	Teen Class	White River Ballroom
10:45	Intermission	
11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP	Convention Center
	Primary/Junior Church	Rooms 150-152
	Teen Church	White River Ballroom

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON/July 19

3:00	NYC Registration	Convention Center Rooms 104-108
5:00	Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls B-C

#### SUNDAY EVENING/July 19

7:00-8:30	NYC Keynote Service Speaker: Archie Ratliff	Convention Center Halls B-C
8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104-108
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities	Convention Center Room 142
9:00-10:30	Youth Activities	Convention Center White River Ballroom

#### MONDAY MORNING/July 20

7:00	NYC Judges Breakfast	Convention Center Room 160
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104-108
8:00-5:00	Art Gallery	Convention Center Room 144
8:15	Morning Devotional Time	Convention Center White River Ballroom
8:30	NYC ASSEMBLIES	Convention Center



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	Music and Arts Assembly All Entries and Coaches	White River Ballroom
	Bible Bowl All Teams and Coaches	Room 141
	Bible Tic Tac Toe All Teams and Coaches	Room 142
	Sword Drill/Memorization All Entries and Coaches	Room 140
9:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Convention Center
	Music and Arts Section 1 Keyboard	White River Ballroom
	Music and Arts Section 2 Vocal Ensembles	Rooms 150-152
	Music and Arts Section 3 Oral Communication Individual Entries	Rooms 138-139
	Bible Bowl	Room 141
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Room 142
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 4	Room 140
10:00	Bible Memorization Grade 1	Room 140

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON/July 20

1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Convention Center
	Music and Arts Section 4 Vocal Solos	White River Ballroom
	Music and Arts Section 5 Vocal Ensembles	Rooms 150-152
	Music and Arts Section 6 Oral Communication Individual Entries	Rooms 138-139

	Bible Bowl	Room 141
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Room 142
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 5	Room 140
2:00	Bible Memorization Grade 2	Room 140
2:00 - 3:00	Children's Activities	Convention Center Room 162
3:00 - 4:00	Turning Point / Horizon Pre-Test Session #1	Convention Center Room 162
5:00 - 6:30	Children's Banquet	Convention Center 500 Ballroom

### MONDAY EVENING / July 20

7:00 - 8:30	Main Convention Service	Convention Center Halls B - C
8:30 - 10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
9:00 - 10:00	Children's Activities	Convention Center Room 142
9:00 - 11:00	TEAM Youth Congress	Convention Center White River Ballroom

### TUESDAY MORNING / July 21

8:00	Morning Devotional Time	Convention Center White River Ballroom
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
8:00 - 5:00	Art Gallery	Convention Center Room 144
8:15	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Convention Center
	Music and Arts Section 7 Instrumental	White River Ballroom
	Music and Arts Section 8 Vocal Ensembles	Rooms 150 - 152
	Music and Arts Section 9 Oral Communication Group Entries	Rooms 145 - 146
	Music and Arts Section 10 Oral Communication Puppetry	Rooms 138 - 139
	Bible Bowl	Room 141
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Room 142
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 6	Room 140
9:00 - 10:00	Turning Point / Horizon Pre-Test Session #2	Convention Center Room 162
9:30	Bible Memorization Grade 3	Convention Center Room 140

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 21

1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Convention Center
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	Music and Arts Section 11 Choirs / Chorales	White River Ballroom
	Music and Arts Section 12 Oral Communication Puppetry	Rooms 138-139

2:00 - 3:00	Children's Activities	Convention Center Room 162
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### TUESDAY EVENING / July 21

7:00 - 8:30	Main Convention Service	Convention Center Halls B - C
8:30 - 10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
9:00 - 10:00	Children's Activities	Convention Center Room 142
9:00 - 11:00	Youth Banquet	Indiana Roof Ballroom

### WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 22

7:00 - 8:00	Youth Workers Breakfast	Courtyard by Marriott Keystone Room
8:00	Morning Devotional Time	Convention Center White River Ballroom
8:00 - 12:00	Art Gallery	Convention Center Room 144
8:15	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108
8:15 - 10:15	Final Bible Competition	Convention Center White River Ballroom
10:30-11:30	Turning Point / Horizon Competition	Convention Center White River Ballroom
11:30-12:30	NYC Awards Ceremony (Bible, Arts, Writing)	Convention Center White River Ballroom

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 22

1:30 - 2:45	Family Seminar (For Youth)	Convention Center White River Ballroom
1:30 - 2:45	Bind Us Together (A Family Presentation for Adults)	Convention Center Rooms 138 - 139
2:00 - 3:00	Children's Activity	Convention Center Room 162
3:00 - 3:40	Family Feud (For Youth)	Convention Center White River Ballroom
3:00 - 3:40	Family Seminar (For Adults)	Convention Center Rooms 138 - 139
3:45 - 4:30	Competition Seminar "How to Conduct District / State Competition"	Convention Center Rooms 138 - 139

### WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 22

7:00 - 8:30	Main Convention Service	Convention Center Halls B - C
9:00 - 11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony	Convention Center Halls B - C

# Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

## 57th Annual Session / July 20-21, 1992

### Indiana Convention Center Indianapolis, Indiana

**Theme:** "Teachers of Good Things"  
**Scripture:** Titus 2:3-5  
**Hymn:** "Lord, Speak to Me"  
**Music Coordinator:** Angie Deel  
**Organist:** Carol Reid  
**Pianist:** Susan Forlines  
**Registration Chairman:** Helen Phipps  
**Headquarters Hotel:** Omni Severin

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

1:00 - 4:00	WNAC Study Committee	Omni Severin Board Room - B
1:30	Registration Orientation	Convention Center Room 122
3:00	REGISTRATION	Convention Center Rooms 104 - 108

#### MONDAY MORNING / July 20

8:00 - 8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Omni Severin Salon - A
9:00 - 11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Omni Severin Conference - A
9:00 - 11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Omni Severin Salon - B

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 20

12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Omni Severin Salon - A
1:30 - 2:30	WNAC Seminar Theme: "A Woman's Priorities" Presiding: Mary Neal Speaker: June Critcher	Omni Severin Allison Ballroom
1:30 - 2:30	WNAC Ministers' Wives Fellowship Theme: "Teachers of Good Things" Presiding: Jo Ann Wood Speakers: Teresa Runion Sandra Atwood Winona Riggs Louise Vandivort Mary Bullard	Omni Severin Fisher Ballroom
3:00 - 4:00	WNAC State Officers Meeting Presiding: Mary Wischart Open Forum with WNAC Study Committee	Omni Severin Allison Ballroom



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#### TUESDAY MORNING / July 21

9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION Presiding: Mary Neal Congregational Singing Devotion: Jean Deeds Special Music: Randy and Beverly Riggs Welcome: Loretta Trogon Creative Arts Awards: Lorene Miley Credentials Committee Report / Seating of Delegates Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Mary R. Wischart Resolutions Committee Report Appreciation Committee Report	Convention Center Halls B - C
11:10	WNAC MISSIONARY SERVICE Congregational Singing Offering Special Music: Camille Scott Message: Steve Riggs	Convention Center Halls B - C

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 21

1:30	Congregational Singing Music: <i>Rejoice</i> , FWBBC Registration Committee Report WNAC Special Feature: "Everything You Wanted to Know About Missionaries But Were Afraid to Ask" Pam Wood and Missionaries	Convention Center Halls B - C
3:00	Adjournment	
5:00	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Invocation: Lynn Wood Speaker: Trula Cronk Benediction: Earl Hendrix	Convention Center 500 Ballroom

## Capital Stewardship Campaign

March 1992

Update

State	Goal	Gifts
Alabama	\$ 97,290.00	\$1,000.00
Arizona	1,565.00	.00
Arkansas	97,880.00	7,165.49
Atlantic Canada	2,000.00	.00
California	21,925.00	.00
Colorado	1,005.00	.00
Florida	26,365.00	.00
Georgia	48,620.00	2,930.00
Hawaii	235.00	.00
Idaho	450.00	.00
Illinois	20,600.00	.00
Indiana	10,020.00	.00
Iowa	340.00	.00
Kansas	1,640.00	.00
Kentucky	45,150.00	.00
Louisiana	120.00	1,020.00
Maryland	8,675.00	.00
Michigan	19,250.00	1,553.00
Mississippi	19,815.00	.00
Missouri	77,025.00	.00
Montana	35.00	50.00
Nebraska	130.00	.00
New Mexico	760.00	.00
North Carolina	75,285.00	1,250.00
Northeast Assoc.	1,125.00	.00
Northwest Assoc.	1,385.00	.00
Ohio	52,115.00	.00
Oklahoma	117,505.00	.00
South Carolina	23,350.00	.00
Tennessee	100,040.00	14,275.00
Texas	14,705.00	3,010.00
Virginia	30,975.00	.00
West Virginia	58,840.00	20.00
Other	23,780.00	900.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$33,173.49</b>

**Last Chance  
to Pre-Register  
for  
National  
Convention.**

**Deadline  
June 19, 1992**

## Cooperative Channel Contributions March 1992

### RECEIPTS:

State	Designated	CO-OP (Undesignated)	Total	March '91	Yr. To Date
Alabama	\$1,223.37	\$ 30.00	\$1,253.37	\$ 688.99	\$ 1,630.29
Arizona	.00	50.40	50.40	318.95	50.40
Arkansas	4,384.44	3,271.27	7,655.71	.00	24,263.49
California	221.60	903.98	1,125.58	.00	3,147.58
Colorado	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Delaware	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Florida	.00	1,909.76	1,909.76	833.60	4,368.94
Georgia	7,382.81	1,151.41	8,534.22	7,032.20	33,479.92
Hawaii	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Idaho	.00	.00	.00	59.78	73.21
Illinois	8,374.06	2,135.74	10,509.80	10,337.44	19,669.57
Indiana	450.75	68.59	519.34	573.61	1,582.68
Kansas	.00	76.58	76.58	65.52	258.68
Kentucky	.00	123.00	123.00	207.67	500.00
Louisiana	900.00	.00	900.00	.00	900.00
Maryland	.00	75.00	75.00	.00	1,230.27
Michigan	13,673.47	2,174.23	15,847.70	7,974.15	37,670.62
Mississippi	60.00	366.53	426.53	231.12	1,266.30
Missouri	7,444.31	.00	7,444.31	8,055.74	27,527.40
Montana	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Jersey	.00	.00	.00	.00	30.00
New Mexico	19.00	9.52	28.52	56.76	44.30
North Carolina	1,588.00	590.00	2,178.00	2,200.00	4,707.17
Ohio	203.00	3,334.00	3,537.00	3,079.00	8,555.69
Oklahoma	39,379.99	9,151.59	48,531.58	43,649.60	143,798.87
South Carolina	16,825.79	197.32	17,023.11	11,789.21	43,900.85
Tennessee	6,922.32	1,467.23	8,389.55	4,143.14	22,709.17
Texas	9,759.92	1,253.84	11,013.76	7,187.69	20,506.97
Virginia	262.72	25.00	287.72	274.75	954.24
West Virginia	4,845.07	168.79	5,013.86	1,672.74	14,392.84
Canada	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Northwest Assoc.	.00	.00	.00	.00	85.26
Other (Computer)	.00	.00	.00	.10	.04
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$123,920.62</b>	<b>\$28,533.78</b>	<b>\$152,454.40</b>	<b>\$110,431.76</b>	<b>\$417,304.75</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Office	\$ 8,389.29	\$ 16,933.80	\$ 25,323.09	\$ 21,621.29	\$ 75,969.27
Foreign Missions	72,124.04	2,668.00	74,792.04	53,743.78	209,106.50
FWBBC	7,867.22	2,668.00	10,535.22	9,447.24	23,140.83
Home Missions	26,061.38	2,088.01	28,149.39	20,051.59	73,176.22
Retirement & Insurance	356.83	1,623.99	1,980.82	998.18	6,337.23
Master's Men	243.74	1,623.99	1,867.73	1,174.01	6,312.75
Commission for					
Theo. Integrity	38.56	58.00	96.56	63.65	294.87
FWB Foundation	534.13	695.99	1,230.12	1,851.01	3,744.21
Historical Commission	35.92	58.00	93.92	61.01	284.21
Music Commission	8.62	58.00	66.62	40.58	220.96
Radio & TV Commission	27.74	58.00	85.74	128.31	264.40
Hillsdale FWB College	1,134.52	.00	1,134.52	803.38	2,176.10
Other	7,098.63	.00	7,098.63	447.73	16,277.20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$123,920.62</b>	<b>\$28,533.78</b>	<b>\$152,454.40</b>	<b>\$110,431.76</b>	<b>\$417,304.75</b>

# Hotel Reservation

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Indianapolis, Indiana

National Convention

July 19-23, 1992

- 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 FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1992. Send one form for each room request. Duplicate this form if necessary.
- Changes and cancellations must be made in writing to the NAFWB Housing Bureau in Indianapolis.
- 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.
- FAX 317/684-2492

### Cutoff Date:

Received by  
June 19, 1992

### MAIL TO:

NAFWB Housing Bureau  
Indianapolis Convention &  
Visitors Association  
One Hoosier Dome, Suite 100  
Indianapolis, IN 46225

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
Hyatt Regency--Headquarters Hotel		\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80
Omni Severin--WNAC Headquarters		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79
Westin Hotel--Adjacent to Convention Center		\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85
Hilton-at-the-Circle		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79
Embassy Suites--Free breakfast/parking		\$105	\$105	\$115	\$115
Courtyard by Marriott		\$77	\$77	\$77	\$77

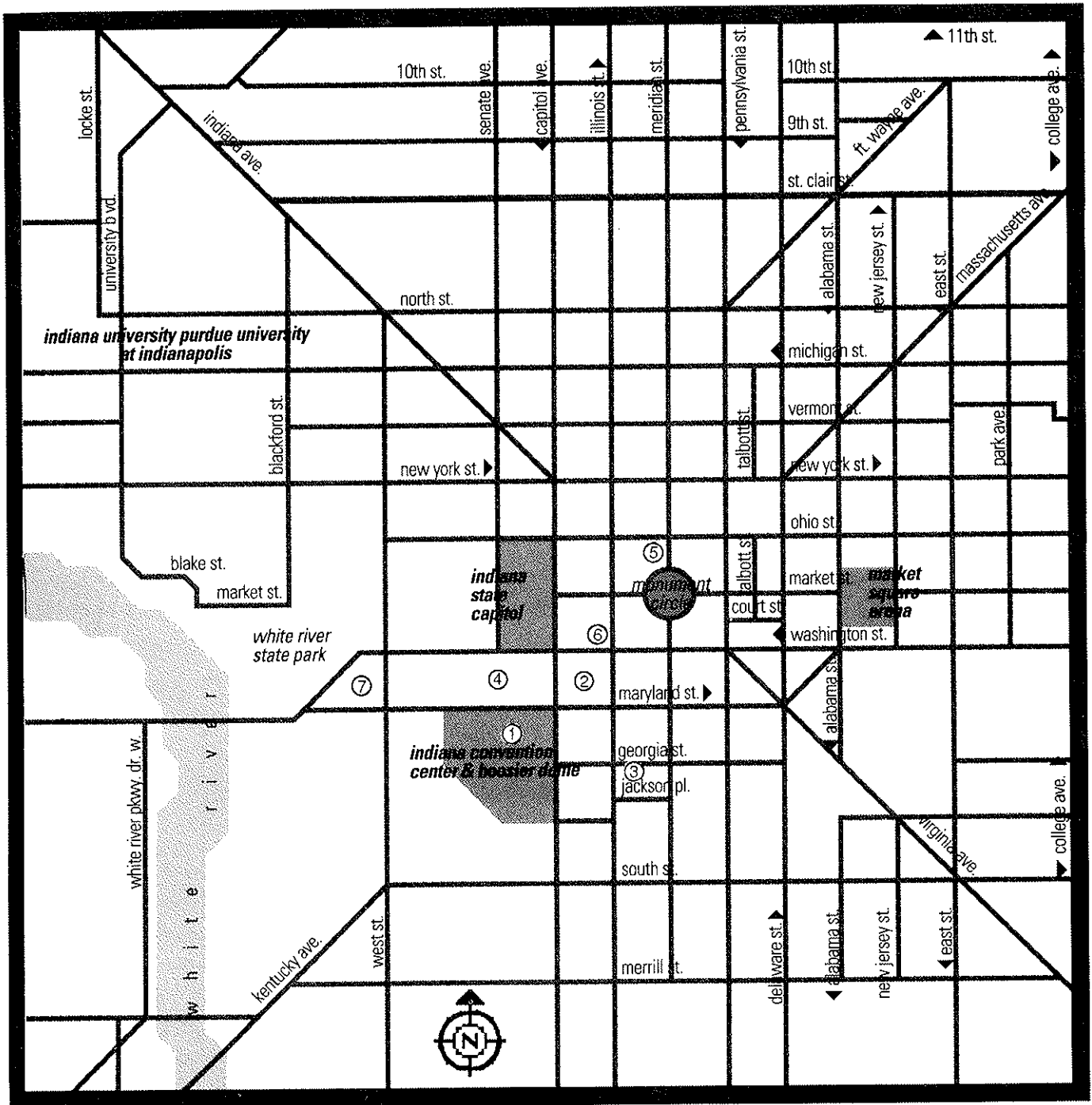
### TYPE OF ROOM REQUESTED:

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

### PLEASE LIST ROOM OCCUPANTS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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# Indianapolis Downtown Area



- 1 Indiana Convention Center
- 2 Hyatt Regency (Headquarters Hotel)
- 3 Omni Severin
- 4 Westin
- 5 Hilton at the Circle
- 6 Embassy Suites Downtown
- 7 Courtyard by Marriott

## 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

1. 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 one form for each person.
2. 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**).
3. 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**).
4. 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:  
\$11.00 per person, or  
\$12.00 if registering on-site.  
*Adults over 24 do not pay NYC fees.*

Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check for registration and tickets payable to **FWB Convention**). **NOTE:** Before July 20, Youth Banquet tickets will be sold only to those in grades seven to age 24 and youthworkers accompanying their group. Others may purchase tickets at the convention after this date.

### Additional Information

1. Completed forms must be mailed to **Convention Registration~P.O. Box 5002~Antioch, TN~37011-5002** and received on or before **June 19, 1992**.
2. Enclose one check to cover all fees and tickets.
3. Make additional copies of the Pre-Registration Form if they are needed. Only one person per form please.
4. You may purchase banquet tickets from any block even if you do not register in that block. No refunds mailed after June 19, 1992.

#### **Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner/\$19.50**

Monday, July 20/4:45 PM  
Westin Hotel/Grand Hall 4

#### **Music Ministries Breakfast/\$9.50**

Tuesday, July 21/7:00 AM  
Indiana Convention Center/Room 226

#### **WNAC Fellowship Dinner/\$16.00**

Tuesday, July 21/5:00 PM  
Indiana Convention Center/500 Ballroom

#### **Youth Workers Fellowship Breakfast/\$9.00**

Wednesday, July 22/7:00 AM  
Marriott Hotel/Keystone Room

#### **Master's Men Dinner/\$18.00 (\$19.00 on-site)**

Wednesday, July 22/4:45 PM  
Indiana Convention Center/Rooms 210-212

#### **Children's Banquet/\$7.00**

Monday, July 20/5:00 PM  
Indiana Convention Center/500 Ballroom

#### **Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon/\$15.00**

Tuesday, July 21/12:15 PM  
Hyatt Regency/Mountain Suites

#### **Youth Banquet/\$12.50**

Tuesday, July 21/9:00 PM  
Indiana Roof Ballroom

#### **FWBBC Luncheon/\$13.00**

Wednesday, July 22/12:00 Noon  
Indiana Convention Center/Rooms 210-212

#### **Fellowship of Fundamentalists Dinner/\$16.50**

Wednesday, July 22/4:45 PM  
Indiana Convention Center/Rooms 123-124

# Pre-Registration Form

for  
National Association of Free Will Baptists  
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention  
National Youth Conference  
Indianapolis, IN / July 19 - 23, 1992

Only one person per form

Please Print

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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Youth Leader's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a youthworker? ☐ yes ☐ no  
Are you in NYC competition this year? ☐ yes ☐ no

**Banquet Tickets:** Quantity  
Children's Banquet (grades 1-6) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
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age 24 or an accompanying youthworker) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.50 = \_\_\_\_\_  
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# FREE WILL BAPTIST NEWSFRONT

## Discount Air Fares to National Convention Available

NASHVILLE, TN—Veeseon International Travel Agency in Nashville has again been selected the agency of record to provide members attending the convention with discount travel services.

The fares Veeseon offers cannot be purchased through another travel agency or directly with the airlines. These are contracted group airfares. First class tickets may also be booked if desired.

Veeseon Travel has contracted for travel dates starting two days prior to the convention and two days after the convention.

To book your airspace at the offered discounted rates, call Veeseon Travel at **1-800/377-7270**. (This is a different 800 number than last year.) This is a toll-free number to Veeseon Travel. Please identify yourself with the Free Will Baptist National Convention.

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Ask for **Janice Jakobik** for reservations. All services from Veeseon Travel Agency are free.

## Pioneer Missionary With the Lord

GLENNVILLE, GA—Miss Laura Belle Barnard, pioneer Free Will Baptist missionary to India, died



March 9, 1992, after an extended illness. She was 85. Born February 13, 1907, the Glennville native arrived in South India in 1935 as the first missionary of the newly-formed National Association of Free Will Baptists.

She returned to the United States in 1940 for a one-year furlough. World War II extended her furlough into a five-year struggle, during which time she taught at the fledgling Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, prayed and waited for the war to end. She returned to India in March 1945 and served until 1957.

Miss Barnard became head of the missions department at Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1960 after graduating from Columbia Bible College Graduate School with a master's degree in missions. By the time she retired from the Bible Col-

lege in 1973, Free Will Baptists had 84 missionaries in seven foreign countries, the majority of whom she had taught.

Though she had retired twice—once as a foreign missionary and once as a missions professor—Laura Belle continued reaching out to people in her Glennville, Georgia, community. She developed an extensive program to evangelize and care for migrant workers.

In 1985 Tyndale House published her 170-page book, *Touching the Untouchables*, which chronicles her early life, call to missions, service in India and subsequent teaching role at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Dr. J. Robertson McQuilkin, president of Columbia Bible College, wrote an endorsement to that book in which he said: "Laura Belle Barnard was not a pioneer simply in the sense that she faced primitive challenges with unquenchable good cheer. . . . She did not merely start Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions—she *was* Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. . . ."

Funeral services were conducted March 12, 1992, in Glennville. Dr. L. C. Johnson, former president of Free Will Baptist Bible College; Reverend Dan Cronk, retired Free Will Baptist missionary to India; and Pastor Tony Trott of Glennville FWB Church officiated. Interment followed at the Glennville Church Cemetery.

## Church Honors "Health Care" Pros

COOKEVILLE, TN—After three months' preparation and promotion, members of Cookeville FWB Church set March 22 as "Health Care Professionals" day. Fifty-five health care professionals from the Cookeville community joined more than 500 worshipers at two Sunday morning services. Free Will Baptist medical missionary to Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, Paul Gentuso, preached at both worship sessions.

Pastor David Crowe said that 91 people attended services as a result of the special emphasis. This may have been the first "Health Care Professionals" day sponsored by a Free Will Baptist church.

One health care professional told Pastor Crowe, "No one ever appreciated me before, espe-

cially a church."

A three-person committee composed of health care professionals who were members of the Cookeville FWB Church began planning the special day in November 1991. The church mailed 2,000 letters to staffs at local hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and other agencies. They also aired 60 thirty-second radio promotion spots the week before and bought space for newspaper advertisements. An area in the church foyer was set up to house health care exhibits.

During the services, Pastor Crowe recognized all health care professionals who were present. He thanked them for their service to the community and had a prayer of dedication in their behalf.

Dr. Paul Gentuso and his wife, Tammy, gave their testimonies in both worship services. Dr. Gentuso paid tribute to health care professionals, noting that Jesus met many physical needs and that one famous Bible writer, Luke, was also known as "the beloved physician."

Gentuso encouraged the professionals to make Jesus pre-eminent in their church life, their home life and their work life. He said, "Health care professionals are used in the healing process, but it is God who must heal." He urged the workers to be "compliant" in presenting their bodies a living sacrifice to God.

Pastor Crowe said the "Health Care Professionals" day may become part of the annual church outreach agenda.

## Illinois to Raise \$20,000

GREEN ROCK, IL—Delegates to the 32nd annual session of the Illinois State Association adopted a \$20,600 goal to assist with debt retirement at the new Free Will Baptist National Offices Building. More than 110 people, including 34 ordained ministers, attended the March 20-21 meeting at First FWB Church in Green Rock.

Moderator Larry Clyatt was re-elected to his fourth term. The session met under the theme, "Remind Us Lord" from Hebrews 10:32-35. Free Will Baptist Bible College president Tom

Malone delivered the keynote message. Two Illinois pastors also preached—Ed Hollis (First FWB Church in Decatur) and David Burgess (Cornerstone FWB Church in Normal).

In other action, delegates adopted a \$110,000 state missions budget. Illinois supports three full-time mission works in-state. Delegates also voted continued support of the K-Mart boycott protesting the selling of pornography at the nation's K-Marts. State treasurer Michael Johnston reported that in spite of a nationwide recession, giv-

ing to denominational causes was up in 1991 more than \$23,000 over 1990.

One constitutional change increased the Layman's Board members from three to five because of more lay activity.

Tim Hayes, chairman of the Camp Board, reported a record 447 campers attended the six 1991 sessions at Camp Hope.

The 1993 Illinois State Association will meet March 19-20 at Decatur First FWB Church in Decatur.

## Directory Update

### CALIFORNIA

Rick Scroggins to Santa Paula Church, Santa Paula

### OKLAHOMA

Vernon Smith to First Church, Idabel

Larry Haggard to First Church, Checotah  
Orville Hood to Tulsa Mission from First Church, Checotah

### TENNESSEE

Dannye Potter to First Church, Dickson

### OTHER PERSONNEL

Don Worrell to Nashville Union Mission as director of education from Fairview Church, Marion, NC, as pastor

## Tennessee Church Goes "Nine to Noon"

CLARKSVILLE, TN—Members at Pardue Memorial FWB Church in Clarksville voted to continue indefinitely their "nine to noon" Sunday services after a two-month experiment with the innovative format. Pastor Don Walker said the church tried two morning worship services with Sunday School sandwiched between during January and February 1992, then voted on March 15 to stay with the new format.

Reverend Walker (42), moderator of the Tennessee State Association, has pastored the Pardue Memorial congregation 13 years. He said, "We changed meeting times because our people were tired. They didn't want to get out again on Sunday night. No more than 35 usually returned."

Walker still preaches twice on Sunday; he just does it before noon now. His 9:00 sermon focuses on the Sunday School lesson. Walker and music director Mike Hollifield coordinate "two different concepts in the worship sessions."

The 9:00 service features a more informal structure with

choruses and impromptu testimonies. The 11:00 service is more traditional with familiar hymns and format.

Pastor Walker pointed out several advantages to the nine to noon format: People are fresher; "Sunday night" attendance doubled at 9:00 a.m.; most people stay for both worship services; giving is up; some new people have come as a result of the change; Sunday School attendance has increased.

On a personal level, Walker said, "My Mondays are great now!" Members now spend more time with their families on Sunday and are not hurried. Walker said, "We no longer consider Sunday a work day."

The choir practices an hour every other Sunday after the noon service. Choir members bring sack lunches and continue the fellowship.

Pastor Walker said, "I'm doing what's right for our church now." Two other local pastors have called him saying they want to try the nine to noon idea.

## Rev. Zane Kirkland Dies

LITTLE ROCK, AR—The Reverend Zane T. Kirkland, 65, died



February 2 in Little Rock. The Arkansas native had pastored First FWB Church in Conway for 21 years. Active in district and state outreach, Kirkland served eight years on the Arkansas State Missions Board and five years on the state Executive Board.

Before his 21-year ministry in Conway, he pastored nine years at Sutton FWB Church in Poca-hontas.

Funeral services were conducted February 6 at First FWB Church in Conway. The Reverends Ben Scott and David Joslin officiated. Rev. Glen Campbell conducted graveside services at Strangers Home Cemetery near Alicia.

Reverend Kirkland was survived by his wife, Doris; a daughter, Zana Schafer of St. Paul; a son, Phil of Springhill; one brother and four grandchildren.

## Calling All Singers, Instrumentalists

The National Association of Free Will Baptists meets July 19-23 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Free Will Baptist singers and instrumentalists have an opportunity to play a unique role. The Mass Choir directed by Doug Little, the Men's Chorale directed by Vernon Whaley and the instrumental group conducted by David Mes-ser, offer channels for musicians to become active participants in the worship services at the convention.

Are you interested?

For those interested in Mass

Choir/Men's Chorale: attend the rehearsals listed in the convention program. The Mass Choir will sing Monday evening, July 20, and the Men's Chorale will sing Tuesday evening, July 21. (Music distributed at rehearsals.)

Instrumental group participants should send their names, addresses and instruments played to:

Executive Office  
P. O. Box 5002  
Antioch, TN 37011-5002

## CURRENTLY...

Pastor **Terry Motte** reports almost 200 percent growth at **Salem FWB Church, Salem, OR**. The number of families increased from eight to 22.

The first annual Northwest Ministers Retreat met in February at Centralia, Washington. Most of the **Northwest Association** pastors attended. The meeting theme was "Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome."

After more than 40 years in the ministry, Rev. **C. A. Newman** retired as an active pastor. Newman says he plans to serve as a Free Will Baptist evangelist for the rest of his life. He said he plans to "win souls, help reclaim some of those churches that left us and promote the entire denominational work." Evangelist Newman can be contacted at P. O. Box 36, West Jefferson, OH 43162. Telephone: 614/873-5551.

**Forest Valley FWB Church in Springfield, OH**, received 12 new members in one month. **Robert Mead** pastors.

After new pastor **Rick Scroggins** arrived at **Santa Paula FWB Church in Santa Paula, CA**, Wednesday night services tripled to 54. Sunday morning services doubled.

**Robert Wilbanks**, a senior at California State University in Fresno, now writes a column in the *California Voice* titled, "The Voice of Youth." Wilbanks is a member of **Harmony FWB Church in Fresno**.

Pastor **Phillip Dillon** reports nine baptisms at **Union FWB Church in Plain City, OH**.

**Cornerstone FWB Church in Columbus, OH**, witnessed six conversions and received three new members. **Roger Tillis, Sr.** pastors.

Pastor **Wylie Perkins** has served the **Samantha FWB Church in Leesburg, OH**, for 20 years. The church reported five baptisms and four new members. The group is installing a new sound room.

Dedication services for the new 500-seat sanctuary at **Gahanna FWB Church in Gahanna, OH**, were conducted Easter Sunday. Pastor **Curtis Booth** reports six conversions, five baptisms and three new members.

Pastor **John Castle** said, "We have our eye on a piece of property in hopes

of building a new and bigger church." Castle leads the congregation at **Sterling FWB Church, Sterling, OH**. The group reported seven new members.

Pastor **Roger Lavender** reports all-day services on March 15 as members of **Bloom FWB Church in Scioto Furnace, OH**, dedicated its renovated facilities. Ohio Executive Secretary **Alton Loveless** preached the evening message.

Wow! Things are looking up at **Heritage Temple FWB Church in Columbus, OH**. Pastor **Billy Sharpston** reports 12 baptisms and 18 new members.

**Lockbourne FWB Church, Lockbourne, OH**, reports six conversions, one baptism and four new members. **Bert Miller** pastors.

The **Pritchett Trucking Company** gave a 12-passenger van to **Westside FWB Church in Pryor, OK**. **Shawn Bassham** pastors.

Members of **Northside FWB Church in Tulsa, OK**, sent \$6,000 to build a church in **Allende, Mexico**. Pastor **Curtis Linton** said eight members of the church traveled to Mexico to help erect the building.

**New Home FWB Church in Tulsa, OK**, averages 120 in attendance. Pastor **Roy Dale Smith** said the church broke the attendance goal when 158 attended Sunday School.

When members of **Antlers FWB Church in Antlers, OK**, discovered that Pastor **Paul Sparks** would be absent from the pulpit for an indefinite period because of health problems, they decided to continue the pastor's salary regardless of other matters. During the pastor's long hospital stay, lay preacher **Franklin Bryant**, a member of the church, filled the pulpit on Sundays. Deacon **Lowell Burgess** filled the pulpit Wednesday nights. Congratulations to the considerate members of **Antlers FWB Church**!

Pastor **Allen Mabra** reports 14 conversions, one baptism and two new members at **Woodward FWB Mission in Woodward, OK**. The group averages 73 in Sunday School and 123 in morning worship.

Members of **First FWB Church in Greenville, SC**, honored Pastor **Bobby**

**Bowers** for 25 years' ministry at the church. Under his leadership the church completed a 4,800-square-foot fellowship center in 1991. The pastor and his wife received a plaque of appreciation, new watches and a trip to the Holy Land.

February 16 was Pastor Appreciation Day at **Mill Branch FWB Church in Johnsonville, SC**. Pastor **Jimmy Bell**, in addition to being surprised, received a basket filled with cards which contained more than \$300.

Members of **Community FWB Church in Florence, SC**, dedicated their new sanctuary in February, according to Pastor **Larry Hughes**. The \$90,000 project includes a large sanctuary and two classrooms.

**Scybert Edwin Basford** retired as a Free Will Baptist deacon after serving 56 years. The 79-year-old served 16 years as a deacon at **Heads FWB Church, Cedar Hill, TN**. For the past 40 years he has served as a deacon at **Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville**. **Larry Powell** pastors.

The congregation at **First FWB Church in Mt. Vernon, IL**, received nine new members. Pastor **Ronnie Mitchell** baptized three converts.

**Bob Laur** received a plaque from Sunday School superintendent **Terry Connor**. Bob Laur deserved a plaque—he received it for 40 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School. He's a member of **Ina FWB Church, Ina, IL**. **David Shores** pastors.

**Billy Melvin** completed 25 years as executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals. Dr. Melvin is a former executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He is a member of **Butterfield FWB Church in Aurora, IL**.

**Roberta Berry** was honored at **First FWB Church in DeSoto, MO**, for 23 years of perfect Sunday School attendance. **Charles Miller** pastors.

Free Will Baptists have a new church in **San Luis, Sonora, Mexico**, according to Pastor **Jerry Barron**. In 1991 the **California FWB churches** raised funds to purchase property for the mission church in northeastern Mexico. Barron said, "We have a building half-way up and hope to finish it this year." ■



## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

### *Woman's Window on the World*

By Mary Ruth Wisehart

#### *From My Window*

"Arthur's Bag." I noticed that inscription on the canvas bag he carried.

I saw him first in the souvenir shop. Among the Mickey Mouse clutter, the hats and the T-shirts, amidst the mod dress of the tourists, Arthur looked rather incongruous.

He walked with a cane and a shuffle. He seemed to be muttering to himself. But under his old hat, I could see a smile.

He came into the restaurant where I sat at the counter.

"Hi, Arthur," the waitress said. "Do you want a Coke?"

"Yes, a Coke."

"Who is Arthur?" I asked the waitress.

"Who is Arthur? For years he worked here," she said referring to the large hotel. "Now he just walks around and finds things that are lost and takes them to Lost and Found."

I never saw Arthur again, although I looked for him. I wanted to talk with him. I wanted to tell him that we have something in common. I too am looking for something lost.

That's what Jesus sent us to do. "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you." We are to seek the lost and bring them to Him.

I wonder if we are as faithful and successful as Arthur.

#### *You Still Have Time*

"Our Faces Toward Tomorrow" is the theme adopted by WNAC for this decade. Women are facing tomorrow in the 1992 retreat at Ridgecrest. You still have time to register.

Speakers will treat topics such as helping children face tomorrow, the woman's place in the church and in her world, tomorrow's social problems, missions in the next century.

Laura Thigpen will be entertaining and challenging the women.

Come meet Angela Trotter and her friend, Lumpsey.

Check *Co-Laborer* magazine for a registration form or write to WNAC, P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002 or call 615/731-6812, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. CDT.

#### *Hear Trula Cronk*

Trula Cronk will speak at WNAC's Fellowship Dinner, July 21. Tickets are available at \$16 each.

Auxiliaries may wish to purchase tickets for missionaries attending the national convention. Send your requests to the WNAC office at the address above.

#### *WNAC Office Needs*

Some states have taken the new furniture in the WNAC office as a project. The total cost was \$14,049.50. At the end of February, receipts for furniture totaled \$7,644.91, leaving a balance of \$6,404.59.

Desktop publishing is a coming development in the printing world. To get into this method, WNAC needs a computer, a laser printer and software. When we can do desktop publishing, we can save money, but to put it in place will cost about \$6,000. A goal for tomorrow. ■

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## BOARD OF RETIREMENT

### *Honoring Fathers . . .*

By Ray Lewis

. . . on a special day with gifts, cards and other acts of affection is not new. Father's Day as we know it began in 1910 at Spokane, Washington. It became a national holiday in 1936 with the establishing of the National Fathers' Day Committee.

In 1957, Free Will Baptists selected Father's Day to honor the spiritual leaders of our denomination. Everyone was asked to give an offering for the development and maintenance of a superannuation plan.

In July 1969 the National Association chartered our present pension plan under the Board of Retirement. Our first office was a room in the director's home. After 24 years, the goal of our ministry remains "serving those who serve us."



Through the years our department has made few appeals for funds. This does not mean we do not need your support. Father's Day is the one time each year we ask for gifts. We operate on a modest budget. Gifts meet only about 20 percent of the needed funds.

The remaining 80 percent needed must be taken from the pension fund earnings. This reduces the earnings to individual accounts.

More than 1,180 people in the USA retire each day. Among them are Free Will Baptist men and women who have given their lives serving us.

Life expectancy has increased. A man at age 60 can expect to live an average of 16.4 years, while a woman the same age can expect to live another 21.2 years. Most pastors will be unable to continue ministering full-time well past retirement age. In I Corinthians 9:7-14 Paul says, "those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." Our responsibility does not end when a preacher is no longer able to serve us in a full-time ministry.

Who will provide for them?

Our pastors rightfully lead our churches to support denominational ministries. Part of this support goes to provide a retirement income for missionaries, faculty and staff at

our colleges, and other denominational workers. But unless we provide for pastors they will reach old age without adequate income to afford them a satisfying and fulfilling retirement. Pastors who give their lives ministering to Free Will Baptists deserve better.

An ever-increasing number of thoughtful people, desiring to honor the memory of a departed pastor, friend or loved one (or a special person living), send "memorials" or "honor gifts" in the form of contributions to the Board of Retirement on Father's Day.

Families of those so honored are notified of the contribution by an appropriate card. Their names are placed in a Book of Remembrance displayed in the Retirement offices and listed in *Contact*.

Why not honor your pastor this Father's Day by making a gift to your Free Will Baptist retirement ministries. ■

#### **In Memory of . . .**

By . . .

**Mrs. Annie Shug Gibbons**  
Horse Branch Auxiliary  
Turbeville, SC



## FOREIGN MISSIONS

## A Lesson from a Six-Year-Old

By Becky Gwartney

It was nearly ten o'clock at night. Our little six-year-old had been in bed for quite some time. Muffled sounds could be heard from her room just a few feet from the living room where I was reading. As I softly stepped toward her door, I could see a beam of light flash into the hallway. What was my little girl doing? She never had been one who liked going to sleep, but the hour was late and I knew I must put a stop to her shenanigans.

### Something I'll Never Forget

Peeking around the corner of her doorway, I saw and heard something I hope I'll never forget. In her hands she held two items—one was a flashlight. The other? A stack of missionary prayer cards. I could hear her voice more clearly now. Still a bit muffled, as she was trying not to be heard by "man's" ears, her voice rang clearly to the One to whom she was speaking. A name, a country, a need . . . these things she spoke of as she looked at each card in her hand.

She must have heard me, for suddenly her head jerked around and her eyes met mine. Instead of fear of being punished, a sweet smile swept across her face. "Mom, who's this?" she asked as she pointed to the prayer card of some newly appointed missionaries. With a heart that was proud, yet humbled, I settled myself next to her and told her all I knew about the family on the prayer card.

### A Dedication to Pray

Her questions all answered, I quietly left her room. No reprimand for staying up late. No scolding for talking instead of sleeping. No rebuke this night. A little six-year-old had shown me a dedication that each of us should possess—a dedication to pray for missionaries. Would I, as a Christian mother, try to put an end to such? I think not! ■

Becky Gwartney serves with her husband, Curt, who is Youth Pastor at Fellowship FWB Church in Flat River, Mo. She is the daughter of Dr. Malcolm Fry, Editor-in-Chief of Randall House Publications.



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## Joshua's Final Challenges

Joshua 23, 24



Robert E. Picirilli

**T**he story told in this book has been one of great conquest, in spite of moments of defeat. Under Joshua's courageous leadership, Israel has come at last to possess the land of Canaan. The great covenant promises God made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have been fulfilled.

Now Joshua realizes he will soon go "the way of all the earth" (23:14) and be present to lead them no longer. He is fully aware of their natural tendencies, having been firsthand witness of their frequent backslidings. Before he leaves them, therefore, he assembles representatives of all the nation to challenge them dramatically.

In fact, he does this twice. The account of the first assembly is in chapter 23. The aged Joshua (vv. 1-2) comes from the place where he had "retired" in Timnath-serah (19:50) and speaks to the leaders of Israel. His address is in two parts, each beginning with mention of his age and approaching death as the reason he feels constrained to remind and warn them.

In the first part (vv. 2b-13), Joshua reminds the hearers of what God had done for them in driving out the Canaanites and giving them possession, by tribes, of the land (vv. 3-4). He promises that this work will continue (v. 5) and urges them to keep God's law (v. 6)—significantly in the same words God used to urge him to keep His law (1:7).

If Israel will avoid contamination by the Canaanites' idolatrous ways (v. 7), and cleave to the Lord (v. 8), then no one will be able to resist them (vv. 9-10). But they are warned: if they do not love God alone but intermarry with the Canaanites and take up their ways, God will let those who would otherwise be driven out

become a snare leading to their destruction (vv. 11-13).

In the second part (vv. 14-16), Joshua sums up what he has said and emphasizes the warning against Israel's apostasy. Not one good thing God had promised has failed (v. 14). But just as sure as He has blessed them and given them this land, so sure is the fact that He will bring evil on them and take them from the land if they do not remain true to the covenant (vv. 14-16). Perhaps this reference to the covenant (v. 16) prompted Joshua to arrange another assembly, sensing the need for a reaffirmation of the covenant relationship between Israel and Jehovah. Once again he gathered the chosen representatives of the people (24:1) this time at Shechem (24:1).

Shechem was significant and appropriate. There Abraham received the first promise after arriving in Canaan and built an altar (Gen. 12:6-7). There Jacob settled on his return from Haran and purified his household from idols, burying them under the oak (Gen. 33:19; 35:2-4), evidently the same oak to be mentioned in 24:26. Shechem was a sacred place they could gather and reaffirm the covenant "before the Lord" (24:1).

Thus Joshua first recalls the proofs of the mercy of God: (1) the call of Abraham from his idolatrous surroundings on the other side of the river ("flood") Euphrates (vv. 2-4); (2) the leading of Israel out of bondage in Egypt (vv. 5-7); (3) Israel's victories over the Amorites east of Jordan (vv. 8-10); (4) last, and greatest, their successful conquest of Canaan (vv. 11-13).

Based on this, then, Joshua calls on the people to renounce all forms of idolatry and serve Jehovah alone, according to the terms of the origi-

nal covenant established at Sinai (vv. 14-15). And in doing this Joshua issues one of the finest challenges to be found anywhere in the Word of God: "Choose this day whom you will serve," he says, "but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

None of this "Do as I say, not as I do" for Joshua. He lived the challenge he gave his followers. Nor was he giving them equal options; but he knew that people can always choose to serve the true God or some idol.

The people answered forthrightly (vv. 16-18). Were they too quick and glib? Joshua wanted them to be sure they knew what they were committing to. They could not possibly serve God faithfully out of mere self-will (v. 19a); they had better realize that He is a jealous God and will consume them if they are unfaithful (vv. 19b-20). But they are sure and repeat their commitment; the covenant is reaffirmed and they are their own witnesses (vv. 21-22).

In consequence, they must make sure all the idols are gone (vv. 23-24). And as a permanent reminder, Joshua placed a stone under the oak as a silent witness (vv. 25-28). His work was done and he soon went to be with the Lord he had served faithfully (vv. 29-33).

If we think this kind of challenge doesn't apply to us, we can benefit from the observations of Keil and Delitzsch on the subject of *our* "more refined idolatry" which has "its roots in the corruption of the natural heart, through which it is at all times led to make to itself idols of mammon, worldly lusts, and other impure thoughts and desires, to which it cleaves, without being able to tear itself entirely away from them." We had better examine our hearts and put away our strange gods. ■

## Divorced Kids

Laurene Johnson and Georglyn Rosenfeld

(Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1990, paperback, 224 pp., \$9.95)

**T**oo many children grow up today in homes shattered by divorce. Many of them get caught in the middle between two warring ex-spouses. This volume provides practical advice to help both parents and children deal with the tragedy of divorce and separation in a more effective way.

As this book reminds us, "Children are survivors by nature." With appropriate help and understanding, children can overcome the destructive influences of divorce and go on to lead reasonably successful lives.

The authors have both suffered a divorce and seen the harm which divorce does to a family. They included in the book strategies and insights which helped them survive and recover. They reviewed relevant literature on the subject (which is quite extensive). They also interviewed many parents and children who experienced the hurt and trauma of divorce.

Children respond to divorce in

different ways. There are no quick and easy answers which will make the hurt go away and restore normal life to a child who has suffered through divorce. The authors present a helpful analysis of the kind of emotions that children often experience. They also note that even adult children are deeply affected when parents divorce.

This book gives wise counsel on how to handle visitation. It is important that children have continued contact with and receive love from both parents even after the divorce. The book makes valuable suggestions on how to deal with one's ex-spouse in the most effective manner possible.

It is not unusual for children of divorced parents to have disciplinary problems both at home and in school. Johnson and Rosenfeld examine this issue and make constructive suggestions.

The final chapter deals with forgiveness. If the divorced parent and children are to pick up and go on with life, forgiveness is essential. If

forgiveness cannot be found, hatred and bitterness will continue for years and make a bad situation worse.

Unfortunately, divorce is a serious problem in Free Will Baptist churches. It should not be, but it is. Pastors and other Christian workers must be prepared to minister to families torn apart by divorce. This book is one resource which a pastor can use to help him. He can use the information as he counsels people working through divorce. He can also make the book available to those who may benefit from it.

It is sometimes a great relief simply to know that others have survived the trauma of divorce. The experiences of others can help the parent or child whose world has fallen apart. Support groups formed by parents and children who have experienced divorce can be helpful.

It is unfortunate that books such as this must be written. They can, however, help to make the tragedy of divorce more bearable. ■



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# RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY NEWS

## Russian Becomes a Christian

MOSCOW, Russia (EP)—Vladimir Saprykin, vice president of the Ministry of Education in Russia, became a Christian February 19 during a Russian school meeting conducted by Dr. Cecil Todd of Revival Fires Ministry.

"At the close of our special program," Todd said, "I invited everyone in attendance who wanted to receive Christ as their personal Savior and become His disciple, to raise their hand. It was one of the highlights of my ministry when I observed Mr. Saprykin and the principal of the school and 99 percent of the entire student body raising their hands to accept Christ!"

Saprykin was baptized February 24 and became a member of the New Way Christ's Church in Moscow, pastored by Todd and his two sons. The church, planted last November, now has more than 1,000 members, News Network International reported.

Saprykin oversees 7,800 professional schools with a total enrollment of 4.5 million students.

Russian education officials also have requested that Campus Crusade for Christ provide a video of the "Jesus" film to every school in the country, and to train Russian teachers in conducting a 10-week course on Christianity.

## Mexican Reforms Do Not Halt Persecutions

MEXICO CITY, Mexico (EP)—Constitutional reforms instituted by President Carlos Salinas will grant legal status to all religious groups, but Protestants still face persecution, especially in southern Mexico.

The reforms will allow churches to hold meetings outside of churches, grant clergy the right to vote and legalize parochial education. Mexican law has restricted church activity since 1857, and the constitution of 1917 denied churches legal recognition and confiscated church property. Since becoming president in 1988, Salinas has instituted major reforms.

"These changes are very important," said Jorge Lee Galindo, a Mexican Baptist attorney. "The government is recognizing many churches in Mexico," not just the Catholic church.

In an effort to take advantage of the changes, the National Baptist Convention of Mexico is teaching pastors and churches about what to expect under the new laws, according to Baptist Press.

"For Mexicans, a title, a name, is very important," said Southern Baptist representative Larry Gay. "One major thing this could do for the churches is that by their having legal identity, they will feel freer to speak out louder and in a more public way."

But Protestants in the Mexican state of

Chiapas face expulsion under orders of municipal leaders of San Juan Chamula, News Network International reported. Chamula tribal leaders reportedly demanded that leaders of 86 hamlets agree to participate in the expulsion of some 1,000 Protestants or face expulsion themselves.

Municipal authorities in Aguacatenango, also in Chiapas, attacked 39 evangelicals February 17, destroying and burning their homes, beating them with sticks and stones. They fled to a nearby village and were barred from returning to survey their homes and retrieve their farm animals.

## Theologian Cites Islam's Anti-Christianity

WASHINGTON, DC (EP)—The end to communism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union does not eliminate all the restraints imposed on religious freedom worldwide, according to Carl F. H. Henry.

Speaking at a seminar in Washington, the Southern Baptist theologian said, "In view of the lifting of restrictions on Christianity by Soviet sphere nations, the repressive treatment of Christian minorities by Islamic nations and by communist mainland China becomes glaringly conspicuous."

He added, "Despite the pride of the West in the technological achievements of modernity, religious intolerance and persecution remains a besetting evil of much of the contemporary world."

Henry singled out Saudi Arabia as a prime example of religious intolerance, but also fired verbal shots at Turkey, Egypt, Israel, China and the American secular culture.

Henry said Saudi Arabia "not only refuses to approve of basic religious liberties, but it also withholds from Christians even the *dhimma*, or protection, of the ongoing practice of Christianity. Something is terribly amiss when 500,000 men and women fight a war for liberty and freedom while at the same time they themselves are denied the very thing they are fighting for—the basic principle of freedom, including religious liberty even for American workers living within Saudi Arabian borders."

Henry said Saudi Arabia is a good place for evangelical Christians and all Americans to drive home the point to the world that other nations must develop authentic concepts of religious liberty.

"Saudi Arabia is a good place to begin since Muslims at least enjoy religious tolerance in New York, London and in many other countries of the world," he said. "Foreign workers in Saudi Arabia, both civilian and military, must be free to worship God in good conscience. They must be allowed to possess Bibles, to display religious symbols and to meet at congregations for worship. It is

time that the United States link military and/or economic aid—exempting only emergency humanitarian assistance—with insistence on the right of all foreign workers residing in Saudi Arabia to openly practice their religious faith without harassment, persecution and punishment."

On Egypt, Henry said, "More Christians live in Egypt—an estimated 10 million—than in any other country in the Middle East. Yet Christian converts from Islam who publicly profess their new-found faith have been arrested, tortured and imprisoned in an effort to persuade them to recant. Human rights agencies estimate more than 200 persons remain imprisoned because of their Christian faith."

Henry said Israel should be challenged on its policy on withholding privileges of the "law of return" from Jews who embrace Jesus Christ as Messiah. "Jews [in Israel] are told that one cannot be a Jew and receive the same rights as other Jews if one believes in Jesus Christ. In principle, this has remarkable implications of Saul of Tarsus and almost every other person we read about in the New Testament, not to speak of Jesus of Nazareth."

## Hotel Chain Helps Distribute Food

MOSCOW, Russia (EP)—Best Western International, the hotel chain, is working with World Vision to distribute food packs to needy families in Moscow.

"Nothing I read or saw before coming prepared me for this," said Best Western president Ron Evans. "I knew things were bad in Russia, but not this bad." Evans and World Vision vice president Craig Hammon were in Moscow recently to distribute the food packs. Best Western has sent 50 tons (4,000 food packs) to the former Soviet Union as part of World Vision's effort to send 300 tons of food to help supplement the diets of over 25,000 families.

"I heard a common sentiment among many people in Moscow," Hammon said, "Better a tyrant and a loaf of bread, than freedom and starvation. I don't see why they should have to choose. It's up to us to help make sure they have both bread and freedom."

"The food crisis right now is worse than it was in the Second World War," said 79-year-old Tatyana Olshvang, a Moscow resident. "At least then when we worked in the factory we received food. Now we get nothing."

Evans said he went to Moscow to see with his own eyes where the relief items were going. "... now we know," he said. "The food has gone directly to the people in need and is not sitting in some bureaucrat's warehouse. We've given it out with our own hands." ■

## The Other Woman



Jack Williams

**L**aura Belle Barnard the missionary is dead. She was old and full of days and eager to look into the face of her Beloved. And that's exactly what she did late Monday night March 9. She caught the midnight chariot as it rumbled through Georgia. Before morning 85-year-old Laura Belle Barnard made her final report to God in person.

What a legacy! *His Name Among All Nations, Touching the Untouchables*, pioneer missionary to India, long-time Bible teacher and missions professor, encourager, sometimes irritant, pusher of God's promises, visionary, hungry to win others right up to her last days.

God used Laura Belle to color outside the lines in a denomination that frequently draws too many lines. She never fit the mold. But she fit God's plan.

**She was the first lady** of Free Will Baptist foreign missions, a title that hardly describes the stern stuff of which she was made. She went to India before her denomination elected a Foreign Missions Board. She was more than the "first lady;" she was the first, period. Laura Belle didn't ask for permission to go. She was on her way and her denomination had to catch up.

Imagine that in 1935. A woman. A single woman the first Free Will Baptist foreign missionary. A Southern single woman. So much for the myth that women cannot cope with the rigors of the mission field.

But let me tell you about the other Laura Belle Barnard. She was 54 when I met her and in her second year as head of the FWBBC missions department. I thought she was ancient and wondered why the college couldn't find a man to do this work. Boy, did I get a surprise.

**She was tough.** The woman who climbed cargo nets and hauled herself up the sides of ships more than held her own with us corn-fed country boys. She'd hiked hundreds of miles across India for two decades and faced down demon-possessed Hindus. We learned that trying to bluff Laura Belle was like a little league pitcher trying to slip a belt-high fast ball by Ted Williams.

**She was smart.** Not only was Laura Belle tougher than us, she was also smarter. It took her about 20 minutes in Bible Survey class to explode my theory that 19-year-old preachers were smarter than any woman. She knew so much about the Bible it scared me.

To Laura Belle, the Bible was more than ink and paper. . . . It was God's handbook for the nations. She relentlessly hammered the thread of redemption into my thick head until I caught a glimpse of what she saw so clearly.

**She was too close** for comfort. Not to me, to God. I always suspected that God had told Laura Belle something He hadn't told me. She had a different agenda. I never felt at ease in her presence, maybe because I watched her so closely. She seemed to be crossing things off a checklist as she moved past them . . . me included.

Laura Belle Barnard was never my buddy. I did not go to her house for tea and quiet chats as did some other students. While I'm sure she had a sense of humor, that's not the side I saw. In all the years I knew her, I never called Laura Belle to talk and never wrote her a non-business letter. I felt I had nothing to say that she didn't know.

**She was a warrior.** A prayer warrior. A holy woman. This was the area where Laura Belle Barnard

made the greatest impact on me. She always had time to pray . . . unhurriedly. She was busy, heavily scheduled and task-oriented . . . but she prayed like a woman talking to her lover.

I always felt cheated in her classes if Laura Belle called on someone else to pray and didn't pray for us herself. I never told her that, and now I wish I had. I'm still unsure if Laura Belle reached up or if God reached down when she prayed. I am sure that I listened to her pray like a thirsty man drinks water.

She stopped me in my tracks when she prayed. I got to the point that I could tune out her voice on occasions while she was teaching. But not when she prayed. I remember walking slowly out of class asking, "Dear God, how did the woman learn to pray like that?"

**For three decades** Laura Belle's prayers have been a sanctifying presence in my life. During the years I taught college students, I tried to do for them what she did for me. When I prayed for them I tried to take them where Laura Belle took me—into the Holy of Holies.

Two years ago a pastor's wife called me long distance. She had been one of my students. What she said hit me like an electric charge: "I wanted to thank you for the prayers you prayed in class. You always took time to pray for us. Your prayers changed my life."

*Well, Laura Belle, now I know a little about what you knew a lot about.*

The lady from Georgia taught me how to pray. To me, that is her greatest legacy. That's the other woman I knew—not the teacher, not the missionary, but the woman of prayer. She who touched the untouchables also touched the throne of God. ■

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